

CAPITAL VERSUS LABOR

Whom Will You Serve, God or Mammon?

ALL INTEREST IS USURY

The Spirit of True Christianity is in it and the Omaha Platform is in perfect Harmony With the Ten Commandments

(By Rev. D. Oglesby of Richwood, Ill.)

The war now raging between capital and labor is an "irrepressible conflict." Here is the philosophy of the question. Labor works for wages; capital works for per cent. In the production of wealth the world recognizes the law of justice that the laborer is worthy of his hire, that the wages on one end of the scale must balance the product on the other end.

But when we enter the domain of commerce or exchange this law of justice and right, this law of God, that "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," is ignored and disregarded. All commerce is based on per cent. Labor is the product of all wealth, bows to God and His law; but capital in carrying on commerce bows to the dollar, and recognizes no law but the law of per cent.

Don't you see at a glance, reader, that these two methods of doing business are diametrically opposed to each other? The law that labor recognizes is the law of the great Father above; the law that capital works by is mammon worship. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

The merchant marks the selling price of his goods so as to make a given per cent. He takes no account of his labor now; the dollar is God so far as doing business is concerned, and per cent. the law that governs the case. On what grounds is he exempt from God's first law, "in the sweat of thy face," etc.? On the ground that money can grow and produce other money by drawing interest. The railroad levy charges for freights and fares high enough to cover all expenses, and make the desired per cent dividend. The railroad magnates, if they work at all, it is not for wages, but per cent. The capitalist who runs a foundry or factory proceeds on the same line. Wages are cut down to the starvation point so that capital can draw its per cent. The law governing commerce all over the civilized world is mammon worship. Money is the god of commerce. We may sneer at it, or deny it, but the fact remains.

Now, the question up for settlement is, which shall rule the world, God or mammon? And it will not dawn.

The men who think they can make the world wag on under the old reign of mammon worship, as our blind so-called statesmen do, are a badly mistaken set of demagogues. Mammon worship is slavery. The world groans and writhes under it. It is contrary to the true impulses of the human heart. Let some great calamity befall a community, such as the Johnstown flood or the great fires of the northwest, and the impulses of man's better nature rise above the law of per cent and money, and supplies are poured out without stint. True socialism asserts itself in such emergencies. The world is one great family. "An injury to one is the concern of all." The masses begin to "catch on" and understand the question. What a laborer produces or earns by labor belongs to him. To take it from him without giving him an equivalent is to rob him. This is exactly what per cent does. It elevates money above man.

I don't want to even seem to oppose the efforts of any true reformer. But I want to say in the spirit of love that the advocates of "single tax" are very much mistaken when they claim that it is the remedy for all the questions which "vex and agitate" society. No system of reform can amount to very much which admits usury into its make-up. Mr. George believes in usury. He says he thinks that single tax would rather increase the rate of interest. He thus proclaims himself one of the High Priests of mammon. Land monopoly and every other monopoly, is the result or fruit of mammon worship.

THE REMEDY.

How are we to obtain the remedy? How is the world to be emancipated from the slavery of mammon worship? What agency can accomplish the work? The church ought to do it. It is the God ordained agent to do it. But it cannot do it now because it will not. The church believes in interest or usury. It is making spasmodic efforts to raise funds to endow colleges, high schools, etc., so as to feed and fatten them on usury. The church, preaching and teaching as it now does, a false system of christianity, can never raise society to any higher plane than it now occupies. It may benefit individuals, but can never remove the system of mammon worship that enslave the world. It don't tend in that direction. The present perverted system of christianity has been taught for ages, and "where are we at?"

A bad system in the hands of good men (if such a thing is possible) will have the same effect as it would in the hands of bad men. It will take as many papers to make a millionaire out of a christian (if such a thing could be done, but it can't) as to make one out of an atheist. There is more true christianity in the labor organizations, so far as civil government is concerned, than there is in the church. I don't know of a church that don't believe in and practice interest taking. I don't know of any labor platform either national or state, that don't condemn usury. The spirit of true christianity so pervades society everywhere that it overleaps all erreeds.

The Prophet Daniel, standing on the mountain peak of prophecy, saw the great empires of earth. (Dan. 2 chap.) come up and go down in succession, until a form of government came on the stage that was to "stand forever." In the 2nd chapter this permanent government is called the "little stone cut out of the mountains without hands." In the 7th chapter the Prophet had a view of the same governments of earth rising and falling in succession, until a permanent one came on the stage which is called the

"Ancient of days." This name alludes to the fact that it is to be a government modeled after the Hebrew Republic in which the masses chose their rulers, and Moses instructed them to "choose men who fear God and hate covetousness." This "Ancient of days," the Prophet tells us to be a government in which the "people of the Saints of the Most High should take the kingdom (government) and possess it forever, even forever and ever."

We are now witnessing in this closing decade of the 19th century what the Prophet saw ages ago. The people are moving everywhere in the civilized world, to take the government. The principles of the Omaha platform are in perfect harmony with the ten commandments, and the sermon on the mount. While it is equally true that no man can vote for either of the old parties without thereby voting to sustain mammon worship.

Therefore, my fellow countrymen, the lines are drawn, the issue is before you. You cannot dodge it. Whom will you serve, God or mammon? The time is here when the "God of Heaven is going to set up a kingdom (Dan. 2, ver. 44.) that shall never be destroyed." Will you aid in this Heaven ordained work?

We are living in the most interesting period of the world's history. This conflict between the true worship of God, and some form of idolatry has raged through all the ages.

Mammon worship is the last form of idolatry. It is the most refined, the most subtle, and most world-wide, and withal, the most powerful form that ever existed. But its end is near. It is doomed. It will die hard, but it must die. Reader, don't you want to have a hand in killing it? It is the greatest of all curses, the most blighting enemy of the human race. The sooner it dies the better. The People's party is its only enemy, and it is the duty of every voter to vote for humanity and God.

CONCERNING KANSAS RUIN

A Letter From Miss Buckman Telling All About It

Miss Elsie Buckman, late secretary of Nebraska State Alliance, now in the employ of the Alliance Aid in Topeka, Kans., in writing to a friend here among other good things says:

I see by the B. & M. Journal of Oct. 12 that they give considerable time and space telling the people of Nebraska what an awful detriment Populism is in Kansas. Of course we all know their statements to be a villainous tissue of falsehoods. I only wish we had a few more states, or, in fact, that every state, had just such a "record of ruin" and "blight on its prosperity" as Kansas has had brought upon it by Populist rule.

Its ruin and blight was brought upon it by Republican rule before the Populists got control.

Just notice the class of men interviewed by the Journal's representatives. Only money loaners and trust companies, etc., men who make their fortunes by foreclosing mortgages, all of whom are Republicans, of course!

The Journal quotes from the K. C. Journal, claiming that Rosewater's interview was only a pretense. Mr. R. was here and interviewed the money loaners and state officials and got records that can not be denied. But he did not come as did the B. & M. Journal man, blowing a bugle and telling who he was and what he wanted the evidence for. He came as an every day sort of a man and the parties who deny having had an interview with him did not know who he was, and told him the truth, as near as is possible for them to do, (I knew when he was here and heard how he was getting his evidence.)

There is plenty of money to loan in Kansas and can be gotten cheaper than ever before.

If there is no money to loan why would these money lenders pay so much for advertising? "Money to Loan" "Money to Loan," in every paper. But that is just as good sense as any used by the "calamity wall" Republicans. But the Journal does not publish all they learned while here, only that part that would serve their purpose.

When the Nebraska R. R. Commission was here getting information in regard to the "ruin wrought by the Populists" they went to the Republican state central committee for information. J. L. Britton, the secretary of the said committee, wrote to the state treasurer, W. H. Biddle, for a statement showing balance on hand Oct. 1, 1891 to 1894 inclusive. The following is a copy:

TOPEKA, KANS., Oct. 6, 1894.
J. D. Bristow, Secretary Republican State Central Committee, Topeka, Kansas.
DEAR SIR:—As requested in your letter of the 5th inst., I give below statement of balance in Treasury on December 1st for the years 1891 to 1894 inclusive.

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| October 1st, 1891 | \$37,147.32 |
| " " " " 1892 | 29,869.77 |
| " " " " 1893 | 810,522.53 |
| " " " " 1894 | 949,437.11 |
| Your truly, W. H. BIDDLE, State Treasurer. | |

The Journal's "calamity wall" did not show that statement. For further proof that Kansas is not ruined by Populist rule I will enclose a copy of a letter from the Citizens Savings Bank of New York, the largest eastern holder of Kansas state bonds, now drawing seven per cent interest. These bonds were negotiated under Republican rule and are nearly due.

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HENRY HUBBARD, Secretary.
CHARLES W. HULL.

25 and 53 BOWERY, April 26th, 1894.
Hon. W. H. Biddle, Treasurer State of Kansas.
DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 17th inst., is received and in reply would state that we cannot consistently say now what we would be willing to do several years hence, as it would entirely depend on the state of the money market when the bonds became due. If the bonds became due and payable now we would prefer to accept a 4 per cent bond instead of having the bonds paid off in cash.
HENRY HUBBARD, Secretary.

Looks like Kansas was ruined, don't it? Would it not be for the best interest of Nebraska people to stand up for Nebraska and her credit by having the same kind of ruin there that we have here?

I trust our people are all too broad minded to believe such statements as the "calamity wall," and especially if it is in the B. & M. Journal, for you may be sure there is no truth in it. But as Kansas has led in the reform movement, she is necessarily a target for all opposing parties.

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MONOPOLY LAW AND MOB LAW

The Bull, the Boycott and the Bullet

BY GEO. E. M'NELL.

The man who stands responsible among men for the scenes enacted at Chicago, and from Chicago to San Francisco, rests at ease on the piazza of his cottage or his hotel at Long Branch. He is a feudal baron. One word from his lips would save hundreds of human lives and hundreds of thousands of dollars. He could banish despair from many homes, awaken hope in many hearts, and receive the blessings instead of the curses of many.

Monopoly law has been pictured by "Puck" as an octopus strangling the liberties of the people. The statesmen of the past have warned us of the dangers of a plutocracy; poets and prophets have prophesied of the evil days now upon us, and sacred and profane writers have pointed the way of safety. History has chronicled the rise and fall of nations but all has been unheeded. Monopoly law has always been followed by mob law, and mob wars have been followed by the civil wars.

In times like these it behooves all who love liberty more than license to utter their protest against injustice, and to demand that the sword of justice shall fall upon the lawbreaking and law-defying monopolies as heavily as upon law-breaking mobs.

The one word "arbitration" would quiet the mob and would hold the hand of destruction. The man who withholds that word is an enemy to his race.

Feudalism was revived at Pullman: the serfs are in revolt, and the bond of sympathy that makes the whole world kin has been touched: laborer stands by laborer, and the battle for peace and plenty against avarice and anarchy is upon us. The tradesunions are for peace and plenty, for there is no peace with poverty; the railroad kings are for avarice and anarchy.

"What shall we do to be saved" as a free people, as a government of law? is the question that all should ask. Those who prescribe bullets are not wise, for bullets can kill but they cannot cure. Loyalty comes from love and not from hate. Bullets are the last resort.

Life is worth more than property; life and property will both be secured when property represents the public good, it will be hate when it is typical of wrong and oppression. "The crown, the bastille the slave mart, and the lash earned the hate that led to their destruction."

"Not gold but souls should be first in an age
That bows its head to the sacred writ;
Set our laws are blind to a starving wretch
While guarding the owners' sweat-wringing hoard"

When law is love, not hate, then its enforcement will be easy. I write as a loyal sovereign citizen working for peace, a long-enduring peace, that the minds of some may be led to reflect, that cool judgment and not repeated foolishness may control affairs.

I write that hearts may be touched with the sense of human kinship, and that the officers of the law, servants of the people, robbed with brief authority, may be led to try to reach the hearts of the people with something less cruel than the bayonet.

O, for some heroic humanity that dared say to the railroad kings, "You have proved your incapacity to conduct our great interstate commerce; the government will run the railroads and will join the boycott against Pullman until he submits his case to arbitration."

The Constitution is greater than the Administration. The law is greater than the judges, and above all is the supreme law of love. The president of these United States may call out the army, and invade the rights of States; judges, at the behest of corporate power, may become special pleaders and turn the halls of law into arsenals of injustice; the soldiers may shoot down the citizens that the "peace of Warsaw" may prevail, but the end of such a peace is death.

The President and Cabinet may do well to remember the proverb, "*Salus populi, suprema est lex,*" and that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are paramount.

The Constitution was adopted and a more perfect union formed to "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty," and not for the fostering of private good and corporate power, or for a forceful interference in the interest of usurping monopoly against a less favored class of citizens. In the heat of hate, can we expect the poor manual laborer to be wiser than the trained brain worker? The president of a union of workers wiser than the president of these United States? If the American Railway Union, in sympathy for the outraged feudal serfs of the Baron Pullman ordered a boycott on the Pullman cars, is that an excuse for the president to use military force to break that boycott?

The plea that this display of power was made to secure the safe transmittal of the mail is weak. Domestic tranquility can be insured and the general welfare promoted, and the mail safely transmitted by seizure and control of the railroads by the courts of the United States, or by the president in the exercise of his military power. The railroad officials have corrupted Legislatures, Congresses, and Courts. They have watered stocks, discriminated in favor of vast trusts and syndicates, as against individual enterprise; they have robbed stockholders, made exorbitant charges

in order to pay interest on fictitious capital; they have wrecked dividend-paying corporations and each other for the personal gain of a favored few; they have defrauded towns, cities, States, and the United States of millions loaned them; they have stolen empires of public lands; they have withheld the pay of their employees and failed to protect them against injury and accidental death. They stand indicted by the people of treason against free institutions.

The president has as much right to take property as to take life, and he should know that it is better to take property to save life than to take life to save property.

The great railroad strike of 1877 is a part of history. The light from the burning roundhouse illumined the minds of many. To those whose eyes were not blinded by the smoke of greed and hate it was a beacon of warning, but to many it was a summer's cloud. Mob law was overthrown, but monopoly law continued in power.

The ballot must now cure the political evil and overthrow monopoly law. The trades unions must be strengthened to help in the remedy of industrial evils, and Christianity must stand for Christ and not for Mammon.

It will not do to stand indifferent and say it can't be done, that there is no cure, no remedy, for there will be a remedy, and upon us largely depends the nature of that remedy; for, as John Boyle O'Reilly sang,—

"The cure will come if we own the wrong,
It will come in peace if the Christ-word lead,
The right to bring justice is always decreed,
And on every hand are the warning cries.
Take heed with your progress; its feet have trod
On the souls it slew with its own pollutions,
Submission is good, but the order of God
May flame the torch of the revolutions."
—The Dawn.

"The welfare of the people is the supreme law."

The Threat to Discredit

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

I have been waiting to see a right answer from some one to this threat of eastern money men to discredit states that elect Populist governments. It does not seem to me that I have seen or heard such answer.

When we get free coinage of silver and \$50 per capita this borrowing money from the east will come to an end. Eastern money men lending to the west know this. They know also that the election of Populist governments in the west paves the way for such change in the national government as to hasten the silver free coinage and \$50 per capita and the closing up of their said business relations with the west.

The motive of this threat should be understood, and it should inspire every western man with new faith in our Populist line of politics as the true one to lead us to three-fold more money, credit and prosperity, and deliver us from eastern interest tribute and political dictation.
M. WARREN.
FAIRBURY, Neb., Oct. 24, 1894.

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG

When earth produces free and fair
The golden, waving corn,
When fragrant fairs perfume the air,
And flocks are on the wing,
While thousands move with aching head,
And sing this careless song:
"We starve, we die! Oh give us bread!"
There must be something wrong.

Then wealth is wrought as seasons roll,
From off the fruitful soil;
When luxury from pole to pole,
Reaps fruit of human toil;
When from a thousand, one alone
In plenty rolls along,
While others only gnaw the bone,
There must be something wrong.

And when production never ends,
The earth is yielding ever,
A copious harvest of bees,
But distribution never.
When tilling millions work to fill
The wealthy coffers strong,
When those are crushed who work and till,
There must be something wrong.

When poor men's tables waste away
To barrenness and drought,
There must be something in the way
That's worth the finding out;
When surfeits one great table bends,
While numbers move along,
While scarce a crust their board extends,
There must be something wrong.

Then let the law give equal rights
To wealthy and to poor;
Let Justice crush the arm of might;
We ask for nothing more.
Until this system is begun,
The burden of our song
Must, and can be, this only one,
There must be something wrong—

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Entombed Miners At Sound.
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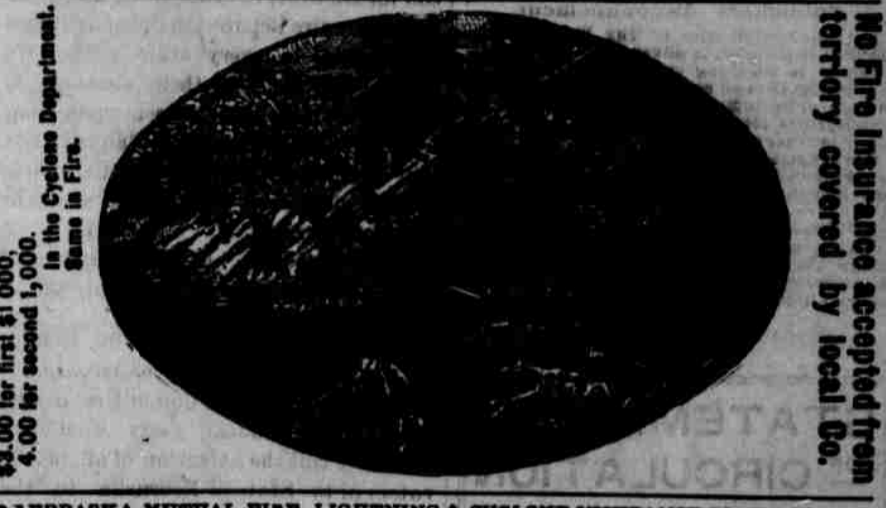
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