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#### Political Economy Discussed From The Biblical Standpoint

Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.-James, V. 4.

Many persons, especially among those who follow the sacred calling of preaching, object to the discussion of problems of industrial economy for fear of verging too near the domain of politics.

The same brethren, who do not hesitate a moment to bring before their people the moral side of other questions less vital to the interests of the American people, questions that approach as near the domain of politics as does the question discussed in my text, are loath to be heard as champions of the great moral questions of industry that underlie not only our prosperity as a nation, but our freedom as individuals as well. And they constantly brand as anarchists and socialists those who contend for justice and right for the toiling men and women as against the supposed rights of our monopolistic oppressors. So far as I am concerned, I would rather know that I am teaching along the lines so persistent-'y pursued by the Master and His Apostles than to enjoy the applaudits of the worshippers of creeds or to be numbered among the company who bow in humility to the golden calf.

The so-called minister of Christ, who for any reason, permits himself to besome so hedged in and hampered by the power that seeks now to dominate both shurch and state and to reduce to worse than Egyptian bondage the men and women whose labors and sacrifices in the past have alone made our name glorious, deserves that his name should go down to posterity with that of a Judas; for is not a betrayal of the people a betrayal of Jesus also?

For me there is no more legitimate subject for a pulpit discourse than the labor question. If any one imagines this to be a new theme he is mistaken. It was discussed by those great moulders of thought who lived in the patriarchal age; and also by Jesus and by the men who were His representatives after His personal work was finished. One of the fundamentals of old Jewish law was: Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn, and the laborer is worthy of his hire." This was emphasized by Christ and applied strictly against the oppression of labor. God himself, speaking regarding the only means ever given to man for the satisfying of his material wants, says: "The land shall not be sold forever, for the land is mine." And doubtless, from this and kindred scriptures that great man, Thomas Jefferson, drew the inspiration for that immortal sentence: "The land belongs to the living for use only." Com- Sabaoth.' ing on down to the introduction of the deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty Jubilee, wherein all slaves were emanci-

the holiest men of olden times. The text itself, the utterance of one of the most useful and most sanctified of the Apostles, is a forcible reminder of the position of the Christian church toward the labor movement at that day, and the logical inference is that conditions at that time were but a prototype of present existing conditions, so far as the productive interests of the people were concerned, and that the position of the church with reference thereto should be the same today.

pated and property taken under fore-closure was restored. Scores of passages

from the Scripture might be cited, show-

The Apostle is speaking directly to the rich, and intimates most freely that that class was guilty of fraud in the distribution of the productive wealth of that day, that they had taken advantage of those engaged in industrial pursuits and had appropriated from the produce of their labor a share so large as to constitute almost the entire wage of the toiler. Contemporaneous history agrees with the conclusions of the Apostle, and sets up an array of facts that havefrequently since found their parallel, but in no case, probably has it described a condition fraught with greater peril to production than that by which we are today con-

The language of the text is therefore pertinent to the present economic conditions. Behold the hire-the wages of those who have reaped the fields, who at forge or case or bench. Where is it? I ask you, my friends, where do you find the reward for all your toil, for your tears and worries?

When I go back over the history of our country and reckon up our wealth at the birth of this great nation, I find that the only wealth of which we could boast was that of an honored name. We had demonstrated our right, by a successful war with one of the great nations, to be called the land of the free and home of the brave. Out of our surroundings then there grew the inspiration of eloquence and the spirit of patriotic song. Without money or credit; without com-A treer 32 roll coads or telegraph-an inant commercially among the nations of the earth, but clothed in a garb made glorious by our achievements, and with the promise of a new national life, guaranteeing life, liberty, and happiness to all, we began our career with, as I believe, the blessing of high heaven resting upon us. Time rolls on and we emphasize our promise of greatness by the development of large and useful enterprises and by opening up to the world the boundless resources of a great country, until today we are the most prosperous nation on the face of the earth. Great and magnificent cities dot our boundless prairies here and there, rivaling the splendor of Solomon or the grandeur of Egyptian temples; vast lines of railway span the continent from sea to sea, while by our wisdom we have harnessed up the lightning of heaven and made it to convey our thought instantaneously throughout bulously great in the things that exalt a nation and richer by far than the

grandest dream ever pictured us. From where did all this wealth, grandeur, and greatness spring? It is the product of labor applied to land. It has been dug by the hand of toil from the earth which belongs alike to all. It is the price realized for the sweat and toil of that humble class of our citizens who devoted their all to the development of our vast re-

BOUITCES. But, if we are the most prosperous nation on earth, might we not reasonably expect the class that has brought us the prosperity to possess at least a modicum of it themselves? "Behold the hire of the laborers." Where is it? Who has it? Have you, fellow-laborer, re-ceived a just reward for your toil? I go about over this western country looking for the "hire," and what do I find? As I visit the homes of my people I look upon bare walls, uncarpeted floors, and the most meager furnishings. I note the absence of those agencies of refinementthe musical instrument and the library. Those things that beautify home, that make life pleasant, that bind fast to-gether the home ties, are conspicuous for

But, if not here, where is the "hire?" I go to eastern cities and look upon the palace of the millionaire, upon the finelycarpeted floor, magnificent library, and upon his grand piano, whose notes almost rival angel voices. I visit the country homes of these lords of wealth, whence they annually retire to concoct schemes for further plunder. I stand upon the shores of the peaceful bay and see the steam yacht skimming the shining wave, the elegance of its equipment greater in cost than the necessities of a lifetime; and I begin to understand where the hire has gone. I stand within the gorgeous temple dedicated to the worship of God, its spire reaching almost to the clouds; my soul is thrilled for the moment with the eloquence of the preacher; but I remember that even in its very shadow, and almost within sound of sermon and hymn, their eyes dazed with the glitter of jewels adorning the worshippers, their souls awed by the pomp and bearing of religious bigots, many poor souls are naked and starving. Oh, what a blight upon our Christian civilization! Here again I behold the "hire," and it crieth aloud to God and man-not for venpeance, but for justice.

The apostle says to the rich that this "hire" is taken from the laborers fraudulently. Let us see how it is in our case. Statistics show that an equal distribu-tion of the wealth of this nation would give about \$5,000 to each family, but that the actual present distribution gives to ten per cent of the people more than seventy-five per cent of the wealth, while the great ninety per cent of the people, most of whom are engaged in the production of every dollar that enters into the nation's wealth, must be satisfied by the miserable pittance of less than onefourth of the product of this labor.

So, by injustice, by fraud, by legalized thieving, the channels of the distribution of wealth have been diverted from their legitimate course, and the "hire of the laborer" cries in vain for justice. Men disregard the voice of weeping, turn away from the appeals of the poor, and shut their moral ears to the voice of conscience; but the cries of the poor "have entered into the ears of the God of

The financial crash that has witnessed Christian era, you read the words of the the downfall of colossal fortunes, that Master regarding His mission to a lost has closed up the channels of trade, that "He hath anointed me to preach has led on to suicide, to murder, and the gospel to the poor. He hath sent me that sorely threatens the disruption of to heal the broken-hearted, to preach republican government, is a part of the "hand-writing on the wall" that announces to those in power that "they are them that are bruised, to preach the weighed in the balance and found want-acceptable year of the Lord"—the year of ing," and that the government must weighed in the balance and found wantsoon pass into other hands, and doubtless answers in part to the "cries of them that have reaped" and possess not, that have sown and gathered not, because of the inhumanity and greed of men.

ing that questions affecting the interests Man may forget; God never forgets. of labor were of trequent discussion by And though some will pass away without seeing the travail of their souls, in a land redeemed and purified from the blight of human slavery, there must come a time when the poor shall be exalted," the economic freedom of the race shall have been accomplished, and when the grandest of all human philosophies The Fatherhood of God and the Brothhood of Man," shall forever prevail-Rev. R. C. Hardin in North Platte Independent Era.

Sheriff Mctiee Shot by Outlaws-

WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 26. - Sheriff Tom McGee of Hemphill county, in the Panhandle of Texas, was shot and mortally wounded last night by three outlaws, who held up the agent of the Santa depot at Canadian City and were proceeding to rob it when Mc-Gee, who is a brave man, arrived upon the scene. He was shot through the bowels. The outlaws escaped.

Kansas Apples for Royalty.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 26. - The cold storage house of Ryan & Richardson to-day shipped to England, through a New York house, a carload of selected Jonathan apples for the consumption of royalty. The apples came from the Wellhouse orchard in Fairmount township, the largest in

A Spokane Bank's Doors Closed.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 26.-The Brown national bank closed its doors yesterday and went into solvency. The failure was not a surprise, as it was known to be cramped for funds. Cashier Shaw puts the assets at \$11,-650; liabilities, \$77,900; deposits, \$29,-800. The bank was organized in 1889.

Husband and Wife Whipped. ELDORADO SPRINGS, Mo., Nov. 26 .-The home of James Tennis and wife, living seven miles east of here, was visited last night by a mob of masked men and the two were severely whipped. Bad blood had existed in the

neighborhood in which Tennis lived

caused by a law suit.

Fussia May Shut Out Our Cotton. St. Petersburg, Nov. 26. -Advices from Kahokand (Perghana) Asiatic Russia, say that Turkestan cotton is threatened by the low prices of American cotton and that the arbitrage committee has petitioned the government to raise the duties on American cotton.

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CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Harper of Oklahoma, Editor, Law yer and Judge, Arraigned.

PERRY, Ok., Nov. 26 .- Another chapter was added yesterday to the Scott-Brown-Burke-McMasters contempt cases of Oklahoma City in the district court here. W. P. Harper is the editor of the Choctaw News and is also a lawyer, and now probate judge of Oklahoma county. When Editors Brown, Burke and McMasters were jailed for contempt of Judge Scott of the Oklahoma supreme court, Mr. Harper, as editor, wrote some editorials against Judge Scott, and he was arraigned on disbarrment proceedings. Harper demurred to the charge, but the demurrer was overruled, and now Editor or Lawyer or Judge Harper will have to face the case.

Boxing Contests in a Cathedral's Shadow PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 26. -Three boxing contests took place last night in the lower part of the Ep copal residence adjoining St. Paul's cathedral, for the benefit of St. Paul's Athletic club. The "friendly bouts" proved to be genuine prize fights in respect of knockouts, blood, etc. In the room, twenty-five feet square, were assembled 200 people. The ring was not roped off, and as a consequence the fighters were frequently thrown over on to the spectators.

Deputy Marshals as Desperadoes. PERRY, Ok., Nov. 26.-United States Deputy Marshal Snoddy and Frank and James Brown, J. R. Knight and Charles Kitchens had a regular battle at Winton, several miles west of here, Thursday. Winchesters, shot guns and pistols were freely used and after the smoke cleared away Snoddy and Frank Brown were found to be dying. The men were foes of the marshal and while drunk attacked him.

Poor Settlers to Be Asked to Move.

DENVER. Col., Nov. 26. - The county commissioners have decided to go in a body on a tour of investigation through the eastern part of this (Arapahoe) county and try to induce the helpless settlers, who are constant objects of public charity, to give up their homes in the desert and remove to other portions of the state where lands can be irrigated.

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be almost impossible of detection.

orth Carolina's First Catholic Judge. RALIEGH, N. C., Nov. 26. - For the first time in the history of North Carolina a Roman Catholic has been selected as judge of the state superior court, in the person of W. S. O'B. Robinson, the Republican-Populist nominee for the Raleigh district. It is said, too, that Mr. Robinson will be the first Roman Catholic to hold a state office of any kind in the state.

Marriage Contract Signed. St. Petersbure, Nov., 26.-The marriage contract of the czar and Princes Alix was signed yesterday by M. de Giers, the minister of foreign affairs, and by Count Vorontstook-Dachskoff, the minister of the imperial court. The contract makes certain provisions in favor of the princess during the life of the czar and in the event of his death.

Whipped for orse Stealing. SOUTH MCALESTER, Ind. Ter., Nov. 26.-The district court at Panola adjourned yesterday. All of the murder cases, twenty-six in number, were continued until the May term. Houston Franklin, a full-blood, was convicted of horse stealing and given 100 lashes on the bare back. The penalty for a second offense is death by hanging.

Young Woman Convicted of Arson. ROCKPORT, Mo., Mov. 26. - Miss Mary L. Townsend, form rly of Central City, Neb., who is now running a store here was arrested yesterday for attempted arson. Miss Townsend, it is alleged, had her stock insured for about twice its value and had employed two young men to burn the building. The young men gave the plot away and had her arrested. Miss Townsend stood trial and was fined \$500 and one year in jail.

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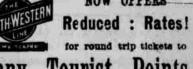
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