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"If any man must fall for me to rise, Then seek I not to climb. Another's pain choose not for my good. A golden chain, A robe of honor, is too good a prise To tempt my hasty band to do a wrong Unto a fellow man. This life hath woe Sufficient, wrought by man's estante foe And who that bath a heart would dare prolong Or add a sorrow to a stricken soul That seeks a bealing baim to make it whole? My bosom owns the brotherhood of man.

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As long as we have rich idlers, we must have poor workers. Were all producing wealth and equitably exchanging it, none need be poor.

GOVERNMENT banks can alone secure to us an unfluctuating unit of value, a dollar whose purchasing power will neither appreciate nor depreciate.

AARAHAM LINCOLN was the friend of the oppressed; his son, Robert T, is president of the Chicago Gas Trust now owned by, or a part of, the Standard Oil Company.

Too late for publication this week we received a long communication (12 typewritten pages) from Senator Allen. It will appear, with editorial comments, in our next issue.

H. F. WASMUND of Rushville writes asking where Prof. Herron's latest book, "The Christian State," can be obtained. Order of T. Y. Crowell & Co., New York. Price in cloth 75 cents. In paper 40 cents.

GOVERNOR WAITE has challenged Patterson, editor of the Rocky Mountain News, and other silver single-plank leaders to meet him in joint debate July 4th. He proposes to defend the Omaha platform against all comers.

In the good time coming an idler, a man who voluntarily lives on the labor of others, will be universally despised and condemned as a criminal. But how the world would stare now were the Astors, Vanderbilts, and the whole outfit of watering place dudes, arrested and complaint lodged against them for living without labor, as aristocratic tramps!

ONE man belonging to the recent city government of Chicago, contrived to draw thirty-one salaries. He was on thirty-one pay rolls. Another man, a well-known saloon keeper of the 29th ward, and who never did a stroke of work for the city, was on fourteen different pay rolls. Stuffing pay rolls is a great invention. On the Chicago pay rolls it was easy to carry dead men and draw pay for work never performed.

UNITED STATES Senator Mitchell of Oregon, Republican, is leading the g. o. p. of that state to adopt an out and out free silver platform. Would'nt it be a great scheme to cut down our platform to free silver and in one state beswallowed by the Democrats and in another by the Republicans who favored 16 to 1 free silver? It's a pity some of our silver-crazy Populists can't be lifted up high enough to view the whole national field and sense the situation as a wholel

THE Buffalo Express (Rep.) declared that free trade creates trusts, and tells why. Under a protective tariff on salt the business remained unorganized; but shall have political confusion, with when the tariff was removed the salt- friends and foes indistinguishably and makers were "forced to make a combination to raise (hold up?) prices to get a profit out of the business," it is said. Yes, well, but what difference has it made to the people whether the tariff or a trust held prices up? In either case the consumers' bill was the same and wages were reduced to the lowest possible point.

"TO ERR IS HUMAN"

Piety ran so low in a certain church that a good deacon said there were but two faithful, Bro. Blank and himselt, and he had some doubts of Bro. Blank. It is George Howard Gibson and Bro. Wolfe with some suspicion of Bro. Wolfe, Say George, who are most amused and grati-fied by this process? Cannot you indulge your pessimism in other channels with a little effort?—Minden Courier.

Whether George is as self-satisfied, and as doubtful of all the brethren, as this application of the story implies, or not, he appreciates the motive of his critic. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend." He who cannot take criticism kindly and gratefully should never criticise.

Probably Brother Richmond wishes to intimate to me that I am not liberal minded, that I am inclined to disfellowship and be suspicious of all who fail to see the Populist truth as I see it. He wishes me to be more tolerant, and not be quite so sure that unless the world comes to my way of thinking it will go swiftly to the dogs, figuratively speak-

If I may be allowed now to speak for myself, let me say that I have not been consciously speaking for myself; but for the people, the people's party and the people's platform. I have believed, do believe, that the Omaha platform, made by their honest intelligent representatives in 1892 and in every state ratified by the people, expresses their unchanged principles and demands; demands which they will persist in till they are enacted into law. With my whole soul, my moral sense and reason, I subscribe to those demands, in substance, and believe upon their enactment into law depends the rescue of the masses from monopoly oppression. I have had a taste of poverty myself. I know how millions are suffering today. A man out of work, with wife and little ones dependent on him and means fast dwindling away, suffers fearfully as day after day passes and no work can be found,-and millions have been in this situation since '93. I can imagine how people suffer who are facing the foreclosure of mortgages upon their home, their household goods and family necessities. I can conceive the life of those who must slowly die in sweaters' dens, and the despair that leads to begging drunkenness, crime, prostitution and suicide. I see and in a measure feel all this and know how the people are fast being submerged by spreading poverty; and I also see the salvation contained for all in the changeless principles and just demands of the People's party. They are God's demands. They are the demands of justice. It is my faith in this political gospel of justice, of law to be enacted, that makes me zealous in defense of the Omaha platform. I have not been self-centered. I have not struck blows because I have a dictator's spirit and love to fight, but only and always

for the wronged and offend a needless number. If I have offended a single Populist who loves the poor I am sincerely sorry. He is a wise man who makes no mistakes of judgment. There are all sorts of men in the People's party. They can not all see alike. What needs to be said to some, if appropriated by others, does harm. Some cannot see that our bond of union is not silver, or any one single question, but the entire Omaha platform which drew us all together. Those who think silver is the great question of course think the silver Democrats are all right and that we can tie up with them and accomplish more by so doing. To such the governor's acts, distributing rewards to Democratic leaders, do not seem like the betrayal of the People's party. And Senator Allen's efforts, aided by other men, to turn the Populist vote in the Second district to Jim Boyd and fuse and confuse us with the Democrats in the Third district, are looked upon by the Populists who are first and principally silver men as justifiable, the work of "practical" politics, a desirable union of forces. But a larger number, we believe, men who stand on the whole Omaha platform refused to be made one with the silver Democrats, men who remained avowedly Democrats still, and fought fusion because they believed it would accomplish the disintegration and destruction of the Populist party. All of which should show clearly that we can not have peace in the party if the politicians persist in trying to fuse us with our

political enemies. The editor of this paper is as averse to strife as a man can be. He is compelled, however, to condemn fusion deals and tie-ups with men who are not Populists, who are therefore our political enemies. The Omaha platform is broad enough to hold, and hold together, men possessing many shades and variations of opinion, so long as they stay on it and do not try to trim it down or lead us to tie it and our cause to other opposing political crafts. We do not seek to force our personal interpretation of the body of Populist principles on those who differ with us. But we shall continue to insist that Populist leaders must be loyal. If they make deals or acknowledge obligations to our political enemies we shall class them with those enemies. Otherwise we

THE SITUATION IN TEXAS

inextricably intermixed.

We are living in evil times when the adjournment of our law-making bodies is felt to be a relief. The following headlines in the Louisville Courier-Journal

express about what has been expressed regarding the adjournment of perhaps every state legislature and the national congress:

"Without a Tear. Adjournment Texas Legislature a Relief. Accomplished Nothing. Treasury Empty and the Democrats Hopelessly Split."

The "split" is the silver lining to this cloud. Hon. Travis Henderson, a lifelong Democrat, twelve times returned to his seat in the Texas legislature, near the close of the recent session, in which the corruptly divided Democrats had blocked almost every act of legislation proposed in the interest of the people, rose to warn the members of his party. He said: "We must have a care how we conduct legislation here. It may be a long time indeed before we assemble another Democratic legislature within these walls."

His colleagues gazed upon him with astonishment and after a few moments impressive silence he raised his hand and swept it slowly before him as he traced the letters of fire on the wall above their heads, and exclaimed: "Mene, mene, tekel upharsin."

The Courier-Journal (Dem.) reporting

"No one has had much to say about

The Populists in the legislature, 30 in number, voted as one man for every respect of the better element of the Demthe last election polled 160,000 votes for their state ticket, and they will easily sweep the state at the next election. has been and will be a straight, middleis the kind of "practical" politics the Populists of that great state believe in and successfully use. They have utterly single-state empire.

BUT SEE ALL THE GUILTY

Ecob says:

ords of our legal tribunals can be trusted is foul by the cancerous touch of every crime in the calendar. It has silenced the conscience of the juror, loaded like a dice the decision of the judge, darkened the discernment of the legislator, added fuel to the greed of great corporations. and has even gone down with malicious for the sake of the suffering, defenseless intent into the nether world of arson and lant a million of such mone But no doubt a man may feel intensely in the foundation of a church institution or college, and what preacher or teacher there can utter one profoundly true word against the capital criminal by whose unhallowed gains he buys his daily bread? I wonder if this is only a shrewd extension of its too successful business policy, to plant hush money among the schools

and churches. But, after all, there is only a shade or two of difference between the guilt of one monopolist and that of another. Murder of the slow or life-shortening sort is involved in every individual act of monop. oly oppression, and the monopolist is the man who forces others to sweat for him, to give him labor service which he does not in any or, in equal measure return. The landlord, the money lender the legalized highwayman (railroad stockholder), the coal-baron, the speculator-any and every man who uses natural or acquired power to force from others more labor than he performs for them, is of this robbing, torturing and murdering class. He is foul with selfishness and the blood of the wounded and dying is upon his garments.

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins

have reached unto heaven." IT seems to be the prevailing, all-controlling belief that there is nothing valuable that money cannot buy. All are reaching after money as the means with which to gratify every desire, and even the multi-millionaire is still grasping after more money, thinking that with more he can increase his happiness, or satisfy his still unsatisfied desires. But it is all a woeful blunder. There is just one thing that can make us happiness, and that is, to labor for others and to be loved by others. We have some proof of this in the ideal family life. But what the most perfect family life is, the community and national life must be made before we can be satisfied. Each needs all, and all need each. Hired service has no love in it, hence is contrary to nature's plan. It is not fellowship, but isolatiou, leaving the heart barren. The marketplace or exchange struggle for gain from one another, the contracts we make to serve or to pay money for service, separate us, cut up the natural communal body, compel antagonism of individual parts, destroying all social life and fellowship. Voluntary community organization to labor for one another in all possible ways on the fraternal plan, uniting the interest of families in one great family, is the beginning of a social service and fellowship necessary to enlarge our life

"Money continues to be very abundant"-where? In New York. Oh!

and increase our happiness.

THE EVILS OF PARTY RULE

The Democrats will make a platform and nominate a candidate for president to catch the Populist voters who ask ony financial reform. The integrity of the People's party will require a broadening out the platform to take in the Initiative and Referendum or it will be swallowed up. The referendum alone would be enough platform and when once under stood would carry.-Coming Nation.

We are strongly of the opinion that

this is what the Democrats will do, and

that the strain of attraction and coun

ter-attraction will test the cohesiveness

of our party and reduce its numbers for

a time if we cannot sink political differ-

ences in a common effort to smash all party machines for all time by voting into the people's hands the power of direct legislation. If we could make a campaign on this one paramount, most vitally important question, shall the majority be given power to rule directly, holding in their hands the veto power, the referendum, so that no important legislative act which they may choose to pass on can become a law if they refuse to sanction it, then once for all would we escape from party divisions and evils, from the independence-destroying rule of either this or that spoils-seeking, the little scene, but everybody has done party-machine-running group of damna-a lot of thinking." ble demagogues. As Prof. Herron says. ble demagogues. As Prof. Herron says. "We do not select the men we elect." The honest, fair minded people of this good measure introduced and against country are not united and cannot unite every bad measure, and commanded the in one party, because they cannot agree as to what is the most important quesocrats. The Populist party in Texas at tion or reform. They are found in four contending parties. There is a struggle even now going on in each party to hold together those already in that particu-Furthermore, a fact that is important, lar party, and it is probable that in the they have had no fusion in Texas. It campaign next year there will be six divisions in which good men will be found of-the-road, Omaha platform fight. That fighting each other, six political parties instead of four. Now, the question is, is it possible for the good people of this country to avoid or escape from party refused to fuse with the Republicans, and divisions? Is it not possible for the good by being honest, open-handed and con- men of all parties to see that the evils sistent they are capturing that great which afflict us so sorely are each and every one of them intrenched behind the grouping, dividing party machinery? Nobody knows what the majority would Henry D. Lloyd's great book, "Wealth like to do on any unsettled question. Against Commonwealth," is doing so Republicans, Democrats, Populists, and much to destroy the oil magnates' repu- Prohibitionists cannot, as they think, tation that it is a wonder Rockefeller reasonably tear themselves away from does not get out an injunction to protect their several party groups, because the himself. Rev. Dr. Ecob of Albany follows men of each party believe their party to Prof. John Bascom, D. D., in protesting be wiser than any other party, and against the harlotry of the church in ac- so no expression of the will of the macepting money from such a source. Dr. jority can be reached on any proposed reform and all progress is blocked. It is "The Standard Oil money, if the rec apparent, therefore, is it uot, that party groupings by dividing us are the defense of evil and that party bonds must be broken? In other words we must get together out of all parties. We must get together, but we cannot get together as Republicans, or Democrats, or Prohibitionists, or Populists, or Bimetallists, or anything else. We cannot escape from party bondage by any effort of one party (new or old) to swallow all other parties. We cannot get together on any one question; because we cannot agree as to what that question should be-unless we can come to see that the question of destroying all party machinery by giving ourselves power to rule directly, by the Swiss method of the Initiative and Referendum, a non-partisan question, is incomparably more important than all party questions, because it removes the obstacles which separate us and provides the means by which to take action upon

> The difficulties in the way of uniting to overthrow the power of all parties to keep us divided, may not be insurmountable. Let us consider what they are.

any and all questions, as fast as we be-

come interested in and wish to vote upon

The mere adding of the Initiative and Referendum demand to the platform of the Populist party would not add the people to us, would not break the bands that bind them to their present parties. And if two or more reform parties should add this demand to their platforms it would not help the matter. It would be wiser to have no other demand save this one, to confer all power of legislation from their representatives (?), so-calledback into the hands of the people. To obtain this we would not be sacrificing anything, because the People's party would be exchanged for, would in its last labor help to usher in, a people's government, which would be permanent and progressive. It is not a people's party, but a people's government, that

Is it possible for Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists and Populists who desire progress, unobstructed majority. will enactments, a people's government, by the action of all who desire progress, to come together to secure the law-making power, through the adoption of the Initiative and Referendum method of legislation?

THE TALK OF USURERS

In looking through the financial editor's columns of a New York exchange dated May 9th we were somewhat interested in his statements intended to make wageearners and borrowers contented and capitalists and money monopolists easy in their consciences. He claimed firstbasing his statement on a table prepared by a U. S. senate committee-that wages increased between 1864 and 1891 over 80 per cent, and that prices of commodities had decreased 4 per cent. Referring to the claim of certain philosophers, that labor originates all values, he said, "This, of course, is not true; but it is a fact that of the prices at which articles

the largest share."

Now, why does he say, "This, of course is not true?" The labor of God and the labor of men create all useful and valuable things. This is self-evident. Where then does the idle capitalist and his children and children's children get a just claim ca the product of those who work? Is it not exasperating to the wealth makers to have the wealth takers preach that they ought to be content if over half the value of what they produce is left by plundering do not change the nature of

This New York financier also tries to convince his readers that the creditor class has less power and a smaller share now than formerly, because the rates of interest have fallen. The rate of interest does not show the amount of interest If the rate of interest is somewhat lowered, but the amount of debt greatly increased, the interest burden at the lower rate is greater. And if the yearly interest amounts to more than the net product of labor, as is the case, it proves that the wealth and land and capital resources of the country are being concentrated and the workers expropri-

THE MAY MAGAZINES

The May Century contains the conclusion of Mrs. Harrison's serial, "An Er rant Wooing," the seventh instalment of "Casa Braccio," the beginning of "The Princess Sonia," a novelette by Julia fagruder, "Two Shadowy Rivals," one of Richard Maicolm Johnston's ever welcome short stories, and two others, "Lucinda," by Langdon E. Mitchell, and by Kate Chopin, making an unusual amount of fletion for this month. The "Life of Napoleon" is continued, as richly illustrated as usual; Noah Brooks tells of "The Close of Lincoln's Career: R. W. Gilder, the editor of the magazine, has an article on "The Heart of Livingstone, with pictures from photographs taken in Africa; A. C. Bernheim contributes "A Chapter of Municipal Folly-The Squandering of New York's Public Fran-W. E. Smythe, editor of the Irrigation Age, has a timely article on "The Conquest of Arid America" with a map of the arid region of the United States, showing areas irrigated and giving results in Utah, Colorado, California and Arizona. Alexander McArthur has an interesting paper on "Rubinstein" with portrait, and Harriet Waters Preston's "Beyond the Adriatic" is concluded. These with the usual departments and poems make a valuable number

WE sometimes think there has been by evolution a great increase in human wisdom in the last 2000 years, but it is not so apparent when we acquaint ourselves with the wisdom of the ancients. The The prayer of Agur was, "Give me neither poverty nor riches;" today the man who thinks less wealth is better than more, is rarely overheard in his devotions. And if he were he would doubtless be denounced as a dangerous character, a "socialist communist and anarchist," (as if these words meant the same!) a leveler, an infidel, etc. Speaking of socialists, Cicero far beyond him. He said:

"One thing ought to be aimed at by all men: that the interest of each individually, and of all collectively, should be the same; for if each should grasp at his individual interest, all society will be dissolved.

Yet this is what all, except a few communities like the Christian Corporation, seem to be doing. And we can see, too, that the antagonisms between the selfish monopolists and dependent workers, with increasing strife, suffering and bitterness, threatens the dissolution of society.

In the investigation before the Illinois senate of the department store question a representative of one of the largest department stores defended them as following the ordinary lines of (selfish) struggle and power and said: "It is almost axiomatic that every man's success is made by overcoming those in the same business. Success is simply a process of eliminating others out of the contest." This is the naked unadorned (save by political economists) brutal fact. Now why can not the church see that this is not Christianity, but devilishness; and that if the Christian law (love) is rejected by all six days out of seven, there can be no Christianity or salvation even one day in seven, and hence no salvation here or hereafter.

MR. EDWARD ATKINSON knows altogether too much-of "the things that ain't so," and he continues to add to his stock in trade. He is just in print with the claim that the coin notes issued under the act of 1890 cannot be reissued it they have once been redeemed in coin. If Edward's interpretation of the law is allowed-and the goldbug administration will be pleased, of course, to agree with it-a little stock of coined dollars can be used (by pushing them out of one window and taking them back at another) to redeem, cancel and destroy all the coin certificate currency issued under the Sherman act, and the bullion bought with it, with the mints closed against silver will lie in the treasury good opinion of Mr. Wolfe has grown vaults, unused, unrepresented, wasted.

THE "Sound Money" fellows of New York are keeping up the flow of their literature, "without money and without price" so much do they love, or fear, the benighted people. The last edition of their goldbug gospel is entitled "Coin's Finan- ting that I was mistaken. cial Fool." Horace White of Wall Street perpetrates it and in the publisher's note to editors pasted on they say any editor may use the stuff as his own and give no credit for it, and that a hundred copies of it will be sent free to any one who will

are sold at wholesale, labor gets by far make use of them. And the bankers settle the bills.

THEY have struck oil in Southeastern Kansas, but the Standard Oil company has stepped in and through its control of the railroads shut that oil away from the people. The railroads will haul the oil of the great octopus from Pennsylvania and either so lower the freight for the oil shipped in, or raise the freight on the Kansas product that the Kansas oil cannot be disposed of. But suppose the the plunderers? Statutes that legalize state of Kansas should take the oil business into its hands, produce and refine it, and force the railroads to haul it at a reasonable rate. How long will it take the people to learn how to combine for their own protection?

> BICYCLES of the best make have only within a year dropped in price below \$150. The figure now is \$100. They cost somewhere between ten and twenty dollars. If the price corresponded with the cost ten times as many would be used with vast benefit, and an enormous labor demand would be made to produce them. What a shame that a few should have the power to so stand in the way of the people, as dogs in the manger. Be stow power upon men and their greed is insatiable.

"When the Devil Fell Sick."

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also," "When the devil fell sick the devil a saint would be." When the devil got well a devil a saint was One of the political devils was very sick at the time of our late convention-Tom Majors was setting very hard on his stomach-and suddenly he developed into a Populist saint. A very devoted one too. No common farmer like Honest John Powers, was good enough for a Populist governor, but there was that incomparable man, Judge Holcomb. The Bee would be proud to support him. Rosewater's love always proves fatal. The wreck may survive, but the man on whom he lavishes his affections invariably dies, and his last love has proved no exception.

But Rosewater is getting well, he landed Majors higher than Jonah, and he has the grand satisfaction of knowing that the governor's Democratic appointments will drive every last man of the Republicans who strayed from the fold last fall back into the g. o. p. camp.

Yes, Rosewater is happy; he made the "medicine," Dr. Holcomb is administer-ing it where it will do the most good, The earnest Populist worker is not so happy. He denies that his hard work and conscientious devotion for the cause can with justice be ignored, and the emoluments at the disposal of our chief be squandered on political harlots. Neither is it pleasant for him to meet Republicans he persuaded to vote the head of the ticket last fall, and be greeted with, "We told you so." It is bad enough for Rosewater, Bryan, or any of the rest of our political opponents to use the talents God has given them to defeat justice, and break down the advance of reform; but when it comes to members of had more sense and wisdom than most our own household, it cuts to the quick, moderns who fancy they have "evoluted" | and the Populist or Populist newspaper that remains silent while these rewards are being bestowed upon our political opponents, denies the faith, and like the sow that was washed lies down again in the old wallow. Thank God there is a goodly army yet in Nebraska who have not bowed the knee to Baal, men of honor, men who cannot bought, and men who will not be sold to gratify the personal ambition of any one. False leaders may betray them, but will utterly fail of retaining their future support. Fusion is like the fly in the apothecaries' ointment, causing the whole mass to stink, a drop of poison injected into a healthy body destroying its vitality, and the end is paralysis and

Another vital point must be guarded. True men thoroughly converted to our principles, who serve the cause for the love of it, in short, patriots, not politicians, should be nominated for office. Had this course been strictly pursued our organization would show no joint in its harness, a target for our foes. If an incorruptible man had been nominated at the head of our ticket last fall no evil results would have followed; he might have been defeated, but the defeat would have been a crown of glory compared with the disgrace attached to electing a political acrobat whose vanity led (him to attempt dancing on two ropes at and the same time, as wide apart as Populism and Democracy. A lofty tumble was inevitable. Shall the party cling to the sent of his tights and play the clown and tumble with him, or leave him in future to his own devices?

In a word, shall the party live, or b buried alive in the grave of personal ambition.

C. H. King. bition.

Where Chase County Populists

IMPERIAM, Neb., May 5, 1805. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Herewith enclosed please find one dollar to pay for THE WEALTH MAKERS another year. I am pleased with the noble utterances found in your paper for justice and the right at all times.

First I would say that Chase county Populists stand squarely upon the Omaha platform, and will not be side-tracked on the "free silver switch."

I have just read Hon. J. V. Wolfe's letter to the governor in this week's paper, and must say that my already wonderfully in the last half hour. But can I say the same for him to whom it is addressed? I do not believe there is a erson in Nebraska who had felt more just pride in our governor and his noble actions up to a certain point than I have. Was always making the boast that we had a thorough Populist governor, Now I have to suffer the humiliation of admit-

Would it not have been better in the long run if we had suffered defeat in the election than that any combination should have been entered into, if such were the case? If I have the best interests of the party at heart will I sacrifice them to promote my own interests? No, never.