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

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The science of society is the knowledge of pure religion.

LAND is the heritage of all the people. Occupancy and use furnish the only just title to it.

WE begin this week an exceedingly valuable article on the railroad question by Prof. Parsons of Boston. It will be valuable to preserve for reference.

INDUSTRY must be organized, remember that. It can not be peacefully organized on the selfish plan or plans of the present. Christian organization is individual salvation.

KEEP it before the people that the money question is the interest question, and that the only way to stop the interest drain is by establishing in each county government banks to do all loaning and at cost of labor service.

GOVERNOR HOLCOMB's course has been vindicated by Judge Hopewell's decision which says: "The plaintiffs have the right to remain peacefully in possession and to exercise the functions of said offices until otherwise ordered by a proper legal proceeding."

ONE might as well say the laws of the material universe are not practical, as to hold that moral law, i. e., the law of love, is not adapted to the business and social world. The law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," must be obeyed as the means of saving us from all the present evils of selfishness. Obey, or suffer till you are forced to obey.

THE people of this country believe in monarchy, in inequality and monopoly despotism. If they did not they would not senselessly suffer under class laws which rob them of their hard earnings, laws which have reduced the majority to a landless, homeless, countryless, dependent condition. Yes, the majority think they were born to labor for monopolists.

WE must make one mighty effort to seize the reins of government, by dropping partisanship, by getting together in a demand for the power of direct legislation, the power to make and veto laws, or plutocracy will crush us with its industrial and political machines and anarchy uncontrollable will in the near future sweep away all inequalities and oppressive power.

Not one person in ten in this country now has a feeling of independence, and the tenth person is in ninety-nine one hundredths of cases a collector of rents, interest, or dividends. That is, he feels independent because he has secured by law the birthrights of the dependent class and gains by their loss. His ease makes their anxiety. His luxuries are the products of their labor. His income is tribute paid to monopoly despotism.

THE selection of Mr. Pearse of Beatrice to the superintendency of the Omaha schools is further evidence that the Nebraska educational ring is in full control of all the political school machinery. Men of marked ability and national reputation have no show with lately graduated youngsters whose pull in politics and subservience to politicians place them in office.

SHOW THIS TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

This article is written to reach, first, Populists who do not subscribe for and read Populist papers.

Pardon us, friends, but there is no good sufficient reason why you should not take your county Populist paper, and the state and national papers of the party. Do you not know that the success of the party depends on the support given to our party press? It is not right for you to withhold your share of support, which is needed to build up strong influential party organs. Look at the history of almost every state and national Populist paper. They have been kept afloat by the constant sacrifice, the financial loss, of the men conducting them, and lack of means to publish longer at a loss has caused not a few to suspend and almost all others to change hands every little while. This is because three men out of every four who claim to be Populists feel no personal responsibility to support the papers which are fighting their battles. They take a local paper, not, generally, because it is or is not Populist, but for neighborhood news; and that is all they read.

Let us be personal. Some of you are saying money is too hard to get, you can't afford it. Well, it is hard to get. And that is just why Populist papers have got to be supported. If they are not supported and circulated you will find money will grow harder and harder to get, until you reach the lowest level of serfdom. The straits you are in now should impress upon you the necessity of supporting the agencies which spread knowledge and lead the people to throw off the yokes of monopoly oppression. The circulation of Populist papers must either be multiplied, or class legislation can never be repealed. You can afford to go ragged and hungry better than you can afford to let Populist papers die or live a crippled, dwarfed, needlessly limited life. If you have reason to believe your state and national papers are devoted to the people's cause, you are wise if you deny yourself beer, tobacco, tea, coffee, clothes, food, anything in fact, that you may have to, to send a dollar each year to the publishers; and in addition you should speak good words for such papers and get up clubs for them among your neighbors.

There is a class who are not distressingly poor, not poor at all, in fact, who do not take the papers of their party, just because they are too infernal stingy in this direction. They have an idea they individually do not need them, that all that is necessary is to vote right. They never had the truth forced upon them that the Populist party is dependent for its life and organization on its press, and by refusing to support the Populist press they keep the party weak and ineffective. There is still another class who begin to take Populist papers and continue to take them, but do not continue to pay for them. In case they want the paper and cannot pay for it till a crop is harvested they ought to drop the publishers a postal to that effect. But they go on taking the paper and take no notice of the bill sent them each month perhaps; and then after six months or a year or more when the exasperated publishers send the accounts to a collection agency and the money is collected they wax righteously (?) indignant because the publishers refused to look upon it as a favor for them to go on taking the paper without paying for it. It is this class which ruins reform newspaper publishers, a class of dead beats and sponges that disgrace the name of reformers.

It is no holiday affair we are engaged in. A few men cannot with complete sacrifice succeed in setting the people free from the clutches of the monopoly devilfish. It requires all that each and all can do. And the most economic, the most effective work is done by supporting and everywhere pushing the circulation of reform papers.

BROOK FARM MEMOIRS

The story of Brook Farm, of which all intelligent people have heard more or less is of peculiar and perennial interest, because it was an effort, one of the first efforts, to realize the ideal, an ideal of simple fraternal living. Rev. George Ripley was its leader, its originator and molding spirit, humanly speaking. It grew out of his teaching and developed from a club organized in 1836 in Boston, to discuss all important and religious topics. The club was composed of scholarly, cultivated persons, mostly young college-bred people with high ideals. In the spring of 1841 about twenty persons, including the families of Mr. Ripley and Nathaniel Hawthorne, the author, started the Brook Farm community, Brook Farm being about nine miles from Boston. The place was a milk farm. They carried it on and started what was called the Brook Farm school where philosophy, mathematics, belles lettres, Latin, Greek, German, history, music, drawing, practical agriculture and other branches were taught. Charles A. Dana, present editor of the New York Sun, was instructor in Greek and German. It was a college preparatory school. George William Curtis was one of the pupils at this school. Horace Greeley was in fullest sympathy with the Brook Farm community and contributed to its funds, besides using the columns of the Tribune to make known its plan and purpose. Ralph Waldo Emerson was greatly interested in it, but did not join. The two elements it lacked were hard-fisted farm toilers and financiers.

They lived mostly in one house, called the "Bee Hive," and ate at a common table. There was among them an astonishingly large percentage of educated and intellectually gifted people, probably too large a proportion to be natural, or to work together for society to best advantage. But their home and social life was made by it very attractive.

The founders of the colony were a noble band, the most enlightened of the generation, and the influence of their teaching will never cease.

The community was not a failure even financially, but was broken up by a fire which destroyed the buildings. Neither was it a money making institution, nor economically altogether a success. Its organization was probably too loose to long exist, and the ideas which bound it together lacked somewhat in consistency completeness and ethical clearness. Though organized before its leaders were acquainted with Fourierism, that then advanced but imperfect conception of natural society was the conception of the Brook Farmers. They were not communists. They were Fourier socialists, or Associationists. They did not believe in the industrial and material equality of pure democracy. The organization was a joint stock company, with only certain general principles that were opposed to monopoly and exploitation of the workers, and they failed to recognize that the five per cent paid yearly on stock was of that nature. They believed the different kinds of necessary labor varied in value, and that therefore some should have more and others less. They practiced almost pure fraternity while together, but left an error in their unwritten creed which in practice leads to all inequality and oppression. They did not rise to the height of Christian truth and teach with divine authority that each must give all, sacrificing and serving without reserve. They saw not the clear-shining of the sun of righteousness, but walked in a glimmering golden mist that encircled the heights of that social hour.

The Brook Farm and other similar Fourier communities or phalansteries came to an end, and many who looked longingly toward them, believing the time and method of redeeming the world were at hand were disappointed. Let us see if we can comprehend why they did not succeed.

They did not build on Christ. And by this we do not mean the conventional Christ, the so-called Christ of the churches. He is not the Christ of Calvary. The Christ of the church today and in their day was and is a Sunday or one-day-in-seven Christ, not a living, working, sacrificing, serving Christ. We mean to say, they did not see that the law of sacrifice or complete self-surrender is the law of industrial and business life, the one power of a true society conception and the birth by travail of an organization that the whole, the social, or the Holy Spirit can take up His abode in. Joint stock companies do not require each to put in all he has and is. They are not formed by people whose hearts are wholly, unreservedly and with perfect faith given up to the work of loving and saving all who will receive them.

The Christian organization of industry is necessary. The selfish organization of the present is war, plunder, slavery, the fast-approaching destruction of civilization. The evils which the Brook Farmers and Fourier saw fifty to ninety years ago have been terribly intensified. But there is only one way of salvation. It is the way made plain in the command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself!" The common surrender of self; the common ownership of land and capital; the common use of all knowledge; the common control of all labor by means of chosen managers; the equal distribution of the common product; this is the Christian organization of industry. There are no obstacles in the way of such an organization but moral ignorance. But that ignorance is well-nigh universal, and the great majority of those whose faces are toward the light as yet see no duty of the individual to society with no clearness of outline. They are feeling after God in this matter of the Christian organization of life.

The church standard or conception of Christ, of the Christian, of society is untrue, unjust, sinful; but the power of an almost universal belief, though a corrupted belief, generally staggers the conscience and will of the individual who feels compelled to set his own more enlightened conceptions over against the revered teachers, creeds and hoary institutions of established religion. But all we need is plain preaching and teaching to make the Christian organization of industry easy and its growth constant till it shall take possession of the whole earth with all its forces, and redeem humanity from the curse of selfishness.

*BROOK FARM MEMOIRS, by Dr. John Thomas Codman. Price \$2.00. Arena Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

MONEY should be nothing more nor less than labor checks and secured promises. The man who can labor would then be able to coin his own labor power, and the man in possession of labor products or property having commercial value could borrow credit money on his ample security.

Progress depends on organization. Organization depends on Christ, whose Spirit is the unifying Spirit, the Spirit of the whole.

A FIRED PROFESSOR

Professor Bemis of the Chicago University has been dismissed from the chair of political economy. The professor is one of the new lights in "science" like Ely of Wisconsin. These people talk as though political economy was an exact science and find, on examination of it, that the present social and political structure is all wrong and that it must be incontinently upset and another erection put in its place without any further ceremony. They looked upon Debs as a savior of society and hailed him with approbation and have been in the dumps ever since the federal minions rescued the mails and interstate commerce from his clutches and started the machinery of the railroads again across the dead line in Chicago.

Wisconsin may stand that sort of thing in her university, but the people who endowed the University of Chicago are thinner skinned and will have none of that sort of political economy taught in that institution.—State Journal.

So far as we know Prof. Bemis has never expressed himself regarding the Pullman or A. R. U. strike. The hired railroad tool and penny a line malinger of the people's noble leaders and teachers has doubtless manufactured his dream of Prof. Bemis's thoughts. It was necessary to inject a red color and infuse what he did not know into his statement in order to stir up the prejudices of the Journal readers and give them a wrong impression of Prof. Bemis. Prof. Bemis is a disciple of Ely's. Ely was his instructor in political economy, and Prof. Ely takes rank with the great economists of the world. His books on economic subjects are probably more widely read and influential than the works of any other author. His new school ideas are very unpopular with the railroads and all owners of monopolies, and hence with the B. & M. Journal, but that makes them all the more popular with the people. Profs. Ely, Bemis and Commons and Dr. Herron and the friends of truth and righteousness who stand with them, believe in equity and speak against the power and greed of monopolists. As economists they teach that natural monopolies, such as railroads, telegraphs, street railways, water works, lighting plants, etc., should be owned and operated by the government. And their reasons are unanswerable. But of course the class who are growing richer and richer by the decreed prices of monopoly service are not willing to be disturbed or turned away from plundering the people. So they try to weaken and destroy the influence of these teachers of political economy and social science by defaming them, or instructing their paid liars to do it for them.

The University of Chicago is thin skinned and no wonder. Rockefeller who founded it, posing as a philanthropist and Christian, is guilty of all social crimes. His fortune contains more plunder than any other man ever secured. To secure it he and his accomplices have conspired with the railroads to rob and ruin rival refiners. He has hired men to blow up the refineries of his competitors, with great risk of life. He has with increasing plunder bought up courts, legislatures and councils. He has been guilty of bribery in hundreds of cases, of violent, anarchistic force in tearing up rival pipe lines, false swearing and subornation of witnesses to escape conviction from crime. He has bought up daily newspapers and disgraced decent journalism in an effort to carry his will through city councils and state courts, by the most outrageous lying and bulldozing. He is a universal robber of the people, and of course would not allow a brilliant, influential teacher like Prof. Bemis to stay in his university when he found he could not muzzle him.

Prof. Bemis was teaching that monopolies by absorbing the labor and resources of the people are subverting their liberties, and under cover of law reducing the masses to a condition or state of virtual slavery. He was also making a particular fight against the Chicago Gas Trust which the Standard Oil Company had secured a controlling interest in, and it could not be expected that Rockefeller would continue a man in his employ who was working against Rockefeller's interest, in the interest of the people.

Our readers will remember that a few weeks ago we stated that the plutocrats are dictating that nothing shall be taught in the colleges and universities which they do not like, and this "firing" of Prof. Bemis is seen to be in support of our statement. We have reached that stage of development in wealth concentration and the rule of an irresponsible plutocracy when the truth is carefully and rigidly excluded from our educational institutions; and with the daily press already owned by the rich, ruling class the plan seems to be working well, to keep the people divided, their leaders persecuted, impoverished and even imprisoned, and the masses blind to their own rights and interests. The Journal concludes its article with the following paragraph, a fair sample of the slime that it and its class of hiring sheets are vomiting forth:

The only harm that can come from the employment of such men as professors in great universities is the authority apparently lent them when they go out upon the byways and fill the ears of the ignorant, the shiftless, the discontented and the vicious with their ranting against the "rich" and their aspersions that the "poor" have no show in this world because they are robbed by those who are more energetic and economical and possibly more intelligent than themselves.

The poor are "ignorant, shiftless and discontented," are they? The rich are "energetic," "economical" and "intelli-

gent?" There is no injustice, O no! It is only the vicious who criticize or listen to criticisms of the rich! The learned economists who take the chances of being fired from their professional chairs through loyalty to truth, are pseudo scientists, are they? And the men who teach that our laws are just, that the majority now landless and homeless have equal opportunities with the landlords, capitalists and money lenders, and that supply and demand, unaffected by monopolies, regulate all prices, wages, interest, rent and profits, according to natural law, which is absolutely just to all,—the men who so teach, are the real economists, scientists, true teachers, are they?

But there is a power rising which will sweep away the "refuges of lies."

Justice comes—injustice knowing
 Hatred of its power is growing;
 Justice tarrying, long related,
 Bites as the floods, white crested.

ADDRESSED TO GROVER

We have received from J. J. Walters of Silver Creek, Nebraska, copy of a petition containing the following preamble and demand:

To Grover Cleveland, President United States, Washington, D. C.

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States expressly provides that the accused (except in cases of imprisonment) shall have the right of trial by jury. And Whereas; Eugene V. Debs and his associates were denied the right of trial by jury, therefore, we the undersigned citizens, demand that you immediately pardon the said Eugene V. Debs and his associates.

Then follow the names of ninety-nine citizens, all but sixteen citizens of Prairie Creek township, Nance county, Nebraska. The resolutions were drawn by the Prairie Creek Coxe Non-Interest Bond Club.

NOTE THE DIFFERENCE

The Populists of Lancaster county have placed a ticket in the field which commands the respect and confidence of the people. They did it by open, honest, fair majority action. Money had nothing to do with it. It was not a scramble for the spoils of office, the longest purses and the strongest political pulls securing nominations.

Note the difference between the action of the Populists and Republicans. The g. o. p. primaries gave evidence of shameful degradation on the part of the politicians and voters. The office seekers hired all the livery rigs in town, placarded them, and hauled three quarters of the voters to the primaries as so many branded cattle. It was largely a matter of money in hiring carriages to get out voters so as to control ward delegations to the convention; but money being the power that purchased victory, it cannot be doubted that it was freely used in the saloons and placed directly where it would secure needed votes. Then the primary delegations were not named by the people, by a majority of the primary voters, but by the men who were running for office, and the delegations so named were in each case given completely into the hands of such office seekers, to be by him traded, sold to candidates for other places on the ticket, it matters not how corrupt such other candidates might be. From beginning to end it was a matter of money, which bought delegations by trading and combining the characterless voting machines so secured, obtained—that is, the man with most money and shrewdness in trade obtained—the nominations. The Republican primaries were held on Friday and all day Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday, the Sabbath, the trading and combining was going on The Journal and the News report all this, and never think of condemning it. And the people have become so used to this sort of politics that they do not mind it much. But it is a bad state of things. Men who spend money to get nominations and elections are sure to much more than get their money back out of the people's treasury if elected, and they are not a safe sort to trust. The party that sinks so low as to shamelessly do what the Republican party here does, ought to be defeated, killed and buried by a gathering together of the honest citizens in support of a people's ticket.

What the old party is seen to be here, it is everywhere—a money-ruled, spoils-hunting, conscienceless machine. Are not the people ready to support the party of the people?

HITHERTO the intensity of the world's suffering has been relieved by the migration remedy. When civilization, so-called could no longer be endured, the people have pushed out into the surrounding wilderness, or have crossed the ocean and occupied the savage wastes of new continents. From the crowded European centers and from the densely populated and outworn Atlantic states streams of workers have kept moving westward hitherto. Now, with all lands seized, the race is receding upon itself, upon its centers of population, and the social problem of the ages presses, intensifies, and a con must culminate. Not by cunning, not by selfish intellectual and legal force, not by class organization and conflict, not by military power and law, not by the kind of preaching now commonly heard in the churches can we be saved from impending national strain and crash and ruin. We must have justice preached with prophetic clearness and sacrificing faithfulness.

JUDGE JACKSON of the U. S. Supreme court died last week, and Cleveland will now take care to name another goldbug,

anti-income tax, corporation attorney to the supreme bench vacancy. Bear in mind that this government is a rich man's government and country. A majority of the people are renters and wage slaves. Thirty per cent of the rest are under mortgage and a large fraction of the balance pay interest on personal notes and chattel mortgages, and all taxpayers whose property is only what they themselves use pay (in taxes) interest on municipal, county, state and national bonds, and dividends on railroad, coal and iron and other mining stock, trust shares, and interest on corporation bonds and stocks innumerable. This country, as we said before, belongs principally to landlords, money kings and corporations; and why should not they run the government?

This paper has had much to say against usury, or interest as it is now called. The failure of crops, partial or complete, in a large section of the state will drive a large number to see that we are right. The man who has a mortgage on your land or personal property has no moral right to confiscate your previous hard earnings, as he now has a legal right to do, your labor having been rendered ineffective through lack of rain. If he does this he is a robber in the sight of heaven. What reason can he give for taking away your labor product? Why should he have a harvest at your expense when he has not labored, while you are without a harvest after having plowed and sowed to produce, so far as human labor can produce? If he collects usury of you or in delaying piles up an interest obligation against you, he is a plunderer.

THERE is one law in the universe, the everlasting, unchanging, Infinite Will. The difference between heaven and hell is the difference between obeying and disobeying this law. Heaven begins where obedience begins, and ends where obedience ceases. Hell is located where disobedience begins, and it ends where disobedience ends. The will of God obeyed puts us in harmony with nature, and at perfect peace with one another. Yet God's law is driven out of the business world, and self-interest or selfishness is held by almost all men to be the supreme wisdom. Yes, hell is all about us, and it is created by the pursuit of property and pleasure. Each for himself is its idea and practice.

GRAND HARVEST PICNIC at Doléats grove near Shelby, Neb., Aug. 20. The speakers are Ex-Governor Waite of Colorado and Gen. J. S. Coxe of "good roads" fame. One dollar for the round trip from Lincoln. Special train leaves Lincoln at 9 a. m. It will be an immense affair and music vocal and instrumental will add charms to the occasion. The vocal music will be furnished by a double quartette and the songs will be from our Armageddon. A new edition is now on the press.

WHEN the people own and run the government they will be self-governed, fairly governed, and the weakest and poorest will be protected in their inalienable right to life and the free use of the natural resources on which life depends. A democratic government does not now exist among us. It is a plutocratic government. A democratic government can only exist where the people rule directly, instead of by representatives, so-called.

THE Turks and the Chinese are killing Christians. But why such a great outcry over it. Christians are killing ten thousand times as many Christians every year, and the churches sanction it. The rifle, sword and spear are more humane than the weapons of the every day, universal, each-for-himself competitive struggle, which the church allows and engages in.

THE Populists of Kentucky have an opportunity to reap a harvest from the political seed sowing of themselves and the free silver Democrats. They are bound to make a big showing. Any one who can afford to take a Kentucky paper should write for the Kentucky Populist, Paducah, Ky., Jo. A. Parker editor.

GEN. COXEY will reach Lincoln Monday night at 7:30 at the U. P. depot. A committee will meet him at the train and escort him to the Lindell hotel. He is on his way to Polk county to deliver an address at the Deleat Grove meeting.

THE Standard Oil Trust, whose head is Rockefeller, levies 6 cents a gallon on every gallon of kerosene used by 70,000,000 of people in this country. And it taxes the whole world besides. What do you think of it?

GET together. "In union is strength." Yes, but who? When the wolves and the sheep get together it is hard on the sheep.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

The Omaha platform is the embodiment of Christian patriotism.—Albion Calliope.

There is talk of running Judge Maxwell on the Populist ticket for supreme judge. He would win sure.—Clipper-Citizen.

Gage county Populists instructed their delegation to the state convention for Maxwell. Let Pawnee follow suit.—Pawnee Independent.

We feel sorry for the poor devil who is afraid of the socialism of the Omaha platform, and despise the rich "ceus" who calls it anarchism.—Morgan's Buzz Saw.