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"If any man must fall 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 woe 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 hand to make it whole? My bosom owns the brotherhood of man."

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The selfish have had too much liberty in this country for the weak to have justice.

The face of Justice is terrible to the oppressors, but beautiful to the oppressed.

The cry of the wronged goes up continually and has entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

The New York Herald is lending the forces to name Cleveland for the third term. It has come editorially strongly supporting him.

"EVERY citizen is now at the mercy of prejudiced or malicious federal judges who may think proper to imprison him," says Judge Trumbull.

The Populists of Kansas have elected 21 more officials this year than they did in '93. The Republicans elected 55 county commissioners, the Populists 47 and the Democrats 2.

The competitive system has given birth to a brood of monopolists which are eating it up and gathering all power into their hands, the power to tyrannize over and enslave all men.

ANOTHER politician, Sam C. Hyde, M. C., from Spokane wants to fight England. If the people only had sense enough to fight their real enemies, the politicians, war would amount to something.

The Colorado Populists elected 21 sheriffs, the Republicans 11, fusionists 2, Independents 1, and silver 1. The Populists got 19 clerks, Republicans 24, Democrats 5, fusionists 3, silver 2 and Independents 1.

The "Chicago bankers overwhelmingly declare that the Cleveland-Carlisle financial policy (to retire the greenbacks) is the only course the government can wisely pursue." Yes, and so say the Shylocks all. But wait for the people's voice. Wait till you hear from the debtor and borrowing class.

USURY will destroy independence and establish slavery under any and every form of government. What is slavery? It is rent, interest and dividends. Usury is putting a statutory fence around the gifts of God and government, and compelling the people to pay tribute to monopolists or starve.

JUSTICE BREWER of the U. S. circuit court has re-affirmed the decision of the lower court sentencing Clinie and three others of the California A. R. U. strikers to eighteen months imprisonment for obstructing the mails. The case is a travesty on justice, but it is the inevitable law of the present system. The rights of property must be exalted and the rights of man swept away.

The railroads are now by their last week's traffic combination practically one road, no competition, no difficulty in the way of placing rates for passengers and freight at all the traffic will bear. The railroad kings can now go to Europe, Asia or Africa, and their income will roll in in fixed, certain amount from the hands of the enslaved toilers.

THE RAILROAD QUESTION

New York, Nov. 19.—The presidents of the trunk lines and their western connections today completed the organization of the joint traffic association. President George B. Roberts of the Pennsylvania road was chairman of the meeting, which was held in the rooms of the trunk line association. The agreement which was unanimously adopted, reads as follows:

To aid in fulfilling the purpose of the interstate commerce act, to co-operate with each other and adjacent transportation associations, to establish and maintain reasonable and just rates, fares, rules and regulations on state and interstate traffic, to prevent unjust discrimination and to secure the reduction and concentration of agencies and the introduction of economies in the conduct of the freight and passenger service, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company; the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad company, Central Railroad company of New Jersey, Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad company, Chicago & Erie Railroad company, Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad company, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad company, D. L. & W. Railroad company, Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad company, Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad company, Grand Trunk Railway company of Canada, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad company, Lehigh Valley Railroad company, Michigan Central Railroad company, New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company, New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad company, New York, Ontario & Western Railroad company, Northern Central Railroad company, Pennsylvania Railroad company, Pennsylvania company, Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company, Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad company, Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad company, Pittsburg & Western Railroad company, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad company, Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad company, Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad company, West Shore Railroad company do hereby constitute the joint traffic association (hereinafter called the association) and make this agreement for the purpose of carrying out the objects above named. Other companies may become members of the association.

Following the above the Associated Press gives the articles of agreement and provisions for a board of managers to carry out the agreements and for the appointment of commissioners to settle questions that may arise. The association "shall have jurisdiction over all competitive traffic (coal, coke, iron ore, mill cinder, limestone and petroleum, crude or refined, are excepted. Also traffic destined to or coming from Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, south of the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad), which pass to or from the western termini of the trunk lines," thus giving absolute control at nearly all the gateways of passenger or freight traffic in the nation. The exceptions above noted are made necessary by the cheap rates of Atlantic coast ocean traffic which cannot be controlled, and the articles, petroleum, coal, coke, etc., are excepted because of the power of those who monopolize those products. They are not excepted for the people's sake, but for the great multi-millionaires' sake who alone are enriched by special rates for their monopolized goods.

The agreements of this gigantic railroad association have been entered into for a period of five years.

We have no special condemnation for this sort of selfish socialism to overthrow competition and establish a commercial monarchy in America. If self seeking is what the people like and believe in, then let it be carried by selfish organization to the full length and limit of shrewd ingenuity; but "if ye bite and devour one another, take heed lest ye be consumed one of another." It is not possible for the principle of selfishness to balance individual forces and so regulate itself as to preserve liberty. If the accepted rule of self-centered individualism, by which business and politics are conducted, is wise, some must rise and others sink, the rich must increase in power, and the poor, increased in numbers by the reduction of the middle class, must be content with the bare necessities of life and a state of entire dependence. If the selfish struggle is to be considered necessary, some will be commercial kings and others industrial slaves, and it does not matter to the mass which of the selfish are elevated.

For all this there is no remedy but God's law, and almost everybody deems that law visionary, impractical, ahead of the times, dangerous socialism, and not in accord with human nature. So the mills of God grind on.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22, 1895.—To the President—Sir: I make complaint to you and through you to your interstate commerce commission against the trust and pooling agreement, now nearly finished, of the eight American railroad trunk lines and one Canadian line controlling the traffic between New York city and Chicago. The agreement provides that every railroad in the combination shall make and maintain the transportation rates prescribed by a board of managers representing all the roads. This is a conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce under the act of July 2, 1890. The agreement also makes certain that all competition shall be abolished as above required by imposing heavy fines upon any offending roads, which fines are to be applied for the benefit of the other roads. This is a division of earnings contrary to section 5 of the interstate commerce law.

This trust and pooling agreement can be annihilated as provided by explicit existing laws of the United States—(1) by injunction from the courts, (2) by an order of the interstate commerce commission, or (3) by an indictment of the individuals signing the same. It can also easily be stopped by a vigorous appeal from you to Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, whose power over the nine governors of the nine trunk lines is absolute,

as it was over the bond syndicate. It cannot be possible that you intend to take upon yourself and your administration the responsibility of fastening upon your burdened and helpless people the biggest trust the world ever saw or that was ever conceived of when an earnest word from you to your fresh attorney-general, your ambitious chairman of your commission, or your omnipotent banker friend will paralyze the iniquity in its inception. Very respectfully, W. E. CHANDLER.

BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT?

Once a year the government has fallen into the habit of calling on all the people to be thankful, and it is well for us to consider what are the reasons we have for gratitude. "We" is a term that covers very diverse circumstances and states. It includes the sick and the well, the rich and the poor, the overworked who are starving upon their wages, and those who work not at all whose tribute from the toil of others is constantly accumulating.

Are we to be thankful for low wages or no wages, we who receive them, as well as they whom they benefit? Are we all to be thankful that the rich are rich, and that the poor are poor, because, as many say, that is the plan of Providence? Should the prayer of the rich man be after this manner:

Lord, I thank thee that I am not as other men, obliged to work, poorly rewarded, with a family in want. In thy inscrutable wisdom Thou gavest me (or my ancestors) the power to take advantage of a neighbor's need and place myself above him. As a result, not to one alone, now, but to many, I dictate terms; and my income, called rent, interest and dividends, is sure. I thank thee that without labor, without expending my vital forces, without reducing my capital, I can, by commanding the labor of others, load my table with choice, nutritious, well-cooked food, that in the same way I can dress my family in costly and fashionable attire, and shelter them in a modern mansion.

These things are all of Thy good pleasure mine, because Thou gavest me power to rule over others and didst ordain that they should serve me. Therefore we worship Thee and give Thee praise; we thank Thee for bestowing on us power and dominion and tribute, world without end, amen.

And should the poor man pray after this form?

Lord, my crop failed; but I thank Thee that the growth of the mortgage remains to comfort me. The job of work by which I was able to buy bread, rough clothes, pay rent, and get half enough fuel, leaving us nothing to feed our minds and gratify our love of the beautiful, has failed me; but it was needed to test our faith and make us meek, so that we could inherit heaven. It was a needed disappointment, too, because it shows us how grateful we ought to be to the rich for giving us employment. "This world is not our home," Lord—that is evident. But we thank Thee that mansions are for all in heaven, and that there is no cold, nor hunger nor crowded tenement air, nor rent to pay when we get there. We also rejoice, through our tears, that thou hast taken our little ones (who succumbed to bad air and exposure) from the evils to come.

In answering these prayers we imagine God saying to the first, "Thou hypocrite and blasphemer," and to the second, "Thou fool." God does not wish us to be thankful for evil man causes, nor for wealth that oppression extorts. He has made infinite resources and bestowed them, not upon a favored few, but upon all. He is not the author of evils. And He has made it necessary for us to oppose evil and turn from it in order to escape it. He has given us moral sense to use and power to be obedient to it.

LIBERTY IS AGAIN LOST

For what was the war of the revolution fought?

The English government wanted to tax the colonies. The stamp act, the tax on tea and other articles of use was deemed sufficient encroachment upon the rights of the people to what they produced, to justify rebellion and a seven years bloody war. Upon the battlefields of Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, Trenton, the Heights of Abraham, Monmouth, Teconderoga, Valley Forge, and Yorktown the lives of many thousands were poured out for liberty to labor and preserve to the producers their own, their entire product. But, standing beside the monuments erected on those sacred battlefields, and looking over this great land by fallen heroes won and dedicated to freedom, we must acknowledge that they seem now to have died in vain. This is not the land of the free, and where are the brave, the freedom loving and sacrificing, the sons of those who died to make us free?

What were the taxes that George III sought to levy on our forefathers, compared with the millions and billions now taken from American toilers by English and American monopolists, who allow us no voice in what use shall be made of the tribute we pay them?

"SOCIALISM" that is not Christian is not socialism. "Christianity" that is not socialism is not Christianity. Christianity is diametrically opposed to individualism, the each-for-himself struggle of the six-days-in-the-week business world. Socialism is just the opposite of selfism. Christianity or socialism is the longed for and real salvation for which, when saying, "Thy kingdom come," we pray; it is also that good which the selfish most hate, dread, malign and inveigh against. Socialism or Christianity cannot use force, for force is alien to it. Its nature is love. He who would by arms or majority statutes force men to be unselfish, or act as if they were, has not in him the nature of Christ; or the spirit of socialism. He who is not unselfish in his motives does not know Christ, or his socialism, the love of all.

SOCIALISM THE GREAT DANGER

Yes, that's right. It is overrunning the land. It is absorbing all our liberties. It is spreading slavery everywhere. It is the great corrupting power in political and private life. It is a growing, terrible evil, that is leading us straight on to blood-red anarchy, devastation, and the complete overthrow of the slowly built civilization of the centuries.

It is selfish socialism we are speaking of, the socialism of the bodies known as corporations. They take it for granted that they may look out for their own interests, as individuals do, that it is well to help one another by massing their means and power, and that what they can command for their services belongs to them. It is simply individual selfishness made irresistible by organization, and if selfishness is to be justified in the individual it must be lawful and right in corporations. Furthermore, if it is the right rule for business, it must be the right rule for politics, and why should the selfish denounce the selfish?

But there is a socialism which is unselfish. It is not what is labeled, but it is what ought to be known as, Christianity. It declares that the socialism of the corporations and give and take politics is a perverted good. It teaches the better way of love, the union of all interests, and that to serve is more delightful than to command or hire service. But, strange to say, this sort of socialism—the only kind we believe in—is very unpopular, or perhaps we should say, disbelieved in and little practiced. The worldly wisdom of selfishness is exalted by both the church and the world above it, as being the necessary rule of daily life, or business, and the false or pocket-book centered socialism of the grasping, insatiable corporations is rushing us on to ruin.

"AND THOU, TOO, BRUTUS!"

Fusion, with the true Populist, is dead everywhere. The first man who proposes it in the future in either the city, county or state, should be politically roasted alive.—T. H. Tibbles in Independent.

It is about time to serve notice on the so-called free silver democracy of Nebraska that the People's party is through monkeying. Hereafter we will go straight ahead and attend to our affairs. He who is not for us is against us. All enemies hereafter will be treated alike, whether they are intentional ones or not.—J. A. Edgerton, in Noncon.

Yes, "fusion with the true Populist is dead everywhere," and we are somewhat more certain about it because the above writers have at last taken open position against it. They are ready now to roast alive the first man—Bryan or Allen even—who proposes it anywhere, but, if we recollect distinctly, not long since they defended those who endorsed fusion and malignantly maligned the writer because he wanted to do a little roasting of fusionists then, and used his influence to keep the party distinct from Democracy and pure.

The course of THE WEALTH MAKERS in fearlessly condemning fusion is now justified by the teachings of its bitterest enemies, and we are content. Let the curtain fall.

RUNNING TO COVER

The case of State of Nebraska vs. John F. Hill comes on for trial before the Supreme Court on next Monday, December 2d. We notice for some reason unexplained that the majority of jurors selected are bankers. In view of the outwardly confident claim of the defendants that the State has no case, and that they have a legal defence, we are at a loss to understand why nearly, if not quite all, the defendants are putting their property out of their hands. An examination of the records of Lancaster and Douglas county shows that nearly all the defendants are running to cover, and trying to secrete their property. An examination of the deeds and mortgages in the Register of Deeds' office at Lincoln shows that nearly every defendant has either mortgaged or conveyed his property so as to place it out of reach of execution. In Omaha the sureties who signed Hill's bond have organized a corporation and have decided their real estate to that corporation, and have received shares of stock in the corporation to the amount and value of the real estate decided. They doubtless think that the shares of stock which they hold in this corporation can be more readily sold and transferred than if the property was simply decided to some friend outright.

It seems to us that the State ought to recover. That there is no question of facts that are to be submitted to the jury, and we trust that the court will rise to the dignity of the occasion and preemptorily instruct the jury to return a verdict for the state. The attorneys for the State are confident that these fraudulent transfers of property can be set aside, and the real estate of the defendants and property be subjected to the payment of any judgment recovered. It is expected that the case will last a week or ten days.

The thrifty press, conducted on "business principles," reports that "our petroleum supply is failing," and, as if it were a consequence, that "prices are steadily rising." The Standard Oil company which has a cinch on all "our" petroleum has only to report this, reduce the output, save labor expenses and at the same time raise the price. Pay the papers thousands for telling the yarn about failing oil, and roll up millions in raised prices and reduction of expenses. See?

"ANNOYING legal tenders." That is what the New York Tribune calls the greenbacks in its headlines reporting Carlisle's speech before the New York Chamber of Commerce banquet held at Delmonico's Nov. 10th. And it pictures the bay window company in swallow-tails, with Carlisle speaking, and the long tables loaded with wine glasses. That is the crowd that wishes to destroy the people's money which patriots were paid for being shot at and which saved the country! Yes, paper legal tenders of government make are very annoying to the money kings, who would lift their thrones above the stars of heaven, above the rights of God.

The Supreme Court last week handed down a decision which makes G. W. Berge county judge of Lancaster county. Lansing has been illegally holding the office nearly two years. Mr. Berge was elected by the Populists a year ago and Lansing has refused to give up the office to him. The court now settles it and Mr. Berge is entitled to the pay and position from which he has been defrauded. Judge Berge is a man the Populist party has reason to be proud of and all will rejoice that justice too long delayed has granted him the honor conferred upon him by the people.

GEN. ALGER denies Senator Sherman's imputation that he bought up Southern votes in the Republican national convention of 1888. Of course he would deny it. But it cannot be questioned that old party conventions are the greatest market places in the world. There is more value in the interests there bartered and bargained for than ever change hands in the greatest excitements in the stock exchanges of Chicago, New York or London. The great political parties are run by the professional politicians, by men who make politics their business and are in it for money, for selfish considerations.

EUGENE V. DEBS is the first man let out of jail who has been met by a trainload of people who came to do him honor. He was lifted to their shoulders and carried amid shouts of praise and welcome to the city from which he was taken as a prisoner and a judicially condemned man. He is the hero of the hour. Prisoners could not seal his lips. Bolts and bars could not confine the spirit of liberty which inspired him.

Did you ever stop to inquire why the law should give debt the power to increase itself? All debt is increasing debt, not naturally, but by law. Debt by statutory power steadily eats into the equity of the debtor, and without requiring labor on the part of the creditor increases his property and power. Debt is thus given the power to rob the poor for the benefit of the rich.

WOULDN'T it be a surprise to the Bryan-Bland silver issue men to have greenbacks made the first question. That seems to be the inevitable thing though. "The greenbacks must go" is what the bankers say, and what they say has been in the habit of going. Cleveland and Carlisle are repeating their refrain, and the Republicans will not dare to say no to it.

PRESIDENT DEBS, just out of jail, is honored as a vicarious sufferer for the people, and Judge Woods who imprisoned him is despised as a contemptible monster of tyranny. A tyrant with the title of judge, an autocrat who, in this land, makes himself lawgiver, judge and jury, is the tyrant whom the people will most bitterly execrate.

THE bankers say, "The greenbacks must go, or we will draw gold from the treasury and force you to issue more bonds." The president in his message will doubtless urge the substitution of bonds for the people's money, and the Republican party will be forced to show its hand. It must offend the bankers or the people.

"FUSION, with the true Populist," has always been dead, gentlemen. It has been the office seekers and spoils hunters who have kept it alive.

Notice of Proposed Co-operation

It is proposed to establish a co-operative association to develop certain coal, iron, and lime deposits, together with other natural resources, and establish by actual practical effort, to as large a degree as possible, the reforms now being sought through political agitation.

The promoters are business men who intend to make a determined stand against certain lines of monopoly, and clear the way for similar undertakings sure to follow.

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Before the law was written down with parchment or with pen; Before the law made citizens, the moral law made men. Law stands for human rights, but when it fails those rights to give, Then let law die, my brother, but let human beings live. Rev. Miller Hagemau.

L. P. Davis, Dentist over Rock Island ticket office, cor. 11th and O streets. Bridge and Crown Work a specialty.

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1895-96.

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WORK, NOT ALMS.

What! Charity! No, thank you sir I haven't come to that! I'm poor—in want—but I'm not here A-holding out my hat. I've two arms, a willing strength—I'm not the man to shirk. I don't ask alms sir, All I want Is just a chance to work. I'm not a beggar, sir, thank God! I only ask my right— A chance to earn what me and mine Require, and in the sight Of fellowmen to be a man. And hold his head up straight, Whose child, your child, sir, could not scorn As an associate. My wife and child need food and warmth— And I can give them all They need, with work—and help as well. At my neighbor's call. But idle hands are helpless, sir. And so I ask of you A chance to show what mine are worth, Some honest work to do. I'm only one of the thousands—and We are not beggars, sir! We're just as willing now to work As second men ever were. Don't treat us, sir, like mendicants Whom you would fain avoid. Not give us, for God's sake, if you can, Work for the unemployed. Harper's Weekly.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

There is Quite a Difference Between the Ancient and Modern Brigands. "How dear to our hearts are the old-fashioned robbers, where fond recollection presents them to view; the Duvals, Jack Sheppards, the James and others, and all the rough set that our infancy knew; they held up stage coaches and wrecked railways often, they murdered their men and they stole all their stuff, but they'd find that to-day they no longer were "in it," compared with the modern, all round, thorough tough. For your modern brigand no longer is willing to rob two or three as the week slips away. He robs all the time and he robs all the people; he waits not for night, but robs on all the day. To-day 'tis franchise, to-morrow some paving; the next water rates, and some busted up banks, and all of the time he is lying and stealing in a way that Duval and the "Youngers" outranks. He is no way particular as to his thieving; he takes anything that may come in his way; if he can't get it now he is perfectly willing to call for it later or drop in and stay. He can steal an election without any trouble; he can pack a convention and not cause delay; he raises the dead before resurrection, and votes men who're living in far-off Cathay. But the strangest thing concerning these felons, and 'tis stranger than fiction would ever dare be, is the fact that their wickedness never is punished; in fact they all flourish like old green bay trees. The voters swear deeply and use awful language, but year after year go and vote for the ring; and they've no one to curse when they find themselves swindled, they themselves are to blame, and in this lies the sting. The old-fashioned robber, the Claude Duval robber, would cover his head with the sackcloth of shame; though he had cards and spades the latter-day boddler would beat him to death the first round of the game.—Rocky Mountain News. —For every man who gets something for nothing, some other man gets nothing for something.