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"If any man must fall for me to rise, Then seek I not to climb. Another's pai 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 wo Sufficient, wrought by man's satanic foe: And who that bath 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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Can any good thing come out of poli-

"THE laws of business are irreconcilable with the laws of God," says "The Star and Kansan." So say we.

It is easier for Congress to sympathize with the Armenians and fight the battles of Venezuela than to right the wrongs of our own oppressed citizens.

CHARITY balls are fashionable now. The rich do not mind enjoying themselves, displaying their royal robes, jewels and physical charms, to provide a few crumbs for the starving.

"WE have loved, we do love, we shall love." Love is the only power, the only wisdom. The life of love is the spirit of sacrifice, and as it is poured out it increases, to all eternity.

"On! Its coming we are near it, Its laint rumbling, don't you! 'Tis the Armageddon war, 'Tis the great and final war."

"THE earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." For their appearance "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth together in pain."

THE Chicago Tribune of Dec. 14, has a striking cartoon of "The Latest Octopus -the Bicycle Trust." It is an immense affair and is absorbing the people's hard earned wealth by millions and millions.

Ir freedom for the Cubans is a good thing why would it not be a good thing for the workers of America, who are being ground beneath the iron heel of commercial kings, monopolists, unfeeling des-

THE master in chancery, Judge J. B. Johnson, of Topeka, was paid \$25,000 for five minutes work, in selling the Santa Fe last week. He doubtless thought it a fat, fine thing; but how about the people whose labor must produce it, or has produced it?

HON. J. B. RAYNOR of Texas says there will be five parties in the field in that state next year, viz; Lily White Republicans, Cuney Republicans, renegade or silver Democrats, Democrats pure and simple and the People's party. The Cuney Republicans are 95 per cent negroes and 5 per cent white.

Is it true that-

Men must worry, and women must weep, And hunger must hound, and the cold mus

While usury gathers a limitless heap And labor is lost in slavery? These all stand and fall together-If land is sold forever to keep,

Then labor must beg to be purchased cheap, And men must struggle and women must weep And all must be ffiled with anxiety.

CONGRESSMAN WALKER Of Mass., has introduced a bill for the retirement of the greenbacks and the substitution of national bank nates. He is a Republican, and, in case he is made chairman of the House committee on Currency and Banking, this measure will go through, because it will have both Republican and Democratic support and Grover will sign and make it a law.

CHARLES KINGSLEY said: "I assert that the business for which God sends a priest is to preach freedom, equality, brotherhood, in the fullest, widest, deepest meaning of those great words. That insolar as he does this he is a true priest. That insolar as he does not he is no priest at to give than to receive." all. The church has three special treasures and possessions. The Bible, which proclaims man's freedom, Baptism his serve. To get more than you give in ex-

#### POPULIST FINANCIAL DOOTBINE

The strong Populist writer, George C. Ward of Kansas City, has prepared a financial plank which he would have the party adopt, and which is the best, all things considered that we have seen pro-

He declares the vital features of a monetary system to be "issue and distribution, which carry with them and include range of prices and rates of interest. He therefore calls for the free coinage of silver and a supplemental issue of full legal tender absolute paper money, sufficient in volume; to be issued direct to the people in payment of current appropriations and in the prosecution of a comprehensive system of public improvements. And that it may be justly and equitably distributed he demands "the establishment of a governmental system of banks of deposit, loan and discount, which shall furnish a place of safe deposit for the savings of the people, and loan such deposits upon good bankable security, at a low rate of interest."

Mr. Ward proposes also that the silver bullion shall be coined to retire the treasury notes issued in payment therefor, and that the greenbacks shall be called in, cancelled and destroyed, and full legal tender inconvertible paper money issued in their stead.

This plan would provide us a currency which could not be profitably or through fear hoarded out of circulation. It would furnish money either at labor cost of loaning, or would turn any excess of interest revenue into the U.S. treasury and reduce other forms of taxation. So we would have no periodic stoppage or stagnation of money circulation which the streams of interest to the money loaning class under private banking, now

The bank failures in Lincoln this week should impress all hard-headed men of sense with the unavoidable risks of private banking and the great need of government loan and savings banks. We cannot have government banks of deposit without loaning the funds deposited, to somebody, and these funds of the people should be loaned upon good bankable security to the people.

Personally we prefer the Omaha platform demand, that money be loaned to the people at "not to exceed two percent"-which means at cost, Then all debts will be shorn of their power to legally increase and eat up the equities, the previously earned property, of debtors. The periodic fall in prices is caused by three principal things, injustices, viz., rent, dividends and interest. By reducing the interest stream to nothing, through government loans at cost, nearly a third of the channel which drains off the circulating medium and concentrates wealth would be stopped. This would leave it possible for money loaners to invest in capital and real estate and would increase the power to demand tribute through these channels. But these also may and must be filled up by other antimonopoly legislation.

## WILLIAM A. M'KEIGHAN

The sudden, unexpected death of Ex-Representative McKeighan, after a brief illness, occurred on Sunday last, at the Hastings asylum, where he was visiting his daughter.

Mr. McKeighan was a man of very marked talent as a public speaker. Though not a great orator, he had power over his audiences that few men possess. He knew how to present his matter in the most effective way, with consummate skill. If he had given the full strength of his mind to the study and practice of law he would have reached a very high place in his profession. His mind was acute, discriminating, powerful, and his memory stored with plenty of material to work with. In the halls of Congress he made several notable speeches, which were a credit to him and to the party he represented. Twice he was elected, and the third time he might have represented his district, had the strength of the Republican tidal wave been foreseen and a little more effort put forth during the campaign. On the stump Mr. McKeighan never met his equal. Prof. Andrews, though a speaker of talent, was greatly his inferior. In private meetings others were his superiors, in personal attractiveness and geniality, but he could sway the multitude by his manifest sincerity, facts, logic, art as a speaker and perfect mastery of his subjects.

## "THY KINGDOM COME." WHEN?

Do people mean anything, do they have in mind anything definite, do they know what they want when they pray, "Thy kingdom come?" Is the church the kingdom, and is the kingdom coming, or already come by and in the church?

The church in daily life rejects the law of the kingdom, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," "Love one another as I have loved you;" therefore, while supposed to be "the light of the world," if has become its darkness, an obstruction to its progress, its misleading danger "Thy will be done on earth as it is done

in heaven," we say.

How is it done in heaven? Of the angels it is written, "Are they not all ministering spirits." And Jesus said of himself, "The son of man come not to be ministered unto, but to minister." He said also, "It is more blessed

In the kingdom of this world it is considered more blessed to gain than to

piece of property or the labor time of another for less than he can, without labor of his own, sell it, and he is happy. He gets more for less, something for nothing, his joy costing others loss and misery, and rejoices thereat. But in God's kingdom it cannot be so. Can we conceive of a board of trade in God's kingdom where men go crazy over a rise or fall in stocks, or the price of breadstuffs, and fight for an opportunity to gain (other people's labor) without labor? In God's kingdom there can be no lords and masters (landlords, and capitalists, or usurers). They do not seek their own. They would not price their services and selfishly compare service with service. They serve for love, and the greater their individual power of service the greater their joy in freely pouring themselves out. In God's kingdom there can be no division of interests, no private property, no buying and selling. Salvation is free, and salvation includes everything. When we recognize the law to love one another as Christ loved, we make ourselves servers or saviors one of another and allow none to lack anything. We are added together and become one body. We have common wants that must be supplied by common or mutual labor, and we see that labor is love's expression. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself means 'Thou shalt labor for thy neighbor as for thyself.'

There is no division in God's universe and kingdom. He made theearth for all. His love reaches us through the earth. Whoever therefore asks rent for the earth asks rent for God, and sells Him for a price. The same is true of those who monopolize and sell any part of what God provides, viz., the land, the air, the sunlight, the forces of steam and electricity, the common stores of coal and oil and iron and other minerals, the inspirations of invention, the labor economies of capital, of machinery, of applied economic wisdom, and the rarer individual endowments.

The principle of Christianity is sacrifice, service, ministration, industrial organization. The problem of Christianity is that organization and application of all individual gifts, mental and physical endowments, which will in joint labor with God (natural energies) produce for the equal benefit of all the greatest sum of good things, blessings, enjoyments. Christianity is labor, and labor is love's revelation, love human and divine. Free labor shares with God the joy of creation, discovers God's heart in natural wealth production, and is the natural means by which God conveys (or would convey) himself through each of us to others, through all to each. That which is not Christianity is anarchy, and leads to its own destruction.

IT SEEMS to some, who have not sufficiently considered the matter, that th one only practical place to love our neighbors and seek their equality with us is at the ballot box, where it will cost us nothing, and that we are justified in continuing the selfish practices of the market place, private property seeking, until we can get a majority to declare for socialism-piecemeal or entire-and establish it by force of law.

This is an inconsistent, unjustifiable, untenable mental position, and an impossible process. It is preaching without practicing, which means preaching ineffectually. It is cultivating and continuing in apparent selfishness 364 days in the year, with an idea that unselfishness will suddenly abound-some year in the future-on the 365th day. It is an unnatural, impossible outcome of enthroning, honoring, practicing and so practically upholding, selfishness in daily lifepolitical daily life as well-and condemning it with the mouth only. It is an effort to save the masses suddenly without first saving the individuals. It would use a decree of force to save, and not be a voluntary organization made up of homogeneous assimilated individual parts that are bound together by the recognized moral law, of love.

There is nothing to hinder Christians, real brothers, or socialists, co-operating, obeying the law of love, massing their means and organizing their labor to help each other, and secure for each and all who will join them the benefits of the greatest possible service. The moral law makes it obligatory upon us all to "by love serve one another." We can reject this law, while waiting for the majority or for others to adopt it, but the penalty we cannot reject or escape from. Every day and year that we remain a part of the present commercial system, and struggle for gain, we suffer needless loss, -the loss of love, if not of wealth. We cannot remain in the present commercial system and rescue others from it. We are not rescuing the oppressed at the ballot box, but, such is the power of selfishness, shrewdness and money in politics, we are seeing oppression increase by legislation, by the ballot. The ballot is thus used against us and may not save us. If we can now secure natural resources to go to work with without paying rent therefor we can by helping one another 'work out our own salvation.'

To the man who thinks the ballot the sole instrument and the state the machinery to secure industrial equality and cooperation, I wish to present a few farther considerations which to my mind show the moral inadequacy, and unnaturalness of that method. If it were not true that selfishness universally cultivated, practiced and nourished all the time, would never allow social love

r.ch and selfishly strong and smart, in the impossible event of being placed in power what would the advocates of state socialism do?

They would nationalize one business monopoly, do away with its oppression,

set all men free. Free to do what? compete? struggle for gain one of another? Yes, it would be each for himself still, with only a new beginning. And those laboring in the nationalized industries would be graded, some high, some low. Some would be paid perhaps \$50,000 a year, and the majority could command say \$500, or less. And these salary and wage gradations, making labor honorable or a degradation according to pay, would give us classes and masses, the rich and the poor; the rich, too, would doubtless find ways of increasing their power by taking advantage of the poor and unfortunate. Now, how could such a system of force, formed in its idea of labor value largely on the conception of justice established in the present system, furnish anything but force decisions, adjustments, rewards, and ultimate in conditions like what we now have? If we reject the moral law of equal-equalizing-love, the law that binds each and every individual to obey, regardless of what the majority may do, there is nothing but a conflict of selfish force, mental or physical, to settle what each shall do and have.

Thus much for those to consider who think selfishness justifiable and wise.

But let me now have the ear of the dis ciples of Christ. Jesus did not expect to establish his kingdom by might. He did not instruct his disciples to wait for the king to command it or for the majority to accept his will. The command was given to "Repent." Go preach repentance, of all selfishness—at once, today. Quit the practices of the selfish commercial world. Abhor its wisdom. Seek opportunities to serve, instead of to gain service. Count it more blessed to give labor than to receive it. "Love one another as I have loved you."

But may not the disciple of Christ consecrate all his property and keep it, too, just as is the established custom? Can he not practice worldly wisdom six days and heavenly wisdom on Sunday? Can he not grasp money in the every day selfish conflict and love to give it all away to those in need?

No, this is impossible. And the people do not want charity, almsgiving. They want work, and love. They want to serve, as well as to be served. We need not each other's money, but the unpriced labor of brotherly love. The buying and selling must cease, the struggle for gain, and he who would be greatest must be the unhired, unpriced servant of all. There is waste in competitive strife and my in love. The law of love obeyed provides wisdom for all, places for all, abund ance for all, insurance for all against future need. Each for himself is anarchy. waste, want, woe, hell upon earth. Each for all and all for each, is perfect order, economy, overflowing abundance and blessedness, heaven for each.

In the meeting of the national Democratic central committee at Chicago, Mr. M. C. McDonald charged that within the last two years \$750,000 has been raised and no account whatever rendered as to its expenditure. The bulk of this money, he charged, had been used for the personal benefit of those having it in charge, and much of it devoted to trips to Europe and the erection of various expensive mansions in different parts of Chicago. The chairman oft he committee said to McDonald made the public charge, "I know you are right," "He is right," came from all parts of the hall. Respecting the contribution Mr. McDonald charged that it it had been obtained by blackmail, boycott, slander, and fraud. The Times-Herald itemizes the sources as follows: from assessments levied on city employes ranging from 10 to 33 per cent of their salaries, \$300,000; from assessments on massage parlors and assignation houses levied from month to month, \$100,000; from contributions made by the gamblers in October 1894 and March 1895. \$300,000; from prominent Democrats, candidates for office, \$50,000. Total, \$750,000. The idea that an old party campaign committee should be expected to account for the use made of funds used to carry elections is absurd. The money is used to buy votes, of course, and only dishonest men, traitors in heart, would buy votes, and such men of course stuff a good share of it down their own pockets, as no account could be published of vote buying.

GIVE us five more years of old party rule and where shall we land? Over the hill in the poor house, or the next place to it. Do you note the number of mortgages that are being foreclosed daily-as high as 150 in Lancaster county in three days, some one states. The people are pomace already. The wealth is being squeezed out of them in streams, as it used to flow out of the cheese in an old fashioned cider press. And the screws are kept turning, tighter and tighter. All the men, nearly, worth from one to \$50,-000 five years ago are being made poor by the awful pressure. A vast number are out of work and absorbing their small savings to meet current expenses Property is being taken under the sheriff's hammer for a fourth of its value a few years ago. Mortgages not foreclosed are fast eating up the equities of the helpless borrowers. And so it goes. But what a fine time for the millionaires to rake in

PROBABLY every man, except the idiotically conceited, is at times overwhelmed with a sense of his limitations. He feels that he lacks so much that his creation was a mistake. If he had been after another, we are told, and destroy given a little more talent, taste, clearness of perception, power of language, capacity to master laws, distinctions, forces, facts, he could be what he longs to be, he would not suffer under a constant sense of weakness. But this sense is good to stimulate us to labor persis tently to attain perfection, or to bring the eye, ear, hand and intellect to finer uses and fuller power. The best part of genius is labor, and work that is done perfectly is a grand, satisfying, divine thing; it matters not whether it be the cultivation of the soil, the care of stock, the cooking of food, the delivery of an oration, or the speaking of a kind word. Perfection should be our aim. Perfection in training the mind, the hand, in economizing strength and time. All perfection is within the grasp of all. Let no time be wasted. Let no haste waste energy. Be not vain, nor yet despondent. "Wisdom is justified of her children." "All things are yours." "Learn to labor and to wait."

> SENATOR THURSHON has introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate providing for the sale of the government's entire interest in and liens on the Pacific railroads, sale to take place next July, or as soon thereafter as a purchaser appears who bids not less than fifty percent of the amount due the United States. The attorney of the corporation thus reveals his opposition to a foreclosure by the government and the government ownership of a great main line in the interest of the people. Senator Thurston represents the great railroad corporations, and not the peo-

> THE new French succession taxes are a socialistic plan of taxation. Its tendency is to slightly check the accumulation of inherited fortunes. On estates of \$2,000 there is no inheritance tax. To direct heirs the tax is 1% per cent on estates above \$2,000, graduating up to four per cent on estates exceeding \$600,000 Inheritance between husband and wife and brothers and sisters pay a higher rate, the former paying from 3.75 to 9 percent, and the latter from 8% to 14 per cent. Inheritance to relatives beyond the fourth degree or to non-relatives pay from 14 to 20 per cent.

> How prosperity comes booming with the Republicans in power and confidence restored! Two banks busted and a run on the rest Monday. Nissley, the big merchant, foreclosed the same day. Another bank Tuesday suspending payment. Simpson selling out one bankrupt stock after another at way down prices and the bottom of every firm not ballasted with rocks in great strain and danger. Confidence is all the people want, don't you know, and now, don't you see, they are safe and prosperous.

THE daystar is arising in many hearts. The Spirit of truth is moving in many minds the wide world over and guiding the willing into all truth.

## THE MONEY POWER ARRAIGNED

The bankers and brokers by breed Are goldbugs and governed by greed; They haughtliv fasten and feed On the sweat and the blood of the workers; As shirkers they fasten and feed On the sweat and the blood of the workers.

They crawled thro' congressional halls When war thundered hard at the walls, And while we were facing the balls They enacted new laws for the shirkers-The workers, while stopping the balis, Were enslay'd by a scheme of the shirkers. They gathered the gold they could get,

Then, holding it, plung'd us in debt,

And prices of ev'rything set, By a law that controll'd legal tenders-They gathered our wealth and our debt While they sold us their gold legal tenders, By crippling the greenbacks we made, They injured our credit in trade

With ourselves, and our honor bewray'd; But it gave them a grasp on our money-The nation they foully betray'd When they gained the control of They bought up our bonds with our bills,

Sent in with an order that kills. The bills that were dragged to their tills,-And for these got new notes they could lend us-Got money and bonds for their bilis-And so national paper they lend us.

We pay for a credit our own. Our debts and our labor they loan: So gold has extended its throne, Till we owe it about thirty billions-With only scant millions its own It has dragged us in debt THIRTY BILLIONS,

Curse on you, ye usurers bold, Corrupted with blood is your gold; You're worse than Barabbas of old, With your scheme of oppression and plunder-You sweat, starve and kill with your gold And your legalized system of plunder.

You ride in your pride with the high, Unheld by the toilers who sigh; And weak one's competing must die, Trampled down by the classes who plunder You heed not the millions who cry, And you trample on all who are under. -George Howard Gibson.

Silver Democrats. If the silver democrats will agree to abide by the decision of the democratic convention of 1896, and can make it appear that they can make the masses of the democratic party do the same, how much money will the gold combination spend to control the convention? Answer: All the money that ten thousand banks and the army of mercenary politicisns can spend. Fifty millions would be cheap to perfect the title of the gold trust to the demoeratic party for another four years -Silver Knight

#### "LET LOOSE THE DOGS OF WAR"

President Cleveland's message to Congress Tuesday, on the Venezuela and British boundary dispute, virtually says, Let us fight England if we find her determined to enforce unjust claims against our weak neighbor. And his words, regardless of party lines, are being applauded to the echo.

If England refuses to arbitrate, as she does, are we justified in fighting her, inaugurating a great war over a question of Venezuelan territorial rights? The writer does not believe we are. The only thing we are justified in doing under such circumstances is to bring moral force to bear in favor of arbitration. That has been done already.

President Cleveland suggests that Congress appropriate funds to meet the expenses of a commission to be by him appointed, to go and investigate the claims of Venezuela, and that, after records and testimony have been examined, if England then is the aggressor, he is for resisting 'by every means in our power' such aggression.

But this would not allow England's side of the case to be officially, fully and satisfactorily presented. We would sit in judgment without being invited by England or having Englishmen's interests pleaded; the jury would hear really but one side of the case.

War is a terrible thing. It should never be begun till all peaceful means are exhausted, and then it should be defensive war. Wars in the past have generally been precipitated by selfish, ambitious men. And men are as selfish and ambitious now as ever. The political rulers of Great Britain, the United States and all other countries are much more inclined to go to war than the people are. The people, the common people, are the class who are made the targets for bullets and cannon shot. They carry the guns and bear all the suffering, the family separations, and the pains of dying. The common people afterwards pay, or produce, the taxes, which settle the bills. And the selfish leaders roll up large fortunes and satisfy selfish ambitions while the masses are murdering each other.

War has been often resorted to to divert the attention of the oppressed classes from their real enemies. We suspect there is something of this sort being now thought of, that a powerful class in both countries will call for war lustily for selfish instead of patriotic reasons, as will be pretended.

If it is better for an individual to suffer wrong than to resist evil, and so let loose a flood of evil passions, it may be better for two great nations not to engage in horrible, convulsive war over the dis puted title to a small tract of land in South America. Let us have peace.

## PROF. GEO. D. HERRON.

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lady bountiful, but enunciating a lawwhich, if not followed, will make the possessor lose all such benefits.

Dr. Herron declared he could not do all these things, because his wife was not wholly converted. Every palace, he continued, costs two hovels and for everything you have that the average home has not they are paying for, and they are supporting you whether you like it or not, and it is your debt and you have no right to these things except to give them away to benefit common humanity. This is woman's work in the new society.

Our glories turn to shame, our joys to ashes, and all our social benefits not used for others corrupt and corrode and degrade our lives. So for our women there is an opportu-

nity; a higher chivalry, a higher sense of her position in which the right sort of a new woman shall be inspired with the knowledge and passion of a new sisterhood, and shall have for its purpose the sharing of social benefits with those who have them not.

The woman of today has not the power to love that the Hebrew and Puritan had, but when all the intellectual gains are added to social affection for the world, it will make a womanhood that will be glorified as never before.

Mr. Keir Hardie, the English Socialist, when asked to speak said the address should be followed by silence and thought

# Now is the Time to Work

CATALPA, Neb., Dec. 10, 1895. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Your issue of Dec. 6th, lies before me with the figures of the official state vote. I judge from the 70,566 for Maxwell and the 53,361 for Mrs. Peattie that the latter is the solid Populist vote and that the difference is the Republican vote for Maxwell. We have probably lost heavily in the state through removals on account of hard times and are nowhere near the 70,000 votes cast for Powers. It is better to underestimate our vote than to overestimate it. We had better take Mrs. Peattie's vote as our true strength. and go hard to work spreading our ideas and winning recruits. And to do this let every Populist circulate his paper as tar as possible, making every one count (or "every shot to tell"), and gain one or two votes before next year. We have the 17,000 hopeful men to work on who voted for Maxwell. Aim for young men. 'You can't teach an old dog tricks," you. know; and a young vote lives longer than an old one. But we must gain 10, 000 more votes than the 18,000 in orde to win. We expect that some of our old voters will return from Missouri an other states where they have gone; but they may not and we cannot count on them. We must buckle down to hard work. Since Miss Frances Willard has come out so nearly in line with us we ought to gain some Prohibition votes. Wn ought also to gain free silver votes from both Democratic and Republican parties. It is almost too much to expect Bryan to join us: he still thinks himself a