

THE ANTHEM OF THE FREE.

There's a mighty power growing in the land,
Striving for the boon of liberty,
Justice on its banner, ballots in its hand,
Promising the people shall be free.

Chorus—
Justice, justice, how the people sing,
Justice, justice, hear the echoes ring,
'Tis the voice of all united industry
Shouting out the anthem of the free.

Patient, meek, submissive, many years
they've stood,
Enduring wrongs till weary, prostrate,
faint,
They will wait no longer, but will oust the
brood
Who have long unheeded their complaint.
Chorus—

Now aroused in anger, victory is in sight,
See the mighty forces rallying,
And as reinforcements enter for the fight,
Hear the lofty sentiments they sing.
Chorus—

For the great Creator, "wonders to perform,"
"Plants his mighty footsteps on the sea,"
And to do his purpose "rides upon the storm,"
Thundering forth the anthem of the free.
Chorus—

—Dr. A. S. Houghton.

The Astor Will.

A millionaire's will was recently given to the public through the daily press. In all his life it is doubtful if this man did work enough to buy him one year's subsistence; and yet, after living luxuriously, he makes a post-mortem distribution of millions to his family and favorites. It is so common to regard inherited riches as accumulated wealth that we look upon the transmission of fortunes as affairs with which none but the immediate parties have any concern. We should be right if it were true that fortunes consist of accumulated wealth; but they do not. The bequests of this man's ancestors were chiefly not bequests of accumulated wealth, but of power to take wealth as it should be produced; and he lived for years, not by his own labor nor upon wealth produced by his ancestors, but by the labor of masses of his fellowmen over whom he had inherited a power that enabled him to despoil them. And it is this power and its spoils that he has bequeathed. The recipients of his bounty may henceforth say of the wealth that hundreds of thousands of people produce from time to time: "So much of what you earn is ours." They have inherited slaves as truly as any heir of a dying planter ever did. It is not Mr. Astor's wealth that comes to his legatees, but power to take the wealth of other people as it is produced. It is folly, however, to criticise either him or them. They could not do justice if they would; for to abandon their power under existing conditions would be but to confer it upon some one else no better entitled to exercise it than are they. What is necessary is to grasp the essential distinction between things which, as the product of labor, are the rightful property of the producer or his successor, and things which, as the gift of nature, are no one's rightful property, and to secure the profits of the one to the producer and those of the other to the community.—The Standard.

It Must Come.

The bankers have been borrowing money from the government at 1 per cent per annum ever since 1862, and, basing the issue on non-taxable interest-bearing bonds, the people being taxed to pay the interest. And the bankers have been loaning it over and over again dozens of times in a year at 6 per cent up to as high as 20 per cent to farmers, laborers and legitimate business men. Now we demand that this same government, that has treated so generously its non-productive pets, shall lend these same farmers, laborers and legitimate business men, on good security, money at 2 per cent. These people are willing to pay double the interest that the banker pays. They don't

ask for any interest on their security, while the banker is drawing interest on his security. They don't ask that their security be exempt from taxation, but the banker's security is exempt from taxation. They don't want to lend it to anybody, but want it to invest in productive industry. But it would be awfully unconstitutional to loan money to honest producers, wouldn't it? Well, if it is, the people will stretch the constitution to fit the emergency before they'll allow the continuance of a policy that gives more and more to him who has and takes away from him who has not even that which he has. See?—The Cincinnati Herald.

Wake Up, Farmers.

Farmers are the most numerous of the productive classes.

They cast votes enough every four years to elect the president, and a majority of congress and the state legislatures.

They own and represent but one-fourth of the nation's wealth.

They furnish three-fourths of the soldiers, and bear three-fourths of the nation's tax-burdens.

They produce nine-tenths of the wealth which annually flows into the coffers of the rich corporations and millionaires.

They are poor and hard up, from being excessively taxed to support extravagant, national, state and local governments, and depreciated prices in their products, as a result of exorbitant transportation charges, and commissions to board of trade middle men.

They are blind partisan idolators who furnish the juggernaut and the team which rolls it over their bodies every four years.

And what might they be?

They might, if united, be the controlling power in the land.

They might repeal every unjust law that afflicts them, and enact such statutes as would secure to them justice, equity and protection.

They might pass laws to obtain from the government all the currency they need on land security, at the same rate and cost that national banks now obtain bank currency on bond security at 1 per cent. for twenty years.

They might establish a transportation system, that would be operated at cost as the postal system now is.

They might abolish the debt and usury system, which is filling the land with a few rich and many poor, by providing means for labor to do a cash business, as capital now does.

They can swap places with those who are robbing and oppressing them, and make their farms as good as government bonds by making them the basis of the country.—Sentinel.

The Citizen's Duties.

Citizenship carries with it responsibility for your part of the shortcomings or imperfections of the government. No man can avoid this responsibility, for it is fixed upon him. Then how shall the responsibility upon him be discharged? As a dastard; craving the direction of a superior; as a surf cringing at the feet of an assumed superior; or as an honest man, the noblest work of God, bravely facing its exactions and honestly fulfilling its demands? You must answer, and the angels will watch the manner as well as the import of your reply. Let it be honest, frank and brave, that you may be proud of it. Treason, the vilest crime known to our jurisprudence, is neglect, failure or refusal to properly discharge this responsibility. It is doubly treason; for you are a traitor to your country and its institutions and a traitor to yourself, should you fail to perform this duty as your conscience dictates.

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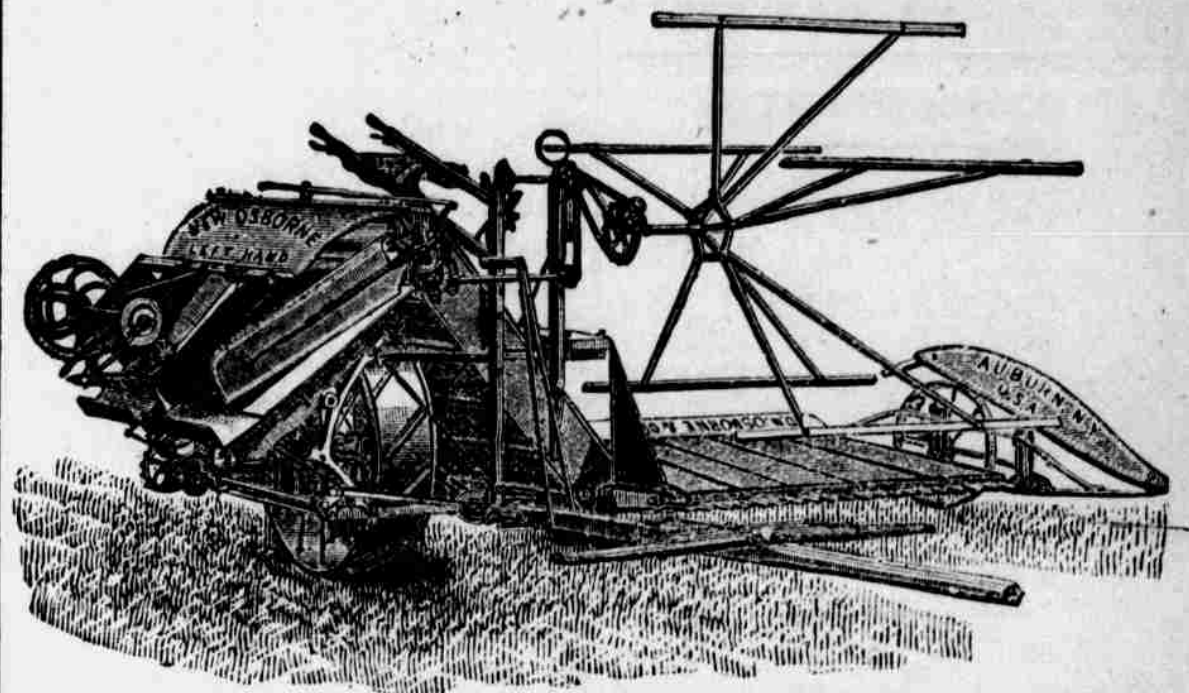
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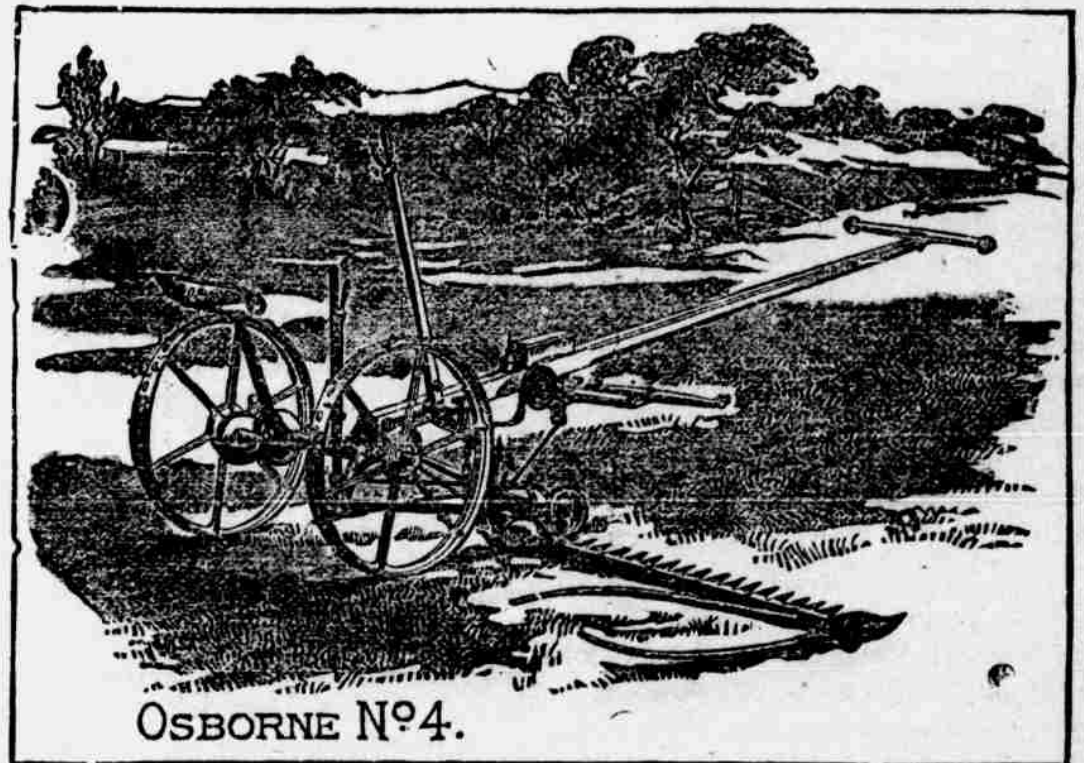
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