

IT STUCK IN HIS CROP.

There is too little corn an' too much husk an' cob,
An' it sticks in my crop.
And folks that work hardes' git least for their job,
An' it sticks in my crop.
It takes a big tree to produce a small cherry,
An' it needs a large bush for a ternal small berry,
An' a man must git wealthy afore he can marry—
An' it sticks in my crop.

An' the men who earn bread by sweat of their brow
(It sticks in my crop.)
Git th' wust kin' of bread that there is, anyhow,
An' it sticks in my crop.
But th' men who dress up like a dude or a dandy,
They eat nothin' worsen than puddin' or caudy,
An' reach out an grab jest w'atever comes handy—
An' it sticks in my crop.

An' the poor man, like me, who digs in the dirt,
(It sticks in my crop.)
Never wears a tailed coat, never wears a billed shirt,
An' it sticks in my crop.
But the swell chaps who never do tollin' nor spinnin'
But divid' up their time be'wixt sleepin' an' sinnin',
Go aroun' like men peacocks in purple an' linen—
An' it sticks in my crop.

It sticks in my crop, I can't swaller it down,
(It sticks in my crop.)
That hard working woman must wear a coarse gown,
It sticks in my crop;
While the gal's who're too nice to let the ole cat in,
An' all study music an' pain'in' an' Latin'
Never wear nothin' poorer than sealskin an' satin—
An' it sticks in my crop.

An' it sticks in my crop that me and my wife,
Gosh it sticks in my crop,
Hev pressed sour juice from the wine-press of life,
An' it sticks in my crop.
Fate seems ter delight just to kick us an' cuff us,
An' the world doesn't care how much either one suffers;
If we jaw it exclaims, "What ungrateful ole duffers,"
An' it sticks in my crop.
—S. W. Foss in Yankee Blade.

A Bit of Logic.

Uncle Sam will carry 150 pounds of paper from New York to San Francisco for \$1.50. On the same train the corporation carries a 150-pound man, but charges him \$85 for the same distance. Can any sane man give any good reason why there should be such a great difference in the price of hauling 150 pounds of paper and a man of the same, or less weight. One is inanimate, the other an animate being, but feeds and takes care of itself. Both weigh the same and occupy nearly the same space, the only difference being that the man has a little more expensive apartments than the mail sack. The mail sack is under the especial care and attention of the corporation. The man goes and comes, gets off and on the train when and where he pleases, the company giving him no further attention than to see that he pays his fare. It is not expected that railroads will ever carry a passenger across the continent for \$1.50, but reader, don't you think the difference in the cases we have cited, and they are true, is too great? In view of the fact that the postoffice department is practically self-sustaining with our cheap letter and newspaper postage, it is strange that the people will tolerate the exorbitant passenger and freight tariffs exacted by railways. The remedy lies in government ownership of railroads, and it is coming as sure as the rising and setting of the sun.—New Forum.

The Alliance.

The Alliance has been and is to-day the great lever by which these great reforms now before the people for solution have been prized into prominence. No organization has ever accomplished such a work in so short a time as this noble order. Let us not think that

half of its work has been completed. The dawn is just beginning to break; but the order will never cease to be a necessity and its importance will never be more felt than it is to-day. When the government has been restored to the hands of the people it will still be necessary for this great organization to remain intact and solid to stand and watch over the party in power and to educate the people in the science of economical government. No organization can take the place of the Alliance. Every man who loves his country, his home and fireside should be a member and help to keep up the grand work of education.

No intelligent people can be enslaved. They will break the chains and crush the tyrant who attempts to bind them.

Do not let interest in your sub-Alliance weaken. Keep up your meetings and the discussion of the great questions of the day.

There is no place where so much can be learned as in the lodge room of an active working Alliance.

Do your work honestly and in a non-partizan spirit deliver only the truth and it will convince.

Hogs and Humanity.

A hog is a filthy four legged animal, but in the matter of railroad rates and transportation favors he is plainly the "prince of good fellows." He is taken from his muddy, befouled and awful smelling pen, where he has been surrounded by sanitary conditions not particularly conducive to health, and loaded into cars, the floors are not only comfortably bedded down with straw, but which because of their elevated position, enables his hogship to drink in huge draughts of life-giving elixir which he had heretofore received in limited quantity and highly contaminated condition. On his trip across the continent he is treated with the greatest possible respect by the transportation corporation which may have his valuable carcass in charge. The time when the company can keep him fastened in the car is limited to such length as is, in the minds of humanitarians and wise law makers, most likely to accord with the well known and thoroughly considered law of hog hygiene. When his nature requires that nourishment without which hog-life would be a burden, the railway company very considerately switches his car on to a side track where he is unloaded and amply provided with provision and water. The echos of the conductor's autocratic cry of "twenty minutes for dinner" do not lead him to bolt his food whole, because the cry is never uttered, the process of mastication deglutition and assimilation goes calmly forward until such times as he has fully answered the demands of his nature, when he is carefully reloaded and assisted on his triumphant way. For all this service, all this condescension and these privileges he is taxed the nominal sum of less than 3 cents per pound for a transcontinental ride of more than 3,000 miles, while for a ride of the same distance without "stop-over privileges," and with all the horror of a threatened impairment of digestion consequent upon hastily swallowed meals, even so great a man as J. J. Ingalls would be compelled to pay at the rate of a dollar a pound. It is time that the people instead of the hogs owned the railroads.

The Advocate: Give us a plausible reason why the government should issue money to rich men for banking purposes at one per cent. and should not loan money to a productive industry for two or three per cent.

The Golden State: The nomination of Grover Cleveland as the head of the national Democratic ticket was almost a foregone conclusion. He has shown himself to be as great a master of machine politics as Benjamin Harrison himself.

HAYSEEDS.

What They Have Done and a Hint of What They Are Going to Do.

Pause ye idlers and give way before the logic of a hayseed:

I am a farmer and seventy-seven years old, and had the pleasure of living forty years in a free government, and as I am one of the hayseeds, (as we are called), I would like to ask our enemies; and the tender-toed brethren a few questions, says a writer in the National Economist. As America was settled by colonics, it is evident that they were hayseeds as they were subject to their mother country.

Who rebelled against high tribute? The hayseeds. Who met in conference and declared against despotic power? The hayseeds. Who took up guns against oppression? The hayseeds. Who bore the privations of revolutions? The hayseeds. Who gained our liberties? The hayseeds. Who established our government? The hayseeds. Who formulated our constitution? The hayseeds. Who supported and managed our government for sixty years of prosperity? The hayseeds. Who pays four-fifths of the taxes to-day? The hayseeds. Who owns but one-fourth of the wealth of the nation? The hayseeds. Who produces the wealth of the nation? The hayseeds. Who composes the government by right? The hayseeds. Who holds the stars and stripes while they float in freedom's breeze? The hayseeds. Who feeds the hungry world? The hayseeds. Who owns the other three-fourths of the wealth of the nation? The thirty-one thousand gold-bugs. How did they get it? By robbing the hayseeds. How did they get power to rob them? By class legislation, disgrace to the interests of the hayseeds! What kind of laws did they make that effected the hayseeds? They changed the currency into gold banks free from taxation, established national banks which gave them control of the currency; so they can contract at will and make money scarce when the crops are dumped on the market produced by the hayseeds. They demonetized silver, destroying our unit, and reducing our per capita fund, and then put a high tariff on all commodities consumed by the hayseeds. As both old parties have had the reins of government in hand, and have not passed one single act in favor of the hayseeds, I think that it is full time that we withdraw our fealty from both, begin to think for ourselves, and make some change.

"A Little More Grape."

Shout aloud and sing hosannas when the wealth of the nation is spread before thine eyes; but turn away thy face from the abode of the poor."

Behold the millionaire! He owneth money and controlleth labor and the wages thereof, and the fat of the land draineth into his flesh pots until the oil of their fullness overfloweth.

The devil catcheth the hindmost; and the pauper, the tramp, the striker and the calamity howler shall have their part with the anarchist in the lake that burneth with standard oil and brimstone, where ten per cent dieth not, and the price of ice is unspeakable.

The speech of the shylock is smooth as oil and sweet as honey-comb; but at last per cent biteth like a hungry bull-dog and gougeth like a post-hole digger.

Perhaps there is a hell hereafter; the tenants of the potter's field knoweth. But the hell which the partisan politician raiseth, and the hell which the average voter playeth with his own interests, are they not sufficient?—Chicago Express

The hardest known wood is cocos wood; it turns the edge of any ax, however well tempered.

A Matter of Wages.

"If a mob cannot be subdued by men who are paid \$15 per week it can certainly be put down by men who draw \$13 per month."

Thus saith the Chicago Herald. Which simply means that the federal government should take the matter in hand and keep a standing army to suppress riots.

And in this direction are things tending. The issue is going to be made up and it will be: Shall we keep a standing army at \$13 per month to "maintain order and protect property" for the benefit of millionaires, and tax the people to defray expenses?

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