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rapidly paid off. But these debts have been contracted—that is a fact which no one will deny after the evidence herein submitted. And they draw high rates of interest, higher than any business can bear except under favorable conditions. But neither the fact that the people went in debt, nor the high rates of interest is the prime cause for the present condition of affairs. That cause is found in falling of prices caused by contraction of the currency, and that contraction has been wrought by the creditor class which has controlled the policy of the government. This long continued falling of prices is a fact. In proof of this, one has to go no farther than the speeches and campaign documents of the republican party in which this fact is continually paraded before the people. It is true they attribute it all to the influence of protection, but that is not the real cause. Contraction of the currency is the principal cause. The effect of this contraction is to enhance the value of all evidences of debt. It enables the creditor to demand of the debtor, more bushels of wheat or corn, more pounds of pork or beef to satisfy the debt. With high prices the farmer could easily pay his interest and lay by something to apply on the principal. With low prices he is not even able to pay the interest.

This contraction has been wrought primarily by the retirement of the greenbacks, and the demonetization of silver, two of the greatest legislative crimes ever enacted. The high rates of interest have resulted largely from the national banking system by which the government has farmed out the right to issue paper currency to corporations.

2. The people of these agricultural states must consume the taxed products of the eastern manufacturer. At the same time they must sell their surplus products in the open markets of the world; they must sell their wheat in competition with wheat produced by labor that costs from ten to thirty cents per day. And the price of their surplus fixes and always must fix the price of that sold for home consumption.

3. The producers of Nebraska must pay exorbitant freight rates for the shipment of their products. The railroad corporations must make a profit on millions of watered stock in addition to their bonds, and both stock and bonds are held by rich men who live in Boston and other money centers in the east.

4. Nearly all the necessities of life which are imported into Nebraska are controlled by trusts and combinations which levy tribute on consumers almost at will. And one of the exports of Nebraska, beef, is also controlled by a great syndicate that has forced prices down till there is no profit in the production.

5. The staple products of Nebraska are subject to the manipulation of the grain gamblers and boards of trade in our great eastern cities who have power to over-ride the laws of supply and demand, and fix prices on the farmers' products.

As a result of all these influences, the producers of Nebraska have been reduced to a condition where they are at the mercy of the men who control the capital and commerce of the country. Their indebtedness is so great that they must sell their products at such prices as they can get for money to

meet their obligations. The falling of prices still goes on, and there is no prospect of relief through financial legislation by the dominant parties. The interest drain from Nebraska alone is so great that there isn't actual money enough in Nebraska to pay one year's interest. If the people could go on paying their interest without bringing in any money from the outside, every dollar would be drawn from the state in less than one year. The people are thus compelled to keep on borrowing and to pay such rates of interest as the money loaners see fit to demand.

The publication of these facts brings forth a terrible howl from the men who are interested in maintaining the present state of affairs, and their army of tools. They cannot deny these facts. They cannot answer these arguments or overthrow these conclusions. Hence they turn upon the men who publish the truth with ridicule and slander, and cry aloud with a pretended patriotism:

"STAND UP FOR NEBRASKA."

And we take up and repeat the cry: "Stand up for Nebraska." Let us stand up for the people of Nebraska against the money power of the east. Let us stand up for the producers against the despoilers, the tax-robbers, railroad kings, the shylocks, the monopolists, the plutocrats of New York, Pennsylvania, and New England. We have no war to make on the producers of that section for they suffer from the same oppressions as we do.

Again I say, the people of the west do not want to repudiate their debts but to pay them. All they demand is fair play, and favorable conditions, and their resources and splendid energies will be equal to the occasion, in spite of their terrible situation. But unless they get fair play; unless the currency of the country is restored to the control of the government, and expanded by the free coinage of silver, and the issue of a reasonable volume of paper currency; unless the railroad extortion is checked, and trusts crushed out; unless unjust taxation is abolished the producers of the west, as honest and industrious, as brave and patriotic a people as ever breathed and labored, will fail in their struggles, their homes and independence will be lost; and when that time comes, the light of American civilization will be fading toward the night of another dark age.

But that time will not come. The intelligence and patriotism of the American people is too great to permit it. They are now seeking out remedies and preparing to apply them. And what are

THE REMEDIES?

- Unjust laws must be repealed.
- Silver must be restored to its old place in our currency.
- The national banks must be abolished, and legal tender treasury notes be issued by the general government in sufficient volume to increase our currency to \$50 per capita.
- Laws against trusts and combinations must be enacted and enforced.
- Stock and grain gambling must be abolished.
- The railroads and telegraphs must be owned and controlled by the government.
- A just and equitable system of taxation must be established.
- These things can never be secured through the old parties. They will never repeal the vicious laws they have

enacted. They will never abolish the evils that have grown up under their fostering care.

There is but one course to open to the people: To drive from power both the old parties, and put in power a new party which will legislate in the interest of and for the protection of the producing masses.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES

When dyed-in-the-wool republicans openly state that they were disappointed in Andrews, the elaborate cackle of the subsidized organs in this city sound rather ridiculous.—Our Own Opinion, Hastings.

Whenever we hear an old gossip telling about how wicked her neighbors are we invariably set her down as unworthy. Mr. Morton in his villainous attacks upon his neighbor Van Wyck reminds us of an old gossip. The man or woman who can find only words of ridicule and shameless abuse for his neighbors of many years is not one to tie to.—People's Rights, Seward.

Mr. Rewick, a Lincoln attorney, made some damaging exposures of republican rottenness in an address at the Lansing theatre on Tuesday night. It is amusing to see the republican papers instead of denying it, try to abuse Mr. Rewick. The question is, can they choke him off?—Headlight, Stromsburg.

The independents of Butler county did right when they nominated Hon. R. C. Carpenter and Hon. W. H. Taylor as representatives, and left the place for prosecuting attorney open, because they had no man fit for the place. Carpenter and Taylor are two good men who stood fire and have been found true, and now they will be more valuable because of experience.—Headlight Stromsburg.

The transportation companies act upon the principle that the people exist for the purpose of providing business for the railroads to earn dividends upon. The people believe that the railroads should exist for the benefit and convenience of the people.—The Omaha Tocsin.

As a debater Meiklejohn is a failure. No wonder he restricted the number of meetings with Poynter to eight. Gentleman George is not much better informed in public affairs than was the late George Washington Emery Dorsey.—Columbus Argus.

The joint debate between Meiklejohn and Poynter in this third congressional district are rather one sided as Meiklejohn is not able to cope with Poynter in his arguments.—The Quill, Schuyler.

Teaching the Bishop.

An Englishman had been appointed to the Welsh see of St. David, and, on taking up his abode in Wales, engaged a native Welsh scholar to give him instruction in the language. The pronunciation, and especially the ll, bothered the bishop, and the Welshman was almost at his wit's end to explain the lingual process by which the formidable sound was to be uttered. At last a bright thought struck him, and, being very obsequious in manner, he thus addressed the bishop: "Your lordship must please put your episcopal tongue to the roof of your apostolic mouth, and then hiss like a goose."

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