

important foundation principles, and practical political applications of simple justice and equal rights.

The workings of the present capitalistic system of production and distribution have been sufficiently explained. It is waste of labor, money and readers' time to publish more books explaining what is. Let us now have some one come forward to tell us what ought to be, some one who can hold up justice in a clear light and tell us how to build upon it. Justice has no ruling place in the commercial world today. The history of capital is a history of cold-blooded conquest, usurpation and tyranny. It has thrust justice aside and might has been made the arbiter in all business transactions. The masses of the people have lost their hold upon the natural resources, their land has been given to railroad corporations, their coal, iron, lead, gold, silver and oil—the common stores—fenced in for the few. Expropriated, impoverished, dis-

of the means of subsistence and wage slaves from birth, millions have been forced, with starvation pressing upon them, to beg for a place to work, to compete for it, and so wages have been forced farther and farther away from the line of equity, and have reached, for a vast and fast-growing number, the lowest living point. In the industrial and commercial world it is each for himself, the inter-dependent individuals being engaged in social war, each seeking gain at others' cost, each trying in contract and exchange to get more value than he gives. There is no plan in production, no economic application of the labor of the workers, and the waste is like the waste of war, really enormous, while the want of suffering are world wide, and in truth beyond description.

Now why, with such a state of society, ought we to be dealt with, do not so-called political economists search out the demands of justice, and do something for the people? Is it because there are no independent progressive thinkers among them, none free enough and great enough to solve the social problems? Or is it the case that they dare not offend the enthroned classes?

WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE! The Sherman silver coinage law appealed the whole goldbug press and political representatives of the money power charged silver with being the cause of the panic and paralysis of business. But with silver coinage stopped, they are now forced to attribute the changed business depression to other causes, and now it is "all on account of the tariff." The Boston Journal says:

The complete-down of the Bigelow Carpet period is a preparation for an indefinite hundred operative days to the fifteen several days after the "wing, as it did, reveal bill, it shows clearly the free trade threat, and that it is currency question, which paralyzes our industries.

And there are plenty of suckers to believe this, too. And yet "the free trade threat" was not only made by the people a year ago, but was welcomed by them as something desirable. In Massachusetts, where manufacturing interests are centered the Democratic ticket was then elected and the platform endorsed.

THERE are over 1,500,000 tenant farmers in the United States, and according to census figures the number is growing with each decade, chiefly through mortgage foreclosures. The percentage of our people living in city tenement houses is also increasing each year, and the rent paid by our business men for business locations added to the rent roll for houses and lands, makes an aggregate tribute to American land lords enormously greater than old world kings ever levied upon their subjects. Rent charges raise the prices of all marketed goods we buy. The rent burden is destroying the independence of the American people, making increasing millions hopeless serfs of the soil, taking from an ever greater and greater number the power of making free, equitable contracts, and levying more or less tribute upon every wealth-producer. We must not forget the land question while discussing the money question.

A LARGE sized colored gentleman is visible in the woodpile of Oteo county, according to election returns. It leaked out just before election that directions had been received from Washington, from headquarters, to throw the Democratic machine vote to Harrison. And the returns shows that the four principal county offices, treasurer, clerk, judge and sheriff, were traded to the Democrats for this Democratic support of the Republican candidate for supreme judge. Harrison got 535 plurality in Oteo county, and the Democrats got the county offices. No doubt the same instructions were sent to the Democrat leaders throughout the state, but in J. Sterling's home county the results are more clearly traceable and show up in bold, black outline.

The downfall of silver has destroyed the Democratic party in the west and south. Its sincere silver advocates, and the free coinage men of all parties, in fact, have no home outside of the Populist party. The two old parties have

been squeezed into the same likeness by the iron hand of the Money Power, but the Republican party has the advantage of its rival. The squeeze forces fewer free coinage men out of it.

THE non-working capitalist is the only man who can eat his cake and have it too. The man who bakes a small cake is compelled to eat it all, and can eat it but once. But if a man makes a larger cake than he needs (when others need) it has the magical power of absorbing other cakes and cake makers and straightway begins to legally grow. It needs molding and working on for a while, but after reaching a certain size it takes care of itself and the man who owns it. For every piece he breaks off another piece appears, and people are so accustomed to the sight of this magical growth that they no longer wonder at it. They will patiently go without cake to enable it to grow in another's idle hands. And men of moral reputation quite numerous agree that it is a fine thing to get cake in this way.

WHAT is it to be a slave? It is to be obliged to labor for others; it is to produce wealth for others to command and consume. The farmer in Nebraska is robbed and enslaved by the railroads to the extent that they exact unjust transportation rates. They monopolize the carrying business and of course charge "all the traffic will bear," all the people will peacably pay. They stand between the farm and factory producers, and as enthroned kinds take tribute, what they please to levy, from all. The workers everywhere are also furnishing slavery tribute to the coal, iron, oil, lumber, machinery, money and land lords, and are working without just pay for the organizers of the numerous trusts and the controllers of certain industries, grain handling, stock slaughtering, and the rest. Who is there would be a slave?

AND now the World-Herald is heaping a mountain of honors on the New York bankers for inflating the currency with their \$40,000,000 of unlawful clearing house certificates, for making money for themselves and forcing the illegal tender on their creditors, and afterward, when they could be honest without loss, taking back their own unsecured paper. They brought on the panic storm to add power to their gold. They set false lights on the shores of commerce, and should be called wreckers and robbers, instead of patriots. Their patriotism is the patriotism of sordid mammon worshippers, their heroism is the heroism of heartless Shylocks.

GRIND your teeth all you please. The coal barons will simply laugh at you and run the price up on coal to suit themselves. What if you are an American citizen? That doesn't save you from paying them tribute, don't you see? But just you get to working with red hot indignation and zeal for the People's party, and the coal barons and other monopolists will leave off despising you and begin to seriously curse and fight you. And fighting is the only way you can gain your rights and liberties.

Gov. PENNOYER of Oregon, in his Thanksgiving proclamation says, "While, therefore, the people of Oregon returns thanks to God for His goodness, I do most earnestly recommend that they devoutly implore him to dispose of the president and congress of the United States to secure the restoration of silver as full legal tender, in accordance with the policy of the fathers of this republic, whereby our industries may be revived and honest toilers of the land may procure their daily bread as the reward of their labor."

COMPTROLLER ECKELS of the Treasury, speaking last Monday at the meeting of the Boston Bankers' association, which gave him a cordial greeting, said, in his first sentence, "The commanding position which the banks of this country occupy in our financial world cannot be denied." Of course not. The Populists never think of denying it. In fact, we have all the time been declaring it to be so, and trying to stir up the subjects of the money power.

EQUAL suffrage has carried by 3,000 majority in Colorado. It is right, too. Taxation without representation is unjust. A man is a free moral agent, man's equal, and the ballot, therefore, should give an individuality voice. Our cordial congratulations, sisters. Remember, too, that is a Populist state that recognizes your equality and full rights of citizenship.

THE gold trusts of Europe and America have determined that there shall be no antidote, but that the people shall have less money, and more misery so long as the gold trust can administer the drug of constitution by labelling it Republican or Democrat, says Senator Stewart.

IN the last twenty years we have paid in interest on national bank notes, which the government has a special favor to the use as money, one hundred millions of dollars. A hundred million interest bearing greenback currency, loaned to the people on adequate security, at cost, would

have saved to the wealth-producing class almost the whole of this vast sum, and several times as much more.

KANSAS Populists are bewailing too late that they trusted the Democrats. The lesson will be worth its cost if fusion is in future refused. The politicians who creep into a reform party are always in great haste to secure the offices, and fusion is their method. Knock every man on the head who in another campaign proposes any old party alliances.

SENATOR ALLEN is enjoying the honors of a big presidential boom, and Hon. Tom Watson of Georgia is proposed by Representative Davis of Kansas as his running mate. The two would make an immensely strong Populist team for 1896.

THE Long Island Leader a Kansas Populist paper, has hoisted Senator, W. V. Allen's name for President and Hon. Tom Watson for Vice-President to head our ticket in 1896.

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What is Oppression?

Oppression is one's own people never comes with the mailed hand of force, but with the cunning smile of trickster. The people are amused and flattered, while the schemers deprive them of property and then use them as servants and slaves. If a law were put upon the statutes of any state or nation, that the producers should not leave their country or state, should wear a certain grade of clothing, live in a certain class of houses and feed upon a certain grade of food, the people would revolt. They could read that law and would realize its import. If the law said they should work for such wages as their employers might decide, they would revolt. But the invisible money power knows this. This power studies human nature. It proceeds to blare the people about their great country, its wonderful freedom, and how much better off they are than the oppressed of other countries. They put in their heads strong words of how they love the independent farmer, the honest laboring masses, the yeomanry and bulwark of a nation. They flatter and cajole with such lies as "honest money," "protection to home labor," "labor is honorable," while they proceed to enact laws which protect capital, not labor, and spurn honest labor as a pest. You see it is not necessary to make laws that oppress, in order to get the labor of others without doing any labor yourself; but it is necessary to prevent proper laws from being enacted, or enforced, that will protect those who are weak and ignorant. Laws of omission are as oppressive as laws of commission. And thus the people of the United States are oppressed.

At the close of the late war, the people were prosperous, happy, and out of debt. But, by laws of commission (laws giving special privileges) and laws of omission (laws that could have protected the masses), our people are hopelessly in debt. Nine million homes have mortgages on them, all municipalities have piled up debts, all corporations have heaped up mountains of watered debts for the people to pay interest on, and we find the nation today on the verge of some great social cataclysm. This is oppression. No people ever had such burdens put on them, for no other people ever had such productive powers and resources. We find that the wealth that belonged to the millions a few years ago now belongs to the millionaires; the people are poor indeed. This is all any tyrant ever wanted,—the people to work while he feasted. No nation in the history of the past was ever reduced to such dependence in so short a time. This is because the people have been partisan.

Wisdom weighs, considers, knows. No wise man was ever a bigot or an oppressor. If the reader loves his family, loves his country, loves his freedom, I beg him, even with tears, to think, to investigate, to know. The principle of just government is as knowable, as certain, as mathematics. When you investigate, you will see it. It is founded upon justice, upon the teachings of the holy Jesus, and cannot err. No one asks you to accept it until you know, feel, it is right. Is that not fair? Only by investigating can you know. Ignorance has brought you misery and woe. Knowledge will bring you peace and joy.—Coming Nation.

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