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"If any man must fall for me to rise, Then seek I not to climb. Another's pain 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 woe Sufficient, wrought by man's eatanic fee;

And who that hath a heart would dare prolon Or add a sorrow to a stricken s ul That seeks a healing balm to make it whole My bosom owns the brotherhood of man.

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THE LAW AND GOSPEL MADE VOID

'Twas"the Just One" whom the strong re jected.

He who fearlessly unmasked the ruling class He who loved and labored for the unprotected For the poor, oppress d, downtrodden mass

Gracious words he spoke to all the lowly. and 'the common people gladly flocked to hear: But to rulers. Pharisees and pries s unkoly,

Justice flamed in language most severe So they slew him, to preserve the classes

Which his law, accepted, needs must swee And the anxious, overburdened, wealth-robb

Groan today beneath their selfish sway.

Thou shalt leve thyself, and leave thy neigh-

To a single-handed struggle with the strong : Thou shalt seek and gather gain from others labor:

This is now the accepted law of wrong . This self-seeking is the world's transgression.

Strangling love for gain, and spreading want and woe;

This, the present hell of hatred and oppres sion. Greed and strife, the word of truth mus show.

Preaching Christ UNBODIED cannot save us : Sunday words and surplus gifts few men

will a ek: Love is more than charity; the love that Jesus

Made the strong a brother to the weak.

Men cannot be saved alone; salvation Is the union real of former elfish hearts: Love, true love that binds them, levels wealth and station. And they stand as brothers in the marts.

Evil's greatest work was glossing over

Both the law and gospel, that the word Divine. Flashing light and life to m n, none might

None might turn from seeking "mine" and

Had we just ones now to face oppressors,

For the love they bare their brethren robbed and poor.

Had we Christian actors to displace pro fessors, Millions new would crowd love's entrance

door.

-GRORGE HOWARD GIBSON.

THREE railroad judges on the supreme beach, and placed there by a plurality of votes. Not two, now, but three judges whom we may expect will defend the guilty and stand by the robbers and oppressors. Well, "When mourn", but when poverty pinches us hard we shall begin to think for ourselves.

two weeks. It is stated in financial reof iron workers.

THE number of places within the classified civil service subject to the themselves provisions of the civil service law of player of the government are not subject on to may that it is but a temperery ax- wiener. to the old spoils system, but obtain and pedient, and that "There is little d obt retain their coulding according to that the secretary will recommend to but the price of coal did not drop to its merit. The Populists propers to ex- congress next ments that he be given former level, and our readers who buy tend the merti system while they at the authority to issue bonds for the purpose coal are aware that the price some same time extend the functions of gov- of repleat hing the good supply." ernment to Include the necessary con- A reciprocation of favore, see? We raised, and this is the excisention. duct of natural and perfected monopo- continue to quote:

A GREAT STATE CONFERENCE

In our next week's paper we expect to print a call, issuing from our state executive committee, for a great conference of the Populists of the state. The conference will be held at the same place and week to meet the delegates of the State Farmers Alliance. The Nebraska Independent Press Association will also be called together at the same time, and the Nebraska Knights of Labor. At this meeting of the leaders and representatives plans will be formulated to thoroughly organize our people and prepare for a year of aggressive educational work. Organize, Agitate, Educate, these are to be our watchwords. We are equal to the work of routing the official plunderers and corporation kings, if we bring our lowes into action to everywhere pura the circulation of our best papers and looks, and draw the people together. The getting up of clubs, the largest possible, for the state organ of the Alliance and the Independents, getting up such clubs everywhere, should be the work now pressed and perseveringly continued The truth must reach the people. It is the part of our readers who have the cause of liberty and justice at heart and who appreciate the value of this paper to get it into the hands of their neigh

SETTLING IOWARD A LOWER LEVEL

The financial journals, all of which represent the money loaning interests and worked for contraction from bimetallism to a one metal basis, are having an extrem-ly hard time trying to explain the business situation from week to week since the coinage of silver was outlawed. The prophecies of the other fellows have come true, and in order for the goldbugs to retain any reputation for wisdom and consistency they are compelled to invent reasons therefor and turn and twist to beat even the professional contortionist. They tell us now that the long fight of the silver advocates in the senate delayed relief (the goldbug, Shylock victory!)too long, that it came when the season was too far advanced for trade to revive. And they bring forward another great reason for the fallure of their prophecies, explaining it by the disposition of the people to economize. That is the only gospel the poor have preached to them, to economizing it is bad for business. monopoly. The anthracite coal of the The "abstinen e" which political econo- country is located in a few countles in mists tell us should furnish an income Pennsylvania, and two thirds of all have any income producing power when ago were owned by seven companies, all men or the great majority, begin to viz., the Philadelphia and R ading R. practice it and have to depend on it to R., the New Jersey Central R. R., the

mies are likely to be practiced through- Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., the out the country for a year or two, the Pennsylvania R R. and the New York, Cutcago Economist admits. And the Lake Erie & Western R. R. No other bankers and goldholders of this country railroads or transportation companies and England knew what a deluge of enter the anthracite coal region, and poverty, misery and suffering they were having power to dictate freight rates bringing upon this country when they to the private companies who mine planned to lock up their money, ship anthracite it has been easy to keep the away gold at a temporary loss, and fill price of coal far above the cost of minthe business circles with their infernal ing and delivering it But the high slarms, which in connection with their price stimulated the output of the mines refusal to lend capital, have brought all lowned by private companies, and so this destruction upon us And right lessened the profit of the carrying comhere we want to say that one can't b. panies which owned and worked the lieve in Infinite Justice and doubt that principal mines, and constantly tended there will be a future hell of poverty to prevent the raising of prices. for the Dives class. And it will be as

are here making and crowding. interested in the weekly financial lessons we have been explaining. Here tions from The Economist:

this week at about the lowest price. It is of little use to talk statistics, for the market ralli s but fee-bly in response to

recently failen off. The quick capital of the country is behaving unsatisfactorily. The banks have too much; the gove nm nt has too good borrowers do not want it. is close to \$65,00 1,000 and the table more money than they can use.

"More money than they can use," business refrain from borrowing, be-

houses that Europeans are taking more and more of our bonds, and there will inevitably be a great increase in the trade, which should reach pretty large proportions before the first of May.

Of course this country is not yet so heavily mortgaged and bonded that more good security cannot be given, and we can continue to issue bonds and buy gold, which means that those who have the gold will sooner or later force us into backruptcy, and "this lend of the free" will be transferred to and our people enslaved by the accursed usurers. We clip from the last weekly market

report the following: Depression without relief is the feature of the wheat market. Liquidation has been and is still the order of the day, and the serive deliveries yest-rday

made a new low record. The shripkage f r the week is three cents a bushel Corn and oats suffer in sympathy, and provisions have recently developed decided weakness in sharp contrast to the steady markets of the previous sixty Bull spiric languishes Corn is 5 to 74 ca bushel chesper than

was a year ago The crop of 1893 is slightly larger than that of 1892, according to the last government report, and it is considerably below an average. The 1892 crop followed the two largest crops on record, whereas the 1893 crop follows a short crop. Yet the market ru'es heavy.

Provisions are settling toward a lower level and packers are in a fair way to realize their desire for cheap hoge the early part of the winter season.

Yes, labor and labor products are set tling toward "a lower level," the level which corresponds to the ever rising value of gold, an ever decreasing level if gold is to be the standard of measure and the absorber of all other values.

Panics an periods of business de pression are evils inherent in the capitalistic or net profit system of production. Net profits taken from the wages of the producers, and dividends in excess of cost soded into the price obtained for goods or services rendered (made possible by monopoly), divert from the hands of the producing class the means, the money, needed to empty the markets. They cannot buy back as much as they annually pour into the market, hence it must be periodically glutted while net profit fortunes go on accumulating. If the rich expended their entire incomes it would prevent periodic business depressions, but the injustice represented by those incomes would still remain.

THE ONWARD MAROH OF CAPITAL

Most of the monopolies which we are fighting are limited monarchies, their control of the necessaries of life is not complete or absolute. Take for inbut when the entire producing class go stance the history of the anthracite coal for the rich, or the abstainer, don't these anthracite coal fields two years Letigh Valley R R, the D-leware, But all the same these enforced econo- Lickawanna & Western R. R., the

S. a scheme to unite the railroad coal hopeless as are the earthly hells they interests more perfectly, that their power to raise prices and rob the people Our readers, we doubt not, have been might be increased, was perfected in February 1892, In direct viola ion of the constitutional law of Pennsylvania follows another week's market quota- the Reading road leased the Lehigh Valley and the Jersey Central railroads, The markets for agricultural products and so obtained control of seventy-five ere still weak, wheat having been sold per cent. of the competitive traffic. On the day that the deal was consummated. Teb. 11, such a rush was made for the good news, and the export business has stock of the new combination in the New York Stock Exchange as made what the daily papers called pand-monium. When the gravel fell "A wilder little; needy borrowers cannot get it and shouting, struggling and shifting oc-The curred than in times of panic. It was a the wicked are in power the people surplus reserve of the New York banks day of tumult and excitement that apprinted elsewhers in this i-sue shows pailed the oldest men in the street, that the state banks of Chicago have says the New York Iribune. It was, as we have once before remarked, a flerce, furious, heartless scramble of selfish THE price of steel rails has dropped means more money than they can lend. devils, each trying to get the largest from \$29 and \$30 a ton to \$22 in the last Capitalists who can reduce or stop their possible share of uncarned wealth, a strife for power to place an additional ports that "this is the best thing that cause the prices of products are falling, tax upon every fire and every working could have happened to the iron trade, and the weaker ones who must needs home maker in this great in id. It was for business was almost at a standstill." borrow or go to the wall, because of their not property that was made and sold, But this method of starting up business panie-deprec and securities, losses and but despotic power. Eight million dollars necessitates, the capitalists will tell us, business depression cannot induce the worth of monopoly power, taxing power, a reduction of 33 per cent in the wages banks to lend them money. The banks was disposed of by the holders of Readhave the money and wid not use it; the ing stock in the New York market in borrowers and workers have the debts that one day, speculators paying that and needs, and have no means of helping much more for what they bought than the same stock was quoted the day be-The E onomist reports the favors fire. And that money was taxed out 1883 has been increased from about 14. Cartisle has sought of the New York of the American people in the higher. 000, when the law was passed, to up bankers to turn a little gold to the prices which the combine forced every wards of 45,0 0. This number of em United States treasury; and then goes family to pay for coal last fall and

The combination was at last broken, three or four weeks ago was again

W. K. Vanderbilt, head of the Van-It is reported by leading New York dorbilt family, it was made public a few and made slaves forever.

weeks ago, has purchased 40,000 more shares of the Delaware Lackawanoz and Western R. R. stock, making the total of his recent purchases 80 000 to 100,000 shares. And his financial co-operators? the Standard Oil magnates, Frank Work and the Jersey Central officials, hold with him enough shares to secure with him control of the road and bring it into closest accord with the interests of the Vanderbilt system, the Lake Shere, Nickel Plate, and Jersey Central, together with the Lehigh road, owned by the same capitalists. And this means, as the Western Rural has pointed out, that the Vanderbilt gang is now possessed of advantages enabling them to easily cripple capture and control the entire Erie system, and that they will have only the Pennsylvania company and Delaware and Hudson to make secret agre-ments with. The coal and railroads kings have run up prices when everything not monopolized is falling in price, and they are apparently means and excuse to raise the price of coal still higher.

The anthracite coal business is virtually under one head, the head of an almost absolute monarch, a dark-ages despot, to whom and to whose legally intrenched robber gang we must pay tribute without receiving even the form or shadow of a kingly or governmental service in return. This is not "calamity howling," or "silver lunacy," or office soeking demagoguery, but 40,000,000 tons of cold facts. What are you going are explained; their over-capitalization to do about it?

THE FEARFUL COST OF IGNORANCE

From the report of the chief of the bureau of statistics, just issued we learn that for the four years ending Sept. 1, 1893, our merchandise exports exceeded our imports \$311,610,132. And our experts of coin and bullion exceeded our imports \$204,175,532. These sums added together, amounting to \$515 785, 664, have been taken out of the country in four years (about \$130,000,000, a year) and represent a total loss tous. But they fall far short of the entire tribute we pay to the foreign money power. There has been an enormous amount of foreign capital sent here for investment in the last few years. . The daily press has reported the sale to English syndicates of vast blocks of brewery stocks, mining stocks, railroad stocks and bonds, and municipal bonds; and the loaning of many millions of English capital on farm mortgage securities; which, all the balance sheet.

The United States has furnished the great investment field for the accumu- scription price. lated capital of the rich men of Europe. So wonderful were our natural resources that our people have found it possible to pay higher rates of interest and live than any nation in the world. Capital once here has been content to stay, therefore, and the increasing inflow of it has kept our people hard at work paying interest and dividends until with such net profits the capitalists and money loaners here and in Europe have been enabled to buy up fully half of all the wealth and natural resources of

this vast country. Now consider for a moment the monumental folly of borrowing money of a foreign nation or individuals to develop our resources, to keep our people employed, when it is the function of government, our own government, to coin money and regulate its value. Whatever credit our people need they can give adequate security for, and the government can as safely loan them money direct, and kick out the bloodsucking Shylock class, as to lend it as they do now to the bankers for nothing, and allow them to eat up and make slaves of the borrowers,

When we wake up to comprehend that the people always do furnish security for the money they borrow, and that they can just as easily deposit their security with the government for government paper, as with private corporations for bank paper, and thereby save to themselves all the great interest drain, they will then know how to preserve their fast-vanishing freedom.

THERE are about 40,000 railroad starates as high as can be endured at nine ponding to the labor he furnished. tenths of their shipping and receiving Ralfroad trinity. Plunder la the tie together and the strongth of all three must be met at the ballot be x and out-

THE RAILROAD QUESTION.

Ex-Governor La rabee of Iowa has endered a great service to the public in the preparation of his new work on The Railroad Question. An Historical and Practical Treatise on Railroads and Remedies for Their Abuses." The headings of the fourteen chapters will give our readers a better idea of the cope and subject matter of the book. They are as tollows:

History of Transportation; the Hisory of Railroads; History of Railroads in the United States; Monopoly in Transportation; Railroad Abuses; Stock and Bond Inflation; Combinations; Railroads in Politics; Railroad Literature: Railroad Literature-continued; Railroads and Railroad Legislation in Iowa; the Inter-State Commerce Act; the Rate Question, and Remedies. There is an appendix also of tables and sintistics. The author, with pains-taking thor-

oughness, has gathered a vast amount even now moving to reduce the pay of of information from the extensive their miners still lower, to force them American and European literature outon a starvation strike, and make it a which discusses or throws light on the railroad problem, and names ninetyeight important publications, official documents in part, which he has consulted and from many of which he quotes. The matter presented in the 459 pages of the book is matter of fact, drawn from sources perfectly reliable. and it provides the reader about all he needs to know to understand the nature and extent of the railway managers' schemes and robberies. Their construction and stock-watering methods to conceal enormous profits or surplus receipts, which the carrying monopoly gives them power to force from the people, is measured; the vast private fortunes they have fraudulently piled up are shown; the consolidation of companies and their swift-grown greatness above that of the states which chartered them is told; their control of legislatures and corruption of congress and the courts, their presence every where in politics and the vast, fast-growing perfectly organized power which is absorbing the resources and libarties of the people, is all made alarmingly clear and plain.

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THE editor of this paper is a Christian, together, make an aggregate invest- but one who reads the law of justice and ment in American securities certainly love in new light, with clarified vision. He hundreds of millions of dollars in excess wishes very much to get the ear of the moral Oil magnate, has just agreed to give the small amount of foreign capital teachers and preachers of each community that has been in four years withdrawn. Io r ason with them regarding moral and And this excess of borrowed capital social questions and lines of individual duty hides, covers up, just so much more which not many of them are considering, balance against us. In other words, and asks interested subscribers to make an we have not paid for what seems to be effort to get the paper each week into their to our credit on the side of imports, but hands. In each issue, we shall in at least have given interest-bearing securities one editorial discuss the truth with the to, in appearance, help out our side of teachers, and perhaps preach to the preachers. Papers paid for to be sent to ministers can be had at half regular sub-

THE LAW OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The first law given to man, to the hunot steal, thou shalt not take without permission that which belongs to its creator (Gen. 2:7). A sufficient supply of everything man needed was given him, and he was directed to multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over it: tame its animals, harness its forces, make use of its energies and resources to supply his individual wants-in other words, work. Create wealth and enjoy it. Again, in positive form, that law of justice, which is "the harmony of the world," was voiced in the words, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground." "In the sweat of thy face," not in the sweat of thy neighbor's face.

The practices of men today are with God lawful or sinful as they regard or disregard this changeless law of life. But in several ways men have evaded honest work and obtain the reward of others' labor: by secret theft; by open robbery; by seizing the persons and commanding the service of their fellows; by obtaining through selzure or inequitable exchange a monopoly of natural resources (equally given to all), and requiring tribute for their use; by obtaining control of the highways ot commerce and dictating inequitable prices for transportation services; by making money, the medium of exchange, a monopoly, and forcing the workers to pay the idle for its use; by selfish bargaining, taking advantage of the ignorance or necessitions in the United States, and only ties of others, of particular individuals 5,000 of these are junction points. Un or a class; and by dividing the common less law interferes the railroads, having product of labor unjustly, not distributan undisturbed monopoly, can make ing to each the fractional share corres

Every one of these ways of obtaining points, and by traffic associations and the fruit of otters' labor, except the private agreements they can combine three first enumerated, are today conat the other points. But don't dare to sidered respectable, reputable ways of form a political party to protect the obtaining property. The churches, the people against them, unless you are professional teachers and preschers of determined to have together and fight the law, allow and individually employ till you are stro g enough to thrash the these unjust methods of graspi g what N. w Encland mills produced only 6,558, carts with the Republican-Democratic | the sweat of others has produced Ront, 116 yards of in n's wear goods from that binds the three great machines ing espitalist, are esasidered, through 269.762 yards for the corresponding voted, if the people would not be robbed | moral methods of gaining wealth with- about two fi the of the people depending out working for it; and the church by on cloth manufacture for work and

vanctioning these methods has permitted the fundamental law of God to be covered up and forgotten.

W. W. Astor has been a useless drone all his life, yet by the rent which his agents collect for him he draws not less than n ne million dollars yearly from the sweat of others. And he is a membea of the Episcopal church in good, regular standing. And there is no reason why he should not be, if it is morally right for anyone to derive an income from rent, from others' labor. According to God's law it is not right, and no sophistry can make it right.

John D. Rockefeller used to earn his living at productive labor. But his labor for twenty years has been a labor of scheming and conspiracy chi-fly, and by means of the growth of a slave-labor made monopoly property he has secured possession of power to sit back on his throne and tax the workers nine million dollars a year forever. And of course this gives him and his heirs a growing power over labor. Yet he remains a very acceptable and honored member of the Baptist church. And there is no reason why he should not so remain if the church is to practice

"The simple rule, the good old plan, That he shall take who has the power And he shall keep wno can."

And is not this the rule of action in the business world, governing all church members as well as non-professors? And it is a law that unorganized individuals must be governed by in self defense, if salvation is not brought to them.

Salvation is possible only by the organization of individuals into an unselfish body whose ruling spirit is the spirit of Christ. The church today is not such an organization. Its spirit on week days is indistinguishable from the spirit of the struggling individuals whom its members mingle with. It preaches so-called salvation, and does not first show the law and the unrighteousness men must be saved from.

It has rejected and lost the knowledge of God's standard of righ eousness, and has in every day life adepted the selfish moral standard of the world. It considers worldly wisdom the necessary, practical thing in business. It is not teaching the truth regarding equity, perfect honesty and the business requirements of love.

The writer is a Christian, twenty-two years a member of one of the evangelical churches, and he speaks only for truth's sake, for humanity's sake Are the preachers and teachers ready to hear

OF INTEREST TO THE OHUROHES.

John D. Rickefeller, the Standard another half million dollars to the Chicago Baptist University. This makes between three and four millions of stolen goods he has found the church willing to accept from him.

New, brother Smith or Jones, keep calm till we prove that it was plunder. The Cullom senstorial committee which a few years ago made an investigation of alleged railroad abuses discovered and reported that-

"The Standard Oil Company, in one instance at least, boidly demanded from a certain railroad that its shipments should be carried for 10 cents a barrel; that all other shippers should be man family, was, virtually, thou shalt charged 35 cens a barrel on the same article, and that 25 cents of the 35 paid by such other shippers should be handed over by the railroad to the Standard Oil Company, and the prnaity threatened for non-compliance with this impudent extertion was a withdrawal of its entire business."

> It was secret conspiracies with the railroads which enabled Rockefeller and his fellow prigands to rob and ruin all competitors and obtain a monopoly of the whole kerosene oil business of America and the world, a monopoly which has filled the oil king's treasure vaults with at least \$150 000.000 in twenty years. The income of King Rockef-ller amounts to about \$25,000 a day. And the most of this enforced tribute, from the workers, he is using to carry forward railroad consolidation, to perfect the anthracite and other ceal monopolies, and help buy up competing mines and establish a new iron trust. These monopoly extensions and his church investment are acts of the last few weeks. "He taxes the world " as he will, and plously poses and tries to think God is pleased with him s lil" -because he gives a portion of his spoil to the church! The church eagerly accepts it, too, and keeps mum about monopolies. The political economy taught in its university, of course, is the sort that suits rich men, the kind that defends usury and not profits.

We do not fling these facts at the church as enemies, but hold them up to show the charches one reason why the working classes as fast as they become thoughtfully intelligent lose faith in the cloth, the prof-ssional moral teachers And it dwen't take a high degree of intelligence in the masses, to enable them to see that rich mride with all their wealth through the doors of the courches, and that the rich all the rich, onpress them

WHAT RELIABLE FIGURES PIOPURE

According to complied reports 76 interest and not profits to the non-work- June 1st to November 1st, asainst 10,long custom perfectly respectable and period of last year. This means that