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Unto a fellow man This life hath woe Sufficient, wrought by man's extanic fee; And who that bath a heart would dare prolong Or add a sorrow to a stricken soul That seeks a healing balm to make it whole? My bosom owns the brotherhood of man

N. L. P. A.



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FURTHER reductions in wages are reported from all quarters.

BONDS for the bankers, and bonds for the people.

CARLISLE is crawling on his belly and licking the dust of Wall Street.

A POLICE census lately taken in Pittsburg, Pa., discovered out of 70,000 wage sarpers 20,000 workers in enforced idle-

Soupand suicide, dependence or death are the alternatives we have forced upon hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens.

In the small city of Yonkers, N. Y. the closing of the factories threw 2,000 employees out of work. A relief committee distributing food allows small milles our to k south to keep them.

No work to be had, no money for rent, no more goods to put in pawn with the usurers. Reflect on what fearful suffering this pictures. And it is the exact state of things in tens of thousands of homes in America today.

IF what we have said in the editorial headed "Do Such Things Please God" stirs any ministerial or lay critic to reply, we shall be giad to print and consider the other side, if there is another side. Our columns are open.

THE "Manufactures Record" is about to publish letters from (political) farm- lieve, that the business world is now ers in the South to show that the farm- almost perfectly bonest and just; and ing class of that section are paying off he declared that the church is actually their debts and prospering amazingly, bounding along, moving with a moral as a result of "the enforced economy of the last two years."

ALL Europe is in a panicy condition, weary. caused by bomb-throwing anarchists A whisper, a mere rumor, that a bomb was to be thrown in the Royal Opera House Tuesday night of last week led to the instant dispersal of the audience in the wildest alarm.

Charity Organization Society of New the desperate deed by destitution caused York city, says: "You have heard of by inability to find employment. the increase of beggars. They are tens of thousands."

from Prof. Jones of Hastings on the He took poison and slashed his wrist subject of "The American Institute of with a rezor. Christian Sociology," which we hope Charles Harris, a clerk, twenty years Christians and ministers especially will old shot himself in the head at his sisread. We hope to see Institutes organ- ters, at 401 East Fiftleth-st. He was ized in Lincoln immediately, and all out of employment, destitute, and preover the state during the year. The ferred death to charity. churches must get into the procession. They ought to be at the head of it.

Christian Alliance of New York is call- had soaked the heads of matches. cieties of the city have asked that all it. the workhouse as paupors.

a considerable part of the stock a six victim upon his garm-nis. per cent. dividend is guaranteed. Harvey A. Herrold of New York holds 339,-860 shares, and fourteen other men each. The bulk in one man's name is probably a scheme to evade the grip of the Anti-Trust law. Men must starve and suicide at the bottom, in order that dividends may be decreed for idle and scheming stockholders at the top.

THE American Federation of Labor work, the municipality, State or Nation must." We take the same stand exactly. It is foundation, truth and social right, that political parties and governments must be ruled by or they will be justly "turned into hell," and perhaps sooner than they expect. For the benefit of non-bible reading Republican critics, who are calling us anarchists, we will add that the strong language of the preceding sentence is Scripture.

DR. RAINSFORD, rector of St. George's Church, New York says: Do you know that one in every ten funerals goes to the Potters Field? Now, that indicates general conditions of poverty always existing, not the far more special and what that one in ten means, remembering that the poor man will sacrifice everything in order to bury his dead properly. Then think what the conditions are now. Why, men come to me every day for work. I have to send them off to shops and factories, and then I get the answer: 'We are discharging our own hands; we can not take on any.""

SOME time this month a party of twenty persons is to sail from London for East Africa to start, a co-operative charity. colony on the plan of "Freeland," the romance of the Austrian economist, Herizka. The idea is to have public, community ownership of the land, and to preserve equality of opportunity by taxing occupiers the rental value of it, the Henry George, single tax plan. But this colony goes farther than George socially, its plan being to have also collective ownership of needed capital. A disintegrating element we think is sure to be found in that part of their scheme which allows inequality of wages or rewards to continue among them. There can not fail to be strife over which shall be greatest, over the unequal pay for work performed.

A LINCOLN preacher whom we and several hundred more listened to on Sunday, wanted us all to make this one resolve with him, that we would say nothing for six months about evil in the business world, but that instead we should say, every thing is all right, or words to that effect, in order that confidence may be restored. Confidence, he declared, was all that is or has been lacking. His sermon showed, if he was honest, that this preacher at the First Christian church knows absolutely nothing of the great foundation sins of society, of the commercial world. He affirmed that there is only twenty-six cents stolen now, as compared with \$25.15 on each thousand dollars some certain time back. So he is convinced, and would have his congregation beenergy "so tremendous that we cannot realize its rate of velocity." We went out of that house of God feeling sad and

DRIVEN TO SELF-MURDER BY MONO-POLISTS.

The New York Tribune of last Thursday reported four attempts at saicide in that city during the previous twentyfour hours. Three of the four certainly MR. HEBBARD, Superintendent of the and probably the fourth, were driven to

One of the cases was that of Louis getting rabid. In some cases lately Becker, a German living with his wife they have been using violence when and two grown up sons at 366 East their requests have not been complied Tenth-st. He was sixty-six years of with. They may be numbered by the age and had been crippled with palsy fifteen years. His sons had for some time been out of work, and his wife had WE print on the fifth page an article to go out washing to support the family.

Henry Grieve, a laborer thrity-five years old, living with his wife and two children at 87 First-ave, tried to kill THE secretary of the Industrial himself by drinking coffee in which he ing for enough charity offerings to en- had been out of work six weeks, and able them to provide 30,000 meals a day had no money with which to pay the for the deatitute starving of that city, rent. His wife had been working out Great numbers are now begging food to get money to keep the family from to allow the millionaire Shylocks to rob from door to door and going to many starving. The fourth man, a carpenter the people, and then force them to diof the police stations to find shelter for tried unsuccessfully to blow out his vide the spoils with our tax collectors. the night. Eight of the charitable so brains, but refused to state why he did

police station lodgers be committed to This is the desperate work that our

of the incorporation of the United whoever selfishly or ignorantly and States Cordage Company with a capital apathetically supports the usury sysstock of thirty-four million dollars. On wem, will find the blood of its despairing

DR. FELIX ADLER of New York, speaking of the East Side, where over have accredited to them ten shares a third of a million people are crowded into space only a mile square says of the work of the Relief Committee of that district: They have a few hundred men and women at work in their tailor shop and at street-sweeping. But it is said-who knows?-that there may be one hundred thousand out of employment. We know some what as to their at its late meeting adopted a resolution destitution. Their need is great, and declaring that "the right to work is the demands a great remedy Now, why right to live," and that "when the pri- should we not borrow from the future vate employers cannot or will not give for the present, and use these new ere ployed people for work on great undertakings, which would interfere with no present ones, but which are necessary to the community ar large?"

THE LORD'S GREAT BLUNDER.

church, New York, save: In this district guish the truth we have set blazing the great problem among our poor Since the invention of the printing Roman Catholics is not food nor fuel, press the shadow on the dial plate of but rent Landlords are liberal enough. but there are bounds to their patience. as we well know. With men daily and light cannot fail, the truth cannot die unexpectedly thrown aut of work where are the rents coming from?"

waiting for the rents that must come, in the streets after being evicted, and refuse to suicide, the only thing to do is to commit them as vagrants or dump them, because destitute, into the poor house. The men thrown out of work haven't any right to homes for their a grander platform than was ever befamilies. They haven't any right to fore by any political party conceived life, and can live only by sufferance, on and formulated.

VIOTIMS OF AN ACOURSED SYSTEM

The University Settlement Society of New York City has made a house to house visitation of two streets in the Jewish quarters and forty per cent of the wage earners there report themselves out of work. If this percentage Catholic as well as Protestant. Out of is fair to estimate from there must be about 320,000 idle wage-earners in New York alone, not including Brooklyn. In St. Louis an investigation has been

made on the plan of going to employers for information. Two hundred and fifty sons reported but 40,000 at work. This ers who are always out of work, or twenty-five per cent of the working threw-its despoism in England, the class now unemployed. This ten per French revolution cut off its dragon head cent always unable to get work, under the capitalistic system, is not a guess, but the figures obtained by an authoritative investigation of the entire state do. The great truth, that "governness year. That investigation showed consent of the governed," is established that thirty per cent of those having in Europe as well as in America. The employment were out of work at some right of suffrage is by irresistible deperiod during the year, and that this period of non-employment averaged including our own, and this right once about four months, which makes the legally recognized never has been, never average of ten per cent of the workers can be, taken back from the people. always out of work when business is in Feu alism has been left behind. Chatits normal state.

We are indebted to "The Outlook," of New York, perhaps the best religious and family paper, for the above and other figures made use of in this issue.

PUT THIS IN YOUR HAT.

Mr. George K. Holmes, who is at the head of that department of the National Census Bureau which has given us the important facts showing the startling growth of mortgage indebtedness, has an a ticle in the Political Science Quarterly for December on the "Concentration of Wealth," which is of great interest. Some of the figures arawn from the Census report should be pasted in our hats for ready reference. These especially:

One one-half farm-hiring families (average wealth \$1.50) own \$200,000,000. Five million home hirtog families (average

wealth \$500) own \$2,500,000,000. Two one-half million families owning farms worth less than \$5,000 own \$6,500,000,000. one-haif million families owning homes worth less than \$5,000 own \$8,000,000,000. One one-tenth million families own about

Mr. Holmes in addition to these figures mentions the New York Tribune list of 4.047 millionaires, whose known

billion dollars. Mr. Holmes thinks if this concentration of wealth is to be checked "the most effective and practical remedies are progressive taxes on incomes, gifts, and inheritances." But we think the usury robberies which are causing the wealth concentration should be stopped by providing the people money without interest, through the medium of our proposed United States postal savings. loan and exchange banks. We are thclined to say it is "un-con-sti-tz-tion-ai" Moreover, by his plan the small Shy-Deks, also re boro, are not reached.

not profit demands, our land capital and A HAPPY New Year to all.

MOVEMENT.

[The following paper was read by the editor of the ADLIANCE INDEPENDENT before the meeting of the Netraska Independent Press Association held at Hastings, January 2, 1894] My Fellow Laborers and Friends:

It is not given to men in these days to lift the veil of futurity and have clear visions of what is to be But like causes produce like effects, and with a knowledge of the social conditions and forces we may, with more or less certainty and clearness, forecast the futur of our movement. The populist movement is a move-

ment of the times, and, I may say, of the eternities. Of the eternities, because eternal principles are its loward life its progressive, irrepressible force. Our cause is the cause of justice, the cause of humanity; and such a cause cannot be crushed down and destroyed, it cannot be misrepresented and buried, it cannot be ridiculed and disregarded. An increasing number of people are coming to see the truths we advocate, and the light which we follow is grow Rev. Dr. McSweeny of St. Bridget's ing brighter. Error can never extinprogress has never been reversed, or driven backward. As God lives the

It is well for us to anchor our souls in these eternal verities, for the strain Why, bless your church worshiping upon our faith and devotion will be soul, Doctor, don't you see there are too great. We have extered upon a many people? The Lord didn't make struggle with all evil, the last great ghastly ones of this winter Think a big enough world for them, and the battle of the world, and we are on the landlords; and the landlords having side of the poor, the weak, the opused up all the patience they have pressed. We are set, under Providence, to prove that "the needy shall there is nothing to do but to crowd not always be forgotten," that "the exthem off the earth. If they still stay pectation of the poor shall not perish

The fact that there is a populist party is a fact which alone sustains my argument that the world moves, that truth advances. The platform we stand on is

But let us for a moment look back through the records of history. The sixteenth century reformation was far from a thorough, finished work; but it lifted the religious world out of the grasp of the greatest and worst of despotisms, it broke the power of the hierarchy, and it raised permanently the moral standard of Christendom, this great struggle for free thought has grown at last entire religious liberty, not alone in America, but throughout the more civilized nations of the world. And out of religious liberty has come political liberty. In the nations where firms, ordinarily employing 47,000 per- intelligence became diffused "the divine right of kings" long since ceased shows fifteen per cent, which must be to be a popular enslaving superstition added to the ten per cent of wage-earn- Cromwell and the Puritans in their struggles with Charles the First overin France, and the rest of the kings of the earth have profited by these examples of what an outraged populace will of Massachusetts in 1885, a good busi- ments derive their just powers from the mand being extended in many nations, tel slavery has been overthrown. It took twenty years of most earnest and persistent agitation under the leadership of Wilberforce to overthrow the heartless money power which in the English Parliament defended the African slave trade; but it was done, and dreadful war in America to destroy

for a period prevented free speech. Truth with every historic victory has gained momentum and direction to away the legal defense of monopoly, comes to idle landlords. which we see to be but another shape has been forced to hide itself in new or fications. We consider it the world- tribute in the past, will conquer the unexamined forms after every open over-shadowing upas tree of ceath. It same proud forces of monopoly and wealth aggregates not less than twelve fight: but we have now got our grip on brings to us all the evils of irresponsible usury in the great, impending conflict. . for the final, decisive conflict.

chattel slavery, but the war was made

facts to their knowledge. All who feel soon and forever pass away. an obligation to do justly and to resist

Names comes in last week's dispatches money usury charges load to. And THE FUTURE OF THE POPULIST to times. The agitation is certainly discussion. The utmost they can do timely, but the time of its success depends on our brains, our intellectual ability to remedy waat we complain of. We must furnish convincing evidence of our statesmanship. If we can agree on needed legislation to cut off the vast tribute to monopolists, if we as a party can propose legislation which reason and intelligence must approve, it will soon be evident that we are come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

> Are our plans at present perfected? Hardly. Do we agree in our teaching?

But the differences between us are not serious, or fundamenta!. We have the

same fixed principle, opposition to monopoly taxation wherever we can find it We are working on the same group of equations, but all the unknown quantities are not yet by the party as a party clearly worked out. For instance: it is not clear to part of

the populist leaders and educators that

there should be no arbitrary per capita limitation of the volume of money if the government is to do the banking and loan money on good security to satisfy the people's needs, as our platform calls for. The people should have just as many legal tender greenbacks as they care to borrow and give good security for, land and capital monopolists excepted. It may require a fifty dollar per capita volume; it may require less, or more. No more will be so borrowed than can be advantageously used to keep all most effectively at work The money so dreadfully needed is now in the banks because the people who would use it cannot pay the usury or interest charges. If the government should take back from the Shylock class what it ought never to have granted them, the privilege of issuing and loaning money, and should monopolize this gov ernmental function itself, the rate per cent charged would regulate the volume of currency. Under, say, a six per cent charge, a certain amount of money would be called for, under four per cent a much larger sum, and at the bare cost charges (less than two per cent) the natural volume, the full amount that could be securely issued and beneficially used, would be demanded. All this requires but the simple machinery of postal savings and exchange banks, banks where all money not needed to

exchange services would be deposited. The financial system of the present and past is the usury system. No more money in circulation than the people can by slaving themselves or others afford to borrow. All producers must pay tribute to the lenders or users of money, must consent to have a part of their earnings, represented by the market price of their products, diverted from command equal value for what they produce, the mark ts become periodically giutted, in consequence of the usury, the interest or net profits, being drawn away from the wealth producers. The usury system contains in it all the forces of oppression. The despots that have been politically overthrown, usury reestablishes in power. The equality which a republic is supposed to provide for, usury destroys. As Lord Bacon says, it "tends to draw the wealth of a nation into few hands," and not only the wealth but the natural resources, the whole basis of liberty. The historian Rollin says: "Usury has always caused the ruin of states where it has been tolerated, and it was the disorder which contributed very much to subvert the constitution of the Roman commonwealth and to give birth to the greatest cala nities in all the provinces."

Because money is exchangeable for land in fee sig ple and for all forms of done peacefully. It cost us a most capital, the usury system extends itself into everything used by man. There fore the money question in its commercial reach comprehends, or enters largenecessary by the massing of the evil in one great nearly equal section of the ly into to control, all other questions, country, and the despotic force which questions regarding the use of land and capital. It should not be lost sight of for a moment that the money question is the usury question. The silver quessweep away refuge after refuge of lies , then is but a small part of it at best, and Every new victory has added to its but for ignorance and custom it would height and power. Let us not forget be no part at all. If the people decide this. The irresistible moral forces will to provide themselves currency at cost us to give. Let us give them to the full all be with us as soon as we can bring (better money than they are now borto all men a clear knowledge of our rowing of the bankers on usury) they the beginning, there is not a form of movement. The so-called "divine right can with this monoy buy or build rail- evil overthrown in the past, whose of kings" has been swept away, never to roads, or telegraphs, or telephones, and be again acknowledged, and the power run them at cost. They car escape pay that swept it away is all ours to sweep | ing interest on mortgages, and rent in

The People's party is against the us its last Protean shape, and we have en- monarchy, and all the crushing burdens, tered upon and are calling for recruits degradation, and despair of slavery. I must be cut down, uprooted, and by the How many are there who love liberty? | new system of government banking and Every man of them belongs with our loaning of legal tender currency, com-

Between us and success stands two old the encroachments of tyranny, will party machines, the morally subservient the railroads are charging too low scener or later join us. The great ma- political tools of the money power; and tariffs, but that they are loaded down jority of our citizens, men who believe these machines are a great power to with a fraudulent (water) capitalization, in a government of the people by the overcome. The daily press is almost The Atchison with \$246,800,000 indebt. people and for the people, must find wholly theirs, the great majority of the educes and \$102,000,000 stock, the large their way into the people's party. But weekly papers also, and also the trained est railroad system in the world, has they will not come to us any faster than army of professional politicians, found just passed into the hands of a receiver. our principles are made known and in every voting precinct, town and This puts into receivers' hands this our plans for securing justice are per-city of the land. But the Divine may year an aggregate railroad property of feeted. I said in the beginning that the | jesty of Truth is against our fees. They | about \$1,000,000,000, populist movement is a movement of cannot meet us in open, fair and full By the way, putting callroads into the

is to put obstacles in our way: they can misrepresent us, wall out our ideas, and so delay our final victory.

I am convinced that the great thing for us to do is to hold up to view the plan and usury-saving benefits of our government loan and banking system. We should discuss the details of it in our papers that every minute feature of it may be made perfect, or as perfect as legislation ever can be. We should make it clear to every one of our readers that it is a plan which provides for a larger volume of the currency without inflating it, without depreciating the unit or dollar measure; that it provides for this by issuing it only as it will be used to employ labor and increase wealth, and by destroying its monopoly values, its usury value and speculative value by hoarding. We should preach the benefits of this government banking system "in season, and out of season," till all the people within our reach learn all about it, and intelligently comprehend it. Let us buckle down to hard and careful study if we do not yet see clearly the constructive legislation that is needed. Let us have a clear comprehension of our principles and what they lead to. and definiteness and adequacy in the truths and plans we present.

I am of opinion that we have not given enough attention to the moral side of our questions. There is a very widespread impression that the money, railroad, land and other monopoly questions are not moral puestions, that they belong to what is called, very improperly, the secular affairs of life. But the fact is, the things we contend for as Populists are at the base, they constitute the very foundation of all morality. Monopoly prices, net profits, usury tribute of any and every sort, are robbery. It matters not if it be legalized, the moral law condemns monopolists and usurers, and those who profit by or defend these robberies are criminals. The moral sense of mankind must see this if attention is directed to it. Therefore let us appeal to men's consciences and convince them that usury, or monopoly tribute, is rightly classed in the Scriptures with all that is abominable and execrable. Let us take pains to show all the suffering and world-wide evil that it leads to, and prove that no man can be Chris iau or moral who is not with us in seeking justice for the oppressed.

The Populist movement is the long ost "gospel to the poor." It is an organized movement "to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens and to let the oppressed go free." Our demand is the demand of Jehovah, 'that ye break every yoke."

.We are scorned and misrepresented and mightify resisted by the ruling class, but the desire of all nations is reaching out blindly for what we bring. In our hands is the hope of the world, We glory in the fact that we represent neither political monarchs nor commercial monopolists, but the common people. 'Our hearts, our hopes, are all with them.' And their cause is the broadest and noblest men ever champloned. Nor can it be doubted that the toil-worn, class-burdened millions will gladly listen to our message when they learn that it is for them.

Brothers, sisters, when my thought reaches out to the consideration of human wrongs and needs and sufferings, and the changes that simple justice would bring, it kindles a fire in me that can find in words no adequate expression. I can not help wishing for a divine afflatus, for mental genius and the gift of sufficient speach. But "Wisdom is justified of her children," and deeds, self-denial, whole-hearted sacrifice, are as much needed today as is eloquent, multitude-moving speech. When a deed is done for freedom, through

the broad earth's aching breast

Run's a thrill of joy prophetic, trembling on from east to west; And the slave, where'er he cowers, feels the

soul within him climb To the awful verge of manhood, as the energy sublime

Of a century, bursts full-blossomed on the thorny stem of time.

Brave, true words and noble deeds whose induence will be endless, are for limit of our power. For, as I said at spirit in another form does not now confront us, and with modern enginery threaten to win back and hold, through usury, all despotle power. But of this be sure, the forces which have overof the same inhuman monster. Fyranny ury system in all its branches and rami- thrown morarchy and its compulsory

GROEGE HOWARD GIRSON.

LET THE GOVERNMENT TAKE THEM People not thoroughly informed on

the railroad question, those who read movement, and will be drawn to our plotely annihilated; or the liberty of the only the old party papers, are more than voting ranks as soon as we can bring the common people is a dream that must likely to be misled by the reports of ratiroads passing into the hands of receivers. It does not indicate at all that