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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, 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 satanic fee; And who that bath a heart would dare proice Or add a sorrow to a stricken soul That seeks a healing balm to make it who My bosom owns the brotherhood of man.

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No. 2 of Prof. Jones series of articles begun last week, came too late to set this week. It will appear in our next issue. A communication from Gen. Vandervoort, commander of the Industrial Legion of America, was also received too late for insertion. Look for it next week. Among interesting and valuable communications in this issue see one on page 3, entitled "The Secret Ring in Politics," by Mr. A. B. Flack, author of "Sizin' up Politics."

The literary contributions are coming in thick and fast now. Boil your matter down friends when you can. We shall print all we can, but short communications are preferred, as a rule. Observe what a large amount of original matter we are setting up, editorial and contributed.

Again we want to thank our friends for sending in new subscalbers, and at the same time urge that more improve present leisure to secure new readers for our paper. County committees should all do as some are doing, call a county meeting and divide off the county into school districts and appoint or secure men to thoroughly canvass the territory to get our papers into the hands of the people. This is necessary, if we would succeed politically. The enemy is flooding the state with cheap Republican weeklies. Our papers must be circulated.

FOOLS and financiers are correlated terms. The latter class could not exist if it did not have a yast number of the former to gull and feed upon.

STAND up for the eastern and foreign usurers, and compel the willing workers in Nebraska to freeze and starve, or suicide, or sell their bodies, -or beg for a chance at the charity soup bowl.

IT is time every man gave the full strength of his mind to the study of causes, fundamental principles, moral and philosophical solutions for the great evils which oppress us. Read, reason.

REV. J. M. SNYDER, of Sherman Co. is to deliver a week's lecture in Kear ney county on questions of the day, beginning about Feb. 10. Father Snyder is a contributer to our columns, our readers will remember.

EIGHT THOUSAND fashionable Bos toniage danced with the Ninth Regi. includes interest, rent, dividends and net ment infantry nearly all night Friday profits.) Usury drawn off destroys the of last week, to keep the city poor from starving. What a sweet and beautiful always be preserved between money in thing is charity! Let's all dance.

Mn. STEAD in a Chicago lecture recently said: "It is bad to hold a man tion being forced upon the people in up in the street and rob him, but it is equal degree. As long as the usury ism, tribute. Is there any honost man atvantage of Eve, of her ignorwerse to steal whole streets from your being drawn away is returned in loans, in this country who favors it? No, ance and weakness. That is just fellow man." He had Yerkes, the street railway maguate, and others, in his mind's eye.

The Lardon County Coasoll recently built a sower. The engineer's cost esti- people, it becomes unsafe to loan more dealing with them? Away with such there is a code, but it is as far remov- interest on our dobte, and the bankers mate was \$35,000. The lowest bid they could get on it was \$55,000. Rejecting goods on the market. So panies, or if We are their political enemies, and we be separated. The moral law is, "Thou they are a superior class of beings the bids and doing the work the meeters not punios periods of business paralysis, want every man to know that we are shall love thy neighbor as threefy" the whom we were created to sweat for, It only cost \$25,000 for a much better with a fariner spread of poverty, of the all around fees of oppressors, and commercial code is, "Thou shalt love vote for, fight for and generally worjob than contract work.

MASTER THE MONEY QUESTION.

It is of the greatest importance for the Populist party as a party to master the

money question. What then, is the money question? Many opinions are held, many which it can be easily demonstrated are incorrect or imperfect. But all honest men will agree that what we want is to get completely out from under the power of the usurers, so that we shall have all that our labor produces and may pro-

duce. How can it be done? Some say by opening the mints to silver. Their theory is that gold and silver freely coined will furnish us all the currency we need, that its volume will adjust itself automatically to the other products of labor, thereby providing an unfluctuating value measure. The automatic theory of bimetallists and monemetallists is, however, unsupported by the facts of history. The gold and silver base is not broad enough for business. The use of paper in addition to silver and gold is a concession that there is not, and that there has never been when gold and silver were most plentiful, enough of these metals for monetary uses. The interest that we pay, and have always had to pay, on gold, silver and paper money, has measured our tribute to the money monopoly. The free coinage of silver, which we had up to 1873, and bank issues of paper currency, both state and national, did not reduce the pro rata interest drain.

The Greenback party, which came into existence in the contraction period of the '70s, educated many thousands to see that full legal tender paper money could complete the round of circulation, making all needed exchanges, and serve every purpose as money; and that as much currency could be issued as the people as a whole, in their governmental capacity, called for; but it did not propose anything to prevent the money being monopelized, gathered into few hands, after it should be once paid out. It did not solve the usury or interest question, therefore. It called for fifty dollars per capita; but when that volume through rentals, speculations, corporation dividends, interest and net profits, should be drawn mostly into the hands of the kings of commerce, it could propose nothing to prevent increasing usury tribute. It did not evolve a financial system which would furnish dollars that could neither appreciate nor depreciate in purchasing power, and provide by means of it a supply of legal tender currency equal to all needs, and always obtainable without usury or interest. It gave many of us our first lessons in monetary science, but a complete financial system, a working system to cut off forever all tribute to usurers, we have, as Populists, more recently perfected.

It is the perfection of this new finan cial system which gives us power to succeed, to win confidence as a party where the Greenback party failed. But until our party as a party comprehends and everywhere advocates this new financial system we cannot convince the great body of thinkers that we are not dangerous inflationists.

Now let us put aside our prejudices, if we have any, and consider this fact there is no possible way to effectually and forever prevent the usury or interest drain, except by government loans. But by means of government loans at cost of investigation and caring for securities, all interest, all per cent charges above a trifling labor fee, can be saved to the producers. And this plan, safeguarded and simple, puts a stop to wealth concentration, the great evil, the great danger. Nationalize the whole banking business, loans, deposits and exchange, and the thing is done. The postal savings bank system of Austria, with its exchange and clearing system, but minus its interest feature, is what we want: and a central bank in each county, supplied with a complete set of abstracts, can do the entire losning business for the county.

By this financial system each county could have without interest all the capital its citizens could advantageously use in developing its resources; and their entire taxable property, in addi tion to first mortgages given by the individuals borrowing money, would be absolutely perfect, riskless security to the nation. The county bank officers would be elected by the people, and furnish a sufficient bond. And through the state board of equalizers the national government would be guided in the matter of each county's land values

Panics and periods of business depression are an inevitable result of the usury drain. (Usury in the broad sense value power equilibrium which should markets. As usury accumulates marketed goods accumulate, under consumppanies and business paralysis are kept What thes is the reason some men who

ing usury cycles. The revolving usury A SAMPLE OF MORAL IGNORANCE. oycles each advance us nearer the time of the ownership of all the land and means of production by a few, who are thus gradually obtaining legal, despotic power over the working millions, and over the principal portion of the middle class. Usury is in the industrial system what a destruction of the centrifugal force would be in the solar system. It leads to the complete control of the weak by the strong, and of the strong by the still stronger, which absorbing enslaving process must inevitably end in an eternal smesh. Usury is in its wealth concentrating process and final struggle, the power of all evil, confusion and anarchy.

THE TARIFF FOOLS AND FRAUDS.

"If there be any gain to be anticipated to be set off against this loss [of revenve by lower tariffs]. it must come from increased importations, which will just so much diminish American production and be so much taken from American labor.

Ex-Speaker Reed, M. C. "But the very depression which today hardens the struggle for the necessaries of life is in itself the strongest call for a readjustment of taxes, and the asphyxlation of production and trade within the confines of the home market de-mands that they should be given a lar-ger freedom and a more abundant life." Hon. W. L. Wilson, author of the Wil

Observe, the Republican scheme is to wall labor in, that it may have more work to do; and the Democratic scheme is to let labor out, that it may have more work to do. Beautifully agreed in their object, and furiously, successfully fighting each other to attain it! And all this effort of each party to show the other party to be fools aud frauds, will go on forever, if the people do not wake up to see that fools and frauds is just what they are.

The American workers, distracted by tional burdens, work, but an increase of ducers, cannot command money sufficient for our goods and services under so-called protection to empty the market we have filled, how can we be beneis power to empty our ewn market, power to all buy back of each other by equitable exchange what we as a whole have produced. Until we can do this we are neither protected nor free. Freecom to trade without money to buy with, can be of no value to us. Neither is "protection from foreign labor" when underpaid home labor is destroying us. The Democratic policy is a scheme to dispose of goods the plundering class can not use, goods which they have taken from us the money needed to command, in the shape of monopoly-enforced surplus earnings, net profits, interest, rent, etc. And the Republican scheme is to keep the goods here and dispose of the plunder surplus in the form of charity soup, to relieve the market and keep the workers submissive

and eager for work at lower wages. It makes us desperately incensed to see the plunderers and the market overgorged, while millions are starving; and congress quarrelling over the Republican home-plunderers free-soup, and the Democratic more-plunderers', methods of getting rid of the trade asphyxiation. the glutted market and business paralysis, which usury, which enforced inequitable exchanges, alone produce. There isn't enough economic sense and sonesty in the whole congressional gang of Republicans and Democrats to furnish a reason why they should not every last one of them be branded as rogues and incapables, and sent home.

THE net profits or interest demanded by the capitalists, and the rents demanded by the landlords, take from the producers power (money) to empty the markets they have filled; so the markets are periodically glutted, and enforced under-consumption cuts off the demand for labor. These periods of business activity with ever returning business paralysis, should be called usury cycles. Usury in its various the producers hands and the goods in the forms is the one great artificial obstruction to continued prosperity.

Monorouv means monarchy, despotnecessity succeed each other in ravoir- friends of the oppresent

The Congregationalist of Bosten commenting on the recent Chicago address of Mr. Stead, in which he classed monopolists and all the rich who prey upon society with the criminal "Disreputables," says:

Admitting, as every one does, the monstrous wickedness of those who obfollow that privileges now worth \$200-000,000 were at first worth anything like that sum, or that those who now have stock in our city railways get more than fair returns on their investments. It is hard to see how needed improvements in our cities could be secured were private capital refused the privirisk on its venture. Not every investment of this sort has proved remunera-

We consider that the moral ignorquoted from this great religious weekly to be wholly without excuse. It does not matter whether men draw from society ten times more than they exchange, or a single tenth, or twentieth; the principle is the same. To take more for less is unjust, is immeral, is robbery. Neither does it in any degree cancel the robbery account now and then to donate out of their surplus plunder a statue, a telescope, or a million or two strong, with the strong, which is brutal to a great university and theological seminary. Charles T. Yerkes is a robber. John D. Rockefeller is a robber. Lyman Gage is a robber. The Board dual employer against his landless, of Trade gamblers are robbers. The great stock yards gang is a gang of robbers. Phil Armour is a philanthropic robber. The Honorable Mayor of Chicago is a robber.

The panic and business prostration, fearful sufferings by cold and hunger, its evictions, its family separations, its the tariff noise, have overlooked the desperate suicides, its slow-murdered. fact that what they need is not addi- myriads, its production of prostitutes and criminals, and its millions made pay. It is not alimitation or a widening beggars—all this is the result of monopof the market, but sufficient money in oly and usury robbery. And this great luxury and display; and by them they they have filled: The products of labor and D. Ds, graduates of theological sem- late, to extend the realm of the present would then be always in demand. We inaries and life long Bible students, decould have a tariff so high as to wall fends what God's word condemns! Getout all goods produced in other coun- ting nine hundred per cent more than tries, and if all here worked and equita- one gives society it calls "monstrous bly exchanged their products, with our wickedness," but drawing ten, or eight, unlimited natural resources there is no or six, or four per cent of usury each reason why we might not increase our year, it calls "fair returns." (Returns wealth without limit, and all become for what? The principal remains intact rich. It is not the tariff, but inequita- in the hands of the capitalist.) And it ble wages, monopoly prices and usury teaches that if an investor gambles on accumulations of the various sorts, which the future, puts in his money and runs leave us needy and moneyless with the the risk of being mistaken, of figuring market full. Protection does not pre- incorrectly, society ought to pay him tect us. Neither can free trade benefit any sum which its subsequent growth us so long as monopolists and parasites makes possible in the shape of dividends are left to plunder us. If we, the prothan that he was not a fool, and obtained a monopoly, And it is hard for it to see how street railways, waterworks, lights, etc., could be secured by a city fited by the bringing of other or more if private capitalists were refused the goods into it? The first thing necessary privilege of putting them in and taking the risk!

As if a city could not as a city provide for all its needs, without giving away its franchises to any one! As if its citizens would not be glad to work for it? As if its citizens must remain, too. at the mercy of gambling investors who keep watering their stock as the city grows, and collecting endless growing usury thereon! If the nose, even, of the usury came

is allowed to push justice aside, there is in time no justice left for any one. The whole body of evil fellows it, Why, why, why don't the religious teachers of today believe the Bible teaching concerning usury? Why don't they set themselves intelligently against monopolies of every sort? Why don't they preach righteousness? Is it because they respect Calvin's opinion more than they do Jehovah's? Is it because they were themselves educated in institutions supported by usury? Is it because they believe God's laws are impracticable? Who will answer?

THE BRUTALITY OF BUSINESS.

It requires but two things to change paradise into hades; an each for himself struggle for existence, and property laws which intrench and defend monopolists.

O for a refuge to flee to where men love each other!

But there is no such place that we can go to. It is not possible for the unorganized, struggling individual to be unselfish. We may subscribe to beautiful theories and creeds; but when we ran up against each other in business power. it is just hell. We say this deliberately and after much experience and knowledge of the world. There is not a trace of love or sentiment in trade, in making contracts and exchanges. The brute alone can enjoy it. To the gentle of spirit, the king of heart and the morally sensitive, it is a constant torture and disgust.

Milton pletures Satan crouching in contemptible form to take what business is. Ithuriel's spear would thysolf better than anybody olse and ship.

Personal violence is not permitted, and frauds that interfere with the holding of property are forbidden. But it is allowable to take advantage of the pressing physical necessities of our' fellowmen to make terms most unequal terms of practical slavery to them. No one is hired today upon an equitable tain charters from city councils at a contract. Every man, woman and child tenth of their real value, it does not of the millions who sell their labor, is compelled to earn his wages and an unpaid for net profit besides. Every man who borrows money must pay more back than he borrows, and the same is true of the man who borrows land or capital. Gain at the expense of others' lege of making them and assuming the labor has come to be regarded the chief good, and every body in business seems to be seeking it. Certain forms of land and capital, such as railroads, telegraphs, coal mines, etc., oil wells, the ance shown in the paragraph here real estate at commercial centers, wachinery, steam and electric energy, all of which are in possession of the few, must be bought and borrowed by the many at monopoly tribute prices. And the man who has a monopoly of skill or God-given talent, no matter what, considers, because he has power to do it, that he may rightly demand more labor service than he gives. We are not so much stirred by the struggle of the as we are by the unequal struggle of the str ng with the weak, which is devilish. It was formerly the indivimoneyless employes. It is now organized capitalists against the poor and imperfectly organized proletariat. Whoever has a title to land, or capital or money equal to it, which others must needs use to live, can trample Cod's with all its anxieties and agonies, its law (Gen. 3; 19) under foot: he is not compelled to sweat for his bread. The usury-sustaining statutes support him, the laws which compel the workers to pay him rents, dividends and interest. Our property laws were made to support virtual kings in idleness, prices and wages to empty the market religious weekly, edited by Reverends have power, if they prefer to accumu-

gain all thou canst from everybody else.'

be left in possession of the workers. A reigning plutocracy with the mass es enslaved, is the natural development and end of individualism. The only possible permanent democracy is the democracy of unselfish socialism.

oligarchy until ne land or liberty shall

WHO ARE THE DISREPUTABLES?" Mr. W. T. Stead, London editor of the Review of Reviews, is still in Chicago stirring up society, and last week spoke to a very large and sympathetic audibles?" And who do to say they are?

Not recognized criminals alone, but money out of monopolies, who steal bribing the city councilmen,-all men especially the idle rich, those who de lighten the burdens of others. The proudest, the highest in society circles. the most looked up to and bowed down te, the selid bankers, whose gain is all usury, the real estate speculators, the landlords, the stock market manipulators, the whole great gang of plunder- says in closing: ers and parasites who are used to being fawned upon, had the truth spoken to them for the first time.

No, they never had such plain, disrespectful language driven at them before. The preachers are always very polite to them; the churches welcome them to their membership; the news- ing and ennobling work for the well bepapers give honorable mention and arge space to their doings; and they have really believed themselves better and vastly more deserving than the honest working class. And to think of the most noted editor in the whole world, whose voice reaches every where. whose words all the newspapers must print, branding them "Disreputables." and classing them with the criminals and outcasts! In a former speech he actually classed the society ladies with the city prostitutes!

It is so unpleasant, don't you know. And there don't seem to be anyway to keep this great man's mouth shut. He to us how people can go on reading the cau't be crucified, or beheaded, or bought off. And if he goes on preaching such dangerous doctrine it will be of, nothing worth remembering, nothcontagious. It is turning the world ing to enlarge the mind. This book is upside down; and it will help those not a dream of the imagination, but a anarchistic Populists to drive us from study of life and the needs of life. It is

OUR Populist senators defeated the confirmation of Hornblower, the Cleve- literature dealing with social problems. land railroad attorney nominee to the The author has given us in this vision Supreme Beach. If they had voted for his idea of life as it should be lived, him the vote would have been a tie and love as it should be exercised. There the vice-president's vote in his favor may be a better way to begin, a more would have given him his seat. So thorough and effective way of loving: even three Senators have saved us from | we think so; but we are deeply grateful having this railroad tool to help fasten to the author of this book for its awakcorporation fetters upon us.

How does the banker get shead of the community? By buying their debts femilal reign of rightenumers and at bay; but increased leans mean an in profess to be of us are so anxious to show the devil in it all. And when we at a discount, and selling them his crease in the usury drain; and in a brief have us keep still about every mesopoly say this, we have knowledge that credit at a premium. What is his alone bars us from period, with a full market and but little except one, or two, and propose woth there is a code of commercial morality credit? His debt to the government, of the money left in the hands of the ods of only very weakly and imperfectly which most men are limited by. You, and to depositors. Why should we pay money, or to produce and pile more politics! Perish the kings of every sort od from real morality as opposites can draw interest on their debta? Because

RELATION OF CONSUMPTION PRODUCTION.

This city has in its midst just at the present time a large number of silent sufferers of poverty, whose pride in many instances gags their cry for help, and as a result the generous public is unaware of the magnitude of destruction which exists in this community. When Dr. Duryea, after a personal in vestigation of many cases recently, issued an appeal to the citizens of Omaha to rescue men, women and children who were without food and fuel and in danger of starvation and freezing, his utterances were somewhat in the nature of a surprise and were regarded by many with a cynical smile. In order to set all doubt at rest, a Bee reporter for several days past has been making a house to house canvass accompanied by Rev. C. W. Savidge, Rev. A. J. Turkle and Alfred Trenerry of the Associated Charities. The result disclosed a pitiful condition of affairs in the hovels of the poor. Disease had in some instances linked arms with destitution, and the hideous skeleton of Despair was perched upon empty coal scuttles and pointing his beny index at a crumbless cupbeard in many cheerless cottages.

An investigation proved that out of a population of 150,000 people fully 7,000 were in actual want, according to statistics obtained at the various charitable institutions and county supply rooms.-Omaha Bee, Jan. 27.

This is the condition of at least 7,000 people in one city of our most fertile state, a state where the bins of the farmers and bursting with wheat that will not pay the cost of raising-30 to 40 cents a bushel-and for whose corn, oats, potatoes, hogs, cattle and horses there is no sufficient market. The conditions here in Nebraska are universal. Nature has been lavish in her gifts; but we have thousands of people right among us who are starving and freezing, people who are not beggars. They have no money to buy with. The whole producing class has, until within a few weeks or months, at least, been working for wages and prices which did not enable them to keep consumption and production balanced. Consumption gradually lessening and getting behind production, through lack of money in the producers hands, money taken from them in the form of net profits, interest and rents, the unavoidable result has been to check and stop production and throw men out of work. Equitable exchanges alone make it possible for the producers to consume or to command out of the market what they so to keep up a steady perpetual demand. for labor. Equitable exchanges can only be secured by over throwing mos nopolies of every kind.

THE PROGRESS OF POVERTY.

A Brooklyn contributor to the New ence at the People's Institute. His York Tribune of January 26th, has a subject was "Who Are the Disreputa. plan to procure 300,000 more meals a by for the suffering poor. He say there are in the two great cities and suburbs 3,000,000 of people, averaging the "predatory rich," men who make 600,000 homes; that 100,000 homes (500,000 people) are suffering, and that valuable franchises, or get them by 200,000 homes (1,000,000 people) are so reduced by poverty they cannot help. who live at the expense of society, and On the rest he calls, and proposes that they save the crusts, half-picked bones, nothing with their money or leisure to cold potatoes, vegetable leavings, etc., which are now dumped into the garbage barrels, and that this general hash from everybody's table be collected for the half million starving. He wants the newspapers and ministers in their churches to take hold of this plan, and

Systematic work and great economy are necessary to meet this need in its incipiency, and make the means of relief, already fearfully strained, hold out through this night of darkness, which is growing apace, almost rayless of hope Will not the grand old Tribune, which has been the voice of advancing humanity and the pioneer of every ameliorating of the people, and especially the working people for half a century, make the weikin ring in this behalf.

"Dispensation of sorrow!" The devil, we say; or, if you please, the whole gang of political devils, the Tribune included. Don't talk about God dispening it. Out upon such cant and blasphemy.

MORE LIGHT ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

AI; A SOCIAL VISION, by Charles S. Daniel, published by the Arena Publishing Company of Boston, is a book with a purpose, a purpose that adds interest to every page. It is a mystery same sort of fiction forever, books that give the reader nothing new to think the product of much reading, observation and right thinking; and is a notable contribution to the fast growing oning power, its moral insight, its leadings forward. This is one of the works which will prepare the way for the mil-"peace on earth," which ignorance

Such books as this are needed to break men away from respectable selfishness, to exable them to see, at least, that present ideals of right conduct are not true, are not just, are not Christian.

The interest of the reader is centered in three or four characters in the book; and through them is led out to con-