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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.

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Publishers Announcement.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS. Subscribers wishing to change their postage address must always give their former as well as their present address when change will be promptly made.

On one of our papers this week will be found a specially valuable article by Conservative. The article is entitled, "Wall Street Preparing to squeeze the Banking Business." The matter in it quoted from an article by Henry Clews written last July, and a longer quotation from a paper read by Mr. W. C. Cromwell before the American Bankers Association Oct. 18th, 1893, reveals the plans and objects of the organized bankers and with Conservative's comments makes exceedingly interesting reading.

He who loves good hates evil.

He who favors bonus favors bondage, and believes in slavery.

OPPOSE justice, and sooner or later you will be crushed by it.

He who demands justice and shows what it is, is not a dreamer.

He who is moved by the current, never makes the world better.

HON. A. H. LIVINGSTON of Missouri has just joined the Populists.

THEY who trample on the inalienable rights of men are the real anarchists.

MIRABEAU said, "When the people compare the people are always right."

He who would please everybody must needs be a smooth-tongued hypocrite, or a characterless piece of putty. And such rarely deceive very long.

We demand what is right, what is equitable, that is all. And we assert that just laws preserve harmony, procure prosperity and bless everybody.

THE people must either unite at the ballot box to overthrow the great monopoly forces, or they will soon be completely enslaved by them. Will they be aroused?

We have just got around to read Congressman McKelghan's tariff speech of three weeks ago. It is one of the ablest we have come to, and does him great credit as a thinker and logician.

We are now paying about half a million dollars a day in consequence of the war, that is, we are paying most of it to the usurers, who got an overhauling grip on us by means of the war.

"THE State should protect the right; the poor are able to protect themselves," is a sentence taken from a document circulated in England at the time the gold output in California and Australia threatened to lessen the purchasing power of interest, credits, salaries and annuities.

ST. CRYSTON, condemning the taking of usury, increase from another's labor, said: "What can be more unreasonable than to sow without land, without seed and without plow? All those who give themselves up to this damnable agriculture shall reap only tears. Let us cut off these monstrous births of gold and silver; let us stop this economic fecundity."

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

It will be noticed by referring to the sub head on this page that the name of Alliance Pub. Co., does not appear. Its disappearance this week indicates a change of ownership of the paper, but no change of its character, purpose or objects. Neither is there to be any change of editor, business manager or other members of the working force. The paper and plant have simply been bought by the men who have been making the paper what it is, what it has been for months past. Every man working on the paper—editor, business manager, advertising manager, and the rest—is and is to be part owner of it. More capital, which the calamity makers, non-collectable bills and slow pay caused by the distressingly hard times, made necessary, they have provided. The change of ownership means new and larger life, and assured perpetuity of existence in the hands of men who have in months of acceptable work won the confidence of the people. Looking over all the letters which come in we have most satisfactory evidence that the paper is held in excellent reputation by the Populists and Alliance men of the State, and by not a few outside the state. We expect to go on making the paper better as means permit, and intend to build up a circulation which shall reach into every State in the Union. The paper will continue to be the State organ of the Farmers Alliance and the Independent party, but it will be more.

We wish to reach the people of the cities, as well as the farming class, and to do this it seems necessary that we re-christen the paper, giving it a name which has more breadth, which at least does not immediately impress people with the false idea that we speak for but one class of workers. The long, hyphenated name, ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT, is also a typographical and chirographical burden. The name will be soon changed, probably the second issue after this. None has yet been decided on, and if any of our subscribers have a name or names to suggest we shall be glad to hear from them by postal card or letter.

We have not bought the paper for the speculation or money gain that we could see in it. With certain hard times for months to come it will be no light load to carry, but our love for the great cause of industrial liberty and justice and the belief that we have been led here to do just this work, makes us face the future confidently. With grateful feelings for the numerous warm expressions of commendation which are week by week coming in to us we are, till the war is over, and truth has triumphed, faithfully yours.

THE MONEY CONTROLLING POWER.

When the Populists assert that as a nation we are being ruled and enormously robbed by the money power, a growing, most dangerous power, people who have not investigated for themselves are apt to think we are talking wildly, without facts and testimony to sustain the charge. To show that wealth has been concentrated in this country with a rapidity historically unprecedented we point them to the figures of Thomas G. Shearman, a man not a Populist. In an article in the September 1890 Forum he conclusively proved that about 31,000 people owned at that time over half the entire property in the nation, and that 58,000 owned less than \$200 apiece. The New York Tribune has also published the names and addresses of 4,047 men who each possess a million dollars of property or more, ranging all the way from one million to two hundred millions. (The Tribune at great pains secured this information to show that there are more millionaires whose business had no tariff protection.) We also ask them to read the history of government bonds and national banks legislation.

This paper has charged, and given evidence before to sustain the charge, that the 1893 panic and succeeding business prostration, with all its vast loss by idleness, its fearful distress and suffering, was caused by the money power, by the organized bankers directly. We have a clipping below, taken from an 1878 issue of the New York Tribune, which states simply and showing such power in their possession after the specie resumption act was passed. The clipping is from a Republican paper, notice, and reads as follows: "The time is near when they—the national banks—will feel themselves compelled to act strongly. As a while a very good thing has been done. The machinery is now furnished by which in an emergency, the financial corporations of the east can get together at a single day's notice with such power that as a set of Congress can overcome or resist their decision. Now, on a single day last year they proved that they had as much power as the Tribune in 1878 claimed, power to stop the wheels of industry and bring

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Yes, they thoroughly detest whatever they believe has brought the present evil conditions, distress and degradation upon millions of once free and independent citizens. But you smart devils in Congress and your partisan press supporters are lying so artfully and opposing each other so plausibly that the bamboozled Democrats think it is the Republican tariff which did it, and the bamboozled Republicans think it was fear of a Democratic tariff which did it; and the people are thus kept voting at cross purposes, while the plundering, which your endless sham tariff war draws attention from, goes ever gaily on. You are accused hypocrites, and you know it. You are betrayers and murderers of the common people. You shield the robbers who force us into idleness and desperate need. You were elected to legislate for the oppressed; but the cause of the poor you refuse to search out, and you make yourselves the tools of the oppressor.

Six months ago the majority of the Republican and Democratic congressmen and the great daily liars quit lying about the tariff, quit demonstrating each other to be either knaves or fools, and lied all together, saying that the cause of the panic was the coining of so much money (the bankers wanted less money in the hands of the people). They said silver coinage was the cause of the industrial and commercial stagnation, and that closing the mints would remedy the evil, would draw gold from Europe, boom stocks and bonds and prices, and set everyone at work.

They lied. Yes, in plain English, the whole accused gang of them, with Grover and John Sherman leading, lied. They were not deceived. They knew cutting off our money supply would of necessity cause a fall in prices, and that falling prices would keep the people out of work and also greatly add to the number of the unemployed. Now, with the evidence complete that they lied, they have divided and gone back to the old job of proving each other tree trade foot, and protection knaves, and are a sin charging every evil and every god, real or imagined, up to the tariff.

UNITE AGAINST COMMON FOES.

Protection, Mr. Chairman, has been discussed ever since the foundation of our government, and it would seem to a thinking man that more can be done than to repeat the argument and reasons which people have heard over and over again during all these years. All the wisdom of all the ages has been put under contribution that the country might know the truth and settle upon a policy which would assure prosperity and happiness to all the people.

But we are no nearer a satisfactory conclusion than our fathers were. Every generation has had to fight the same old battle over again, and even our wisest and most distinguished statesmen have ranged themselves first on one side and then on the other. The nature of the question, then, must be such that self interest can frame a plausible argument for or against protection, and keep the less informed of our countrymen so confused that they can do no better than follow the lead of those in whom they confide, even if they be designing demagogues or avicious capitalists.

It is not my purpose, Mr. Chairman, to spread the time allotted to me in discussing the particular provisions of the bill before us. It is a curious mixture of free trade and protection, with protection as its most conspicuous ingredient.—Hon. B. F. Grady, M. C. from North Carolina.

Here is a frank acknowledgment that is very refreshing. And it is so palpably true. Now is it not manifestly unwise for the farmers of Nebraska, whose interests are identical, to divide over this unsolvable tariff question, a question which is so abstruse and complicated, a question of results which are affected by so many uncertain factors that the good or the evil of a tariff can not be to the popular understanding demonstrated and settled? The Whigs and the Democrats never settled it; the McKinley bill did not settle it; the Wilson bill will not settle it. And because the overwhelming evil or overmastering good of a tariff cannot be shown, is proof that the tariff is not a consequential matter.

Now there are other questions which all can grasp, weigh and measure. The railroad monopoly is an enormous robber power. The money monopoly is sucking the very life out of us. The land monopoly has already reduced millions to serfdom, and it is steadily taking from us the basis of our liberties. These are great, vital, pressing questions which we can unite on. Let us be no longer divided and deceived by office seeking demagogues.

In the two days between January 15 and 27, Senator Allen introduced a bill to open to settlement the Fort M'Pherson military reservation, and a bill to amend the Specie Resumption Act; sustained resolutions declaring against the late \$50,000,000 bond issue; presented a petition from Nebraska citizens for amendment of the postal laws; discussed the bond issue with Sherman, Hoar, Allison and Peffer; spoke against the present Civil Service law (is he right about that?); made a speech on the election laws; talked about gold coin; spoke on incidental subjects three times; made remarks on the Moore and Woodson relief bill, and made a committee report on the Niobrara Bridge bill.

To exchange anything with any one and gain by the exchange, is not to do a charity but to steal. Every man is a thief worthy of the gibbet. I call them usurers who lend money at five or six per cent.—DR. MARTIN LUTHER.

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It would be nothing new in the world if the Book of the Law should be found covered up in the rubbish of the temple.—A. J. CHITTENDEN.

THE GREAT SOCIAL PROBLEM.

We cannot live wholly to ourselves as individuals. It is not possible for each by his own exertion to provide for himself and his family food, clothing, education, shelter, and the wherewith to gratify all legitimate desires. We were not endowed as individuals with the universal talents and capabilities to live without help from one another; but were made to work for one another, to supply each other's wants. And the larger the circle of individuals serving one another, the greater and more varied may be the enjoyments of each. Each has his natural place and work, that which he is by nature best fitted to do. But there can be no separate, antagonistic individual interests. The highest, the real, interest of each and all is an equal, indivisible, uniting interest.

But individualism, the supposed wisdom or necessity of being individually self-centered, selfish, in interests separate, has in all ages been reckoned the supreme wisdom, and is today accepted as such by men in all their business relations, by the church as well as by the world, notwithstanding the fact that every evil which has ever afflicted mankind has been caused by it.

The rich are morally, mentally and spiritually impoverished by being self-centered, as well as the poor. He who lives without labor, upon the labor of others, cannot be loved by those who are compelled to sweat for his support and enrichment. He who would in contract and exchange gain more labor product, more wealth than he produces and gives, is an enemy to all he deals with. But is not that what all seem trying to do? Is it not a fact that there is no love and that it is all selfishness in the business world?

Wealth gained by inequitable exchanges, by others' labor, may purchase sensuous gratifications and provide limited intellectual pleasures; but it kills love, destroys its life of mutual service, and cuts off the higher social pleasures and heavenly harmonies.

There is no satisfaction equal to that of creation, creating new and useful things. It is working with God, creating with God, communion with God. But this creation must be voluntary, and the product must belong to those whose work creates it, also we can not be benefited by the Divine goodness, or have the wherewith to make ourselves useful to and beloved by our fellowmen. Each producing, transporting, storing, or assisting to distribute goods and services, and each having an equal share of the common product of labor, is the necessary basis of liberty and the order of love, of justice.

But this ideal condition is an impen-

sible condition today, because of men's ignorance and selfishness. We dare not trust each other. We cannot find unselfish men to do business with—can we?

The family relation is often free from selfishness. And the problem is, how to enlarge the unselfish family circle till it shall include ten, twenty, a hundred, a thousand families, all the families of the nation, and of the world. We consider the problem to be religious and political. "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need," is the law of love, the law of nature, the law of religious obligation. Its authority must be recognized, and those recognizing it must add together or mutual service their property, their talents their economic wisdom and individual productive forces. It must be each serving all and all serving each; and each recognizing this to be the supreme law of God, and that obedience to it is the only way to please God and win the love of his fellowmen.

The political part of the question is simply voting for our common interest. Ignorance alone separates us at the ballot box. Uniting our economic wisdom must unite our political strength, our voting strength. And it is as necessary to outlaw and displace selfish monopolies, legally enthroned greed, as it is to unite our labors and divide the selfishness out of it. And we cannot cooperate very effectively or economically till we nationalize the banking business and the transportation business.

THE FORCES OF FREEDOM.

"The Populist wedge" in Congress is forcing some daylight upon the transactions between Cleveland, Carlisle and Wall Street. Peffer's Senate resolution calling for the names and addresses of the bond purchasers, could not be defeated by Sherman, though the resolution disturbed him greatly. The speeches of Peffer, Allen and Stewart in his favor are exceedingly interesting reading, and show abundant cause why the people should know who are scheming with Carlisle to bond them more. These three Senators are untiringly alert, and are doing noble work for us.

The Populists of Nebraska are beyond words proud of Allen. His splendid abilities and learning, which command the respect of his enemies and make him the equal of any in debate—his unexpected familiarity with the financial question, the records of Congress and the schemes of the bondholders for thirty years—his great knowledge of law—and his boldness in defending the people almost single handed against the old party leaders, the intellectual giants have given him in a few short months nation-wide reputation, have brought honor to the Populist name, too, and made him the brightest hope and strongest leader of the people. He impresses all with his honesty, his fairness, his regard for justice and truth; and his deliberation in speaking adds to the strength and impressiveness of his well weighed words. He seems now to be our mightiest man to lead us in the next presidential campaign.

We have no knowledge that he would consent to run, but do we hear a second to our proposal to nominate him.

Populists of Nebraska, let us take the place we should make for ourselves, and be the first to completely wrest a state from the "corporation cormorants," the goldbug gang, the conscienceless politicians and plunderers. Let us rally all our forces and make from now on an aggressive, educational, hand to hand campaign which will give us a sweeping victory in November. We have needs and perils which should make us desperately in earnest, truth to create in us the most ardent enthusiasm, and the support of "the forces that make for righteousness." All we need to win victory is for each to put his power of influence, his voice and means to convert his neighbors, at work. Get your papers and other literature into their hands. Let us lead in the great Populist movement of emancipation, and offer our noble Senator to be the great head of the national forces of '96.

So much for the Populist members. There is not an idle man among them. They are always in their seats and their names are found recorded upon nearly every roll call. They are not obstructionists or cranks, but men who seem to have become convinced that the welfare of the nation requires the services of a new political party, and that they founded and formed a party to meet the exigency. That it has found many heroes was shown by their wonderful convention in Omaha in 1892, in their casting over a million votes and getting over twenty electoral votes in their first campaign, a new step in a national election. No one in the Populist party need be ashamed, but instead can be proud of their representatives in Congress.—New York Sun.

"There is an honest dollar," I bought it with three bushels of wheat."

No writer one of our subscribers who renews. It makes all the difference in the world whether one must earn these "honest" dollars, or can command others to earn them and turn them over as usury or increase. The usurers want few dollars for two reasons, namely, that their usury power may be greater, and that every dollar of usury increase may command more wealth for them—three bushels of wheat instead of one.

RESOLUTIONS WHICH WE PROPOSE.

The Alliances often send in resolutions which they wish us to publish, and we are always very glad to. It is a good thing, a necessary thing for them to take an intelligent interest in public affairs, and after discussion to spread their views broadcast.

But allow us, brethren, to propose some resolutions for your consideration, with the hope that they will be adopted at once by every Alliance in the state.

Whereas, The great work of our order is educational, and the great need is to gather and spread the truth, and

Whereas, Our State organ, THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT, is a valuable light-bearer, being filled weekly with facts, arguments and most important truths calculated to interest and arouse the people, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the immediate duty of this any every Alliance in the State to raise as large a club of subscribers as possible for our state paper.

Resolved, That a standing committee be appointed here and now whose business it shall be to take the subscription of every member of the local Alliance, if possible, for such permanent club, at the 80 cent rate, and to secure yearly and three months trial subscriptions of all outside who can be induced to take the paper.

Resolved, That we consider this committee the most important and aggressively effective that could be appointed, and therefore ask that zealous and faithful members of the Alliance be named to constitute it.

We hope some one in each local Alliance, any who may read the above, will at the next meeting read and move the adoption of these resolutions. Remember, a club is a standing affair. The names do not need to be all sent in at once. Get as many names of old and new subscribers on the spot as possible, send them in, and add names at the same rate week by week, month after month, as they can be secured.

THE UTOPIA WE ARE AFTER.

"To give steady and remunerative employment to every laborer in this broad land, would be to realize the beatitudes of Sir Thomas More's Utopia here in North America."—Hon. Cham Clark, M. C.

Well, what is the reason the men who are willing to work may not have "steady and remunerative employment in this broad land?" There is no lack of room: there is no lack of natural resources; and human labor and natural resources can create all labor-economizing capital, all capital that can be used. It is not lack of land which keeps men idle, for the land is much of it unused. It is not lack of capital that is at fault, for a large part of the capital of the country is unemployed. With as much land as labor needs there is no natural cause or reason why steady work and wealth to gratify every want may not be had.

The honorable congressman from Missouri thinks the Utopia of permanent remunerative employment impossible, but believes knocking down the tariff wall will help some. Does free trade England, to whom the whole earth pays tribute, keep her citizens employed continuously, or more than are the workers in America? Do they receive any greater reward for their labor? Is it tariff, high or low, which has caused the twelve periods of business paralysis of this century? What is the cause of these regularly recurring market gluts and stopping of the wheels of industry? Not the tariff, we can prove.

Given twelve million men pouring goods into the market for money, what is the reason they cannot buy out all they turn in, and so keep their demand equal to their supply, the demand of each upon the market equal to the market value of his product, and his product equal to his legitimate desires which lead him to work for their gratification?

The reason is that the people as producers and public servants, all who create wealth by manual and mental toil, are paid much less for their entire product than they must pay for the same product as consumers. If 12,000,000 people with the money paid them for their goods or services can only buy back nine-tenths of their yearly product with the money they receive for it, once in each decade the market will be full and the money in the hands of those who have not earned it. That is the simple, easily understood situation. If those who draw off the money, in the form of interest, rent and net profits, should choose to spend it all in the market each year, the market would be emptied and the working class would be kept employed all the time. But the land, capital and money monopolists choose rather to accumulate wealth, drawing it off in the form of money, which they either loan, or use to buy up more and more of the most needed land and capital; and so, accumulating instead of consuming, accumulating by means of money needed to empty the market, panics and periods of business depression must follow each other.

Neither a high tariff nor a low tariff, neither "protection" nor "free trade," will reach the inequalities we have described, the real evil. The producing millions are being legally and regularly plundered, and by means of the accumulated plunder gutted markets with millions moneyless and starving, are the regularly repeated, inevitable consequences.

The Populist party has the only remedy. Provide legal tender money for the people at cost, that is, without interest, and it will keep in the producers