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"If any man must fall for me to rise, on 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 bath woe Sufficient, wrought by man's satanic fee; And who that bath a heart would dare pr Or add a serrow to a stricken soul That seeks a healing balm to make it who My bosom owns the brotherhood of man.

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PROF. JONES third article is in this issue. Read and study it; it is valuable. The editorials this week are very carefully thought out, and they get down to the root of the matter. Our people want to understand the foundation principles. It requires careful thought. We must think our way out of error. Hard thinking will set us on a solid basis. See interesting communications on different pages. Read the letters on first page, an article by President Steyons of the State Horticultural Society on an inside page, and other matter.

TRUTH may be forgotten, but it ca never be destroyed.

OPPRESSION can continue only so long as its real nature is hidden to the majority.

the closing of the mints against silver.

Two world moves slowly, because it is a big world, and because good and evil, truth and deception, are struggling for the mastery over men's minds.

WHAT is your object in life? Is it to produce wealth or make money for yourself and family? There is a nobler. Learn what it is, and happiness complete and satisfying will be yours, with the love of your fellows.

WE have advanced wonderfully in our knowledge of the laws of matter, and in subduing its forces to save labor and produce wealth. When we have acvanced in moral wisdom as far as we have in material science the millennium will be ushered in-

AS soon as we can get the knowledge of the actual injustice which the poor suffer at the hands of the rich, into men's minds, connecting the suffering with the grasping hand of oppression so that they can see it, their deliverance and inalienable rights will be demanded.

WE have received advance sheets (a work in press entitled "A Romance o Utopis," by Frank Rosewater of Onahs. (Who is he? a son of Edward?) which claims to be "a correct statement of the problem of exchange, solving the labor problem, the tariff problem, the cursency problem." While the author claims that his ideas are new and " revelation" we can not give assent to all that he teaches.

"Tun stars in their courses fough against Sisera." Strange expression isn't it? But did you not know tha every particle of every star in heaver is by law related to every atom of the earth? and that the law of a'l matter is a law of Mind? and that the eternal law of the Universal Mind is a "power thu makes for right-ousness"? The force of truth and justice are the united forces of the universe. A mother in Israwho teaches God's law, is mightier that the oppressors who have charlets of fron.

THE Bland Seigniorage Bill has received the support of about 70 westers and southern congressmen who voted to repeal the Scerman law. They thus would place themselves on both sides of the sliver question. First, they sole themselves to Cleveland and Wal street in there vote to close the mint against silver; and now they are try les to convince their constituents that they favor silver and are opposed to thgoldbugs, by voting for this till or Bland's. They know Cleveland will veto this bill anyway, and voting for it

HIDDEN FROM THE WISE AND PRU-DENT.

The New York Iribune of late date has an editorial on "Money and Business" from which we extract the follow-

Iron, silver, wheat and wool are at the owest prices ever known. The farm and the factory, the mine and the mill. hare the unprecedented depression. SUBSCRIPTION ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR Cotton goods and woollen go ds, and nearly all products of iren and sterl, have sold this month at the lowest prices ever recorded, and the exploring mind naturally seeks for a common cause to account for declines so variouand important. Beyend the broad fact test a radical cha-ge has been ord-red In the insustrial and financial policy of he Nation which consumes as much as half of all the rest of the world, the common cause is sought in vain this, as in many other countries, there is more money in circulation than ever before; so much more than is needed that about a quarter of it was lying February I in the banks of a few cities

Let us consider for a moment the last proposition, namely, that "there is more money in circulation than ever before. In circulation? January 27th the financial reports showed that the deposits in the New York City banks alone, held by them, amounted to \$547,694,400. Here is the evidence that on -third of the entire currency (money) of the country is useless, locked up, out of circulation, stored away in the bank vaults of a single city. And if we add to this the legal reserves and the unloaned funds in all the other banks of the country, it makes evident the fact that the people. the great mass of them, have almost no money-a fact which is very painfully impressed upon most minds, needing no slow reasoning to establish it.

What dense stupidity, or effort to decwive, is contained in this talk about more money in circulation than is preded," money which the people can is a wealth concentrating and povertyneither borrow nor buy!

Needed by whom? It is in the hands of men who have no use for most of it; they have all the goods they can use and the money besides; but the people in most distressing need of the goods in the markets, can neither buy the money nor the goods with their labor. As long as the money owners choose to store their money in vaults, prices will continue to fall, so the money out of use is gaining in purchasing power faster while withdrawn from circulation than it could increase if loaned or invested. It is thus seen to be for the private gain of the money system, too, which the intellectuallymenopolists to lock up their money and exhausted, out-of-date, tied-to-the-past allow the unemployed millions to beg and starve, the certain results being to force a general reduction in unmonopolized property values, in wages and the spreading work while the poor of the THE commercial distress amounting price of labor products; and this, by a east and the old world could come wes almost to a panic in India, has followed process of misery, torture and degrada and get free homesteads in fertile, well ti n for the masses, will ripen a harvest watered regions. But that time is past, or the monied men to gather they choose later to invest.

cans an this cocrats, and the writer of everything and everybody. It is a wishes to call their attention especially monarchical power, and the mighties: work, of the present financial system, a troyed our industrial equality. It ystem which is supported by both old will destroy our political equality, or parties. The present conditions show be destroyed by it. The struggle with something radically wrong with the monopoly forces and usury tribute law of money circulation. The high gatherers, the real rulers of the world. Republican authority we have quoted has been delayed only by the opening above looks in vain for a sufficent cause up of this great continent for settle to explain the great fall in prices, and declares we have more money in circulation than we need. The Democratic administration is of the same mind, and is equally without a philosophical ex- justice, insure domestic tranquility, planation of the present situation, con- provide for the common defense, proradicting and disproving as it does all and fall. But for a simple, clear, com- our posterity." plete explanation of the money congestion, glutted markets, and moneyless millions in want, read the next article.

YET NOT DIFFICULT TO SEE.

The present system (so-called) of proinction and distribution does not provide permanent work for all, nor even for all individuals of the class who are willing to work and seek work. A cancass of the entire state of Massachusetts under the direction of the State Labor lemmissioner nine years ago showed bat thirty per cent. of the workers are out of work in fairly prosperous years third of the time. This is equivalent to ten per cent. of the working class cept all the time looking for employment and bidding against those at work n the matter of wages, being pressed a in flerce competition by personal and amily needs. The peop e can no longremploy themselves, and those who to cannot carry their own goods to narket and exchange them for goods n the hands of other workers. The mining and manufacturing of all sorte, rassportation, steam and electric appliances, telegraph service, lighting, and many other living necessities are now monopolized by men who for capital and possession of necessary land, demand not profits and reat which others' oil produces. The money necessary to make exchanges cannot be secured quitably; that is, it cannot be obtained without producing and giving in exchange more than a dollar's worth of commodity value for each dollar regived. Neither esp a dollar be borrow ed without furnishing security and concracting to pay back more deilars than me borrows.

Now, then, observe as a necessary consequence, the producing class is making and marketing more goods than it can buy back out of the market. The rent, gives them a chance to deceive the profit and interest which we must care and turn over, added to the money left paying it out for services rendered, will plutocracy?

us to buy with, is just equal to the sell- not keep it in circulation. To secure sale. But the rent, profit and interest for safe dep sit which shall also loan to receivers cannot consume what they the people upon ample security gethout demand as their share; and they choose interest all the money they need as canito spend and give back as a class not tal. All money needed could thus be nearly so much money as they draw obtained at cost, and all money not from the workers: therefore in just the needed would be deposited with the degree that they accumulate money, government. This would give us money goods must be a cumulated in the of unfluctuating value; and would save market, goods which the people who the interest drain, which takes from the have the money do not want, and which projec re purchasing power, and here the people who have been compelled to is so large a factor in injuring the mayield up he money cannot buy And ket Ant if we could get money at cost with goods accumulating in the market | we could a so get at cost (that is, in equitand money in the hands of the rich, the able laber exchange) things which demand for goods weakens, consumption money will buy, including capital; and gets farther and farther away from that would save dividend payments, production, and the workers in increaing number are thrown out of work. The periodical process of glutting the control of their product or its equivamarkets and compelling work to stop can be and is stayed or extended somewhat by loaning back to the people some of the rent, net profit and interest money which despoils them of power to buy back all they produce. But after a few years the condition of the market. which keeps getting worse, permits no general increase of the sum loaned back to the workers to be safely made, and with credit refused the wheels of production must stop, vast numbers be thrown out of employment and indescribab'e suffering ensue.

The present system of production and distribution should be called the rent. profit and interest system, or, expressing it in one word, the usury system Its successive periods of industrial acti vity and inactivity are money-concen trating usury cycles, its whole machinery, law and process bringing that un earned gain to the few, which is the measure of earned loss to the many. It spreading system; its movement under our present laws being toward a final condition of all land and canital gathered (purchased with rent, profi and interest money) into few hands, with the great majority working for them for the lowest wages or fraction of their product which will barely sup port life, a state of absolute dependence and most wretched slavery.

This is the system of production and distribution intrenched in our property and money laws, a system which will buy up all our land and liberties, our birthrights, resources and defenses,old parties are supporting. It is a sys tem which could rot get in all its rapid wealth-concentrating and poverty and we now stand face to face with power which must be overthrown, or it the Foundray be read by Republi- will buy uo and take complete control to the necessary working, or inability to the world contains. It has already des ment, but the battle of the ages now draws on.

Our succeeding editorial will show what we must now do to "establish mote the general welfare, and secure heir political prophecies of last summer the blessings of liberty to ourselves acc

TO PREVENT WEALTH CONCENTRA-TION.

The problem before us is, how to keep money which commands wealth to satisfy our needs in circulation, I. e., moving, making constant equitable exchanges between the workers.

Under our present laws it gatners itself into few hands (as now in New York), the hands that do not work for t, and who either heard it, or demand in he past, in an endless fight over the usury for it, or use it to buy up our birthrights, our inshenable right to and and liberty. The old parties have few hundred thousand landlords and given us the financial system we now capitalists and some of their well pad have, and we cannot look to them to enact any new system. They seem to have no knowledge of the cause of the periodical withdrawal of the money rom circulation. They accept as sound, into life-destroying tenements; and the unselfish wi-dom the teachings of the nankers, and enact all the legislation which the usurers ask of tuem. And so we are being borne on toward irretriev able ruin.

The money in the banks we cannot get for its face value. It can only be drawn into circulation when its owners can make more by lending or investing it than they are now making by hoarding it and so forcing down prices; and when they lend it they will demand more money in return than they lend, nothing left to buy which they do no

But there is a way out. We can get The government alone has the constitutional right to provide legal tender money, gold, silver, or greenhacks. The

ing price of all the goods in market for that we must have postal savings banks which also divert purchasing power (money) from the producers and the

But some monopolies would not asily succumb. The mines, railroads and telegraphs would need to be nationalized, bought up and operated by the government at cost, and street rail ways, city lighting, and other monopolies. would need to be municipa ized and operated at cost for the equal good of all Landlordism would also need to have its monopoly power checked and reduced by taxation.

When we have, through the Pop list party, secured these just laws and defenses of liberty the land will be saved, and the mental and manual workers will have continuous work and their full reward. Having power as individuals to buy back out of the market a abor equivalent of what they turn in. production cannot get shead of consumption; the market cannot be over stocked; for their power to purchase, no tribu'e naving to paid for money or capital, will just equal the market value of their product, so they will with their purchases make a constant demand for goods and labor in quantity equal to all wants, the natural wants which lead the people to produce commodities. And this is simple justice, a medium of exchange that is equitable, securing peace plenty, co tentment, and th bles ing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity forever.

USURY IS BUYING UP THE BASIS

OF LIBERTY. There are many good people wh know something about the rapid conrecognize that the power it gives men forward than they now are. is a dangerous power. But they see no way to prevent it. And if our present laws are right, and the property titles which have been secured under them a e just, there is no way. All the same | this to say of the Income Tax: with half the property in this count v in the hands of 31,000 people now, and steadily accumulating upon our backfor twenty years, and now equal to ju-t about half of all our property as a people, it will of itself, by the power of usury, gather to the creditor and mo appoint class all purchasable property io the next thirty years. Then where is our republic?

The eleven hundred and three million aires who live in the city of New York nave property which the New York Iribune finds is equal in market value to every foot of land, (real estate and improvements) south of Mason and Dixon's line. If they should sell their stocks and bonds, their mines, railroads, municipal franchises and city real estate. and invest it in that s-ction of the country they could, with the money it would command, buy up all we fought that terrible civil war to retain, and make virtual slaves, perpetual tenants, of most of the white as well as black popu ia 101 of that vast region. They would d this were it not for the fact that their present investment draws from labor a greater per cent. tribute than an unselected solid block of real estate, covering any single section, would con -

mand. On the supposition that the people will continue to divide their forces and caucel their voting power as they have t r.ff, another generation will see us without a country, will see all, except a c macienceless employes, reduced to we stehed seridom and hoyeless, pover ty-pinched wage slavery. The workerwill be huddled in hovels and crowded plutocrat rulers, protected by a brutatized soldiery, will live in palaces in a style of royal magnificence, luxury and costly splendor surpassing anything the world has yet seen.

Figure it out for yourselves. The lowest reliable estimate of all the debts public and private of the American people 1: \$32,000,000,000. And the entire market value of the property of all the scople, estimated from actual assess ment figures, is \$64,000,600,000. Now how long will it take thirty-two billions so it will all be drawn back to them of interest easing debt to estup and buy again and again with usury, till there is up the other thirty two billions? Supposing the average rate per cout to be money without going to the usurers, half of this sum should each year be through the everywhere branching a regular interest sum which they did consumed by the rish it would require usury drains. double the time, or twenty-six years, for the present creditors of the people government can issue all the green- to buy up the whole country and change If we are too lazy, or prejudiced, or besides. They cannot buy back out of weeks the people need without interest is from being as now, half theirs, to a weak minded to find out for ourselves the market as much as they sell, because, charge, as it now issues currency to the whole, complete, fee-simple-property what is true and just, what by right be- the interest money obtained in solling, ban's and so the money monopoly can despotism. Which shall we have, an longs to us and to others, we are cor- has been diverted from them. The in

The twenty-fifth Appiversary gathering last week, to celebrate the founding of the Nebreska State University, was as a matter of busines and advertising and good exchanged and inspiration for the future, the greatest success Chancellor Canfie d is a wise man, a talented man, a magnetic man; but it is his business qualifications, his gra-pand management of every available force which can help the University and build it up in influence and usefulness. which gives him preeminence in educational work. Nebraska should consider herself most fortunate in having at the head of her great school such a man. We know of no State University which we think teaches more truth than our own. We are proud of it.

cally hampered. Prof. Howard in his forceful, splendid address "condemned the unfavorable criticism indulged when a university professor or president presumes to lift up his voice on a burning question." But his condemnation of political bigotry and intolerance will not sweep it away.

Nevertheless, it is, like all other State

institutions, politically and plutocrati-

Old party politics is to its leaders matter of cold, brutal business. And it is old party politicians who are employing them. So long as the old party is uppermost in Nebraska old ideas will muzz e the mouths of our educators to a large degree.

Consider. Would it be safe for Prof. Taylor to deliver a popular lecture on the cause of our present commercial paralysis as industrial distress and make plain the truth? Would it do for him to explain to the public the law and cause of the currency contraction and expansion periods of our present financial system? No. He must either keep still on that line, or do as his employes do, ascribe every evil to tariff legislatruth which stands in such need of nonwould move the people

Our educational institutions can do a branch beyond it and attack hoary these men favor international bi-motaltheir teachers infallible, or that it is centration of wealth going on, and they safe for them to lead the people farther

> THE POPULIST SPIRIT CONTROLS The Independent of New York has

Those who have good, comfortable ncomes will need to begin to study the I scome Tax provisions pretty soon unthem eliminated from the Wilson bill. Men who remember war times and the inquisitions of Internal Revenue agents will feel like rubbing their eyes and looking around to see whether these years do not belong to the "Sixtles" ineed of the "Nineties" It is just like D mocratic perversity, however They denounced the Income Tax when it was a dire necessity; they adopt it now when it is not at all needed. What wa-"unconstitutional," "inquisitoria," and oppressive during the stress of war, when the saving of the country was the aramount consideration, is now, in peace, pr per and commendable.

But the country's nose is at the grind stone, and the Populist spirit controls the power that turns it, and there is aothing for it, if the S-nate fail us, but to head the command: "Come, pre-

We quote the above chiefly for the last paragraph. The East is waking up to respect and fear the Populist movement. The Populist political ideas which provide for the cutting off of the limitless growth of usury and usury olunder, taxing the rich and nationalizing the railroad, banking and other monopolies, are more and more seen to be the defense of liberty and the hope of the country. The Populists are the thinkers, the practical statesmen, and their ideas are the only political ideas which seriously deal with and stand opposed to the aggressive power of the

GIVE US GOVERNMENT BANKS.

Certainly if government money is good medium, it is good enough to be the whole, and if, as many people maintain, it ought not to be i-sued at all, then a for it a bank circulation which shall be in equal credit in all parts of the country. Of the two, a government curportion of our citizens. So says Mr. Matthew Marshall, the

ver bank money is very great and very apparent to all except the usurer class. to draw interest. Government money, circulated through government banks of loan and deposit, our readers understand that this usur would save to the producers all that is or interest injustice lies at the base of now paid in interest money, would pro | all evil and is its chief support; that it vide capital at cost, would keep money is unjust, unscientific, and must be done always moving, making equitable ex away with. Sowe ask them to mentally changes, would prevent the glutting of follow the interest-bearing currencythe markets and periodical tack of em- movement in detail which the succeedsix per ceat, it would double the princi- ployment, would put a stop to the ing paragrap's describes: pal in about thirteen years. But if present rapid concentration of wealth

be broken. But the mere issuing it, industrial democracy, or a religning tain to have our ignorance taken ad- terest drawn from the entire producin

THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, advantage of. Most of the power and privileges which now have so much to do with fixing prices, prices that plunder us, have been given to corporations with the knowledge and consent. of the people. The voters did not have sufficient knowledge to act intelligently. and so voted power and value and the keys of permanent liberty into a few covetous hands. What the voters ignorantly did they must intelligently undo. What they voted away they must vote back again.

THE CURRENCY WE NEED.

Silver and wheat have failen this month below the lowest price previously reached. This means that the prices of all commodities and property not sustained by monopoly power are falling, and that gold is rising. The bullio value of a silver dollar is now a fraction less than fifty comes The demonetiza tion of silver here and in other leading nations in the '70s has now more than doubled the value of gold as measured by the price of agricultural and manua factured products; and in like degree it has enriched the creditor classes of the world, while it has impoverished and bankrupted borrowers and paralyzed business "through the decline in prices which an adequate at d equable currency would have kept uniform."

This correct vi-w of the situation is taken by "The Outlook," Dr. Lyman Abbott's great religious and family paper of New York.

There is a good deal of alarm occasloned by the persistent fall in prices among eastern men, conservatives, men whose environment is capitalistic and controlled by the Wall Street or monied influence. In Boston two weeks ago a body of notable men met "to hasten the world's return to a currency which shall increase with the increasing demands of commerce, and secure justice between debtors and creditors." President Antion. Yet if he could safely utter the drews of Brown University was chosen chairman. Among the members of the political economic defenders how it committee of this body are President Francis A. Walker, Alexander Agassiz, Josiah Quincy, Senator George F. Hoar very valuable work educating up to the William E. Russell and other Massaline of what is popular; but they cannot causetts men of prominence. Some of error which upholds injustice and the lism only, fearing free coinage of silver power of greed. Let our Nebraska on our part alone. Others are radical students remember this, and not think bi-metallists, and the two college presidents are among the radicals.

It is worth not a little for men of such prominence and such surroundings to see the evil of falling prices and to recognize that the cause is insufficient money. They see the need of providing 'a currency which shall increase with the increasing demands of commerce and secure justice between debtors and creditors." And seeing this need they will be logically led to the Populist platform if they sontinue to reason. They are grappling with the problem we have solved, that is all the difference. They will find, after further thought and study, that the power to draw interest which money now has and which it had prior to 1873 and always, is a power which interferes with and subtracts from its legitimate use as money. The money of the country which a year ago was almost all in use, making exchanges. Is now nearly all lying idle in the banks. Why? Because it cannot be safely and profitable loaned. The money which industry and commerce live by, which hoarded destroys them, can (under the present ficancial systems of the world) be kept in circulation only so long as it can find borrowers with ample sucurity and draw interest. Its use as an exchange medium is subordinated to the power which its possessors have to com mand interest for its use. And, take notice, the currency cannot be kept drawing interest and accumulating. gathering in itself and being reloaned, because of the fact that the money, in whosesoever hands it may be, retains an inseparable relation to and power over the goods in the markets. It requires the money to buy the goods, and empty the market. If the yearly usury, or monopoly increase, were all spent to help empty the market, the loaning could be continued without a break. But the money loaners are never spendthrifts. They are all and always accumiators; therefore enough to be a part of the circulating they keep loaning and re-loaning principal and interest till the condition of the market, loss of demand and falling scheme must be devised to substitute prices, makes it no longer safe to either borrow or lend; and so the money is hoarded, credit collapses, commercial wreckage results, and millions are. thrown out of work and suffer. This periodic expansion and co-traction of financial writer of the New York Sun. the currency, and liquidation and dis-The advantage of government money tress, are a necessary result of giving to money the monopoly function or power

We are exceedingly auxious to have

The men who borrow money must pay not borrow; and this money they obtain each year by selling goods in the market, WE must think our way to freedom. what they need to live on and this sum vantage of. It has already been taken class and not spent by the usurers leaves