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"If any man must fall for me to rise, Then seek I not to climb. Another's pain I choose not for my good. A golden chain, A robe of honor, is too good a prize To tempt my hasty hand to do a wrong Unto a fellow man. This life hath we Sufficient, wrought by man's astute foe; And who that hath 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."

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WELL, let us see if the Republican party will now save the country.

Mrs. LEASE says it was fusion with the Democrats that defeated us in Kansas this year. Governor Waite says the same of Colorado.

SOMEHOW what got weak in the back when it heard the news of the election. Will the Republicans please explain what made it?

Now if the wheels don't start to humming and banks to loaning and the workers to buying, we shall all know that the Republicans are liars instead of redeemers.

Miss ANTHONY is flaying the Republican party for its work in defeating the suffrage amendment in Kansas. The Populists endorsed it, the Republicans refused to do it.

BLAND and Bryan are both beaten. Does not that mean that Wall street is carrying the war into Africa and defeating the silver Hannibals where they were most strongly entrenched.

Miss CATHERINE H. SPENCE, the Australian lady who made such a big hit at the World's Fair Congress with her lectures on Proportional Representation, and repeated it in all the leading cities of the union afterwards, contributes a striking and valuable paper to the November Arena called "Effective Voting the only Effective Moralizer of Politics." Miss Spence has a clear and judicial grasp of all the political problems besetting modern democracy, and this paper is a clear and convincing exposition of the moral benefits to be reaped from proportional representation. Such literature will not appeal strongly to the sympathies of ward heelers, but all self-respecting and intelligent Americans will be interested in a reform that guards the security and sanctity of the ballot and means the downfall of the boss and the tough in politics.

The Republicans have iterated and reiterated the statement times without number that all that ailed the country was lack of confidence. The money (bankers) were afraid of the coming of so many dollars, and confidence was destroyed by the Democratic tinkering of the tariff. Well, the making of silver dollars has been stopped a year, and now the Republicans are returned to power. Therefore, confidence should be restored at once and prosperity return without a week's delay. If confidence doesn't crawl out of its musty vaults and spread itself all over the country when it hears the election returns read, then we may know that confidence is dependent on security, and security is destroyed by falling prices, and falling prices can only be checked by stopping production (or increasing the currency), and stopping production throws men out of work and reduces their purchasing power and so makes prices fall more, and also makes fiercer the competition for place and wages, leading to a general wage reduction.

OUR NEW SERIAL STORY

We begin publishing this week a serial which we believe will be of absorbing interest and add greatly to the attractiveness of THE WEALTH MAKERS. It is written expressly for our thirty thousand readers by a Lincoln lady whose spirit has been stirred as deeply over the wrongs and sufferings of the poor, as was Harriet Beecher Stowe's over the condition of the black slaves of the south. It may be the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" of the monopoly-masters and wage-slave system. The scene of the story opens in the capital city of a western state, and behind the names of fiction the facts and characters which many are familiar with will be bodied forth. The title of the story is "The Modern Martha."

We hope all our subscribers will refuse to give up THE WEALTH MAKERS. It is better, if need be, to live on cheaper food and wear coarser clothes and keep the paper coming which will feed the mind and cultivate the conscience and grow constant, increasing light on the great social and political problems on the solution of which liberty depends. There is hardly a family which cannot somehow save two cents a week to keep the paper. We are not only printing very valuable articles and reports of addresses from thinkers who are clear to the front, articles expressly prepared for this paper, but we also select and reprint the best and most interesting articles which we can call from our large list of exchanges, and the story above mentioned is a new feature that will bring the truth in most attractive form to both young and old in each family circle. We expect soon to start a second story by Hamlin Garland, a story showing up life in Washington, a story of intense interest and dramatic power.

We have made arrangements with Prof. Strong, superintendent of the city schools of Lincoln, to write reviews of economic, educational and other works, new books coming out, and to review current magazine literature, for THE WEALTH MAKERS. And this, in addition to what the editor will do in the same line will add a very valuable as well as interesting feature to the paper.

We shall also have what will practically be a department on, "the new kind of corporation," in which the questions of right living, living as the law of love requires, will be discussed. This is a new departure in economic and Christian thought and we shall in discussing what is practical and right throw light on the moral questions that are of vital interest and moral concern to all. In no paper published can be found anything like or that equals what this department will contain.

As the state organ of the People's party the paper cannot be dispensed with by Populists who would be intelligent and informed concerning questions of common and party interest. We shall be the only medium to correctly report the doings of the new legislature. We shall also have a weekly letter from Washington from Secretary Turner of the national committee which will be of the greatest importance.

We have been carrying on our list a large number whom we shall at once or in the next few weeks drop, if they do not pay up. We have put in many hundreds of dollars to carry them, trusting to their honor and interest to somehow pay us the small sum which as individuals they owe us. Many of them we cannot carry longer. But we make an appeal to all such to somehow now get the small sum they as individuals owe us for labor rendered, and have the weekly visit of the paper continued.

For your own and your children's sake and for the cause of the monopoly oppressed workers whose cause we advocate with pure devotion, stand by THE WEALTH MAKERS. Somehow gather up a quarter at a time, if you can do no more, and keep it a weekly visitor at your home. Also do a little missionary work getting your neighbors to read it and subscribe for it; will you not?

THE RETURNS ROUGHLY ANALYZED

The complete figures of the election are not in for any state candidates except Holcomb and Majors. But from what returns are before us it is evident that an old party cannot be converted by acts of convention, or led by its leaders to support the candidates of a reform party. The two old parties are actually much nearer agreement than is either of them with the Populist party. Therefore, when Mr. Bryan by the force of his personality succeeded in nominating Populists already standing on the Populist platform, a platform which Mr. Bryan himself would not accept, he simply forced the members of his party to choose between voting the Populist and Republican tickets. They chose as individuals. If a majority of them in their opinions had stood nearer the Populist party than the Republican party they would have voted our ticket and elected our candidates which the Omaha convention endorsed. They did not do this. We did not get half of the Democratic vote. The vote for Elick and Luikhart, nominees of the regular Democratic convention, measures the vote that the Bryan Democrats gave us. All the rest went to the Republicans, voted the "Straight Democrat" bolters' ticket, or refused to vote at all. And the Elick and Luikhart Holcomb-headed Democrat ticket, judged by their vote as given by partial returns, will not foot up over 11,000. On the supposition that there are 40,000 Democrats in the state 29,000

either voted the "Straight Democrat" or Republican ticket, or stayed at home. Probably 29,000 Democrats voted against us and only 11,000 for us.

If Mr. Bryan had come over to us squarely and honestly, instead of inconsistently supporting our candidates on a platform and representing a party he refused to come to, he would have led as large a number of his party to our ranks as this year voted our ticket, and those whom he could not influence would have stayed together and given no vote to the Republicans. We also would have saved all appearance of a disreputable trade of principles for offices, appearances and reports which it cannot be denied greatly injured us and repelled thousands of the better class of Republicans who otherwise would have been drawn to us. And if Mr. Bryan had thus come to us and made himself a part of us we could have easily elected a majority of the state legislature and sent him as a Populist to the United States Senate. Mr. Bryan's inconsistency has betrayed and defeated him and greatly injured us, but if he will allow the Democratic party which he has broken into three parts to remain divided and politically dead, future good will spring out of the present evil. If, on the contrary, he tries to gather up and again lead its now scattered forces to fuse as Democrats, with those who are not Democrats, he will with waning influence continue to obstruct the growth of the Populist party and will increase the power of the Republican party.

The lesson to all good people is this: parties must grow; they can not be pieced together at conventions. Until the people are educated to believe in Populist principles and can see the necessity of legislation in harmony therewith we must patiently labor and wait. There is no short cut to victory. We need more educators and less office seekers and politicians. We must not cut away and weaken our platform. A platform that does not repel, will not attract. We must not believe those who say, we have convinced as many as we can, and to get more votes must trade for them. Our principles are eternal, our demands are just, and the oppression and need of the people is increasing; therefore they will be driven in growing numbers to unite with us for the common defense.

We should have a more definite program of proposed laws and make it our business to refer and explain our measures to the people, so that every farmer and town and city worker may clearly see the justice of, and the benefit to the masses which will flow from, their enactment into law.

"In vain we call old notions fudges, And bend our conscience to our dealings; The ten Commandments will not budge, And stealing will continue stealing."

STUDY WELL THESE FIGURES.

From the tabulated statement of the vote cast last week for all candidates on the state ticket we gather the following figures. The reports of two small counties are not official, but the official figures cannot vary more than a few votes. The vote for Holcomb in the state was 96,045; for Majors, 92,958; for "Straight Democrat" Sturdevant, 6,671. For Lieutenant-Governor—Moore, 85,227; Gaffin, 72,175; Dunphy, 11,810. For Secretary of State—Piper, 85,823; McFadden, 54,409; Elick (Democrat), 17,048; Rolf "Straight-Democrat", 10,285. For Auditor—Moore 86,898; Wilson, 63,156; Bauman ("Straight Democrat") 17,406. For Treasurer—Bartley, 84,590; Powers, 58,524; Luikhart (Democrat), 14,537; Breidenthal ("Straight"), 12,953. For Attorney-General—Churchill, 85,033; Carey, 69,021; Ames ("Straight"), 12,952. For Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings—Russell, 84,341; Kent, 70,524; Bigler ("Straight"), 12,758. Superintendent Public Instruction—Corbett, 87,734; Jones, 67,706; Doolittle ("Straight"), 12,964. The above figures furnish a field for study. Observe first that Majors as well as Holcomb ran ahead of his ticket; Majors by from 7,000 to 8,000; Holcomb by 22,600 more than the next highest. Sturdevant ran behind his ticket and Majors doubtless got the benefit of all those who scratched Sturdevant, yet voted therewith of the "Straight Democrat" ticket. These two Majors would have run behind his ticket. Holcomb certainly gained a good many Republican votes from men who could not vote for the tattooed candidate. But these votes were more than replaced by great numbers of Democrats who went bodily over to the Republican party, as Banker Yates did, and voted the whole Republican ticket from top to bottom. The Republicans never made such an effort to get out their entire vote and with passes and other machinery gathered in all loose and purchasable voters. By gross unfairness in preparing the ballots they purposely deceived many also.

The Populists have not lost ground. A careful estimate from sample territory canvassed makes it probable that 20,000 Populist failed to vote, as individuals having an idea their single votes would not be needed. The Democrats helped our opponents much more than they helped us, as will be seen by examining the above figures. But if the fraction that voted our ticket will stay with us and let the old party die, we can in a straight fight soon overthrow the grand old party of the corporations.

THE WAY TO UNITE

I have advocated fusion because I believe it necessary to bring the reform forces of society together in order to overcome a united and insistent opposition. I still advocate fusion as the only possible road to the great reforms needed. The enemies of good government, the beneficiaries of class legislation, act as one man, with unlimited means at their disposal. The common people have only their votes, and they must cast them together or suffer defeat.—W. J. BRYAN.

Mr. Bryan's scheme to bring together the reform forces (by which he means only Democrats and Populists) is a strangely irrational scheme, and he is more irrational than ever if he proposes to repeat the tactics of this year in the face of the fact that his fusion effort drove more Democrats to the Republicans than to the Populists. In a sentence following the paragraph above quoted he himself says.

If the Democrats had acquiesced in the action of a majority of the party we could have elected all the state officers and made Nebraska a bright and shining star in the night of Republican success.

By "a majority of the party" he means a majority of the convention delegates. A majority of the party, as he admits, did not acquiesce in the action of those delegates. The major fraction voted with the Republicans, added themselves to "a united and insistent opposition," instead of voting for the Populist candidates. Therefore fusion, or what Mr. Bryan calls fusion, would better have been avoided. The Democratic party is not a reform party. It cannot make itself or be made a reform party. Mr. Bryan was able to divide it into three unequal parts and lead not the largest part to vote the Populist ticket, in part; but he can never fuse an old party with a new one and divide the offices between them. The offices as a rule are lost instead of gained by such unnatural efforts.

It is necessary to bring the reform forces of society together." We cheerfully admit this. But we go farther and say that the reform forces in the Republican party must also be drawn out and form a part of the reform body. In order to attract honest Republicans as well as Democrats and bring them together a third party entirely distinct and different from either, a progressive party, having new ideas, must furnish a common platform for all to unite on. Such a party is the People's Independent party. Republicans and Democrats have without prejudice united in it. It is the only place that they can unite. Republicans will never go over to the Democratic party to save the nation, because they know it is as corrupt and conservatively stagnant as the Republican party; and Democrats who get their eyes as wide open to see the Democratic machine will never be induced to climb to the platform of their rivals, for the same reason. Mr. Bryan is blindly partisan if he does not recognize that there is as large a reform element in the Republican as can be found in the Democratic party. That element we must win. It can never be won if its existence is disregarded and the People's party fuses or appears to fuse with what all Republicans believe to be a worse party than their own.

Mr. Bryan has failed in his effort to reform the Democratic party. Two-thirds of its voters have refused to stand unitedly on his reformed Democrat platform and vote for Populists. Will he then persist in trying to get Democratic oil and water to mix, and expect to win by the sort of trade with Populists that he proposed this year?

We cannot win without drawing out the honest element in the Republican party. We cannot fuse with one old party without arousing disgust in the honest element of the other old party, and the great body of the People's party also. The only fusion that will succeed is the melting down, separating of the honest element of both old parties and pouring them together into the new People's party. If Mr. Bryan wishes to bring together the reform forces of society he will give up his grand scheme to remain a Democrat, hold the Democrats together, and trade votes for offices. A Bryan platform, which he again offers for future use, to draw us all on to, while each party retains its own platform of ideas and organization, is simply an impossible scheme to make us all Bryanites while he remains a Democrat. In other words, it is an effort to gently draw us off into a toboggan slide which would land us all in the embrace of Democracy.

THE SHYLOOK SUKING BLOOD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.—Another bond issue has been decided upon, and it is stated by those in the inner circles of government affairs here that the issue will be made next week, in all probability Monday. For some time past, it is said, the conviction has been growing upon the president that an issue of another \$50,000,000 would soon be necessary, and on his return from Buzard's Bay he expressed to the members of the cabinet his belief that the issue could not be long delayed, and that the sooner it was made the better. He saw the treasury receipts constantly growing less with no immediate prospect of any favorable change. Already the gold reserve has reached a point of \$4,000,000 below the lowest point touched previously to the laet issue with the probabilities strongly in favor of still further and larger withdrawals for export as soon as the usual spring outflow sets in.—Chicago Times.

We now may expect, with an administration controlled by Wall Street and the Republicans controlling congress that the bankers will have their own way unhindered. Well, if creditors are to rule this country and debtors and taxpayers (the workers, wage-earners, and the rest, pay all the taxes) are to have interest burdens heaped upon them more and

more, let them come. Before the majority are entirely crushed by the burdens they will, like a sleeping giant, arouse themselves.

Election day John A. Stewart, president of the United States Trust company who used his influence in the early part of the year to get Secretary Carlisle's first bond issue, visited Washington and conferred with the president and Secretary Carlisle. Today Mr. Stewart and one or two of his associates, bank presidents, received a copy of the proposed circular, and last night the draft was returned to Washington with their approval. Mr. Cleveland has been assured by them that the proposed issue of bonds in the terms mentioned will be a success. Already it is said large amounts have been subscribed for by some of the banks and a foreign house is said to have subscribed for a large amount.

The gold which these bonds are to be issued for will be bought with paper, greenbacks, bank note currency, silver certificates, any money that passes current, a paper dollar being paid for a gold dollar. Then after being placed in the U. S. treasury it will be drawn out again and sold over again, each time adding interest-bearing bonds to the backs of the people. And this is the way the bankers plan for prosperity—their own. Get the people bonded and in debt to them enough, and it is expected that they will work for them like oxen, and wear the yoke with ox-like docility.

Now consider. If government paper is good enough to pay for gold, it is good enough to pay for labor; and labor is all that should be paid for. And if full legal tender greenbacks will pass current through all the round of exchange, it is governmental financial folly to pay interest on its own paper used to purchase dollars which the government and the government alone can make.

O YES, WE UNDERSTAND IT

Now that election day has passed our corporation-owned United States (the name should be changed) court has kindly consented to hand down a decision in the Maximum Rate law injunction case. Judge Brewer "declares the law to be constitutional and that the legislature had full power to fix reasonable rates, but that the rates prescribed in the bill are not reasonable in view of the present condition of affairs in Nebraska and the net earnings of the roads. He farther says that in time the rates might become just and he suggests that a proviso be entered in the decree sustaining the injunction, giving the defendants the right to move the court for a reinvestigation of the reasonableness of the rates."

Now Judge Brewer has not investigated the actual labor cost value of the capital invested in the Nebraska railroads. He does not know what are the legitimate expenses of the transportation companies and what right has he without this knowledge to grant an injunction forbidding the enforcement of the law? He is exercising the powers of an autocrat in so doing. The supposition should be that the law is just. It was copied from the statutes of a neighboring state, which law is sustained, and the failure of crop there does not affect it. Why should not the railroads share the loss of the Nebraska crop as well as the farmers and all the rest, money loaners excepted? But no, the Judge upon his throne hands, down the decree that the stockholders who neither sow nor reap shall have a crop of dividends anyhow.

O what a fine way to make law and courts respected! And how shrewd it was to hold back the decree until after election!

THINKS IT WAS CHRIST'S SIDE.

We received a few days since a private letter from which we are permitted to publish what we wish. It was from a teacher, a scholarly man and a thinker. He said in part:

We are all compelled to be to a certain extent eclectic doctors, and doctor symptoms, but some of us are aware that the patient is suffering with "general debility" and cannot recover without "radical" treatment that will work a change in the whole system. I have been a socialist, theoretically, for a number of years, but have been converted to Christian Socialism within the last two years. I mean simply that I have found Christ to be a teacher of this doctrine, or more properly a promulgator of principles underlying this doctrine. I believe it would be the natural—the inevitable—result of a strict observance of Christ's teachings, and, conversely, I do not believe that a strict observance of His teachings is possible under our present system, which argues everything from the standpoint of self. "And whatsoever ye do unto them that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them," is a rule that does not fit a competitive system. There the same rule is observed as that which prevails in my neighbor's hog-yard. The strongest and the fleetest get into the trough with "ball bearings," the cunning ones slip their heads in under and drink the swill; while the slowest, dullest and weakest are crowded out, or get trampled to death in the struggle. Yet it is "free to all" and each has a fair chance to do the same." No doubt the hog-yard politician and apologist points with pride to the fact that some of the hogs have gotten inordinately fat, and triumphantly gives the aggregate gross weight of bunch—which, it cannot be denied, makes a very fair average.

I am intensely interested in your scheme for a Christian corporation, etc. Although a socialist, I have always felt a repugnance to joining a socialistic society that had separated itself from the rest of the world. It seems to me like cutting a knot that must be untied. As long as there are social and industrial wrongs needing righting, as long as the great bulk of Christians do not know the "Larger Christ" and, however well acquainted with theology and the theological Christ, are ignorant of the Christ-life, it seems to me selfish if not cowardly to turn ones back on the great world

and say, "We'll have none of it." The projectors of such enterprises are generally the most noble of men and it seems a great loss and pity to have their influence taken away from the mass of men, who need to be taught and shown the better way.

But your idea is a Christian society or corporation, in the world but not of it. This seems to me to have been Christ's idea, and the practice of the early Christians, until the unlucky day came when they "gained the whole world and lost their soul." I hope and pray that your idea may be realized in fact. This plan of yours will have the advantage over the general society of leaving the leaven in the lump, where it is needed, and some day we, or our descendants, will see of the travail of our souls in the complete leavening of the whole. There is practically no end to the possible growth and development of such an undertaking, and "reciprocity" with other similar societies could undoubtedly be arranged from the beginning.

We are greatly pleased to receive this witness from one who has so long and carefully thought upon the social problems, the question of Christian living. It would seem a pity when so few see eye to eye, are "of one heart and one mind," to start two corporations if they may be made one. Will our brother tell us if it would be possible to unite the forces?

Once the welcome Light has broken, Who shall say What the unimagined glories Of the day? What the evil that shall perish In its ray? Aid the dawning, Tongue and Pen! Aid it; hopes of Honest Men! Aid it, Paper! aid it Type! Aid it, for the hour is ripe! And our earnest most slacken Into play; Men of Thought and Men of Action, Clear the Way! —Charles Kingsley.

FARTHER THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

Brother Neil has been in and talked with me about our proposed Christian corporation since last week's editorials upon the subject were in type. He and his wife and others, doubtless, are anxious to have the articles of incorporation, agreement and by-laws drawn up (subject, of course, to modification and improvement both before and after they are adopted), that we may have definite plans and duties to consider. As I have more than once stated, I am convinced that wealth for individual gratification must not be the object of our organization. Can we rise to the height of living not to gain, but to give? As Christ "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister," and in his life is the pattern for us, it is our duty to each ask, not how much can I gain by combining with others in the organization proposed, but how much can I give? "It is more blessed to give than to receive," Christ says. If any one doubts this let him stand back. He is not fit to, he cannot, enter into the kingdom of God. Those who believe Christ's word will be glad if they have much to give of property, strength, and talents. This actual giving up of everything, all we have and are, must be the test of our faith and fitness for membership in the body of Christ, the Christian corporation which we propose to bring to birth, making the spirit of Christ socially incarnate and all-controlling. It is not easy for those who have riches to believe that love is better than wealth, and that it is safe or wise to divide equally with poorer brethren whom Christ will have equally cared for. "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" (It is not difficult at all for the rich to enter the modern church, observe, but this only shows that the church has ceased to be the kingdom.) Yet the more one can give of property and labor service, the more he is blessed. And if we obey the law of love, making ourselves members one of another in the proposed Christian body (corporation) we can see how the promise must prove true, that "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundred fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

Observe, by giving up private property in lands and capital and communizing, or collectively owning our capital, we shall each practically own all; that is, we shall obtain the greatest, most labor-saving use and enjoyment of it all, and by displacing, if we must, our selfish, mammon-worshipping relatives we shall gain brethren and sisters a hundred fold, who will love and serve us as those we love will not. Let truth which commands actual property sacrifice be preached plainly and faithfully, and it will be found that the time of persecution is not yet past. People are as selfish now as they ever were.

The whole question is one of simple obedience to God. If we leave God out of the question, putting the dollar in His place, we cannot really, that is in spirit, unite, and we cannot stay in harmony together. Now God does not say thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself when there are fifty or more ready to obey Him. It is thou, and it is thy neighbor, one. Obey now. Do not wait till tomorrow for others to obey. A beginning must be made. Who is ready to join hands and heads and hearts and means with me in the love and obedience of Christ? Just by way of suggestion regarding our articles of incorporation, agreement and by-laws. Let us therein recognize the kingship of Christ and the equality of the brethren. Let us state that the