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'If any man must fall for me to rise, hen seek I not to climb. Another's pair I choose not for my good. A goiden 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 woo Sufficient, wrought by man's satanic foe: And who that hath a heart would dare prolong Or add a sorrow to a stricken soul That seeks a bealing baim to make it whole? My bosom owns the brotherhood of man."

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WHEN did Anna Gould earn \$5,000 to pay for two veils.

Did any one ever hear of a farmer's daughter paying \$2,000,000 for a (no-ac) Count husband? Why not? Is it a fact that railroads don't pay?

THE Republicans are atraid of the bad character they have by black art conjured up to fead them, and are now crying out to be saved from Frank Graham.

GRAHAM is Bud Lindsey's man, and Jim O'Shee has also been conferring with Bud. Over half of the Democrats will seekers. If we had named our best men "gravitate" to Graham. This makes it all the more necessary that all good citizens get together.

SAVE US FROM OUR FRIENDS There is an encouraging revival of interest in municipal good government sweeping over the country. The great work of Dr. Parkhurst, the City Vigilance League and the Lexow committee in New York, gave form and impetus to the Civic Federation movement elsewhere, and per. manent results in many cities may be looked for. Lincoln has as much need of a non-partisan good citizenship movement as any other city of its size. In fact

there is desperate need of overthrowing the boodle ring by electing not merely a good mayor, such as we have had for four years, but a clean council and excise board also. Mayor Weir's hands have been tied by the ring tools that preceded him and that came into office with him.

National political questions ought not to divide the honest people of a municipality in their purely local elections. National politics should be kept apart for national and state elections.

Good honest municipal government in all that is at issue in city elections.

Parties are a necessary evil which professional politicians make use of locally in two ways, namely, to divide good men and unite bad or self-seeking men. There is no sufficient reason why the Prohibitionists, Democrats, Republicans and Populists of Lincoln should not unite their ballots to elect a ticket made up from all parties, the best known, most respected and best qualified citizens who are willing to serve the city. The Civic Federation ought to, with large accessions to its ranks, not only select such a ticket from the choice of the several parties, but it should by earlier action do what it can to get each party to put up for candidates its very strongest, best material.

We de not think the Populist central committee of the city and the minds that led have done as wisely as might have been done. Lack of preparation, of sufficient discussion, of clear grasp of the new situation and the proper work of the Civic Federation, made it impossible for the convention Saturday evening to know what it wanted to do, or what as a party we ought to do. We ought to have selected the men in our judgment best fitted to fill the city offices. We ought to have done just what the three other parties had already done. Then with four tickets to choose from the Civic Federation could have made on the whole a better selection and some of our men would have been elected. There was no reason why the 1,500 Populists as Populists should be by convention action obliterated, lost sight of, and at the polls be counted as Democratic or Republican voters. The Populist convention could and would have named some excellent men for the city offices, and the Federation would not have passed them all by to favor certainly no better men

in the other parties. We do not want anything that looks like a trade, a deal, a tieup between officeand a committee of the best citizens appointed by the Civic Federation had passed upon the merits and strength of all candidates, and then the Federation as a whole had voted to endorse the men to the greatest number satisfactory, the men endorsed would be voted for by their honest element of all parties and this election would have been assured.

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lowed to, not alone the Hocking Valley miners, but all others as well, and how many men, women and children should starve or be beggars. They agreed on what the output should be to sustain prices, and at the same time how much of the time the poor miners should be refused employment. The less time they are employed the higher must be the price of coal, the more must the poor of all classes, with insufficient means to buy fuel, suffer for lack of it.

Every family buying coal is being olundered by this combination of coal and railroad monopolists who keep tens of thousands of miners on the verge of starvation in order to reduce the coal output and sustain prices far above what full time work for the miners would allow.

This picture, of natural and chartered monopoly and correlated starvation. should be brought under the eyes of the entire class who care for liberty, equity and natural rights. Who created and stored these mines of coal? Not the men who monopolize them. They belong by inalienable right to all the people. Titles conveying them in fee simple to a part of the people, to a few, are not clear, are not just, are as much an outrage and an abomination as the claim of kings to rule by divine right. Shall we allow parchments, title deeds, and chartered monopolies to make men kings, after our fathers fought to overthrow the government of kings? Shall we continue to allow socalled property rights to hold down and drag men into a proletariat class, a legally disinherited class, and force them to work at wages which coal kings decree. when they work, and accept charity or starve when the kings decree that they shall not work?

Shall we allow property titles to degrade the landless below even the black chattels whom a righteous war set free? They were fed, clothed, sheltered, and received medical treatment. They were kept in good, healthy, working condition. But the class today who by our laws are allowed no right in the sunlight, the soil, the rain and the dew, the economies of capital, the working forces of nature and the stores of coal, and oil, and iron, and other gifts of God,-this class, unable even to find a master, much of the time, are in the lowest miserable condition that men have ever been dragged down to.

The mines and highways of every sort must be restored to the people, the government. Refuse to do this and violent revolution is unavoidable. Men made in the image of God, now robbed of the inheritance belonging equally to the children of God, must soon come to their own, in a great year of jubilee, or the parchment titles of monopolists will have their writing obliterated forever in blood. The haughty heads of the French kings and nobility and all who backed them fell into the basket a hundred years ago. A million lives explated the sins of slavery in our own land but thirty years ago, -and we had the ballot all the while.

# DIAMOND OUT DIAMOND

The countries of Europe, and even Cape Colony in South Africa, are dis. oriminating against our products, protecting their people against our cheap goods to offset our protection against their cheap goods, and so "protection" ceases to be protection. Reciprocity is commercial and economic sense. One nation cannot by passing tariff laws benefit its own people, considered as a whole, at the expense of the people of other nations, unless such other nations are lacking in intelligence. That nation which does not meet discrimination with discrimination, and duty (tariff) with duty, or prohibition with prohibition, is not awake to its power to free itself from commercial tyranny. There are really no natural advantages which one nation possess which are not balanced by other natural advantages of other nations Tariff laws interfere with mutually advantageous exchanges, and are economically justified only when used to coerce other nations into opening their markets to our goods. By taxing German sugar (at the demand of the Sugar Trust) we cut off (or lead the German nation to close up); the German market for American

meats, and so lose more than we gain. Tariff "protection" is also a delusion, because wherever natural advantages favor a nindustry there capital takes itself-j. the government is stable. Natural conditions of production attract capital and labor, determine the surplus products of each nation, and equalize advantages. Therefore the laws which interfere with free exchange damage the people of both aations, of all nations. But the tariff is of slight consequence as compared with either the money, land, or transportation monopoly.

#### WHO ARE THE CONSPIRATORS?

Mr. Debs in his Chicago speech on, 'Who Are the Conspirators?" charges that the railroads themselves set fire to their cars to secure military aid and to put down the strike. It was a noticeable fact that Pullman cars were not selected to burn, but a lot of twenty-five year old box cars. While fighting the box car fires Captain Palmer, of the city fire department caught a man cutting his hose. He promptly knocked him down and when he searched him was surprised to find he was a deputy marshal. Twocity detectives report that they caught two deputy marshals deliberately making a business of setting fire to box cars. They were going about with waste, saturated with oil, firing cars right and left. Those deputy marshals were in the service of the General Managers (railway) associa-

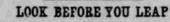
tion. General Miles at the end of the strike at a banquet given by one of the big clubs of the city made the assertion. I have broken the back-bone of the strike.' The soldiers were sent to Chicago to serve the corporations. "No court takes judicial notice of the violation of the law

rest-saving, etc., and also the correspondence ponding profit for purchasers.

Those who advance \$10.00 can draw it out alter 90 days if they wish to, or need to, either in the form of cash or goods. Already fifty families have agreed to co-operate in the proposed store, and we can get four times that many in a short time, and be sure that the business will grow, will build itself up all day Thursday of last week the hired steadily and more and more rapidly until it shall absorb the trade of all who care to save money.

#### SEND NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

There are no doubt thousands of farm ers in Nebraska who do not know where to get feed grain to carry them through the coming year. If all of our subscribers who have feed grain to sell will send in their names on a postal card, we will publish it free of charge, so that our readers who need feed may know where to get it.



Ex-Representive Springer of Illinois, in an Associated Press dispatch of March 14, is reported as saying:

"The actual purpose for which the new silver party was organized does not seem to be well understood throughout the country," said ex-Representative Springer today. "That party was organized for the purpose of forcing one of the other of the old parties to adopt the 16 to 1 silver platform. The silver men in Washington put their heads together and declared that they were going to so manipulate things that one or the other of the old parties should not straddle the silver question. One of the most important maneuvers of next year's campaign will be the dates of the democratic and republican conventions. According to tradition the democrats, as the party in power, "must hold their convention first, but it would be good politics on the part of the democratic leaders to make an effort to have their nominating convention after the Republicans shall have acted. Of course this is a game which both may play at, and I expect some sharp jockeying by the national com-mittees of the two parties. The silver party is merely a club held over the democrats to force them to a 16 to 1 standard. I personally know that the very men who have engineered this movement intend to remain in the democratic party fighting for delegates to the national convention and making tremendous efforts throughout the country to secure a majority of the convention. They hope to get control of all the southern states, of practically all the delegates from west of the Missouri River, and perhaps one half of the delegates from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. If they are not disappointed in their expectations they will easily control the great majority of the voting strength of the convention. They will have possession of the committee on platform, and in all probability will be able to dictate the nominations as well

as the resolutions. "If they succeed in their efforts to take ssion of the democratic party, "controued Mr. Springer, " the proposed new party will disappear as it by magic. That will be the end of it, and large blocks of the republican party in the western states will wait to see what their national convention does before giving their allegiance to either ticket. convinced the democratic convention will be controlled by the silver people, and if the republican convention is held later there will be nothing for it to do but to

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was endorsed as "an ardent and true Populist." But he is more. He has done immense service, molding and educating the people in the principles of the Populist party.

THE honest self-respecting citizens of Lincoln could not help feeling disgusted and degraded as they saw on the streets carriages of candidates carrying voters to the Republican primaries. Each carriage was placarded with the name of the man who paid for it, or the name of the tool some corporation was putting up funds for. They were on the fly in all parts of the city all day, and the resultthe nomination of Frank Graham for mayor, at least-was what might have been looked for. The great bulk of the voting was done by men who have no sense of the dignity of citizenship, men who are not ashamed to have an office seeker hire a carriage to take them to the polls. Nominations for office are made not by the people, acting freely and intelligently, but they are made with money. The voters are bought and transported like cattle. The man and his backers who can hire the most carriages and hunt up the greatest number of base men, men who are not men, to cart to the primaries, paying for all votes in rides, cigars, drinks, promises, trades, and coin of the realm, is the man who comes out victor in the convention. And the men who are indifferent and so selfishly absorbed in their daily business affairs that they will not take the trouble to attend the primaries and vote for honest capable men, on election day are expected to ratify the work of the officeseekers, boodlers and corporation agents. And so the worst element secures power, plunders the public, 'frames mischief by a law,' and by what it gets out of the people controls elections and keeps its tools in power. How long will the majority submit to the rule of the vicious and through partisanship divide thestrength of the honest class?

THE supreme court of Illinois has declared that the sweat shop law of that state, an act "to regulate the manufacture of clothing, wearing apparel, and other articles," is "un-con-sti-tu-tional." The law prohibited women from being employed for more than eight hours a day or more than forty-eight hours a week in any factory in the state. The court sustained the claim of the attorneys for the sweating manufacturers, that the law took away the constitutional right of a citizen to contract his or her labor. This shows that our whole system of laws is built on the capitalistic or profit seeking basis, on the doctrine of absolute private property and "personal liberty," liberty to starve or come to terms with landlords and capitalists. What! deprive a woman of the right to sell her body for sixteen hours, or day and night both, if she needs to? The paper constitution as interpreted by manu-

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GEORGE GOULD made his sister a wedding present of a \$40,000 crown. But the American people will support that crowned princess with yearly tribute and all her French descendants forever, if the government does not condemn and buy in the throne of these railroad kings.

MINNEAPOLIS mill operatives have organized to resist the ten per cent reduction in wages decreed by the English ownes of the Pillsbury-Washburn concern. It is a common case of English rule upon American soil. How do you like it, workingmen, to have foreigners' decree cuts in your wages?

PROF. HERRON'S new book, "The Christian State: a Political Vision of Christ." containing his celebrated oration at Lincoln and a fuller expression of his thought upon the same subject, is just off the press and can be had in paper covers for 40 cents. Cloth, gilt top, 75 cents. T. Y. Crowell & Co., New York, are the publishers.

THE News says: "The Republican convention was sufficiently warned by the reputable element of the party that it must nominate its best man. Instead it nominated its worst-a man without ability of the character necessary for a mayor, whose associations are distinctly bad, whose character is colorless, and whose record as a councilman is far from good."

THE press dispatches state that Japan will demand a cash indemnity of China and that it is estimated at from \$50,-000,000 to \$500,000,000. The money kings of the world stand ready to draw from the civilized nations, from the present feeble curren's of trade, whatever metallic money is needed to pay this indemnity, shipping beyond where it will be possible for it to return.

THE News says not one-third of the delegates in the Republican convention that nominated Grabam will vote for him. Its reporters talked with 35 delegates afterward, and found only three for Graham. But do not be lulled to sleep. Graham is a hard man to beat because the bad element of parties will be solid for him, and he counts on getting the great vote that always vote the entire ticket stamped Republican. He will also have the undivided support of the corporations, especially the electric light com-pany, the B. & M. and the American Ex-thange bank.

Where no principle but honesty is involved, where there is but one policy to pursue, that of economy and guarding the common interests, it is senseless for good people to divide themselves. But we do not like to have it appear that the Populists of Lincoln have no men whom they are proud to present and propose for public servants. The candidates of the two old parties will be elected, the best we hope of each, and the Populists who make their election possible will have no visible part, no accredited share in saving the city. They will be counted as Democratic or Republican voters and it will be published abroad as an old party reform.

### TWENTY-SEVEN CENTS & DAY

In the Hocking Valley, Ohio, one of the richest coal-mining regions of the world, the mining population is in destitution and compelled to accept charity to keep alive. An investigating commission appointed by Governor McKinley has just reported that, "Throughout the entire region we have found the unemployed in the most extreme destitution, depending upon the weekly issues of the relief committees for their entire subsistence." The commission reports that the miners have had only from 42 days to three months work in the last year, which made an average family income for the year of only 27 cents a day. Yet there was no drop in the price of coal.

The report says further, "In all cases we have found the miners averse to the acceptance of charity and showing an earnest desire for work."

Now what is this but slavery? A disinherited class, cut off from Nature's bounties, whose masters will neither employ nor feed them! It is worse than chattel slavery.

About the same time that the investigating commission appointed by the governor was reporting, there was a meeting of bituminous coal and carrier monopolists being held in New York, the Hocking Valley coal kings being repre sented by William Ryan and W. F. Mills. The chairman was J. M. Ferris, general manager of the Toledo and Ohio Central Railway. They came together to decide how much coal should be placed on the market, how much should be mined at each mine, how much work should be al-

## THE INDIANA ANAROHISTS

It is high time for the people of the United States to arouse themselves and overthrow the political anarchists who are reveling in plunder and trampling justice under foot. The Republican legislature of Indiana planned a resort to physical violence to prevent at the last hour of the session the Democratic governor sending to the speaker's desk by his private secretary the veto of a certain bill. They nailed the doors of the gallery of the representative hall at the top and drove cleats under the bottom, and when the governor's secretary entered the elevator to reach the regular entrance two legislators jumped on him, broke one of his ribs, which pressing on his heart has left him in a critical condition; they kept the elevator swiftly running up and down so that for some time he could not get off; then on the floor of the legislature he was hustled and jammed, and the vetoed bill was torn from him. The struggle between friends and loes, with foes outnumbering, made a most startling scenethe lawmakers of a great state rioting! The critical condition of Secretary King after the riot alarmed the honorable participants, and there was a general scattering to avoid possible arrest for murder.

When the lawmakers of a state resort to physical violence, to murderous assault against regularly constituted authority,-when they upon the floor of the legislative assembly, in a deliberately planned effort thwart the will of the chief executive who is simply exercising his constitutional prerogatives, it is the worst possible form of anarohy, a sort that must destroy all respect for law, from such anarchists emanating.

What would the daily press have said if the Indiana legislators' riot had occurred in a Populist legislature? Fancy their display lines and their horror stricken editorials. But not a lisp will be uttered against these Republican anarchists by the Republican press.

THE income tax assessors of Cleveland, Ohio, have discovered by investigation that Cleveland millionaires who have hitherto claimed a residence in New York to avoid paying taxes in Ohio have not been paying taxes in New York. Anarchists-see? Don't believe in supporting the government. Refuse to be governed by the laws. Fifty men at least in Cleveland, owning millions of dollars worth of stocks and bouds, have been caught lying and dodging tax obligations.

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on the part of the railroads," Debs.

# LOW PRICES MUST BE EXPECTED.

We clip the following from the latest financial report. The argument that a large crop cannot help the farmers much because of the inevitable low prices is unanswerable. The farmers who are much in debt are between the upper and nether millstones. The Republicans coming into power will not help prices in the least. The only hope of the country is to elect the Populists to power. Their remedies are adequate. The report below is from one of the best New York papers: The situation in the West and North-

west is still unsettled by the low prices of grain, and capital is timid because of the arguments that are advanced by the bears on stocks in New York that a large crop can do the agricultural classes little good, as prices cannot improve much while storehouses are filled with the last crop. The average of prices of commodities, taking the country through, does not improve; and this week there has been much disturbance from strikes. Filteen thousand coal miners are out in the Pittsburg bituminous region, and several thousand men in the building trades are idle in our own cities. Strikes in iron and textile manufactories are increasingly numerous. Sales of wool hold up well, being 4,858,000 pounds for the week, against 5,150,300 last year; but this year's movement is much more largely of foreign wool. Iron continues dull and heavy; but it is encouraging to note that orders for large numbers of freight cars are being distributed by leading roads in preparation for business later on. Clearing house exchanges are 8 per cent above a year ago, and railroad gross earnings are showing an average increase of 5 per cent. Foreign trade is not in reassuring condition; for exports from New York decreased \$3,100,000 in February, while imports increased \$8,900,000.

#### SAVE MONEY BY CO-OPERATING

The Co-operative Wholesale Society. Limited, of England and Scotland have just published their annual report. The total sales in the last year amounted to \$50,000,000. This Society has been in existence thirty years and from small beginnings it has grown to the present enormous dimensions.

It is such a business (on the Rochdale plan) as the Christian Corporation is about to start in Lincoln, that is, it will start retail co-operation. They ask those who wish their supplies at wholesale prices plus labor cost of handling goods, to advance \$10.00 to the capital fund. This entitles one who then purchases goods to a share in the profits, the share being proportioned to the amount of the purchase. The more there are who co-

take the opposite tack, adopt a conservative, sound money platform and nomi-nate some man like Allison, who is satisfactory to the silver people. It looks to me as if this would be approximately the outcome of the maneuver. The silver question will overshadow everything and thus naturally kill off both the proposed silver party and the old populist party, and combine within the democratic ranks all the silver elements in the country. On a sound money platform the republicans will beable to carry every state in the east, including, no doubt, New Jersey, and the next presidential battle will be determined in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and the states turther west. Instead of three or four candidates in the field. I expect to see a square fight between the two great parties, with silver at 16 to 1 as the issue. I believe Allison has a much better chance to be the republican nominee than any other man, and I also believe the democratic

candidate will be found in the west." Notsofast, Mr. Springer. The Populists with clear heads see the political situation and politely decline to be either killed or swallowed. Silver is not our main contention, what binds us together; therefore it cannot be used to split us apart, or lead us into the democratic party. The silver question will disrupt the democratic party, not us.

Ir has been remarked with surprise and some misconception that THE WEALTH MAKERS did not announce last week the banquet this (Wednesday) evening in honor of Senator Allen. The omission was simply a case of oversight, a slip of memory for which we were exceedingly sorry. Those who fancy the writer has any personal grievance or unkind feelings toward Senator Allen are entirely mistaken. We are not built that way. We love all men more than we do any one man or class of men, and this love compels us to stand by eternal principles and the demands which we see to be most just and necessary for the defense of all

GEORGE C. WARD, of Kansas City, edits the People's party plate matter page of the A. N. Kellogg Newspaper Company. He ought to have been endorsed at the late meeting of the N. R. P. A. at Kansas City, endorsed as strongly and completely as was W. S. Morgan. Ward is without a superior as a writer on financial and economic questions, a sound thinker, and one of the best informed men whom we have. His weekly page is uniformly excellent. His selections as well as what he himself writes are as valuable matter operate, or who buy at the co-operative as could be selected from a very wide store, the greater the labor economy, circle of reform publications. Mr. Ward

facturers' attorneys, must and shall be preserved, even if the moral and physical constitutions that God has made have to go to the devil.

THE Indiana legislature wound up in an anarchistic, violent, disgraceful resort to physical force, between the governor's secretary, who sought to present a message from the governor, and legislators who succeeded in preventing it and broke a rib of the secretary in the fight. New Jersey has also got the cover off and brought to light "a mass of corruption and jobbery that has made even that ring-ridden state startle with horror."

"The evidence brought out disclosed the existence of a systematic and organized robbery of the public treasury, the spoils of which were apparently shared by state officials from the top of the ladder to the bottom. The bills for everything bought for the state house were regularly raised and bills frequently rendered for goods that were never supplied at all. All the way through the results of the investigation bear a striking resemblance to what was brought out during the trial of the Nebraska impeachables two years ago and show that the methods of looting stateinstitutions are everywhere the same.

ONE of the best physicians in town informed us in a talk on the hard times a few weeks since that he had between six and seven hundred dollars worth of work to do 'for patients who could not have treatment begun for lack of means to pay the unavoidable expenses connected with surgical treatment, nurse bills, medicine, etc. He mentioned, without calling names, cases of physical torture and where life itself was being risked because of no means to employ physicians and surgeons and trained nurses. Another physician but a day or two ago referred to the dullness of demand for doctors to treat chronic ailments. So we live and die in this selfish sordid struggle to gain one from another. And those willing to justify themselves declare that the law of supply and demand regulates everything.

THE churches of New York are moving out of the poor down town district and following the rich. The Episcopal church of the Annunciation on West Fourteenth street and the Church of Sea and Land. Presbyterian, are two who have just decided to sell out their down town church property and withdraw into better society. The Scotch Presbyterian church on Fourteenth street is still another which has decided to sell its property which the rich have moved away from and itself get away from "the poor" and "the common people,"-the sort that Christ