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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 Sufficed, wrought by man's estate; for 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 boom owns the brotherhood of man."

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

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

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

GRAHAM is Bud Lindsey's man, and Jim O'Shea has also been conferring with Bud. Over half of the Democrats will "gravitate" to Graham.

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 owners of the Pillsbury-Washburn concern.

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.

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 currencies 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 Graham 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.

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 permanent results in many cities may be looked for.

Every family buying coal is being plundered 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.

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.

We do 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 do not want anything that looks like a trade, a deal, a tieup between office-seekers. If we had named our best men and 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.

TWENTY-SEVEN CENTS A 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."

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 represented by William Ryan and W. F. Mills.

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.

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.

Shall we allow property titles to degrade the landless 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 expiated the sins of slavery in our own land but thirty years ago,—and we had the ballot all the while.

THE INDIANA ANARCHISTS

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.

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 anarchy, 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 lip 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 bonds, have been caught lying and dodging tax obligations.

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DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND

The countries of Europe, and even Cape Colony in South Africa, are discriminating 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.

Tariff "protection" is also a delusion, because wherever natural advantages favor an industry there capital takes itself,—the government is stable. Natural conditions of production attract capital and labor, determine the surplus products of each nation, and equalize advantages.

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.

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 on the part of the railroads,' said Mr. 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 situation in the West and Northwest 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.

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-operate, or who buy at the co-operative store, the greater the labor economy,

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

Those who advance \$10.00 can draw it out after 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 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 farmers 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.

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

Ex-Representative 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 or 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."

"If they succeed in their efforts to take possession of the democratic party," continued 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."

Not so fast, 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.

It 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.

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.

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 all day Thursday of last week the hired 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 result—the 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.

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-constitutional." 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 capitalist 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.

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.

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.

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.

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