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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.

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This is freedom! You have liberty to commit suicide or die of slow starvation if you get out of work and cannot find a market to buy your labor in this land of liberty.

The name of the new party (American Bimetallite) is not a name to attract or to cause a long. There must be something more than the dollar idea in a great party.

The Minneapolis Times (Dem.) a few days ago editorially argued for free silver and predicted that both the Republican and Democratic platforms in '96 would be for 16 to 1 free coinage.

An inheritance tax bill has passed to third reading in the Illinois legislature. As amended it proposes to tax inheritances that exceed \$20,000, the tax to be one per cent on every \$100 in excess of this amount.

SAY, friends, fathers and mothers, what is the show for your boys and girls? They can't go west and get government land as you did.

In several states legislatures have been long and serious discussions this winter of measures to prevent the wearing of high hats in theaters.

The Standard Oil Company has again triumphed. For some time a competing pipe line has been struggling to get its pipe through to navigation.

OUR SOCIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. T. L. Willson of Spray, N. C., has discovered a way of making acetylene, an illuminating gas, which ought to force to the front the question of social property rights.

Manufactured lights, oil, gas and electricity, are now in the hands of monopolists, who fix prices far above the labor cost involved in their production.

Now comes in Mr. Willson with his discovery that an illuminating gas of splendid quality can be made for not to exceed five cents per thousand feet.

The Outlook describes the accidental way Mr. Willson discovered the immeasurably valuable secret. We quote: Mr. T. L. Willson, of Spray, N. C., is the inventor of a cheap way of making acetylene, an illuminating gas, and the lowest of the hydrocarbons.

On Monday two weeks ago Mr. Willson explained the process before the Society of Chemical Industry at the College of Pharmacy, and the acetylene was turned on.

The lights burned with dazzling brightness, and were white and steadfast, with no blue center. Mr. Willson said the samples of calcium carbide used to produce the gas, simply by its own decomposition in water.

The gas, it is said, may, by pressure, be changed into liquid form, and sold in that form in close and fitted cans ready for attachment to the gas-supply pipe of a house.

Here is an accidental discovery of a way to draw out and make use of natural energies which if monopolized has a prodigious commercial value. Republics and kingdoms with their tribute-collecting power sink into insignificance beside it—and one man, without labor, without studying the problem, has stumbled on to it.

Notice the other vast value and benefits contained in this discovery of so cheap a gas. Acetylene has only half the heating power of common gas, but instead of costing \$1.50 (ten per cent off for cash) it can be sold profitably for five cents per thousand feet.

this power be that at very small expense it could be put to use lifting water, and every foot of arable land, or land reclaimable by water, could be irrigated.

WHAT ARE THE MILLSTONES?

If the Populist party goes into the campaign of 1896 with all its forces concentrated on monetary reform, without any millstones about its neck, it will go to victory; otherwise it will go to the bottom.—J. H. Turner in RECORD REVIEW.

This is getting slightly monotonous and wearisome, coming as it does from the secretary of our national committee. Taubeneck and Turner have a right to their individual opinions, just as other men have.

Is the general ground of our platform, opposition to monopolies, a millstone? Or is it our opposition to certain peculiar or particular monopolies? We must conclude it is, in Turner's estimation, the latter.

We protest against the persistent pro- phecies and warnings of a few men that our party will be dragged down to destruction by the right principles and just demands which our platform contains.

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SYNTHETIC CHEMISTRY ORATIONS

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These are the sober prophecies of scientific men who are opening up a new world in synthetic chemistry. Heretofore chemists have been taking the world to pieces, resolving it into its original elements.

But O, what a scattering of the gold-bugs there would be if gold should be produced by the chemists! The first thing, however, would be an effort to protect the secret with letters patent.

But before this could be accomplished every government in the world would hasten to demonize "the world's money," would declare it lacking in "intrinsic" value, would cry out against the "sound money" and the "honest dollar."

It is a theory with some chemists that hydrogen gas, the lightest of all known substances, the unit of chemistry, is the one simple substance from which in multiples of unit combination all substances are made.

THE CENSURE OF STEWART

We call attention to a letter from Senator Stewart found elsewhere which throws light on the matter of the attack made upon him in the senate last week.

Now let us compare the acts of the Populist members and the acts of the body that censured him. Mr. Stewart disregarded the gavel of Tefft who commanded him to sit down, when no other man was on the floor.

OBEDIENCE to law is recognized duty. Law, yes. Well, the lawgivers then should agree, for we cannot be under obligation to obey conflicting or destructive laws.

PROF. HERRON'S new book, "The Christian State: A Political Vision of Christ," is getting a sort of advertising in the press of the modern Scribes and Pharisees which will, contrary to the reviewers' desires, commend it to those who are consciously or unconsciously seeking "the larger Christ."

THE Standard Oil Company's stock went up from 6 to 10 points after Governor Hastings of Pennsylvania a few days ago signed the bill repealing the law forbidding the purchase by a pipe-line company of competing lines.

"WHERE ARE WE AT?"

Ex-Congressman McKeighan says he did him an injustice in reporting his opposition to the resolutions introduced at the meeting of the state central committee.

In answer to Mr. McKeighan's argument we should say, it is always in order for Populists to reaffirm their faith in and allegiance to the principles of their party. It is not in order to change their platform except in convention, the changes being necessarily made by a duly elected representative body.

The fundamental patents of the Bell Telephone Company having expired, as well as those covering the transmitter, rival telephone companies are springing up in the smaller cities and towns, and rates are being forced down.

Letter From James G. Clark

PASADENA, Cal., March 23, 1895. EDITOR WEALTH MAKERS: THE WEALTH MAKERS comes regularly every week and it is gladly welcomed, not only by myself but by several friends who agree with me in pronouncing it one of the strongest and best reform journals published.

Today your letter of the 15th, comes with the glorious news that Prof. Herron is coming to the Pacific coast. He will be well received. "Applied Christianity" is just what the world needs and what it has been in search of for centuries.

Thanks for your "Constitution and By-Laws" of the Christian Corporation. Similar organizations are springing up all over the land, and it is a significant fact that every one is centering around and utilizing the vital truths taught by the Great Master and Teacher of Truth—Jesus of Nazareth.

I have long held that the world is ready to be Christianized whenever Christianity is ready to become practicalized.

When Christ said, "take no thought for the morrow—considers the lilies, they toil not, neither do they spin," etc., he doubtless had in view the absolute feasibility of a social condition in which men and women should so adjust their relations through co-operation, in the place of competitive war and friction, that all abnormal care and anxiety would disappear and the processes of daily life and living which are now so productive of over-work and dissatisfaction through disarrangement and selfish greed, would allow human beings to develop and grow in body and soul as naturally and as free from fret and conflict as the lilies grow out of the earth and into the sunlight.

As society is now the great mass of people are so harassed in the mere struggle for physical existence that they are compelled to devote all their thought and effort to the wolf that is constantly hunting their todays and tomorrows and driving rest and peace from their pillows at night.

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BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Macmillan & Co., are rapidly putting out new books that are of great value and interest. A complete new edition of the novels of Daniel Defoe will soon be published with careful editing, by G. A. Aitken; also a new edition of the well known translation of Don Quixote, by Mr. H. E. Watts.

Houghton Mifflin & Co., have published recently books of rare merit. The American Men of Letters Series was recently added to by a volume on George William Curtis, John Fiske's History of U. S. published some months ago is receiving the extended notice it so richly deserves.

The current number of the Political Science Quarterly contains six principal papers, to which are added reviews and book notes. Municipal Home Rule is treated very fully and ably by Prof. Frank J. Goodnow.

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Joseph Choate Sowing Dragon's Teeth

Joseph H. Choate, president of the recent constitutional convention of New York State, in his plea before the United States Supreme Court against the income tax is reported to have spoken as follows: "I thought that the fundamental object of all civilized government was the preservation of the right of private property. That is what Mr. Webster said at Plymouth Rock in 1820, and I supposed that all educated civilized men believed it. According to the doctrines that have been pronounced here this morning, even that great fundamental principle has been scattered to the winds."