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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 satanic 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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INTEGRITY is the iniquity on which all oppressive power is builded.

"JUDGE" illustrates the silver question with a wife's remark, Got any change, John?

WHEN the voting machine becomes perfected the party machine will be interfered with.

PUBLIC ownership of monopolies, or monopoly ownership of the public, the people. Take your choice.

O POLITICS, politics! To what hypocritical and corrupt depths has the divine, unselfish public service fallen!

GIVE us the Initiative and Referendum, good people, and deliver us from the power of professional politicians.

THE great English jurist, Coke said: "The bread of the poor is the life of the poor, and he who defraudeth them is a man of blood."

THE young Republicans of this country seem to be entirely without principle. At Cleveland they dared not declare themselves.

THE new attorney-general, like his predecessor, Olney, is a railroad attorney. The railroads will be taken care of by him, as Olney took care of their interests a year ago.

WHEN we went east on the Rock Island the 18th, Iowa corn was ahead of Nebraska. When we came back the 28th, Nebraska cornfields had jumped ahead of the Iowa crop.

THE Chicago Times-Herald is certainly making a grand onslaught on the legislative and municipal boodlers. It is a pleasure to see such good work from whatever source it may come.

SEND to the Commonwealth Pub. Co., 28 Lafayette Place, New York, City, for a copy of "Merrie England," only ten cents. Seven hundred thousand copies have been sold in seven months.

If we must choose between "goldbugs" "silver-bugs," "straddle-bugs," and green-backers who advocate government banks to regulate the volume and value of the currency, give us the latter every time. They are the only sound currency men.

WHAT does it mean when a convention places a 16 to 1 man on a gold platform? Does he belong to himself, or the convention which nominated him? If he allowed himself to be nominated by the majority whose platform he does not believe in, where does his honesty, personality and manhood come in?

THE New York Reform Club—the old free-trade organization—is doing nothing on the tariff question, but is carrying on the most vigorous agitation for "sound money." Up to a few weeks ago it had published twelve pamphlets in support of the gold standard and a bank note currency, and had sent out 832,000 copies of them. It also publishes broadside supplements which are being used by 200 local papers. It is also sending out plate matter to 155 other papers. The bankers doubtless supply the funds for this enormous propaganda.

THE FOREMOST COLLEGE

It is a fact known to men who are well informed regarding the work administration and directing (financial) force of the colleges and universities of America that plutocracy has secured control of them, and that the sociological and political truth that the young men of America most need to know, the truth on which our existence as a nation depends, is being in almost every institution of learning suppressed. The recent action of Rockefeller's Chicago University faculty in dropping such a man as Prof. Bemis, because of his strong teaching against the private ownership of municipal monopolies, is an indication of a disposition and a power that perhaps not more than two strong economic teachers are now able to stand against. Prof. Ely of Wisconsin University, and Prof. Commons of Indiana University are the men we refer to. It would call too much attention to the power every where enthroned to retire these men. Both Commons and Bemis were Prof. Ely's pupils, by the way.

The endowed institutions of any considerable importance are not and cannot be free. The new application of old principles is not agreeable to the men who make and hold the money on which these colleges and universities must depend. And state institutions are not less enslaved, because they are run by regents elected by the corporation-owned, monopoly subsidized parties. This, when considered in all its bearings, a very serious situation, and the people, especially those of our political movement, who are arrayed against monopoly rule and determined to spread the truth, should deliberate upon it and see what can be done.

There is one college in the country that is yet free, and it has a professor in it of commanding genius, the man by all odds most feared and hated by our rich rulers. We refer to Iowa College and to Prof. George D. Herron. Iowa College has also a perfectly fearless, unpurchasable, un-suppressible president in George A. Gates, a man of such ability and reputation that two of the great universities have tried to get him, one to be its president at \$10,000 a year salary. The other institution that was after him is one of the older and richer of the great New England colleges. It seems that he preferred to stay in Iowa on a third of the salary where he could be free to throw his full influence for righteousness. He is a man who sees the great national danger, that concentrated wealth will continue to crush out American liberty and character, and make us a nation of plutocrats and paupers, or landless dependents. He is inspired by a clear vision of human need and oppression, and he sees that salvation can come to this nation only by introducing righteousness into politics and business.

Iowa College should be supported by the people whose faithful friend it is, and especially because there seems to be a concerted effort to prejudice the entire nation against it, because of Prof. Herron's Christian denunciation of monopoly greed and organized, aggressive, socially corrupting selfishness. The New York Nation and Washington and Chicago papers have lately virtually called upon Iowa people to dismiss Prof. Herron from his chair in Iowa College, and the plutocratic press is doing its best to poison the people's minds against him, and the college, by representing that he is a dangerous anarchistic agitator. He is a most Christ-like, faithful man who loves the people and has greater power to serve them than any man in the nation today. Therefore, we say, stand by Iowa College. If you have sons and daughters to educate send them to the one unfettered institution in the land, to sit at the feet of a man whose unequalled greatness of soul and intellect the world of evil, always alive, is the first to keenly realize. The opportunity to sit under the instruction of Prof. Herron is worth more than all other educational opportunities offered in the wide world's institutions of learning. He will carry the mind farther and fill the soul with nobler stronger aspirations than any teacher that can be elsewhere found.

"THE NOBLEST WORK OF GOD"

In the lower forms of creation there is found every where plan, relation, use, an unbroken connection and an ascending order of things which lead to and subserve man. The earth with all its natural treasures and tireless energies, the moon with its calm splendor and grasp of power by which it lifts the ocean tides, the sun which lights and warms and vivifies the globe and balances the clouds of beauty and of blessing, which also with its vast power projects and holds the ponderous sphere in an elastic orbit, now near, now far, and gives us with electric change the ever-varying procession of the seasons, the stars from the far spaces with inter-locking forces holding all that none may wander and no heavenly influence be lost, these all are one, and made to carry forward the unfinished work of God in man. A perfected humanity is in God's mind, a humanity whose individual parts have one spirit and unite in one work, to discover and utilize to the utmost the good gifts and infinite forces of nature, that we may know God in the abounding fullness of His love and wisdom, and that we may delight in each finished fragment of the divine creation in one another, in each and all. The idea that we are whole, independent individuals who may selfishly consider and find for our separate selves

good, is a delusion. There is no good apart. The spirit which says "mine" destroys the value of what is possessed. Communication is the law of life. Unobstructed intercourse will give fullest, richest, unlimited life to all, and make all life divine. The great mistake which the individual parts of humanity are making is the failure to recognize that they are parts, and that the spirit of the whole must rule. The spirit of the whole cares for the interest of each and every part. It reveals the social interest in which the individual interest is found merged and infinitely multiplied. But almost everything is yet to be learned and received regarding the social interest. The earlier civilizations were built by or rested on slave labor. And our present civilization is so far made and sustained by force, by hired service, by individual self-seeking. It is a civilization of wealth whose power binds men together. It is not a Christian civilization.

We have got to learn as individuals, communities and nations that we cannot keep what we have and gain more. To gain we must give. To gain all we must give all. Buying and selling do not unite men's hearts, the contrary rather, because the individuals bargaining do not each regard at all, or equally, the other's interest. Buying and selling takes away the very foundation of union and peace by assuming that wealth is an individual product, and that the earth and its contents was sold by the Creator in severalty to the settlers, or the nations, or given to them absolutely so that men could rightly buy and sell and monopolize it by means of exclusive fee-simple land titles. If the Maker of the land had sold it a clear title of absolute ownership could have been given, it would seem, but He did not do it, and the present absolute exclusive land titles and a large disinherited class, shows fraud. Buying and selling is logically predicated on the idea of self-ownership, separate production and separate self-interest. Self-interest contends with self-interest in the commercial world, and it is perfectly clear that the civilization of force that commerce has builded cannot be one of peace, cannot long endure and remain mercantile. Its tendency, its movement, is an increasing concentration of land, capital, wealth and power in the hands of a few, resulting inevitably in a violent overthrow of such power. Reason, when it considers the matter, can clearly see that the prophet was right in predicting the final downfall of Babylon, that is, of a commercial civilization.

The civilization which must be builded, which alone can endure, is an actually Christian civilization. The truth that shall build it is the truth that there is no separate individual interest, which can be bought and sold, but that there is a social interest, a spirit of the whole, the Holy Spirit, which will harmonize, enrich and pour infinite good into all. To be honest, and so to find and follow the leadings of this Spirit, is to be workers together with God, and to unite and perfect the sons of God in a redeemed, inseparable, earth-conquering and heaven-inheriting humanity.

GOV. WAITE'S IDEA CONSIDERED.

In view of the gravity of the situation, it behooves all lovers of humanity to make most strenuous exertion to overcome the differences which keep us divided. Is there not some basis of agreement by which we can unite? Are the Populists willing to concede anything for the silver cause? We believe they are; and in that belief we suggest the following to the voters, and the People's party for their consideration: If the "reform elements" will unite with us in the nomination and election of men who are pledged to the enactment of laws that will give us the initiative and referendum and proportional representation, we will let them select, from any party, nominees for the ticket, only asking that we be permitted to examine the candidates and their record touching these proposed reforms, and that our objections, if any, to the men proposed, be respected, to the end that we may know that when the nominees are elected they will vote and work for these measures. Now, if our friends want fusion in order to attain party success, we believe our party is great enough to forego partisan success for the sake of triumph of principle. So we put this proposition before our people, and challenge our friends, the enemy, to accept the terms, or "shut their gab."—The Nation's Crisis.

We are of the opinion that this is the only feasible plan to unite the people, and God knows there is desperate need of honest men who care nothing for the offices coming together. Give back to the people the reins of power and every wrong can be quickly righted, every reform enacted into law as soon as a majority can be made to see its value. At present we have no power to vote together, because grouped in parties that divide and control the people in the interest of spoils of office. Party fusion is folly, is a betrayal of principle in case the party really has any; but a united effort to destroy all party machines for all time, is an issue that involves all issues and all unselfish social problems. The initiative and the referendum is this issue. Shall the people or the politicians rule? It is the only question on which all honest men can unite.

A VOTE of the city council of Chicago June 24th, to give a private corporation some very valuable Lake front real estate showed that 48 councilmen were boodlers and 20 honest men. The city was greatly aroused by the vote. The daily papers even are denouncing the official thieves and bribers and intimating to them that others like them have been sent to the pen.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING BIMETALLISM

It is not an agreement or a law compelling sixteen dollars to be exchanged for gold dollars, or vice versa. It is not a pledge to keep gold and silver on a parity, or possessing the same intrinsic value. It is simply coining either metal or both metals as they may be brought to the mints without discrimination in favor of either, and making such dollars full legal tender. If more silver is mined, more silver will be coined. If more proportionately of gold is mined, more gold will be coined. If the demand or market value elsewhere for either metal makes it worth more than the coined value, it will cease to be coined and withdrawn from circulation. Prior to 1873 silver was not being coined, because worth three cents more as bullion than when coined.

If congress were to pass a free coinage act with the 16 to 1 ratio, would the dollar be reduced in purchasing power to the present bullion value of silver and the gold coin be withdrawn from circulation? Many honest students believe this would result. It has so resulted in Mexico. But Mexico is a very small country as compared with the United States. If silver from American mines were freely coined it would increase the demand of the mines for goods of all the sorts they enjoy using and consuming. This would be a good thing directly and indirectly for all. If silver were to be shipped in from other countries, coined, exchanged for gold and the gold withdrawn, it would not reduce the value of our silver dollars or increase the number in circulation. It would take away our coined gold and leave us an equal number of dollars of coined silver. But the silver coin of other countries could not be so used, because such coin now passes current at the rate of \$1.29 per ounce, and is even light weight at that. Only silver bullion could be advantageously brought to us, coined and exchanged for gold. And when the gold should be thus taken from circulation it would no longer be speculatively profitable to ship silver here, because if brought it would have to be exchanged for goods, and the emptying of the markets would stimulate all industries and increase the wealth of the country. Taking the gold out of circulation would do us no more harm than did taking silver out of circulation by means of a foreign market three cents above its American money value. If both metals were to be retired and full legal tender greenbacks used for all money purposes they could be sustained without appreciation or depreciation by the simple device of making them full legal tender and preventing monopoly control of the currency by a system of government banks.

CAN MONOPOLISTS OPPOSE MONOPOLY?

From an article in the Forum by President Charles F. Thwing we gather some very interesting facts regarding the investment of college funds, and have something to say by way of comment.

Dr. Thwing estimates that at the present time our colleges have at least \$100,000,000 invested from which they draw income. He obtains his information respecting the nature of their investments from between one and two hundred reports of representative colleges, and from reports of presidents and treasurers of these colleges. From these reports he judges that at least four-fifths of all the income commanding funds of the colleges are invested in bonds and mortgages. A few colleges only have stock investments, and a few, notably Harvard and Columbia, have invested largely in real estate. Cornell has \$4,000,000 in bonds and \$2,000,000 in mortgages. The University of California has \$2,000,000 equally divided between bonds and mortgages. Wesleyan university has \$1,125,000, of which \$81,000 are in real estate, \$260,000 in bonds, \$77,000 in stocks, \$686,000 in mortgages. The university of Pennsylvania has \$2,500,000, similarly invested. Harvard's eight or more millions is more than half of it in railroad bonds and mortgages. The various colleges own large amounts of the best railroad bonds and the bonds of waterworks and street railway companies, also the bonds of the counties of western states. The rate of interest runs from 5 to 8 per cent.

Our comment is, that all oppression is now a per cent tribute to monopoly power and that the \$100,000,000 of college funds is \$100,000,000 of permanent per cent oppression, a fund compelling tribute from the workers whose children, except in rare instances, receive no benefit from the usury that is forced from them. The colleges are in their financial interests on the side of the railroads, the water works companies, the street railway monopolists, the mortgage shysters, the land absorbers and makers of an increasing proletariat class. They cannot clearly and faithfully teach the evils that flow from monopoly tribute without condemning as immoral their own sources of income. It cannot be expected that a college whose funds are invested in railroad bonds will vigorously attack transportation monopoly. Or that a college whose faculty is dependent for pay on street rail way profits will attack the power that supports it. Or that a college whose income is drawn from farm mortgages and county bonds will discover any economy and justice in government banks which might reduce interest to one per cent, or the labor cost of loaning. Yet it is along these lines of reducing per cent tributes that relief

must come to the oppressed classes. Sentiment saves nobody. Charity at best is no remedy for injustice. Our religious and educational institutions will be moral failures and economic and sociologic misleaders so long as they are supported by tyranny, by monopoly power and oppression.

The college, religious or sociologic in its teaching that takes up any phase of monopoly oppression and faithfully analyzes and shows up its immorality or its tendency to absorb all power and destroy all liberty, will find itself grappling with the whole body of entrenched selfishness, and will, by being faithful, reduce its own support to an unpopulist basis, to voluntary labor support.

TRUST POWER WITH HONEST MEN

There is a man in our party who believes that in order to "get there," it is necessary for us to stoop to all the dirty, low, contemptible tricks of the two old parties. Such men should have no following. Deceitry is deceitry, no matter by whom committed, and any party that stoops to anything dishonorable does not deserve success.

At the democratic state convention last fall, a man who calls himself a Populist, and who was holding at that time, and is now holding a prominent position in the party, sneaked down onto the floor of the convention where no one but delegates had any business to be, and in the confusion that prevailed, moved that certain candidates on the Populist ticket be endorsed.

In the midst of the uproar it was not noticed that he was not only not a delegate, but was not even a democrat. Some one seconded his motion and it was put and carried. Thus, the endorsement of some of our men by the democrats, whether valuable or not, was stolen, and that by a man who now holds, and then held, a very responsible position in our party. This same thief is now writing letters to various papers over the state in which he seeks to throw suspicion on the editor of this paper. A few of the papers have published the letters, but they are the half-breed demo-pop sheets, and will have no weight with true Populists.

We must get rid of such men before we can expect to make much progress.

There will be some renovating to be done at our state convention this fall, when our committees are elected.

"LIBERTY"—WHERE IS SHE?

Has American Liberty fled?—Pueblo State Guard. No, she has not exactly fled. She was thrown out of the front door, kicked down the stairs, pitched head first into the gutter, and the last seen of her, with battered face and blackened eyes, she was hauled up in a municipal police court on a charge of vagrancy, fined for contempt of court, and sent to the work-house till she could find friends to bail her out or pay the fine. She's there yet.—Chicago Sentinel.

No, American Liberty is asleep, or mesmerized. Some time she will be aroused and then let tyrants beware. Time was when a trifling tax on tea stirred her to proud resistance. She has been put to sleep by Fourth of July oratory and ceaseless assurances that she is free and happy. Sometime her poverty and misery will waken her to act in self-defense. She now dreams that she must bow to the divine rights of monopolists, just as she formerly did to the alleged divine right of political rulers.

THERE are two religious papers in America which we can heartily commend for honesty, ability and value as teachers of truth. They are The Outlook, published in New York, Dr. Lyman Abbott editor in chief, and The Kingdom published in Minneapolis. The latter is the organ of the religious social movement led by Prof. Herron. It is edited by Rev. H. W. Gleason (manager), President George A. Gates of Iowa College, Prof. John Bascom of Williams College, Rev. George D. Black of Minneapolis, Dr. James Brand of Oberlin College, Prof. John R. Commons of Indiana University, Rev. Thos. C. Hall of Chicago, Prof. George D. Herron of Iowa College, Prof. Macy of the same, Rev. B. Fay Mills the great evangelist, Dr. L. L. West of Winona, Minn., and Dr. Josiah Strong of New York. It is in its application of the teachings of Christ to social questions or the broader questions of righteousness the leading paper of the country. No Christian family can afford to do without this paper. The price is only \$1.50 per year. The Outlook costs twice as much as The Kingdom, and is an excellent family paper.

ED HALL, editor of the Grand Island Free Press, and deputy oil inspector under Gov. Holcomb, says in last week's issue of his paper, "It looks too much as though it was a mutual understanding between Mr. Bryan and the gold bugs to keep the democrats in line by false pretenses." That is the way it has looked to THE WEALTH MAKERS for a long time, but some good honest populists, and quite a number who are populists for revenue only and were afraid the party would lose some democratic votes, criticized us severely for saying so. They even said we were "middle of the roaders!" Look out, Bro. Hall, or some fellow who thinks the party owes him a living will get to calling you names. These fellows that want "harmony" fusion won't stand such talk long; they may even threaten to start a rival paper in Grand Island that will not "stir up the

animals," and if they should do so what will you do?

The big 5,000 horse-power dynamo of the new electrical power works at Niagara Falls was set in motion and tested June 26. It was a great success. The time is not far distant when all the labor necessary to abundantly supply all the needs of all the people can be reduced to not to exceed three or four hours work a day. But if the tireless, infinite energies of God are to be monopolized by the capitalist class it means simply greater wealth for them and less work at the same scale of wages for the great working class. The natural power at Niagara and elsewhere belongs inalienably to the entire people. The labor it will freely perform should increase the product and decrease the toil of every worker. The only way for the workers to preserve their natural rights, or claim to equal benefits from use of the forces of nature, is by means of political and industrial co-operation.

The editors of the Fullerton Post, Madison Reporter and Fremont Leader, are the plainest examples of total depravity it has ever been our misfortune to meet. Mr. Kelley of the Leader, we supposed a fair minded gentleman and took it for granted that a false statement he made in his paper concerning the men who conduct this paper was made ignorantly. We forwarded to him the simple absolute proof that his statement, that we had been silent under certain charges, was contrary to fact, and asked him as a fair minded man to publish a correction of the injurious statement he had made. He had not the manhood, self-respect, or decency to do it. He and the two others we have mentioned above are diabolically malevolent in their efforts to assassinate our reputation. And there are three or four more running Demo-Populist fusion papers who are anxious to do us harm. We are sorry for them.

The state of Illinois, thanks to Mr. John W. Eila and Governor Altgeld, has in the last legislative year secured the enactment of some good laws and escaped the evil of certain very bad measures. Among the laws passed were: an act providing for the establishment of public kindergartens for children between four and six years of age, whenever a majority of the voters so declare; an act extending the application of civil service reform principles; an act imposing a one per cent tax on all direct inheritances when they exceed \$20,000, and a tax ranging from two to six per cent on all collateral inheritances; and an act establishing what is known as the Torrens system of land registration when counties so elect. The public imposes a small registration fee in the Torrens system and guarantees all titles. The first registration becomes conclusive after five years.

The bimetallicists claim that the rise in prices since February is due to the marked increase in bimetallic sentiment. The monometallicists claim that it has been due to the marked decrease in silver sentiment and the growing confidence that the currency will not be increased by the use of silver. The Republican party says the rise is due to the prospect of a return to Republican rule, and the Democrats declare that the country is now being saved from the ruin precipitated by Republican tariff legislation. Altogether, it seems to us that the Palmist, if alive today, would be forced to say, deliberately, too, that "all partisans are liars."

The present outlook for the rapid growth of the Populist party is bright. The best outside conditions for us as a party would be for the old parties to each be torn with dissensions over the silver question, and yet be held together in convention by the goldbug and administration power. The fight in Kentucky shows that nothing less than a thunderbolt from heaven can split the Democratic machine. And the Republican machine is so sure of office that holl yawning at its feet would not deter it from the objects of its desire. Nevertheless the tariff can no longer be used to fool the people, and the Populist party will gain large accessions from both old parties if the old tariff song is again sung.

The American plutocrats who rise by plunder to princely power and get too high for American society, when they settle in England invariably join the Tory party. William Waldorf Astor and his family, Mrs. Hammersly, Lady Randolph Churchill, William Lehman Ashmead Bartlett, Bartlett-Coutts, Louis John Jennings, the Boston Endicott whose father fought the British Tories in the war of the Revolution but who herself has helped to turn her husband, the apostate Radical, into a Tory,—these are some of the Americans who have reverted to the Tory type, left their country and rejected the American idea of democracy.

The crops between here and the eastern part of Iowa are in fine condition. There has been an abundance of rain since the rain began. In Iowa we saw from the car windows last week splendid oat fields, with straw too rank to stand in some places. The corn we saw all along was a good stand and color. Prof. Commons of Indiana University told us that there had been only local rains beyond the Mississippi, and that Indiana especially