

PROPERTY MONEY.

IT IS THE MILL IN WHICH SHYLOCK GRINDS THE PEOPLE'S BONES.

Usury the Greatest Crime of All the Ages—Greenbacks, the Union's Savior, in the Fiery Furnace—The Dismal Side of a Science.

Political economy has been called the "dismal science."

Webster says dismal means "dark, gloomy, sorrowful, horrid, melancholy and dire," and of all the sciences that scholars and writers have undertaken to explain this science of political economy has been butchered, slaughtered, mangled and crucified the oftenest and most mercilessly.

I have failed to find one writer on this subject that didn't undertake to explain it from the standpoint that money is property. A man may spend his life and wreck his brain and write volumes and keep on writing until the crack of doom from this erroneous standpoint and end in dismal failure at last. Taking it for granted that money is property, then it follows logically that interest, usury, bonds, debts, speculation, gambling, "taking up what you laid down," "gathering where you never sowed," are all right. No wonder it is a dismal science. To construct a system of political economy on that foundation is an effort to build a palace composed of marble on sand. It is an effort to abolish moral distinctions. It is an effort to make injustice justice, to make wrong right, to make robbery honest. Of course all such efforts fail.

A little reflection will convince any unprejudiced mind that money is not a material thing at all; that it is law, written, impressed, stamped or engraved on any substance; the material used for money only carries the fiat or sovereign authority into the markets of the world.

Labor creates or produces all the wealth. The first price paid for any kind of property is labor. The design of money, its true and only just function, is to express the price value in labor of articles to be bought and sold or exchanged. Labor fixes the price. Money expresses the price.

Money has no more right to fix and regulate prices than it has to govern and regulate the weather. But under our "dark, gloomy, dire, sorrowful, horrid" system now practiced, money prices everything. It stands above all kinds of property. It is reckoned more valuable than man himself. Indeed it is our business god. The business world is on its knees worshipping this Mammon god. Created as it is to serve and measure labor, labor is made to serve it. It is master, labor is its servant. The merchant's scales do not add to the value of the tea or coffee weighed. The scales express the weight. Money has no business adding to the value of property; it should only express the value already fixed by labor. The half bushel does not add to the quantity, but expresses it.

This property idea of money is the fatal mistake of the world. Made to serve labor it becomes the robber of labor. There is no defense of usury except this false property idea. Strip money of this false quality and it would be harmless. Perverted as it is, it is sinking every government in the world in the bottomless pit of bonds, debt and usury.

Political economy writers monkey around the question and never see the cause of usury. Monopolies spring up, trusts, syndicates and combines are formed, labor is ground down to starvation wages, while the idle bask in luxury; all by the perversion of money. Yet the writers on political economy see nothing wrong with the money.

Indeed without an exception they believe in interest or usury. In their estimation coin, gold or silver, is the only material that can be made into money. Even some reformers believe that God made gold and silver for money. They are called precious metals, but used for money they are almost an unmitigated curse. It would be a boon beyond conception in value if they were both demonetized. Coin money is the money of barbarism. It is the pillar on which monarchy has always stood, and any nation that uses coin money, gold and silver, or either one alone, will sooner or later land in monarchy.

Coin money, metal money, is interest money, and any system of national finance fettered by interest will enslave its citizens. Interest will unavoidably concentrate the wealth into few hands; hence it destroys equality among its citizens; hence it is incompatible with democracy.

Gold and silver ought to be demonetized immediately. Reformers should make this the keynote. It is the thing that ought to be done above and before anything else. Teach the voters that interest is not only unnecessary, but that it is robbery.

Look at the awful incubus. The debts on our country are estimated by the best judges to be \$40,000,000,000. The interest is not less than \$2,400,000,000. This is the load that labor carries. It is about \$20 per capita for every man, woman and child in the United States. If this interest (\$2,400,000,000) was laid in a line in silver dollars, it would reach around the earth once and a half way round again.

Look at the horrible thing. The principal (\$40,000,000,000) in silver dollars, laid in a line, would reach around more than 35 times.

When do you tollers think you can pay this debt? If it is ever paid you will have to pay it. Labor pays everything. Look at it, you tollers in mines, in machine shops, on farms, all of us poor slaves on the treadmill of toil working out our very lives working for Shylock! We never can pay this debt. The fact is Mr. Shylock don't want the debt paid. He intends for your children and mine and all coming generations to wear out their lives on this treadmill of usury tolling for him. Are you willing to transmit this curse to pos-

terity? Do you think it right to do it? I don't.

Look at this horrible interest again. Jones meets Mr. Smith on the streets. He says, "Mr. Smith, I have a thousand dollars I don't need. I will loan it to you for a year. I'm afraid to keep it about the house, for fear of being robbed or murdered, and I'm afraid to put it in bank for fear the bank will break." "All right," says Smith, "I'll take it for a year, and give you good security and 10 per cent interest on it."

Now even handed justice would demand that Jones pay Smith for keeping his money and risking his life. The world is completely demoralized and bewildered on this subject. It is bound hand and foot and blindfolded. It is Mammon worship. Interest is the sacrifice we are forced to lay on the altar of our Mammon god.

We are not forced to commit any other sins. We need not drink or gamble, or break the Sabbath, or lie, nor steal if we don't choose to do these things. But we are forced to pay usury. No man can buy or sell anything without doing it. You may not be in debt a cent, but when you sell anything you have to compete with the man who is forced to sell to pay interest. No man can succeed in business unless he has the "mark of the beast" on "his forehead and in his hands." The world is run by old man now as far as business is concerned.

The remedy and the only remedy is to demonetize coin, or metal money, gold and silver, and use paper only for money purposes. Let the government issue greenbacks, full legal tender for all debts. We don't need but one kind of money. Since the war of the rebellion we have had not much if any less than a score of different kinds of money. If it was not for the treachery and villainy in it, it would be positive evidence of insanity to make such a medley of money, but there is "method in their madness." They had a polar star they were steering their craft to. That was the money of final redemption. See? Usury was what they were after. Every kind of money but the one "final redemption" money was to be discounted somewhere. When a man went to pay a debt with any money besides the "final redemption" money, the creditor would demand the "final" or say, "I will take this, but I will have to discount it." Here is where the interest comes in. Interest is the soul, the life, the alpha and omega, the first and the last that inspire our national finance and has been ever since the war of the rebellion.

When the rebellion came on so unexpectedly, there was no money in the United States treasury. The government began to borrow, and after borrowing about \$160,000,000 they quit and issued treasury notes called greenbacks. I used to wonder why, after every new issue of money of any kind, an issue of bonds was made immediately, for I knew they didn't intend to borrow, nor even try to borrow any money.

They were looking ahead. They intended to turn these different issues of paper money into bonds. They set the bonds after the greenbacks like a pack of hounds after a wolf. And by and by the bonds caught them. Then they drove iron spikes through them, then gathered them into the treasury at Washington and destroyed them. At first they burned them. They constructed a crematory furnace made of iron shaped like a haystack. It was 10 to 15 feet in diameter at the base and cone shaped. It had four or five doors placed all round it with locks. They stationed a steam engine off a little distance with a pipe running under the crematory house to fan the fire when ready.

They covered the floor with shavings, and every other or alternate day they loaded a cart or wagon with \$150,000,000 of the people's money and carried it off to the crematory, which was built on what was called the White lot, north of the treasury a quarter or half a mile. Two or three clerks and a few curiosity seekers went with the load of doomed greenbacks to burn, and see them go off in smoke.

A door would be unlocked and one clerk would pick up a package and call off the number and denomination, then toss it in on the shavings. The other clerk would check off the numbers. When a part was dumped into one door they moved to another so as to distribute them evenly on the floor, and when they finished unloading the doors were securely locked, matches set fire to the shavings at each door, a signal was given to the engine to blow, and the spectators stepped back and saw the money that saved the Union, and made glad the wives of millions of soldiers, go up to heaven in smoke.

But the hateful greenbacks did not draw interest, Shylock was getting no income from them and the hateful things must burn. How many were burned I don't know. But by and by they built a large vat and ground them into pulp. Perhaps some of this was made into paper again. They allowed some of this pulp to be made into toys—cats, dogs, dolls, etc. How much better it would have been for the world if the conspirators against the greenbacks had been cremated instead of the greenback!

This conspiracy of Shylock has produced more suffering, more misery and vastly more expense than the war of the rebellion did. And still the devilish work goes on; all caused by our property money.—Rev. D. Oglesby's "Political Economy," Chapter 3.

Slavery and Oppression. We boast of having liberated 4,000,000 slaves. True, we have striken the shackles from the former bondsmen and brought all laborers to a common level, but not so much by elevating the former slaves as by practically reducing the whole working population to a state of serfdom. While boasting of our noble deeds, we are careful to conceal the ugly fact that by our iniquitous monetary system we have nationalized a system of oppression more refined, but none the less cruel, than the old system of chattel slavery.—Hudson Greeley.

OMAHA'S WATERWORKS.

A Condition That Is Found in Many Other Cities and Towns.

Here are the names of some of the owners of our waterworks who are now visiting our city to examine their profitable possessions:

President Theodore C. Woodbury of Woodbury & Moulton, bankers, Portland, Me.; Vice President Frederick Straus of J. and W. Seligman & Co., bankers, New York city; Winthrop Smith of Winthrop Smith & Co., bankers, Philadelphia; William R. Nicholson, president of the Land, Title and Trust company, Philadelphia; F. M. Colston of Wilson, Colston & Co., bankers, Baltimore; E. Stevens, secretary.

Every blessed one of them is a banker and they all come from the large cities of the east. These gentlemen are like Alexander the Great—they have captured everything in sight down east, and are now hunting for new worlds to conquer. These men have appropriated one of the most important natural monopolies of our city that justly belongs to all our people and are "figgerin'" the per cent in regulating the amount and kind of water we shall drink. The quality of the water is poor and the price is enormous. Our drinks are not filtered, and every year a few sand banks are run through the distributing pipes, and there is no doubt that the people will have plenty of sand in their gizzards. If the city owned this public utility, the water would be better, the price would be cheaper, and there would be an immense surplus to apply on our municipal indebtedness. The men who gave away this franchise to foreign bankers ought to be damned both here and hereafter. In order to see that this plan is immensely profitable it is only necessary to look at the kind of men that own it. Rich bankers do not engage in petty enterprises. They are not here for fun. They have a good thing, and they will hold on to it like grim death. There is a little town in the interior of Nebraska that owns its own waterworks and charges \$7.50 for the same amount of water that costs a family in Omaha \$19, and the water there costs the city much more in proportion than it costs the company here. Are the people of Omaha not almost tired of giving away each month a splendid fortune to the owners of its public utilities?—Omaha Nonconformist.

Government Banks.

With government banks in place of our present system of private banks, called "national banks," the people would save nearly all the interest they now are robbed of in the course of business. The corners that are now run on money would fill the daily papers about "sound money" and the "dangerous greenback," that one "weak point in our finances." The bankers' associations, which meet at short intervals between to discuss money and tell their audience and the newspapers that a half dozen "financiers" with a machine called a bank can issue far better and "sounder" paper currency than the government, would soon be a thing of the past.

We would get rid of the unanswering rot which these gentlemen utter over their wine and cigars. The money question of this country will never be settled until it is taken out of the hands of these gentlemen who have become the bunko steers of the nation. They now have a bill in the house which is the grandest and most audacious bunko bank bill ever concocted. It proposes to take charge of the business of the country and direct everything, both government and people. This bill which the bankers have foisted on to the Republican party and made sponsor for it is the most infamous ever devised by the plunderers of modern business.—E. E. Ewing.

Watch For White Blackbirds.

The big railroad pool has been declared illegal by the United States supreme court in one breath, and in the next the Kansas City stock yard pool is held to a lawful association. Just how the old women lawyers on the supreme bench can make a distinction between the two bands of robbers who are industriously fleecing the public is not very clear. Probably, though, some of the big magnates became tired of the railroad pool and notified their judges to dissolve it "in the interest of the people," but "the people" in this instance will be the Morgans, Vanderbilts and Goulds, who will now start a cutthroat competition and wreck the weaker lines, squeeze the smaller capitalists out of business, gobble up the ruined roads for a song and hail "the new prosperity" with glad acclaim. Any old time when the big plutocrats get the worst of it in any deal you will see white blackbirds.—Cleveland Citizen.

Power in Combination.

The stove trust has just had a meeting at Pittsburg and marked up the price of stoves and ranges. There was perfect harmony in its deliberations, which were secret. In the same city at the same time there was an attempt at a conference between the glassworkers, but they voted not to affiliate with each other. The manufacturers will make millions by their co-operation—the workers will starve because they refuse to co-operate. Each will get what it deserves. Working people prefer to starve rather than unite and defend their mutual interests; capitalists surrender their private property to corporate or communitarian control and make millions.—Appeal to Reason.

The Only Way.

Huntington played the old Mark Hanna game over again in California. He issued a circular threatening to reduce the wages of all the railroad employees if his man was not elected governor. Railroads will never be driven out of politics until they become the property of the nation.—Lincoln Independent.

WORN-OUT WOMEN



Most women are drudges. Some are willing, some are unwilling. Some women drudge for themselves, some for their family. Their routine is endless; no matter how ill they feel they work.

Women never half take care of themselves. Early decay and wrecked lives abound, mainly through neglect. Every woman should have the book called "Health and Beauty," which the Pe-ru-na Medicine Co., Columbus, O., will mail on request. It tells women some easy things to do to protect health, and all about the virtues of Pe-ru-na for women's peculiar ills. Miss Lizzie Peters, Mascoutah, Ill., writes:

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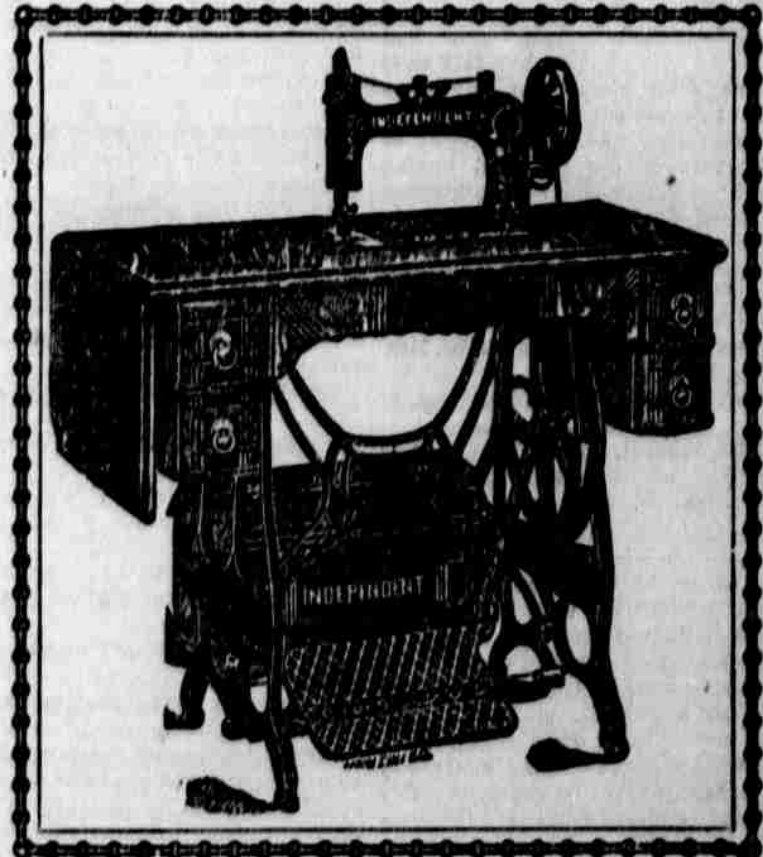
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