

THE MAIN QUESTION

Mr. Senator H. G. Stewart Arises to Make a Few Remarks Concerning It.

Editor Independent:

Recent events have brought the "free pass" question very much to the front, and I fully agree with Brother Burrows that it is the most potent instrument of corruption which has ever entered the arena of American politics.

As has been said, so far as state politics was concerned "redemption of rates" was the question upon which we organized years ago. The legislature of 1891 was elected upon that issue and they gave us a maximum rate law which was killed by the veto of one man seated in the governor's chair by illegal and fraudulent votes.

CALIFORNIA To exchange for Nebraska land property. Forty acres in prunes and olive orchards. Bidwell's fruit farm, the largest in California.

July 1, 1893, the foundation of the old Dutch windmill was laid. A. Palm and G. H. Wilder were the promoters of the venture. Fourteen skilled mechanics were brought over from Sweden by Mr. Palm to work on it.

It is an octagon-shaped frame building, four stories in height, and the stone basement has walls six feet thick. The whole top cap is pivoted and turns the thirty-foot arms in position to catch the wind.

In 1865 a large plow shop was built adjoining the mill. The "Lawrence Plow Company" was the name of the concern. Power was transmitted to the shop from the mill by the shafting and eight grindstones were run.

Recently a hospital association of Lawrence has purchased the property, and the grounds will be beautified and the old mill kept in shape as an historic relic.

SOCIAL ECONOMICS.

Editor Independent:

I have read with interest the discussion in recent issues of your paper between the editor and various correspondents of the likeness or unlikeness of Socialism to Populism, and especially the letter of August Storms in your last issue, and your answer thereto.

My interest in the subject impels me to take a hand in the discussion. I am not a socialist as the word has long been used, but I am a firm believer in Populist Socialism.

As I read Mr. Storm's letter, he does not condemn the use of improved machinery under all circumstances, but he condemns it under the present competitive, monopolistic system.

By means of it we would destroy that form of co-operation which creates trusts and combines for the benefit of a few; for Mr. Storm is correct when he says that the only safety for capital under the present competitive system "lies in co-operation by the formation of trusts."

Every stock corporation is a co-operative concern, and I know from years of business experience and observation that these corporate co-operative concerns are formed to avoid the killing and crushing effect of competition.

The time is here now when we must settle the question shall co-operative concerns by THE FEW, already wealthy—such as corporations, trusts, combines—be given a charter and permitted to control all industries, all political parties, all state legislatures and congresses, all state courts and the national administration, or shall the PEOPLE through national co-operation take and retain control of all these things for the BENEFIT OF ALL?

This is the foremost political question before the American people today in point of importance. The Populists are trying to answer it.

When they do, the use of improved machinery will become highly beneficent and the multitudes will be blessed by it, instead of cursed as while it is in monopolistic hands.

Beside this question the free coinage of silver sinks out of sight. To be sure, let our present industrial system continue as it is and we shall need the free coinage of silver to palliate the evil somewhat.

Co-operation that shall meet the demands of all the people fully and relieve them from the crushing of limited co-operation by trusts, combines and corporations, is to be accomplished through the nation, state and municipalities.

Evolution, not revolution, is in the air. The new government to be evolved out of present conditions will be chiefly industrial. It will be a protector of the weak, not a guardian of the strong.

Will Mr. Hand please tell us how it is that in all the history of the world that in seasons when prices are stable or are rising the distribution of property is always more general, and in seasons when prices are falling the tendencies are always to concentrate in a few and still fewer hands.

Every economist in the world, or who has written since the days of Aristotle, claims that property can be distributed by controlling the quantity of money. It is to distribute these dangerously great fortunes equitably among the whole people—to enable the producer to reap what he sows—that the control of the volume of money is sought.

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Can You Wonder? Do you know what the terror and horror of industrial conditions are? Think of going on day after day in the same room, breathing the same air, eating the same food! Can you wonder some high spirited girl flings herself out of it and thinks anything is better.—Bishop Henry C. Potter.

THE HULL BILL.

A Measure That Would Make Of Our Army a Politician's Plum Tree.

Human nature is so constituted that men would generally rather do right than wrong. They do not persist in doing evil and unpopular things for the mere love of mischief.

The bill provides for 970 new officers of the line. As it does not enlarge the Military academy or make any other provision for confining the new appointments to trained men all these positions will be the spoils of politicians.

Under this arrangement any congressman or any friend or retainer of a congressman who wore a uniform for a week in war, whether at the front or at a desk in Washington, may be appointed a major at 63, jumping over the heads of men who have devoted their lives to military work.

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They Ride Free. Senator Chandler, whose love for the Boston and Maine railroad is exactly opposite to the love which Damon bore Pythias, has scored a point against that road by securing the publication of the names of all the persons to whom free passes have been granted.

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The Heir to Millions and the Thousands of Hungry and Ragged.

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