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When all the trusts get organized and everything is in their hands, nearly all the whole population will be hirelings. The life of every man and that of his wife and children will depend upon serving the millionaires.

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BANKER'S MONEY.

The Tribute of Millions That It Collects From Labor Every Year.

Editor Independent: We read of olden times of a nation of people that were heavily bonded to their task masters; they were so early

oppressed; God heard their cries and sent them a leader, to lead them out of bondage. As he was leading them through the wilderness to the promised land, they balked, they rebelled against their leader and against their God; they gave up their gold that Aaron might make them a golden calf to worship; a false God. History repeats itself in 1896. The people of the United States were heavily bonded to the Gods of avarice. The smaller tribes said, "Let us choose a leader to lead us out of bondage, but the largest tribe said, "Nay, we will give our wealth to the Gods of avarice if they will let us fall down and worship their golden calf, and remain in slavery. A heavy bonded nation makes wage slavery, always did, and so will the worshippers of the golden calf, gold standard and national banks which produce wage slavery.

They try to lull the unthinking ear to sleep by calling it sound money, honest money, but did you ever think what it cost the producer of wealth to worship the golden calf. We have had some \$346,000,000 greenbacks in circulation and with \$346,000,000 national bank currency, they have been doing the business of the country side by side for the last thirty-five years. The greenbacks as credit money, are as good as the nation, and the \$346,000,000 has not cost the wealth producer one cent of interest. The bankers credit money, what they call "sound money," "honest money," and all such pretty names to lull the unthinking to sleep, costs interest and we are robbed of the products of our labor. The banker loans his credit money at 10 per cent for three months, only, and at the end of the year it is 12 1/2 per cent. So by counting \$346,000,000 at 12 1/2 per cent we have \$1,908,795,545 for his currency. Labor has to pay the gold interest on bonds to issue the \$346,000,000. The old bonds draw 4 1/2 per cent, say 4 per cent to be in bounds.

Interest on bonds .....\$610,585,455 Interest on currency .....1,908,079,545 Total .....\$2,518,665,000 To make it more plain, reduce it down in products of labor. So you can see where wage slavery comes in, as I have stated above, labor has to pay all. We will take corn and show how many bushels it will take at 20c per bushel to pay the banker's interest on his \$346,000,000 currency and the interest on the bonds to issue the same. We find that it will take 12,573,325,000 bushels of corn. By sending it to market in car loads, say 500 bushels to a car, we find it will take 25,146,659 cars. We will allow 36 feet long for each car, it would take 171,454 miles of track. Just seven times around the world; the world as near as can be figured is less than 25,000 miles around. A load of corn seven times around the world to satisfy the bankers for their credit money, more than the greenbacks have cost the wealth producers on the same amount. Can you see where wage slavery comes in? And the bankers are crying for more blood, they say the greenbacks should be re-

tired and the government should go out of the banking business. The greenbacks are all that is left of Abraham Lincoln republicanism. When they are destroyed his monument should be draped in mourning and the Goddess of Liberty take her eternal flight, and leave the United States to the Gods of avarice and the worshippers of the golden calf, and let the heathen God and this great republic go down in history like Rome. Britain loaned money at 60 per cent which brought on the dark ages of the world all wealth fell into the hands of 2 per cent and the nation was destroyed. That is what wage slavery means. A. TIPTON.

WON A STRIKE IN 25 MINUTES

The Brooklyn Bridge Elevated Line Surrendered to the Men. New York, March 2.—The train men employed on the Brooklyn bridge struck to-day and after congesting traffic for twenty-five minutes were granted what they demanded. The cause of the strike was a new time and pay schedule prepared by the Elevated Railroad company, which cut down the earnings of the men.

A Good Receipt. A cure for political annexation follows: Take equal parts of devil, embalméd beef, extract of buzzard, mosquitoes and tincture of hornet. This taken three times a day with embalméd beef has never failed to perform a cure—if taken before meals. Now Mr. gold bug if you don't believe this will perform a cure try it at once and be convinced of a good thing, to be cured of that awful disease annexation. Yours for humanity sake, W. M. LAKIN, Aurora, Neb., Feb. 27, 99.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

SOCIALISM.

"We'll walk in the sun, boys, with ease We'll cover our bodies with grease; We'll all get drunk as a loon; We'll swap our wives every moon; And so be true freemen, indeed." —Vogt.

Editor Independent: In the midst of pressing professional duties I have taken time to comply with your request, and send you this article. Webster defines socialism as: "A theory of society which advocates a more precise, orderly, and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of mankind than that which has heretofore prevailed; communism. See communism."

He defines communism as: "The re-organization of society, or the doctrine that it should be reorganized, by regulating property, industry, and the sources of livelihood, and also the domestic relation and social morals of mankind; socialism, especially the doctrines of the community of property, or the negation of individual rights of property."

The particular form of socialism now in vogue in this country is state socialism, such as is described in Marie Howland's "Papa's Own Girl." It is the doctrine that the state is supreme and omnipotent. Every child born in the commonwealth belongs to the state. Every man by common consent is entitled to the property which pertains to his immediate personality, that is to say, his teeth, brush, his clothes, etc., but machinery, mines, land and all the productive sources and agencies are to belong to that intangible creation of man—the state.

Love is to be the only tie which binds man and woman. Union with, out love is (according to the apostles of the new gospel) adultery. Marriage is to be like the union of Don Juan and Dalida. Let me say, Mr. Editor, that all the monopolies of Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, Huntington, and Russell Sage, supplied by the vagaries of Tweed, Labcock and McGiargie cannot eclipse the dangers of this malicious doctrine.

So far as a community of property is concerned we have seen its operation in Robert Dale Owen's new harmony colony, in John Humphrey Noyes Oneida community, the famous Brook farm community, made immortal by Hawthorne's Blithedale romance, and the association of such great names as Henry D. Thoreau, Margaret Fuller, Charles A. Dana, Nathaniel Hawthorne and the lamented Father Hecker, now made doubly famous by the Pope's recent letter, and in the eleven families of Shakers, scattered throughout the United States at Alfred Maine, Canterbury and Enfield, New Hampshire; Lebanon, New York; Mount Pleasant, Kentucky and elsewhere. I submit to say one who has watched the work, ing of these communities, that they have proven a total failure. An old elder of the Shaker community at Enfield once remarked: "We've nothing left here but fools and cripples." The Greeks became the most perfect race that ever lived, both mentally and physically, because of the competition of the Olympic games. Competition is the stimulator of energy. In the manufacture of machinery, two things are to be borne in mind. First, the generation of force, and in the elimination of friction. Each of these is important. They are like the centrif-

Sick Headache from Bad Stomach.

From the Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio.

One day in the summer of 1895, Charles I. Vogel was sitting on the front steps of his home at No. 1513 Lorain Street, on the West side, Cleveland, Ohio, in the picture of misery. He had spent a sleepless night. For six months Charles Vogel had been a sufferer from headaches of the most severe and excruciating character.

When I began to see if somebody had used them for the same trouble from which I was suffering," he went on to say "and I found what I was looking for. The stories seemed straightforward and full of sincerity I had never heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills before but I determined to buy a box of them, and went to the drug store and made a purchase. It was the best investment I ever made.

"The first pill did not cure me, nor did the second; but I had not been taking them for a week before I began to feel better. I continued to have the headaches which broke my sleep and rest, but they were less violent and less frequent. At the end of two weeks I was so much improved that I could not but admit to myself that the little pills were wonderful. Gradually the pain in my head lessened, and at the end of a month it nearly disappeared.

"After taking the pills for a month I was cured. That was a year ago, and I have not suffered since.

fugal and centripetal forces which hold the earth in place. Now, in economic society progress is engendered by competition; but as in mechanics, friction must be overcome. At periodic intervals in our national history, we have had panics, in 1819, in 1837, in 1857, in 1873, and in 1893. These are in round numbers twenty years apart. It is not my purpose, to examine in detail all the causes which have produced these financial upheavals. It is my own firm belief that, whatever their cause, each and every one of them could have been cured by a well regulated currency system. "Cured?" I should have said prevent.

With scientific money, it is absolutely impossible for a panic to occur. You might as well talk about cheating me out of my letter X when I am working an algebraic problem, as to mention the possibility of a panic in a country with scientific money. The letter X is the tangible representative of an idea, having no pecuniary or commercial value; but, by a changing of equations it determines the relation of other quantities which possess a pecuniary or commercial value.

Under the system proposed by the populist party, the purpose is not to make A divide the product of his labor with B, but to give A and B an equal chance in the race, and trust their individuality to an honest competition in the arena of life. That every man in the world should have the same amount of property is not a desirable state of facts. No more is it desirable that every tree in the forest should be a beech tree.

The state socialist is the worst monopolist in the world. He wishes to center all monopolies in one giant monopoly, called the state. Read Looking Further Forward, by Michaelis. Ancient Sparta was a sample of state socialism. The family relation was destroyed; natural affection was crushed out. Despair was the result. Suicide was common. God deliver me from living in such a country as that was, where a mother rejoices when she hears that her son is killed in battle. The Spartans were no honest men; other people. Aegon's pun: "I have been beaten by thirty thousand archers," alluding to the figure on the Persian gold coin called the daric, had a world of meaning in it.

In conclusion let me say that state socialists have nothing in common with populists and everything in common with republicans. Men who believe in Dingley tariffs, steamboat subsidies, and beet sugar bounties, are not far from state socialism. About twenty-five years ago, when I was a mere stripling, I heard Whitelaw Reid, now of imperialistic fame, advocate communism. The late Charles A. Dana of the Brook farm community, John M. Palmer, who stood as a dummy for William McKinley, jr., in 1896, made a pronounced socialistic speech in the United States senate, at the time of the Homestead troubles.

From the terrible scourge of the socialist, good Lord, deliver us. WILBUR F. BRYANT.

Judge John Charlton Dead. LAWRENCE KAN., March 2.—Judge John Charlton died in this city yesterday of heart failure. He passed away peacefully, sitting in his chair. Judge Charlton was for thirty-five years a resident of this city, and held numerous positions of trust.

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Magruder, York Co., Va. Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, O.: "I can scarcely find words to express my gratitude to you for all your kindness to me. We have used Pe-ru-na in our family for the past year and find it a wonderful medicine. It has robbed the grave of one victim, for I was in a critical condition when I wrote you before. Thanks to you, however, my health is fully restored and am better than I have been for five years. I cannot say too much in favor of your medicines. If you can use any words of mine to assist you in your work I will only be too glad. I wish every young lady in our town could read your book. There would be a great deal less sickness and puny women."—Miss Bertha E. Sargent.