

RULED BY MONEY

Alexander Del Mar's appeal to the clergy is very good as printed in the Independent July 19, but I think if he had been a close student of the clergy for the last thirty years, he would have sooner appealed to the people.

I well remember when James Monroe was president, yet I remember no time when the clergy assaulted the taking of interest on loans, which is forbidden by divine law and all the cohorts of hell cannot disannul it.

Sad indeed is it that the government that once proclaimed the right of all men to life and liberty should play the Jesuit to bring a few people under the thrall of the money power, and all done to increase the power of the beast, for not one-half of one per cent of the people will be benefited by it.

Franklin, Neb. W. E. AUSTIN.

RIGHTLY NAMED.

Dear Sir—Yours of the 23d at hand and its contents carefully noted. In reply I must say that I was as much surprised at its contents as you say you were at seeing the scrap written by me which you say you clipped from that dirty sheet, meaning the Nebraska Independent.

Then your talk about a man being hung for publishing such sentiment back in the sixties. You must have been in sympathy with the rebellion or what we used to call copperhead—too much of a coward to go south where you belonged, or take up arms in behalf of the cause you advocate.

Now from what you say I judge that you are an imperialist and are in favor of this wholesale murdering of the Filipinos. Why? Just because it is the policy of this administration. The honor of the American republic is not considered.

It is owned and controlled by the money combine of Europe and America, and the results are what we see today, millionaires, trusts, land monopolies, railroad consolidations, strikes, tramps, paupers, starvation, murders, suicides, and last but not least the wholesale murder of the Filipinos.

Peru, Nebr. W. W. SMITH.

Clippings.

RED HOT CAMPAIGN.

J. H. Edmisten has again been placed in charge of the populist state central committee. This insures an aggressive, red hot campaign from now until the last ballot is cast election day.—Courtland Herald

SOMEWHERE ELSE.

Last year nine bushels of corn would buy one hundred pounds of fencing wire. This year it will take eighteen bushels to buy the same. Curious, isn't it that prosperity works that way? Last year three bushels of wheat would buy a bale of wire. It takes six bushels now. Last

Year a section hand could earn a hundred pounds of wire in two days. It takes four to earn it now. Prosperity has struck the country. Freight rates, passenger rates, taxes and agricultural products, as well as labor in this country have remained stationary but manufactured goods have gone up steadily.

IT IS ABOUT TIME.

If a working man or a farmer has one hundred and fifty dollars left after renting a house and buying clothing food, and fuel sufficient, he can, I think, enjoy himself very well. One year he can buy carpets and pictures, another a nice organ and some books, the third a horse buggy and harness and the fourth he might take his family for a trip to the mountains.

THE CAUSE OF TRUSTS.

The "mother of the trusts" is not the protective tariff; it is the gold standard. The latter causes prices to fall almost continuously, because gold being the only metal upon which the full legal tender money quality is bestowed, the volume of commodities increases faster than the volume of money can increase.

In the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury for 1873-4, there is printed as a subordinate portion the report of Dr. H. Linderman, director of the Mint, which report was written only about ten months after silver was demonetized, and in which these words are used: "The gradual adoption of the gold standard and the consequent demonetization of silver (by the United States and other countries), will be followed by an increase in the value of gold, or what is the same thing a decrease in the price of articles measured by it.

Dr. Linderman was one of four conspirators in official life who secured the demonetization of silver; and in these words he tipped the wink to those who read his report to get from under as prices were going to fall.

(A diagram is here inserted showing the rise and fall of prices from 1837 to 1899.) The accompanying diagram shows the average price line from 1837 to the present time. It illustrates the great and persistent fall in prices which has occurred since silver was demonetized in 1873 and which will strangle civilization if it is not broken.

It will be observed that the present fall in prices began really in 1866 with the destruction of greenbacks. It was during a debate upon a further contraction of this currency that Mr. Sherman said in the Senate, January 27, 1869:

"Sir, it is not possible to take the voyage without some distress. To every person except the capitalist out of debt, or to the salaried officer or auditor, it is a period of loss, danger, lassitude of trade, fall of wages, suspension of enterprise, bankruptcy, or disaster. . . . It means the ruin of all dealers whose debts are twice their capital, though one-third less than their property. It means the fall of all agricultural productions with out any great reduction of taxes.

The formation of trusts is an effort to escape the operation of the law of falling prices; to escape that "loss, danger, lassitude of trade . . . and bankruptcy" which Mr. Sherman refers to and what he helped to inaugurate. Manufacturers have for thirty years had to produce on a constantly falling market until general ruin stared them in the face; and they had to go into trusts or into bankruptcy. I repeat: protective tariff is not the mother of trusts; the gold standard is.—Bronson C. Keeler in Valley Democrat.

It is better for us to know what to avoid doing than what to do.

The blind cannot see the beauties of the world; neither can they see the wretchedness of some of the world's creatures.

FAITH HEALING.

A Scientific Discussion of Christian Science, Faith Healing and Kindred Methods.

The corruption that has prevailed in politics has wrought havoc in every direction. It has lowered the moral standard in all the professions. Twenty years ago plagiarism was deemed so vile an offense that few attempted it. Now it is an everyday occurrence. It is so common in the newspaper profession that nothing is said about it any more.

Dr. George E. Gorham wrote an article that was published by the Outlook upon faith or mind healing. Within a week more than a dozen leading dailies had editorials containing the substance of that article without a word of credit to either Dr. Gorham or the Outlook. It is an able and scientific discussion of the whole subject of Christian science, faith, mind and prayer healing and it is not at all strange that it attracted the attention of all who read it.

The Doctor first explains at considerable length the conscious and unconscious processes that go on in the human body. He seems to think that the most important of the two is the unconscious. The circulation of the blood, the digestion of food, the operations of the lungs, heart liver, and other organs are all unconscious processes over which the will has no control at all. These processes are all greatly affected by such emotions as fear, hope, faith, as well as by sights and sounds.

Is it any wonder or miracle, that when we eliminate fear and implant a steady, serene faith, our bodies recover from many ills? It is delicate work to make a blood cell. There are 5,000,000 red and about 10,000 white corpuscles in one cubic millimeter, or about one drop of blood. If a man were to count at the rate of 100 per minute and quit steadily ten hours per day, it would take him about three months to count the cells in one drop of blood.

Let us look again at the physiological processes of the child while faith and love are in the mind. We find no violent beating of the heart, no tears, no perspiration, no trembling of the muscles. In the mouth saliva is flowing, and what is this but the process of digestion started by faith—expectancy? The child did not will the saliva to flow, but unconscious life, true to the law which governs it responded to the faith and started at once the process of digestion even before the food entered the mouth.

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physical and mental changes wrought in our bodies through substituting faith; a faith that amounts to genuine expectancy, leaving no shadow of fear or doubt; substituting such a faith for anxious thought, often produces a most salutary effect. We find this law operating to effect a cure when one makes a journey to some noted shrine. When one is cured by adopting Christian Science we find this law operating. When we are cured in answer to prayer, we find that this law of our life has been complied with.

The unconscious processes of the body are only doing their best when they feel the throbb of a great faith, a great hope, love, and courage. When one goes to God in prayer for cure of a disease with such faith and love the unconscious processes respond at once and do their full duty. But we should discriminate and know how much, and what, God does through these unconscious processes. All the accidents and ills of the body should not be left to the care of unconscious life. Physiology teaches us that it was never so intended by our creator. The conscious life should do its part when the body is assailed by disease or accident.

An acute inflammation of the eye is often found in young children, which may be cured if recognized early and proper medical treatment be applied. If neglected a few days, total blindness is the result. Shall we reason that, because a mother, who had been bedridden for a year by hysterical paralysis, was then cured by a pilgrimage to a shrine, miraculous power was in the shrine; and shall she spend three days in taking her time there, while the disease destroys the sight of the child?

When, by mistake, one swallows a lethal dose of carbolic acid, shall we reason that, because a disease that had resisted for months the efforts of skilled

medical men and was then promptly cured by accepting and putting into practice the theories of Mrs. Eddy, the acid has no power to kill or cause pain? Shall we deny that it has substance and say, "All is mind"? And shall we say that the cure which was made under Christian Science was made by the stimulating effect of a deep faith to which the physiological processes responded, and that in the case of the acid the physiological process cannot cope with the poison, and that the conscious life is called upon to act and remove the acid from the stomach? Faith is not sufficient in such cases. It is a violation of a law to rest in faith and trust, and not use the intelligence given us.

Medical cures by medical men are seldom brought to public notice, but I trust I may be pardoned if, to illustrate my point, I mention a few which have come under my personal observation. A few years ago a woman lay in bed, paralyzed the greater part of the winter. A hot iron or ice applied to the legs produced no pain, a knife thrust through the skin produced no pain. The patient could not move the legs; many other troublesome symptoms continued for weeks and weeks, notwithstanding the best efforts of the medical attendants.

In such heroic measures the patient had a great faith, and as soon as the faith entered the mind the unconscious processes responded, and the paralysis was cured. The next day the patient got up and dressed without aid.

In a neighboring city a young lady lay for months in bed, and at every attempt to assume the sitting posture she would faint and become unconscious. The faithful efforts of a skilled physician failed to relieve her. A physician from another city was called, in whom the patient and the family had more confidence, more faith. This physician told her that riding in the open air would cure her, and that if she would take hourly, for six hours, a very bitter remedy, it would prevent the fainting. The patient believed, had faith, took the remedy and the ride without fainting, and was cured.

A young man, from overstudy in school, broke down with what is called nervous prostration. The digestive system refused to do its work; there was entire loss of appetite. For weeks all tempting foods were tried in vain. Finally he was put to bed, and forced feeding of hot milk was attempted. What is known as hysterical vomiting occurred, and all nourishment would be ejected from the stomach. Paralysis of eyelids came on, so that for weeks one eye was closed, and could be opened only by the hand. Different physicians were called. Mountain air and change of scenery were tried, all with no substantial improvement. The boy, one day, was made to understand how his digestive system responded to faith and fear. He was told that, so long as he expected the stomach to throw up the food, it would continue to do so; but that, if he could get a real faith, the stomach would digest the food, it would obey the law, respond to the faith, and do so. The light dawned upon him, and a new faith and hope filled his mind. He ate and retained his supper that night. No further vomiting occurred. The paralysis disappeared; he gained fifteen pounds in three weeks; he well, and has so remained. These are faith cures, but not miracles. Such cures are recognized by the medical profession as cures by suggestion. It is the physiological effect of the faith that cures. The Great Faith Healer, when the woman was cured, after touching his garment, turned and said: "Woman, thy faith hath made thee whole."

WHITE MEN NOT WANTED

Freedom, a paper published at Manila, in speaking of Otis' order to exclude the Chinese, says: "As far as the restrictions refer to John Chinaman, we believe they will prove but temporary. No one familiar with conditions here will favor their exclusion for they are certainly the salt of this part of the earth and without them the Philippines would be worth but precious little to anybody. Manual labor is out of the question for white men in this climate and without the Chinese coolie railroads cannot be built, mines operated, forests utilized, plantations worked, streets paved, or, in a word, industry's wheels cannot turn in the Philippines."

The Buffalo Express (rep) says: "Whom will the United States benefit by governing, developing and 'civilizing' a land where a white man cannot toil and where coolie labor must be depended on for such wealth and prosperity as may be built up? Is the conquest of such a land to be compared with that of our own great West, where our own hardy classes have built homes for themselves? In attempting such a task are we not in danger of taking a step backward toward the system of forced labor from which we released our country at the cost of so much bloodshed?"

A man will walk a thousand miles for a chance to dig gold who is too lazy at home to dig the kitchen garden.

When a man has a very strange name we forget its strangeness when we learn he is rich.

FREE AS AIR! The Greatest Show in the State at Lincoln, Neb., September 18 to 23. THE GREATEST AND FINEST FREE STREET FAIR MISSISSIPPI. The first great street fair ever held in Nebraska will occupy nearly two miles of front footage on the principal streets of Lincoln. Cattle, horses, sheep and swine show at Market Square. Agricultural exhibit surrounding Government Square. Bees, Dairy and Poultry shown in buildings. \$2,400 in Premiums given for the best in the above Exhibits. HORSE RACES, 3 DAYS---PURSES, \$2,000. Mercantile exhibits on the principal streets will occupy over 6,000 front feet of booths, many of which will be handsome and elaborate. There will be one solid week of attractions in connection with the Fair. Civic Parade Tuesday Night, Bicycle Parade Thursday Night, Flower Parade Wednesday Afternoon, Mask Carnival Parade Saturday Night. All the night parades will be put on with spectacular illuminations and extensive fireworks. The flower parade will be the most beautiful parade ever witnessed in Nebraska. THIRTY-SEVEN DAILY FREE SHOWS. GREAT GILLETTE FAMILY, greatest of acrobats and cycle riders. THE MILLER FAMILY, aerial artists who have left one of the greatest circuses to play at the Lincoln Fair. BRANDON & REGENE, acrobats and contortionists, direct from the great St. Louis Exposition. BIENVEN, the marvelous hand balancer and trapeze head balancer, FOREPAUGH & WELCOME, trapeze, ladder and ring artists. NELLO, king of the slack wire. The great Kansas rainmaker, JUGGE. SI STEBBINS, Barnum's original "Rube" clown. VINO, king of all card tricksters. Public exposure of them all. A WEEK OF MUSIC--All the concert bands in the state and many others will furnish music through the week of the fair daily and evening. The above is a list to date of the amusements and entertainments furnished to those who attend the Lincoln Street Fair, absolutely free. No street fair in the west ever furnished such an array of extraordinary talent in the amusement line. Cheap excursion rates on all railroads leading into Lincoln. All it needs to cost any visitor to the fair is his railroad ticket and his board while in Lincoln. ONE ENTIRE WEEK, LINCOLN, SEPTEMBER 18 TO 23, 1899.