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Gold still goes to Europe. Five million went last week. The result was a fall in stocks and the banks called many loans. The constant shipment of large amounts of goods and gold to Europe above what is returned to this country, continues to excite comment. What becomes of it? Certainly it is not given away. The drain upon the wealth of this country is tremendous. The constant shipping of more wealth out of the country than comes into it is for the enrichment of Europe and the impoverishment of ourselves. It certainly cannot go on forever, unless we shall voluntarily make ourselves the working slaves of monarchies of the old world.

J. LAURENCE LAUGPLIN

J. Laurence Laughlin, professor of political economy in Rockefeller's Chicago university, has an article in the Yale Quarterly on legal tender. There are so many twistings and turnings, tergiversations, subterfuges and evasions in his logic that it would make a mountain climber dizzy to follow his devious trails. If one carefully looks through the article, he will see that he admits enough truth not to destroy entirely his reputation as an economist. He knows the truth well enough, but what would become of J. Laurence Laughlin if he should write it out and print it? He would no longer be at the head of the department of political economy in a great plutocratic university. As the pop farmer would say, he would have "to git up and git." There is just one fact that knocks J. Laurence Laughlin and all of his carefully prepared sentences clear out of the box. The silver dollar is worth just as much as the gold dollar and the material in it is worth less than half as much and it is "not redeemable in any other kind of money." What makes the silver dollar of the same value of the gold dollar? Why is its power in exchange exactly equal to the gold dollar? There is but one answer that can be given. IT IS LEGAL TENDER FOR ALL DEBTS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE CONTRACT.

J. Laurence Laughlin may write until his hair all turns gray and his teeth fall out from old age and he will never convince any reasonable, honest man that the legal tender power does not add to the value of the material to which it is attached. A scientist who abandons the search for the truth and attempts to establish falsehood is the most contemptible of men.

MUNICIPAL REFORM

The editor of The Independent has received a letter from a prominent business man of the city in which he says that he is thoroughly disgusted with the kind of government that republicans are giving the city and wants to know why the populists and democrats do not organize a vigorous opposition. As the writer of this letter is a republican it seems a matter worth while to discuss the proposition. His party has an overwhelming majority in the city and if there is ever any reform accomplished it must come among the republicans. There are not enough fusionists to get control of the government. As long as he and the remainder of his party will persist in voting the republican ticket, Lincoln will have to suffer under corporation rule. If the fusionists should put up a ticket of the very best men in the city upon a platform of reform, the republicans would still continue to vote for the corporation tools who are on the republican ticket and The Independent very much doubts whether the writer of the letter would vote for such men unless they were labeled republican. The gas company, the street car company, the electric light company and other corporations rule this city and will continue to rule it as long as a majority of the citizens will vote the republican ticket. If enough republicans will leave the party to make it probable that an opposition ticket could be elected, there would very soon be one in the field. Reform must begin among those who have voted the republican ticket. When they have so far progressed as to be able to vote for their own interests instead of at the dictation of corporation managers, we will have reform and not before. What is true of Lincoln is true of hundreds of other cities.

JUST WHAT SUITS US

The more a man has the more he wants. When he gets a million, then he wants two millions. When he gets two millions, that don't satisfy him any more than one million did. That is the way of the privileged class. The more they get the more they want. It is especially true of the tariff grabbers. The whole republican party is lined up and this is their program.

No reciprocity treaties of any sort. All that were negotiated under the McKinley administration to be laid on the shelf and kept there. That includes the reciprocity with Cuba as favored by McKinley and now advocated by Roosevelt.

The defeat of every effort to lower the tariff on anything and the tariffs on trust goods sold cheaper to foreigners than to Americans to stand untouched.

A tariff on Porto Rico and the Philippines and every other place that a tariff can be made to reach. Then they want a ship subsidy bill which is only another form of the protective tariff. On that basis the party proposes to go before the country. All the thieves will line up together. Pennsylvania tariff pirates will fight just as hard for a tariff on beet sugar although the state does not produce a pound, as they will for a tariff on iron and coal. The Oregon protectionists will fight just as hard for a tariff on Connecticut fake jewelry as they will for one on canned salmon. Every thief proposes to stand for the graft of every other thief from Maine to California, and the aggregation expects to rule the country. That is the plan. The Independent likes it first rate. That is just as it ought to be. Wild cat banking and tariffs mountain high. Nothing could suit us better.

HIP, HIP, HURRAH!

Some of the best writing that ever appeared in the United States were the Bee head-lines over the summary of the currency bill introduced into congress last week. They ran like this: "Puts care on banks. Fiscal bill transfers responsibility of protecting gold reserve. Removes the burden from the government, etc." Oh! those patriotic bankers. They long to take the responsibilities of the government and 76,000,000 of people upon their own shoulders. Bankers only want to increase their responsibilities. They never think of decreasing them. They want to redeem somebody else's notes, to pay other people's debts. They have always been known as the burden-bearers of the people. Hurrah for the banks! Watch them redeem Uncle Sam's promises to pay. Poor Uncle Sam! He can no longer pay his debts. They will kindly step in and take up his "burden." How we should love, honor and reverence these bankers. No such unselfish creatures were ever known in all the world before. Let the welkin ring with your shouts for the bankers. Form a procession a mile long. Get some grease dropping torches, march up and down the streets and "whoop it up" for the bankers and the republican party. They are going to "redeem" Uncle Sam's notes and all of the silver dollars. They are going to protect the treasury. Uncle Sam can build navies, raise armies and whip the world without costing him a cent.

Hip, Hip, Hurrah!

NEVER GIVE UP THE SHIP

A few populists and Bryan democrats have written letters to The Independent in which they give up hope and declare that imperialism, trusts and special privileges cannot be overthrown, and that they will grow more and more powerful and rapacious until some sort of a cataclysm occurs, when we will begin at the bottom and build the temple of liberty all over again. They should remember that there have been times in this republic when the money power seemed more firmly installed in power than it is now, and yet each time in the end it was defeated. The first great fight in this country was against landlordism. The landlords ruled things to suit themselves, but they were downed in the end. Then came the banks when they felt themselves so strong that Biddle told General Jackson to his face that no man could be elected whom he opposed. But Biddle and his bank power was overthrown. Then for a long time slavery ruled the country, not in the south alone, but many of the northern states. Slavery went down.

It has only been one generation since liberty arose triumphantly from the field of battle and the nation strted out on a new career. There have slowly arisen three powers, which today seem to many to be permanently enthroned—banks, trusts and railroads. The object of them all is the same as the forces that have been overthrown. It is to enslave labor and accumulate in a few hands the wealth of the country. The fight against these new forms of oppression is not half as hopeless as the fate of liberty has sometimes seemed in the past. But you must fight if you would win.

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
But the scaffold sways the future
And behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch upon his own."

"As the exchangeable values of commodities are only social functions of these things, and have nothing at all to do with the natural qualities, we must first ask, What is the common social substance of all commodities? It is labor. To produce a commodity a certain amount of labor must be bestowed upon it, or worked up in it. And I say not only labor, but social labor. A man who produces for his own immediate use, to consume it himself, creates a product, but not a commodity. As a self-sustaining producer he has nothing to do with society. But to produce a commodity, a man must not only produce an article satisfying some social want, but his labor itself must form part and parcel of the total sum of labor expended by society. . . . If we consider commodities as values, we consider them exclusively under the single aspect of realized, fixed, or, if you like, crystallized social labor."—Karl Marx.

It seems strange that such a logical reasoner as Karl Marx should fall into the error of defining value as "crystallized social labor." The energy expended in producing a given thing is quite different from the struggle between individuals to gain possession of that thing after it has been produced. It is quite true that the value of labor and raw materials entering into the production of most goods usually approximates the value of the finished product, but not necessarily. The good is desirable. Perhaps many individuals want it, probably may need it badly. Each of these is bidder for it; each enters the contest and struggles for its possession; each must offer or make some sacrifice in order to get it; but each has in mind the cost in labor and raw materials of producing that good, and ordinarily will not bid greatly above the cost of production, but in many cases will. It isn't the "crystallized social labor" in the good which gives it value—it is the tug of war on the rope of demand.

"What the American socialist demands is that the government or state shall employ first the unemployed and all that want to work for the government, making goods, food, houses, and divide among them in wages all they produced (about $4 a day in goods, etc.). The government has rich subarid prairies enough to feed 100 or 200 million people, so it does not want or need the farmers' misused, worn out weed farms, and they and the trusts can continue business on the old stand for the next hundred years to their hearts' content. Now, a few of the skilled, highest paid laborers get $2.50 a day. Under socialism the man who dug ditches and the skilled laborer would get the same; otherwise, all would fit themselves for the highest paid labor and nobody would want to dig ditches at all, and I dare say they would all have to take turns about for a week or two to dig ditches any way. Under socialism no one would have any rent to pay, and fuel would be free. There is wind-falls in timber and slabs around sawmills now wasted that would provide fuel in abundance."—S. P. Gibson, Page, Neb.

Why does Mr. Gibson use money terms in speaking of the good time coming? There would be no such thing as money. The dollar would cease to be the unit of account, as The Independent understands the question, and the day's labor would be the unit—regardless of the fact that the labor of one man may be greatly superior to that of some other man, or that the labor of one man might be much more valuable one day than another. But conceding that it would be fair to pay all men exactly the same for a day's labor, it does not follow that it would be right or wise to make them all take turns at ditch digging. Perhaps many of them would be vastly more useful to society if they never threw a spadeful of earth. Under socialism of any kind every man would have to pay for everything—rent, fuel, food, all; but he would pay to the government instead of private persons. It would be a change of landlords and shopkeepers.

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News of the Week

Wall street "has it in for Teddy" so all the Washington and New York correspondents say. His order to prosecute the Northern Pacific merger conspirators brands him in the minds of the Wall street gang as a very dangerous man. Constant accounts are printed about what the great millionaire magnates say concerning the audacity of ordering the prosecution of these violators of law without first consulting them. One of them says that Roosevelt did not even consult his cabinet. He declares that if the cabinet had been consulted every one of them would have opposed it and certainly would Secretary Root have done so. Wall street has the blues over this matter. They fear that their Teddy. In this fight The Independent is with Teddy.

The great dailies are just now working over the aftermath of Prince Henry's visit. Columns upon columns of the Sunday papers were given over to describing the heart breaks of society—that portion that did not get the opportunity to pour out their admiration for royalty in the presence of royalty itself. Mrs. Jack Gardner is among the wounded and wailing. A queer thing happened in New York also. Cornelius Vanderbilt disinherited his oldest son, Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., and made another son, then a boy at college, the inheritor of his millions, that is, he left his oldest son only $7,000,000 and the other hundreds of millions to Gwyn Vanderbilt. All that was done because the oldest son married a woman that the old man didn't like. It turns out that Prince Henry had an order from the emperor to dine with Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., which was a recognition by royalty itself which the other branch of the family don't like. The correspondents say "that grave diplomatic complications may result from this action of the emperor." There are a great many other things of this sort that take up most of the space in the metropolitan dailies. The editor of The Independent has been very unwell for some time and he thinks that it is the result of having to read this sickening twaddle in the great dailies. It is enough to turn the stomach of a garbage hauler.

The social democratic party in Germany has always been a great admirer of the United States. Cablegrams during the week assert that the leaders are disgusted with the American sychophancy to royalty and that the members of that party in the reichstag will now join with the agrarians and go in for prohibitive tariffs on all sorts of American goods. The leaders say that they had looked to this country as an example and ideal which Germany should strive to obtain, but the fawning upon royalty has changed their views.

The readers of The Independent will remember how the tax bill was forced through the house under the Reid rules without a word of discussion. The result is just what might have been expected. It is now announced that it is in such a crude and indefinite form that it is absolutely worthless and that the senate will have to formulate an entirely new bill to take its place. One of its provisions is so drawn that practically all the internal duties on tobacco would be abolished. In this instance the fifth wheel to the government legislative wagon proved not only useless, but dangerous. As a law-making body the house has become not only a nullity, but a real obstruction and it might as well adjourn and go home.

Some of the ministers of the gospel are beginning to talk in the same way that The Independent has been talking for the last five years about the downfall of religion. Dr. Lorimer declares that there is a crisis in religious affairs, that the church has lost its force and power and that there seems to be no future for it unless a great change comes over the people. The Independent thinks that there should rather be a change in the church. It has lost its power by its alliance with plutocracy. A magnificent temple with stained glass windows and a preacher drawing a salary equal to that of fifty laboring men, is not in accordance with the teachings of Christ and the common people know that it is not. So they lump the whole matter together and declare that religion is hypocrisy and let it go at that.

There was a thing connected with The Independent's mail this week that attracted attention in the postoffice, as no other occurrence of the same kind was ever known there. It was "a registered postal card." A subscriber had not received his Independent and he sent a registered postal card so that the office should not fail to know of his trouble.

There was a great reform movement in New York city engineered by the republican party. Reformers of that brand all over the country rejoiced greatly for the city was to be purified and the evils of Tammany rule were to be uprooted. Last Monday all the New York papers announced that every saloon in the city, tenderloin and all, were run wide open on Sunday and not even a Rains law sandwich was handed out with the drinks. Most of the leading preachers of New York, including Bishop Potter and Lyman Abbott, are advocating Sunday saloon opening. It is somewhat difficult to decide how much improvement has been made in New York since the great reformation when Tammany was downed.

Honesty in business has become so rare a thing and dishonesty and chicanery so universal that there seems to be a revolt all along the lines. Business men are waking up to the truth of the old maxim that honesty is the best policy. There is therefore a general demand that laws shall be enacted to punish fraud and deception in the sale of articles to the public. A large delegation is to go to Washington to insist that congress shall enact such legislation as will prevent fraud in food stuffs. A pure food law has been before every congress for many years, but the merchants never gave it active support. Now they declare that such a law must be passed forthwith.

The Porto Ricans have not yet "got onto" the ways of congress and the American people. They foolishly sent a petition for a bounty on coffee-raising, and gave as a reason that the people engaged in that business are all poor and need assistance. If they had been attached a little longer to the United States and "appertinent thereto," as the supreme court says, they would never have presented a petition in that form. Subsidies in the United States are for millionaires and not for the poor who need assistance. They are for men who own great lines of steamships and immense sugar factories. If these Porto Ricans had asserted in their petition that the men engaged in coffee-raising in that island were all millionaires and able and

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