

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure...

of measuring the length of things, while money performs not only the function of measuring the value of things, but of serving as a convenient medium of exchange...

The essence of every measure is limitation. We see this in the yardstick. If the unit of length were not limited to a fixed amount of length...

If our money should consist of pieces of paper with a dollar or dollars stamped upon them, they would be as valuable as gold coins...

continues to expand, whether through rising gold production or otherwise, they are satisfied and willing that the money question should stay eliminated from politics.

"And it is not alone Gates—chief of the Wall street speculators of the time—who talks in this way. The Chicago papers quote James J. Hill, conservative railroad man and financier, as approving strongly what Gates says, and Chicago bankers are quoted in a similar strain.

How exceedingly ignorant are the Nebraska republicans who still so proudly declare that the republican party have not adopted the populist financial theories...

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Defend the Inalienable Rights of Man Which a Party Grown Arrogant With Long Continued Power Despises

Farm Bargains

800 acres, 160 acres of good farm land, 640 acres of splendid grass land...

TRIUMPHANT VINDICATION

No Theory Ever Had Such Complete Justification as the Populist Financial System—Even Wall Street Adopts It

John W. Gates, "sound money" Wall street man, is not the only one of that crowd who has been demanding more money lately, using the exact arguments that were used by populists...

MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRACY

It Advocates the Referendum and Other Distinctly Populist Doctrines

lic utilities with a view to ultimate municipal ownership whenever necessary to make such control effective in the public interest.

A Deep Game

William Looser, writing to the Greenville (Pa.) Evening Record, bears out the testimony of other Pennsylvania democrats who have written to The Independent...

Something Wrong

Not only is the bureau of treasury statistics on the defensive in its tariff theories; it is equally on the defensive in its trade expansion theories...

Worse Than Heretics

The Independent has had something to say from time to time concerning the subservience and truckling to the mandates of the leaders of the republican party on the part of ministers...

An Improved Sweet Potato House

The above house, in connection with important details, will render it practical and easy to keep sweet potatoes in good condition until the new crop comes in...

SOCIALISM AGAIN

Mr. Obenchain Replies to The Independent's Private Ownership of All the Means of Production to Blame for Present Conditions?

FINAL CLEAR-UP ON EVERYTHING We've knocked the underpinning from prices. We want to clean up all our summer stock—all odds and ends before bringing out the new Fall Goods.

Wash Goods AT HALF PRICE 8 and 10c wash goods, now 12 1/2c and 15c wash goods, now 20c wash goods now 25c wash goods now 30 and 35c wash goods now 40c Mousline De Soie now 50 and 60c embroidered and dotted silk tissue.

Umbrellas and Parasols 98c Mercerized Gloria, paragon frame, steel rod size 28, now 119 silk serge, paragon frame, steel rod and congo handle, now only 40c Children's parasols, now 60c Children's parasols, now

Clean-up Sale IN LADIES' BELTS A Very Good Assortment 5 dozen Ladies' Belts worth 25c 30c and 35c now, each 6 dozen Ladies' Belts worth 50, 60 and 75c now, each

Ladies' Lisle Lace Gloves Clean-up Price 48 pairs in black, white and grey, worth 35c, now

Covert and Duck Skirts In 3 Lots Lot 1 worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, now Lot 2 worth \$1.50, now Lot 3 worth \$1.75 and \$2.00, now

Odd Lace Curtains at half price price and less

Clean-up Shoe Sale A lot of odds and ends in Children's slippers 5 1/2 to 10 1/2 sold for 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.10 now. A lot of Child's Oxfords and strap slippers 8 1/2 to 11, sold for 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.10, now. A splendid assortment of Oxfords, Southern Ties, and buttons for women, all this season's styles, regular value \$1.75 and \$2.00, now.

Shoes For Boys at Money-Saving Prices A lot of Congress and buckle shoes, 2 to 4 regular \$1.25 and \$1.50, to close out at pr. 95c. A lot of Boys' Satin calf shoes, all solid, this is our \$1.35 and \$1.50 kind 13 to 5 special price per pair. 22 pairs Dongola kid shoes for boys, 13 to 5 1/2 worth up to \$1.75, now.

Men's Working Shoes Congress and buckle shoes, not all sizes, regular price \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.65, to close out per pair. Men's satin calf, lace and Congress, plain and cap toe shoes, 6 1/2 to 11, regular \$1.50, now \$1.20. A lot of \$2.00 shoes, now \$1.49. A lot of \$2.50 shoes, now \$1.97. A lot of \$3.00 shoes, now \$2.47. A lot of \$3.50 shoes, now \$2.85. A lot of \$4.00 and \$4.50, Vici and patent leather, now.

Clean-up Price Wrappers On 23 Lawn and Percal wrappers, worth \$1.00, now. 17 Lawn and Percal wrappers, worth \$1.25 and \$1.50, now.

Shirt Waists WHITE and COLORED 50c Shirt Waists are now going at 29c. 75c Shirt Waists are now going at 45c. \$1.00 Shirt Waists are now going at 65c. \$1.25 and \$1.50 Shirt Waists, your choice each. \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 Shirt Waists, one lot, your choice each. \$3.00 waist, white only, each. \$3.75 silk waists, now. \$4.75, \$5.00 and \$5.50, in one lot, your choice each.

Ribbons, to Close Out No. 7 gros grain Satin Ribbon, regular 7c, now per yard. No. 9 worth 10c, and \$12 1/2c, now per yard. No. 12 and 16, worth 12 1/2c, 15c and 18c, now per yard.

Summer Corsets 72 summer corsets worth 35c, now. 60 summer corsets worth 50c, now.

Straw and Crash Hats One lot Straw Hats worth 30, 40 and 50c now. One lot worth 60c, 75c and \$1.00 now. 50c Men's and Boys' crash hats, now going at, each.

Underwear 25c Ladies' Jersey ribbed Union Suits, now. 50c Ladies' perfection Union Suits, now. 75c Ladies' Jersey ribbed Union Suits now. One lot 25c Ladies' vests, now. 25c Men's extra fine Balbriggan shirts and drawers, now.

FRED SCHMIDT AND BRO. Boys' Shirt Waists 25c quality, now 19c. 50c quality, now 39c. 917-921 O, OPPOSITE POST OFFICE. LINCOLN-NEBSASKA

will be content to stop far less short of reforms that are practical than if he had not dreamed this 'socialist dream.' Commenting you say: 'Results will never be reached by simply dreaming dreams and seeing visions of a happy people under 'socialism.' That if all the means of production and distribution are to be owned by the people collectively they must be acquired piecemeal. And then you show that populism meets the demand of the hour by demanding immediately public ownership of public utilities.'

It is sufficient to say to all this first—that when there are enough of 'dreamers' of socialism, they will no longer dream, but proceed to inaugurate the co-operative commonwealth in reality. 'The immediate demands' of the socialist platform includes all the demands of the populist platform, and this does away with the 'piecemeal' bugaboo The Independent raises as an objection to socialism. The independent's objection swept away the only question remaining is the question of right. Is socialism right? Is it practical or possible? Is universal co-operation desirable, and, finally, is there any other solution of the industrial problem.

Blindly, like The Independent, I have advocated a policy, working from the outside instead of from within. Dealing with results instead of causes. But socialism goes at once to the cause confident that results will take care of themselves. The great evil of our industrial system lies in the fallacy that wealth has power to beget wealth, that money has power to beget money. Based upon such a principle the machinery of commerce has become an engine of spoliation, by which the more cunning dispossess the wealth producers of all but a bare existence. The cunning soon cease to be producers of wealth as they rise in the scale of accumulation, and the more that thus rise the harder the burden becomes for those who do produce the wealth. Every addition to the ranks supported by income upon investments becomes a drone upon production. If all were equally gifted mentally and physically there could be no great advantage obtained by anyone. But as this ideal condition does not exist the spoliation of the less cunning is inevitable, because an economic principle or law, sanctions it. The principle is not at all different from the principle that 'might makes right.' In fact highway robbery is justifiable on the same principle; it being by force instead of cunning. If a teacher desiring to reward his pupils each with an orange, instead of handing to each a piece of fruit, should empty the basket in the middle of the room and invite all to get what they could, it would in one respect accurately represent our industrial system. But our industrial principle is infinitely worse even than this. It says in effect that the strong pupil who succeeded in getting more than one orange is not only entitled to all that he got, but that he

is entitled to a return—an income—on his accumulation, which, if he gets—and under our system he gets it—must come out of some pupil who got no orange, but must needs have one and must part with something of value to induce the strong pupil with more than his share to divide. Today the toiling wealth producers are dispossessed of their labor upon this very principle. The machinery of production has been seized by the strong, and those dispossessed, under the fallacy that wealth is entitled to a return, are contributing to the support of the possessing class. It only remains to be seen how intolerable this burden may become, as the possessing class increase, or what amounts to the same thing, the income thus derived, whether by one man or many. Just to the extent that accumulated wealth is made to draw upon production, to the same extent the burden is increased upon the producers of wealth.

Now all men are entitled to all the wealth their labor produces. Wealth can only be produced by labor. The distribution of wealth restricted to this principle would be so equally adjusted that no such grotesque comparisons as stagger us today could possibly exist. No man by his own labor could by any means accumulate a million, much less a billion. But in their places would be thousands of comfortable, well-to-do people, where now there is an unrelenting struggle for existence. Is there any party in the field today calling attention to these evils, and showing up the fallacies responsible for them? Is there any educational influence combating the fallacy that wealth has power to beget wealth? Is there a general application of the general application of rent and interest? Suppose all were attempting to live off the income of rent and interest, what would become of the principle? Does anybody suppose it would be a success? The very thought is absurd. Yet, our whole educational system is permeated with this fallacy. The press, pulpit and colleges preach it. It is the education of our children from their youth, and unconsciously they go battling on through life under its baleful influence, attributing the hardness of life's struggle to misfortune, never once knowing they are the victims of unequal opportunities, made to appear just by false education.

Socialism, the collective ownership of all the means of production, is the only system of government striking at the root of these industrial evils. When it is realized that the age of machinery and invention has revolutionized production, increasing manifoldly the productive power of labor, how is it possible that there can be work for all when work for all would simply mean overproduction? As there is not work for all, even under the extreme waste of competition, it means that a large class of wage-earners must be idle. This means want and starvation for the less gifted—bested

in the race for the few jobs that are. It cannot be otherwise. We would just as well look the matter squarely in the face. The elimination of hand labor and the concentration of machine power is doing its work. The evolution wrought by the age of steel and electricity is upon us. It is forcing conditions that can only end in the overthrow of our present industrial system and the building upon its ruins the co-operative commonwealth. Is there any good reason why The Independent should not use its great educational influence to go to the bottom of a fallacious economic system, and while for the time it may make paramount the public ownership of public utilities, still educate the people on the fundamental evils that lie still deeper? This is simply what socialists teach. They propose under 'immediate demands' to take over public utilities as fast as they can be secured, the while preaching the whole social system. C. E. OBENCHAIN, Greenville, Tex.

The three doctors, Dr. Populists, Dr. Socialism, and Dr. Georgeism, do not disagree when they mention the symptoms. They do disagree, however, in naming the cause. 'Private ownership in land,' says the single taxer, 'is making the rich richer and the poor poorer.' 'Not so,' says the socialist, 'you are only part way right; it is the private ownership of the means of production.' 'Not so,' says the populist, 'it is the private ownership and operation of governmental functions which causes the trouble.'

It is one thing to dream of an ideal condition—and quite another to secure something which will approach that ideal. Many things ideally beautiful are impracticable and improbable, not to say impossible. Ideal anarchy—the theory that everyone should be a law unto himself and live according to a sort of negative golden rule—is beautiful in theory; it is doubtless 'right.' Yet it is the antithesis of socialism, but not more impracticable or improbable. Queen Victoria knighted Sir John Tenniel for similar artistic work in London. (Your editor has sample of this.) NUTSHELL PUBLISHING CO. 1053 Third Ave., New York.

The correct one, as it seems to The Independent, is the dividing line suggested by the populists: that the people collectively shall, through their government, own and operate all those utilities which now exercise governmental functions; and that all other businesses shall, with a few notable exceptions, be conducted by private persons. Our public school system is one of the notable exceptions.

All of the immense fortunes are the result of some sort of favoritism, either directly or indirectly from the government. They are the result of owning and manipulating the means of distribution, rather than production proper. Transportation, transmission of intelligence, and money, are the chief factors in distribution and the only ones which need to be absolutely under the control of government. Private ownership of the railroads made the Standard Oil trust possible. Without it there would be no anthracite coal trust today and its perplexing strike. There would be no meat trust. Private ownership of the telegraph is responsible for the existence of the Associated Press and its gigantic system of furnishing misinformation and malinformation. Delegating sovereign powers to the banks has resulted in the most gigantic of all trusts—the banking trust, imperfect, of course, today, but rapidly reaching the state of absolute control over the credits of the country.

These and the tariff have built up the monopolies which now strike terror to the American heart. Correct these and the people will start off on a happy career. This will not bring the millennium, and it may be a 'milk and cider' demand, but The Independent believes a long step will be taken in the right direction.—Ed. Ind.)

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