

"THE D—D FARMERS."

If the farmers of this county only knew the esteem in which they are held by the fellows who are running affairs, it wouldn't be so hard to persuade them to vote in their own interests.

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A few days ago, the writer overheard a conversation between two men, one of whom was evidently a capitalist or in the employ of some corporation, and the other a restaurant keeper. The latter suggested several remedies for existing evils among which was that immigration be stopped. The former had objections to all the remedies proposed, and finally broke out impatiently: "There's no need for all this talk of reform. It's all the work of the d—d farmers. If they'd go to work and attend to their own affairs, everything would be all right."

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There can be no doubt that this man expressed the prevailing opinion of his class. They have nothing but contempt for the farmer. They are indignant that the farmer should have opinions, and enraged that he should go so far as to act on those opinions. These fellows have been playing the great game of "running the country" for a quarter of a century. They learned by long experience that the farmer was not a factor in the game. He always behaved himself and attended to his plowing. He believed in the good old doctrines of honesty, fair play and hard work, and thought everybody else as honest as himself. He believed what he was told, shouted when the other fellows gave the signal, and whenever they pulled the strings, he always bobbed up in the right place.

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The fellows who are "running the country" had got used to that sort of thing. They thought it would always be so. They came to look on the farmer as an innocent, credulous individual who had no rights except to produce all he could, take what they were willing to give him for his crops, and pay his taxes.

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As for politics, they could look after that. They had plenty of time, and were endowed with brains which are necessary in managing large affairs. The farmer was too busy to look into such matters, besides the affairs of state were entirely too large and complex for his mental grasp. They would kindly relieve him of the arduous duties, and heavy responsibilities of citizenship. All that was necessary for the farmers to do was to vote when election day came round. They fixed up the tickets, so that it didn't matter much which way the farmer voted the result was substantially the same.

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But finally the farmer became discontented. What an absurd thing for him to do after all that had been done for him! How ungrateful to the fellows who had taken the job of "running the country" off his hands!

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Worse yet, the farmer began to think and talk about political affairs. He actually began to question the wisdom of the manner in which the other fellows were "running the country." How foolish that he should set up his puny undeveloped judgment against the opinions of great brainy men who had

made a life study of the affairs of government!

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Then worst of all, the farmer set up as a real live factor in politics, a citizen with all the rights that belonged to anybody, in fact a sovereign of the great republic. He actually proposed to take a hand in the game of "running this country!" How utterly ridiculous! How exasperating! Why, it would upset everything. It would ruin the country.

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As long as the farmer attended strictly to his plowing, he was the "honest, patriotic farmer," but so soon as he got discontented, and began to interfere in political affairs, he became a "d—d farmer" a repudiator," a "calamity howler," a "disgruntled office-seeker, an "agitator," a "crank," a "fanatic," a "fiat money lunatic," a "hog," an "ass."

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It is true the farmers haven't all "gone crazy" yet. There are still a good many "honest, patriotic farmers" who can be relied upon to bob up when the other fellows pull the strings. They are still hurrahing for the great brainy men who have "run the country" for the past twenty-five years. And they are praised and complimented, and fed hard boiled molasses, and held up as models of industry and political wisdom.

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The rich men, the sleek, well-fed men, the selfish, heartless, unscrupulous men have ruled and robbed the people so long that they think they have acquired the right to rule and rob. Hence they are thrown into a terrible rage whenever the producers undertake to interfere with their plans. And their anger falls most heavily on the farmer. The plutocratic robbers know that they have nothing to fear from the organized laborers of the cities standing alone, for they are in a minority, and besides are dependent on employment for a living. In a struggle between employers and employed, it is only a question of time when the latter must submit to the demands of the former.

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The farmers are the only class that can make an independent stand with any show of success. They have the numbers, and they still have a good degree of independence. Besides when the laboring men of the cities see the farmers arrayed against their oppressors, they can and will fall into line under the protection of the secret ballot, and cast their votes against the existing order of things. While the laboring men of the cities can never lead a political revolution in this country, they are sure to assist the farmers in producing such a revolution whenever the opportunity offers.

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The merchants and professional men of the country are too much at the mercy of organized capital to even protest against existing evils, but most of them will fall into line whenever they become convinced that the farmers will stand together.

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The farmers are engaged in a terrible struggle. They have undertaken a herculean task. The issue of life or death to the American republic is in their hands. They must endure the first dreadful onslaught of organized



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