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'If any man must fall for me to rise, Then seek I not to climb. Another's pain I choose not for my good.

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THE LAW AND GOSPEL MADE VOID.

'Twas 'the Just One' whom the strong rejected, He who fearlessly unmasked the ruling class, He who loved and labored for the unprotected.

A GREAT STATE CONFERENCE

In our next week's paper we expect to print a call, issuing from our state executive committee, for a great conference of the Populists of the state.

SETTLING TOWARD A LOWER LEVEL

The financial journals, all of which represent the money loaning interests and worked for contraction from bimetallism to a one metal basis, are having an extremely hard time trying to explain the business situation from week to week since the coinage of silver was outlawed.

houses that Europeans are taking more and more of our bonds, and there will inevitably be a great increase in the trade, which should reach pretty large proportions before the first of May.

Depression without relief is the feature of the wheat market. Liquidation has been and is still the order of the day, and the active deliveries yesterday made a new low record.

Yes, labor and labor products are settling toward 'a lower level,' the level which corresponds to the ever rising value of gold, an ever decreasing level if gold is to be the standard of measure and the absorbent of all other values.

PANIC AND PERIODS OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION

PANIC AND PERIODS OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION are evils inherent in the capitalist or net profit system of production. Net profits taken from the wages of the producers, and dividends in excess of cost added into the price obtained for goods or services rendered (made possible by monopoly), divert from the hands of the producing class the means, the money, needed to empty the markets.

THE ONWARD MARCH OF CAPITAL.

Most of the monopolies which we are fighting are limited monarchies, their control of the necessities of life is not complete or absolute. Take for instance the history of the anthracite coal monopoly. The anthracite coal of the country is located in a few counties in Pennsylvania, and two thirds of all these anthracite coal fields two years ago were owned by seven companies, viz., the Philadelphia and Reading R. R., the New Jersey Central R. R., the Lehigh Valley R. R., the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R. R., the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., the Pennsylvania R. R. and the New York, Lake Erie & Western R. R.

THE RAILROAD QUESTION.

Ex-Governor La-rabee of Iowa has rendered a great service to the public in the preparation of his new work on 'The Railroad Question. An Historical and Practical Treatise on Railroads and Remedies for Their Abuses.'

Weeks ago, has purchased 40,000 more shares of the Delaware Lackawanna and Western R. R. stock, making the total of his recent purchases 80,000 to 100,000 shares. And his financial co-operators, the Standard Oil magnates, Frank Work and the Jersey Central officials, hold with him enough shares to secure with him control of the road and bring it into closest accord with the interests of the Vanderbilt system, the Lake Shore, Nickel Plate, and Jersey Central, together with the Lehigh road, owned by the same capitalists.

The anthracite coal business is virtually under one head, the head of an almost absolute monarch, a dark-ages despot, to whom and to whose legally entrenched robber gang we must pay tribute without receiving even the form or shadow of a kingly or governmental service in return.

THE FEARFUL COST OF IGNORANCE

From the report of the chief of the bureau of statistics, just issued we learn that for the four years ending Sept. 1, 1893, our merchandise exports exceeded our imports \$311,610,132. And our exports of coin and bullion exceeded our imports \$204,175,532. These sums added together, amounting to \$515,785,664, have been taken out of the country in four years (about \$130,000,000 a year) and represent a total loss to us. But they fall far short of the entire tribute we pay to the foreign money power.

THE LAW OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The first law given to man, to the human family, was, virtually, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not take without permission that which belongs to its creator (Gen. 2:7). A sufficient supply of everything man needed was given him, and he was directed to multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over it: tame its animals, harness its forces, make use of its energies and resources to supply his individual wants—in other words, work. Create wealth and enjoy it.

WHAT RELIABLE FIGURES PICTURE

According to compiled returns 70 N. W. England mills produced only 6,338,116 yards of m'ns wear goods from June 1st to November 1st, against 10,268,762 yards for the corresponding period of last year. This means that about two fifths of the people depending on cloth manufacture for work and

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History of Transportation; the History of Railroads; History of Railroads in the United States; Monopoly in Transportation; Railroad Abuses; Stock and Bond Inflation; Combinations; Railroads in Politics; Railroad Literature; Railroad Literature—continued; Railroads and Railroad Legislation in Iowa; the Inter-State Commerce Act; the Rate Question, and Remedies. There is an appendix also of tables and statistics.

The author, with pains-taking thoroughness, has gathered a vast amount of information from the extensive American and European literature which discusses or throws light on the railroad problem, and names ninety-eight important publications, official documents in part, which he has consulted and from many of which he quotes. The matter presented in the 459 pages of the book is matter of fact, drawn from sources perfectly reliable, and it provides the reader about all he needs to know to understand the nature and extent of the railway managers' schemes and robberies. Their construction and stock-watering methods are explained; their over-capitalization to conceal enormous profits or surplus receipts, which the carrying monopoly gives them power to force from the people, is measured; the vast private fortunes they have fraudulently piled up are shown; the consolidation of companies and their swift-grown greatness above that of the states which chartered them is told; their control of legislatures and corruption of congress and the courts, their presence every where in politics and the vast, fast-growing perfectly organized power which is absorbing the resources and liberties of the people, is all made alarmingly clear and plain.

It is a book every populist should either buy or borrow. Send orders for the book with purchase price, \$1.50, to this office, THE ALLIANCE PUB. CO. We have made arrangements with the publishers to supply it to our subscribers.

THE editor of this paper is a Christian, but one who reads the law of justice and love in new light, with clarified vision. He wishes very much to get the ear of the moral teachers and preachers of each community to reason with them regarding moral and social questions and lines of individual duty which not many of them are considering, and asks interested subscribers to make an effort to get the paper each week into their hands. In each issue, we shall in at least one editorial discuss the truth with the teachers, and perhaps preach to the preachers. Papers paid for to be sent to ministers can be had at half regular subscription price.

sanctioning these methods has permitted the fundamental law of God to be covered up and forgotten.

W. W. Astor has been a useless drone all his life, yet by the rent which his agents collect for him he draws not less than nine million dollars yearly from the sweat of others. And he is a member of the Episcopal church in good, regular standing. And there is no reason why he should not be, if it is morally right for anyone to derive an income from rent, from others' labor.

John D. Rockefeller used to earn his living at productive labor. But his labor for twenty years has been a labor of scheming and conspiracy chaff, and by means of the growth of a slave-labor made monopoly property he has secured possession of power to sit back on his throne and tax the workers nine million dollars a year forever. And of course this gives him and his heirs a growing power over labor. Yet he remains a very acceptable and honored member of the Baptist church. And there is no reason why he should not so remain if the church is to practice 'The simple rule, the good old plan, That he shall take who has the power And he shall keep who can.'

And is not this the rule of action in the business world, governing all church members as well as non-professors? And it is a law that unorganized individuals must be governed by in self defense, if salvation is not brought to them.

Salvation is possible only by the organization of individuals into an unselfish body whose ruling spirit is the spirit of Christ. The church today is not such an organization. Its spirit on week days is indistinguishable from the spirit of the struggling individuals whom its members mingle with. It preaches so-called salvation, and does not first show the law and the unrighteousness men must be saved from.

It has re-jected and lost the knowledge of God's standard of righteousness, and has in every day life adapted the selfish moral standard of the world. It considers worldly wisdom the necessary, practical thing in business. It is not teaching the truth regarding equity, perfect honesty and the business requirements of love.

The writer is a Christian, twenty-two years a member of one of the evangelical churches, and he speaks only for truth's sake, for humanity's sake. Are the preachers and teachers ready to hear the truth?

OF INTEREST TO THE CHURCHES.

John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, has just agreed to give another half million dollars to the Chicago Baptist University. This makes between three and four millions of stolen goods he has found the church willing to accept from him.

Now, brother Smith or Jones, keep calm till we prove that it was plunder. The Cullom senatorial committee which a few years ago made an investigation of alleged railroad abuses discovered and reported that— 'The Standard Oil Company, in one instance at least, boldly demanded from a certain railroad that its shipments should be carried for 10 cents a barrel; that all other shippers should be charged 35 cents a barrel on the same article, and that 25 cents of the 35 paid by such other shippers should be handed over by the railroad to the Standard Oil Company, and the penalty threatened for non-compliance with this impudent extortion was a withdrawal of its entire business.'

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It was secret conspiracies with the railroads which enabled Rockefeller and his fellow brigands to rob and ruin all competitors and obtain a monopoly of the whole kerosene oil business of America and the world, a monopoly which has filled the oil king's treasure vaults with at least \$150,000,000 in twenty years. The income of King Rockefeller amounts to about \$25,000 a day. And the most of this enforced tribute, from the workers, he is using to carry forward railroad consolidation, to perfect the anthracite and other coal monopolies, and help buy up competing mines and establish a new iron trust. These monopoly extensions and his church investment are acts of the last few weeks. 'He taxes the world as he will, and plausibly poses and tries to link God is pleased with him will'—because he gives a portion of his spoil to the church! The church eagerly accepts it, too, and keeps mum about monopolies. The political economy taught in its university, of course, is the sort that suits rich men, the kind that defends usury and not profits.

We do not fling these facts at the church as enemies, but hold them up to show the churches one reason why the working classes as fast as they become thoughtfully intelligent lose faith in the cloth, the professional moral teachers. And it doesn't take a high degree of intelligence in the masses to enable them to see that rich men ride with all their wealth through the doors of the churches, and that the rich all the rich, possess them

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