

the land, putting up buildings, and irrigating would cost much more out there. The money better be expended in reservoirs and irrigating ditches for general use.

Senator Lodge presented a resolution asking the tariff committee to report the governments that have raised their tariff on our goods as high as our tariff is on their goods. France, Germany and Russia are playing the same high tariff game that we have played with them for years.

It looks probable that the Post currency bill will pass. The postoffice department will issue currency something like greenbacks. When we want to send them to any creditor, we can write their name and address on the back and no one else can draw the redemption money.

Free trade for imported coal! Don't you hear the republican party tremble and quake?

The three territories will probably have to stand out in the cold until it is certain they will send in six republican senators.

Rockefeller undertook to twist up the railroads in Mexico as he has here. They carry his oil here for half what they carry for other people. The Mexican president notified the railroads to go back to their old rate or they would lose their charters.

If all railroad cars could be made to slant to the right at the front end and to the left at the hind end, then there would be no telescoping. One train meeting another all the cars of the one train would jump off the track on one side and all the other train would jump off on the other side. Just so when a train came up behind. Cars better be stuck in the dirt than smashed and burned.

The law should be changed so that any property run into debt for clothing, furniture, food or realty should be liable to execution of the creditor as long as it is in possession of the purchaser or any of his family.

The Honduras president refuses to give up his office to his successor who was elected and a civil war in that country is likely to follow. In this country such acts are called counting them out. We had such a count-out of the president of the United States. But a few years ago a governor of Nebraska was counted out. So that fraudulent action is not new in the world at this time.

The war in the Philippines does not seem to be over. A battle was fought near Manila only a day or two ago and several were killed on each side. Had the Filipinos bought this country we would have played the same game on them.

The Venezuela war does not seem to wind up. It is now hard to tell what will follow. If the war does not continue with the allied forces it will commence again among themselves in a short time.

The Panama canal question is still in doubt. Colombia seems to have two questionable governments, and they are quarrelling for the money our government is to pay them. It may be that and it may be the railroads of this country are blocking the way.
H. W. HARDY.

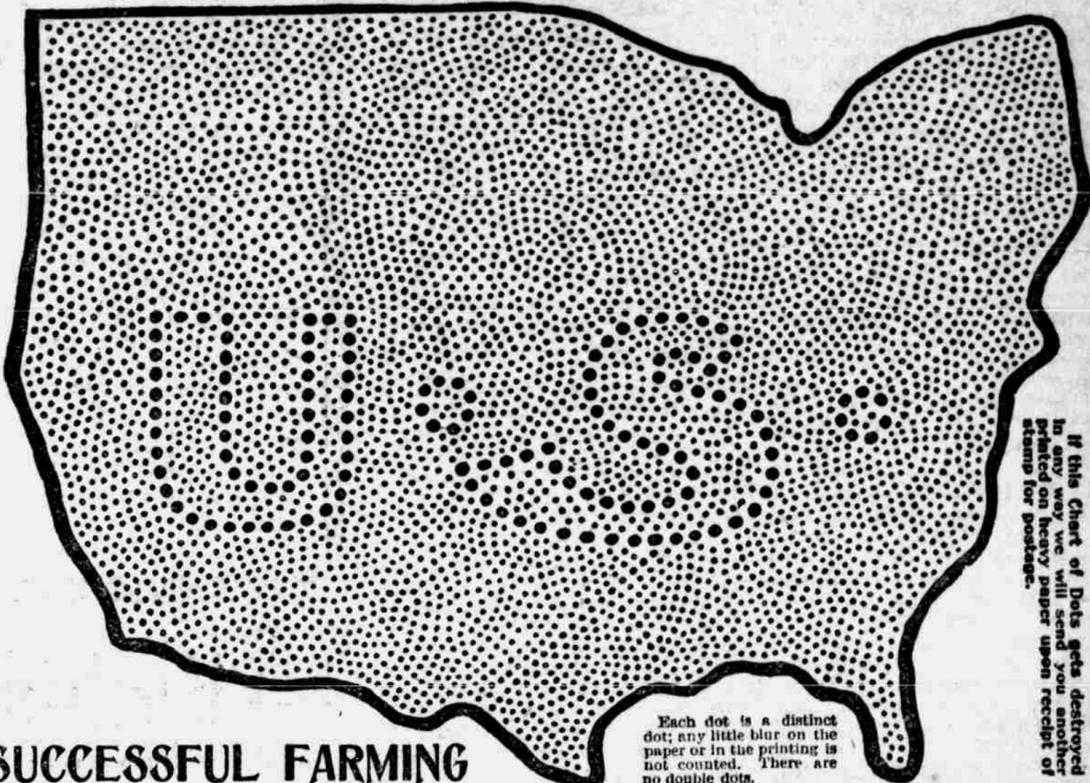
E. J. Payne, R. F. D. 1, Clayton, Mich.: Please send three copies of issue of January 8, 1903. I want the people to study Van Vorhis' article on banks. The democrats advocate bank currency and they and the republicans are nearly alike on the money issue. David B. Hill and Alton B. Parker are candidates for president on the so-called democratic ticket, and both are Clevelandites. Hill would fit the presidential chair about as a knitting needle would fit a four-inch auger hole. Please give address of Hon. W. A. Pepper of Kansas (Try Topeka. —Ed. Ind.)

Get Together

Editor Independent—Your little "ad" in the Commoner last week caught my eye, and as no doubt your object in calling upon the opinion of the public was to hear from as many classes and localities as possible, will undertake an answer. The magnitude of the subject forbids a very brief one, however.

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Please Note—There is no element of chance, of guess work or lottery about this. It is a test of skill pure and simple. If you can count the dots correctly you can win. The number of prizes is so large you are bound to hit it somewhere.

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Nobody connected with our paper is allowed to compete. Surely with such judges all may be assured fair treatment. You are as likely to win as anyone.

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My Count is: (1)..... (2)..... (3).....

Name.....
(Have paper addressed to head of the family)

P. O. State.....

Remarks: My plan of counting is

while affording some temporary relief, only result in world-wide trusts instead of national ones. The relief would only last during the transition period, and the last condition would be worse than the first. Mr. Bryan's proposition that trust-made articles should be shut up in the states where they are made, would cause such a famine of necessary machinery and appliances to say nothing of other living necessities that the people would consider that they were "out of the frying pan into the fire" and be willing to go back to the old regime.

To pass laws "regulating" or "restricting" trusts will amount to about as much as the regulations and restrictions put upon the liquor traffic. The traffic has grown and fattened upon them, and so will the trusts. While the greater part of the wealth of the nation lies in the hands of a few, even a stringent law forbidding monopoly under pains and penalties, much stronger than the "Sherman act" would do no good, as, knowing their power, they would act secretly together to control necessities instead of in the broad light of day.

There is then but one way: to make it impossible for them to operate; and the only way to compass that is for the government (the people) to own and operate all public interests, to forbid the inheritance of great wealth and thus make it impossible for great private fortunes to

be amassed. The public have never yet awakened to the fact that the real danger is in the massing of wealth, thus giving to one, power that never should belong to one individual. This may sound socialistic, but I care not, it is truth and common sense. But it is one thing to propose a remedy and another to propose a reasonable way of bringing it about. There are a great many different public reforms proposed and many societies, "clubs," "associations," and "parties," which embody from one to several of these good principles, and while some of these have only threads of influence and others cords that are stronger, yet, if they were all twisted together in one strong cable, we could make "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull together" toward the overthrow of this monster greed that is crushing the life of our nation. Why should there be two kinds of populists, three, or more, kinds of socialists, an anti-saloon league and a prohibition party, several kinds of democrats and all kinds of republicans?

Why should not the large swindler and the small one stand in the same line, and "why should not the saloonkeeper and the gambler stand with them?" The bank robber who robs from the outside and the bank robber who robs from the inside should stand up and be counted together. While we are fighting trusts, should the one which handles more money in one year than any two of

the others, and which has its schools of iniquity in every little village and station in the land—namely, the Liquor Trust, be ignored?

Let the trumpet sound with no uncertain sound, let us have a party that the honorable philanthropic and the industrious can all join hands in and not be ashamed.

We should have the Bryans the Wooleys the Mitchells and Debs of all parties standing together in one solid front to the foe, and not in scattered companies some of which are so small that they are neither respected nor feared. It belongs to the populist party to reach out friendly hands to bring about this union. Standing as they do half way between the democratic and socialist parties and being strong in those states where prohibition sentiment is strongest, that duty is plainly theirs, and as they speak through their national organ, we would like for the Independent to draw the declaration. The influence of the Commoner and its grand editor will be fettered in this respect for at least two years longer, as Mr. Bryan cannot leave his party, in honor, until they have left the principles for which he has fought through two campaigns. In the meantime the populists must do the "getting together" and must "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

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