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There is many a pop in Nebraska who is yet able to whip his weight in wild cats when it comes to a fight on bank issues, trusts or the rule of the corporations. A good many people in this state will find that out before this campaign is over.

A little while ago the Wall street brokers and underwriting syndicates thought that "J. P. M." stamped on any number of millions of watered stock made it just perfect money. Now they have changed their minds and think that the initials stand for "Judas Played Me."

The first blow at Morgan and the one that nearly knocked him off his pedestal was the loss of the forty millions that he put in the ship trust. That showed the Wall street speculators that Morgan was not infallible and they have been after him ever since.

The splendor of the United States grows day by day and year by year. Its monuments, its libraries, its great universities and its temples of worship costing millions of dollars each, increase in numbers, but long ago the poet called statesmen to observe: "How wide the limits stand Between a splendid and a happy land."

The editor of the American Standard (Ind.) puts up a great howl because twenty rich men run the country in which he lives. Now he should not be so disconsolate. His county is far better off than the nation at large. It is a conceded fact that this mighty aggregation of 80,000,000 people composing the United States is run by thirteen men located down in Wall street.

One of the attorneys in the case brought to appoint a receiver for the United States Shipbuilding company declared in open court that "the corporation was conceived in iniquity, maintained by fraud and is ending in crime." That is a good description of every trust in existence. That is what those beneficent concerns are that the republican papers declared were to bring such blessings to mankind.

The ornithologists now declare without a dissenting voice that the annihilation of the birds would be followed by the annihilation of the human race, and some of them go so far as to declare that vegetation would disappear from the enormous increase in insect life. After that of course the insects themselves would die and this world would be a barren waste. Things are very much inter-related in this old world.

WHAT WILL THEY DO?

The capture of the Iowa state convention by the plutocratic democrats brings matters up for consideration that most of us had supposed would be delayed until after the national convention of that party next year. What sort of a condition is General Weaver in? He formally united with the democratic party in that state and its state convention by a vote of more than three to one declared that they would not favor the government ownership of railroads even after it had been demonstrated that the government could not control rates with the roads in private hands. It refused to indorse those principles in the Kansas City and Chicago platforms upon which the Bryan democrats and populists agreed. The truth is that the Iowa democrats have gone back to Clevelandism against which Bryan led a revolt.

Thousands of democrats are subscribers to The Independent and during the last few years the editor has received hundreds of letters from them. They are just as honest as any populist and many of them are more radical than the ordinary populist. They have sworn by all that was high and holy that they would never vote for a Cleveland democrat or any one who did not stand for the great principles of reform included in the two last national democratic platforms. What are they going to do?

Without the populist party and its literature Bryan could never have been nominated. Without it, the Chicago and Kansas City platforms could never have been adopted. The populist party has made the career of Bryan possible. As soon as its organization began to decline the enemies of Bryan began to set the ascendancy. It has been the partisan insanity of a few of the leading men in the Bryan wing of the democratic party that has defeated them. They were deliberately to work to destroy the populist party. They brought the most awful pressure to bear upon the populist senators and representatives in congress to get them to abandon the populist party and go into the democratic party. In doing that they worked for their own defeat.

If the populists had five or six senators who still "held their caucusses in the senate elevator" and there were a dozen or more populist members in the house, with a party well organized in all the states, polling two or three million votes, the reorganizers would never have made the headway that they have. This great ally these fool leaders undertook to destroy. They came very near doing it. But it still lives and around its banners will flock the millions of honest men, who will never vote for a candidate of the trusts, the banks, the corporations and the exploiters of the common people. They will continue to fight for equal rights for all and special privileges for none until special privileges are abolished. The world is not going backwards. The time will come when one man cannot tax a state \$1,000,000 dollars by raising the price of oil and then give \$100,000 to some university, library or church and claim that he is a philanthropist.

The soul that guided us so gently and taught us so much—has it become extinct because it has vanished from the sight of mortal eyes?

CRIPPLED CHILDREN

A doctor in Michigan argued before a medical association that a law ought to be passed authorizing physicians to kill crippled children at their birth. If there is nothing in this world but the material, if the accumulation of money and the worship of Mammon is the true doctrine, then this doctor was logical and right.

If there is nothing in life superior to being well fed, well clothed, well sheltered and having the power to take from others the means of like

comfortable living, then the doctrine of this doctor and of the republican party and the worship of Mammon is sensible, sound, logical and should be adopted.

But is it true that the material things of life are the "real" things? Is it the palace and the yacht, that adds to the happiness of the owner or is the association of spirit with spirit? If the palace is filled with intrigue, malice, hatred and made a spiritual hell can the marble walls, the mirrors, the tapestry, infested with these things that are not material, bring happiness?

Last week a man in Chicago furnished a special car to take the crippled children from an institution to the country for a day's outing. Their appearance excited the best emotions of all those on the train. The merchants in the city where they alighted halted the busses on the way to the place of the outing, made presents to the little cripples, the people along the streets waved their handkerchiefs to them and these little helpless ones inspired thousands to happier and holier lives. Crippled children have a mission in this world not inferior to many others.

Cut any man off from the opportunity to be helpful to others and he becomes a miserable wretch, the offal to be thrown in the garbage pile of civilization.

The populist party has thrown its whole influence against this worship of the almighty dollar. It has taken the position of Lincoln; the man before the dollar and opposed the materialistic program of the plutocrats. It believes that heaven should begin before the world be passed. It believes that the "real" things of life are not money, palaces and the brick and mortar of the great cities. It will do what it can to destroy the power to oppress.

HENRY GEORGE EDITION

The Henry George Edition of The Independent (issue of May 14, 1903) is now practically exhausted. We can supply an occasional copy (having probably a hundred left, besides our files) to a new subscriber who asks for it; but cannot furnish any more in quantities.

Karl Marx Edition, July 23, 1903.

Would You?

Would you pay ten dollars for five-fifty suits? Not if you knew it. There are men who are paying that four and a half dollars too much, but they are men who don't know it. We want those *don't-know-it fellows* to know it. We are selling genuine all pure worsted serge suits for \$5.50. Nobody else is. We know it. We want you to know it. There are serge suits sold for less than \$10. There are worsted suits sold for less than \$10. But we are selling genuine pure worsted serge suits. The ideal, dressy, comfortable, summer suit at \$5.50 per suit. We have plenty of them, for such a price is possible only to a concern that is a big buyer, and a concern that is not profit greedy. Look on page 2 of our spring catalog. If you haven't our catalogue send for one at once.

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KARL MARX EDITION

As heretofore announced, The Independent of July 23, 1903, will be devoted to a presentation of socialism and known as the Karl Marx Edition. To date the contributions for this special number are not numerous, but of good quality—that is, if a populist should presume to judge of such matters. The Independent management has not pushed very strenuously in the matter, owing to a variety of causes. In the first place, Mr. Madden caused us some trouble because we mailed out large numbers of the Henry George Edition to "lists of names furnished by persons interested in the circulation" of The Independent, and he has not yet told us whether we may or may not treat the socialists as we did the single taxers—mail out a hundred copies to a hundred different persons, whose names are furnished by the man who pays us \$1 for the lot. However, we can, and will, mail in bundles to one address at the dollar a hundred rate.

Prof. Simons, editor of the International Socialist Review, and author of a number of socialist books—notably "The American Farmer"—has contributed an article for the Karl Marx Edition, touching upon the American farmer and the necessity for the farmers and wage-workers to unite politically if either class is ever to accomplish anything for the good of both.

Wm. L. Garver, Chillicothe, Mo., contributes his article on "Free Socialism," which appeared in the May Arena; B. F. French, Bisbee, Ariz., "Socialism in a Nutshell;" and Max Brodkey, Sioux City, Ia., a paper he read some time since before a ministers' association, in which he talked upon "the principles of socialism, its aim and the means by which we hope to achieve them."

In addition to these, a sketch of the life of Karl Marx, his picture, and excerpts from some of his works will be given. Those desiring to contribute papers to this edition should have their manuscripts reach here not later than July 11, if possible.

The single taxers told their story in the Henry George Edition. The socialists may tell theirs in the Karl Marx Edition, July 23, 1903.