

MOLOCH AND MAMMON

Crimes Revealed in Chicago That Would Make the Heathen of the First Century Hide Their Heads in Shame

The civic federation in Chicago started an investigation in the "Levee District" which was taken up by the city council and is being pushed with vigor. The council committee is horrified at what they have discovered. They have before them the statement that young girls and boys are stolen, sold into slavery, stripped naked and held prisoners in rooms until they have been led to lives of shame and crime.

The traffic, according to the information in the hands of the committee, has existed for years, and is hidden beneath the slime and corruption of the levee district so deeply that prosecution is difficult.

Several high police officials are involved, as well as the officers on the beat, who winked at the crime and the system by which tribute is levied upon abandoned women and criminals of dark Chicago.

One of the members of the investigating committee said he had heard things that would bring tears to a rock. He declared that he had traveled all over Europe, and from a criminal standpoint had never seen anything to equal the conditions which every member of the committee now knows to exist under police protection.

The ignorance of that member of the Chicago city council results from the fact that he is not a reader of *The Independent*. A year or two ago that whole matter was gone into in these columns and the manner in which the police worked every city in the United States minutely described. There are often comments upon the absolute ignorance of the eastern voters and managers of the republican party concerning economic questions. But that is not the only thing to which their ignorance extends. They are as blind as bats to the conditions that immediately surround them. Because a man wears good clothes or knows how to discount a note, is no evidence that he is not an ignoramus.

He Will Stick

Editor Independent: I was an earnest worker in the farmers' alliance for over six years before the birth of the people's party (in your state), hence, I was ready for the party before it existed.

On its first appearance I embraced it, and received it with open arms, and have been true to every trust ever since. I have never wobbled—never been sidetracked, never caught on a pin-hook and never fished with such a hook. The principles of the people's party are close, akin to, and second only to pure and undefiled religion.

Christ taught the principles of the people's party while he was on earth. And those principles have never been more derided, scoffed at, condemned or spit upon than Christ was. He was crucified and so was the people's party.

It was only Christ's body that was killed—just so with the people's party. Christ's spirit is immortal, and so are the principles of the people's party. Christ gave his life's work to the poor, and so will the people's party. The fact is, the people's party is the hand-maiden of Christ's church on earth. Its principles are pure and hoity and as such must live forever.

The condition of the populist party at this time in this (Llano) county forcibly reminds me of the parable of the sower—where the seeds fell, the consequences, etc. I am confident that the seeds of populism fell on many good and honest hearts and sprang up and grew at a wonderful rate, but when the dark clouds began to lower, and persecutions began to accumulate they began to wither because they did not have much depth of soil.

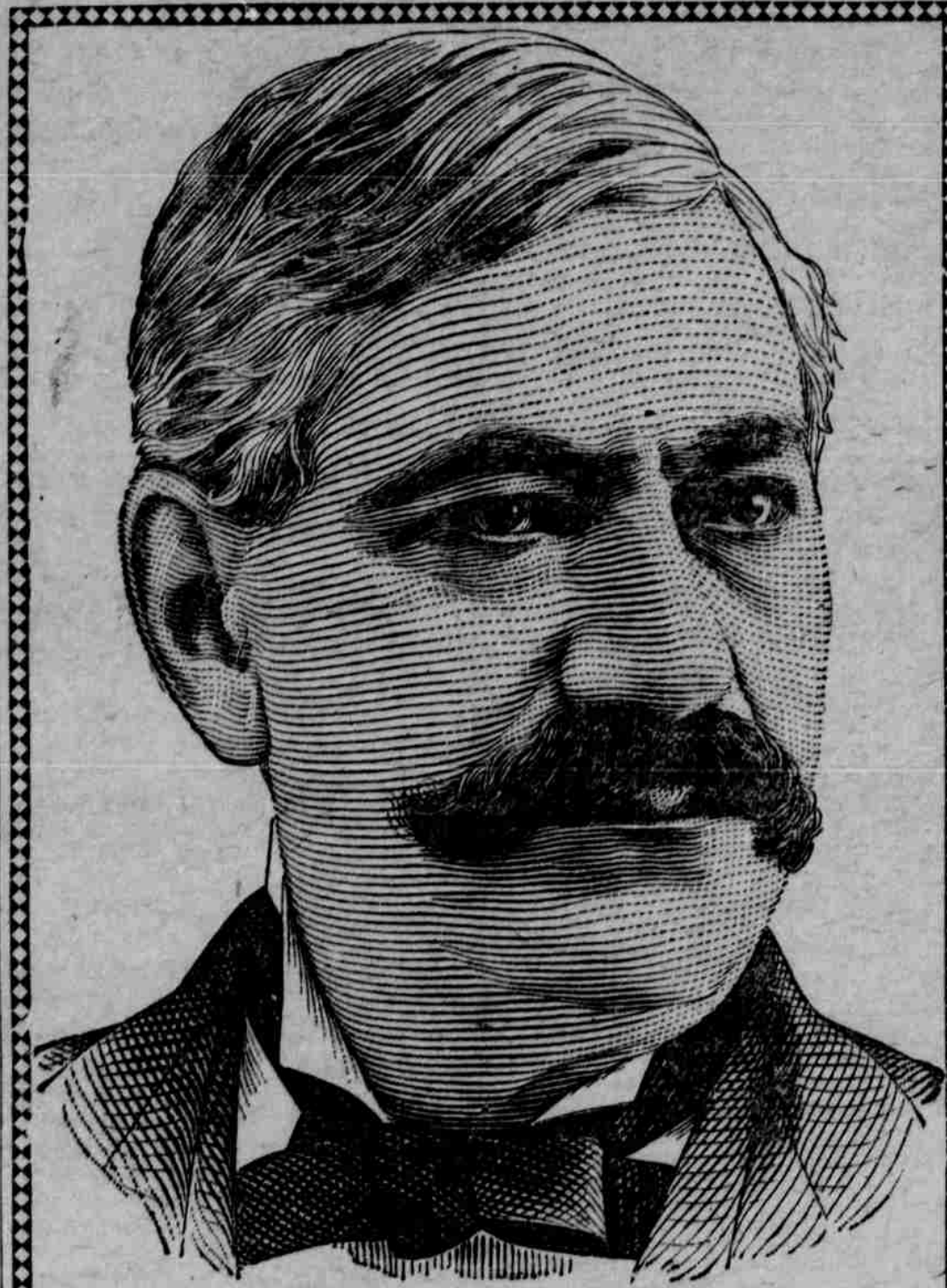
I have been taught that all those who wish to be saved through Christ must learn to look to Him, not as a general, or universal savior, but as a personal savior. Thus it should be with us kind friends in everything that affects the public good; we should make it a personal matter and stay with our convictions.

Not long ago I was in conversation with a man and I remarked that the masses of the people had it in their power to redeem this government from the grasp of the monied kings if they would act together. "Yes," said he, "but the will not stick." "How are you in that matter," said I; "will you stick?" "No," said he, "I dropped it all and will have no more to do with it; there is no use of it, for the people won't stick."

"My dear sir," said I, "you and

FOR THIRTY YEARS

Congressman Meekison Suffered With Catarrh—Read His Endorsement of Pe-ru-na.



CONGRESSMAN MEEKISON, OF OHIO.

Hon. David Meekison is well known, not only in his own State but throughout America. He began his political career by serving four consecutive terms as Mayor of the town in which he lives, during which time he became widely known as the founder of the Meekison Bank of Napoleon, Ohio. He was elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress by a very large majority, and is the acknowledged leader of his party in his section of the State.

Only one flaw marred the otherwise complete success of this rising statesman. Catarrh with its insidious approach and tenacious grasp, was his only unconquered foe. For thirty years he waged unsuccessful warfare against this personal enemy. At last Peruna came to the rescue, and he dictated the following letter to Dr. Hartman as the result:

"I have used several bottles of Peruna and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that if I use it a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing."—David Meekison, ex-Member of Congress.

Over fifty members of Congress endorse Peruna as a catarrhal tonic. Men of prominence the world over praise Peruna.

those like you are the very corner stone of this won't-stick business; let every one make it a personal matter and say that I for one will stick, and you will hear no more of this won't-stick business."

I hope that the readers of this little article (if it is ever read) will look into this won't-stick business much further, broader and deeper than I can write it. I can say for one that I will stick if all others slip, stumble and fall. I never will imitate the old sow, or the dog. J. D. CADY, Cap Mountain, Tex.

Hammering Away

Editor Independent: I am still hammering the mugwumps and "mullet heads" of this Hannatized township with your trial subscriptions. They are all of the "Yep, that's so," breed of "have no time to read or reason" cattle. We independent republicans still have hope in Johnson. May the good Lord send the hailstorm. JAMES F. STIGLER, N. Royalton, O.

That Denver Conference

Editor Independent: That Denver conference was a step in the right direction and I am glad to see Edgerton making a struggle to organize the party. It is an uphill business getting subscribers for any reform paper and reformers have themselves to blame for that matter in some measure at least. Enclosed find two more subscriptions. I am a populist from

principle, or, in other words, one of the Old Guard, and have come all the way over the trail, and shall be as long as life lasts. It makes no difference what becomes of the party, I shall continue to be a populist. I was a populist long before the party was born. B. N. CLEVELAND, Fremont, Neb.

(The Old Guard everywhere is at work. The other matter in Mr. Cleveland's letter has been attended to without going into the paper.—Ed. Ind.)

Waking Up

Editor Independent: Herewith find \$1, for which send trial subscriptions to the enclosed names. I am the only pop in this vicinity, but there is quite a stir among the laboring men here. Our powder workers' union has withdrawn from A. F. of L. and joined the A. L. U. Laboring men are talking of taking political action. A. SHUFELT, Ashburn, Mo.

A WORKING MAN

Editor Independent: Please find \$1 for trial subscriptions to *The Independent*. I am a man who works for a living and my time is not my own, which prevents me from working much for the cause. I find plenty of men who say that they would like to take *The Independent*, but they say that they have more papers now than they can read. Some say that their papers cost them nothing. W. H. ELLIS, York, Neb.

A TONIC is a medicine that gives tone to some part of the system. There are different kinds of tonics, but the tonic most needed in this country, where catarrh is so prevalent, is a tonic that operates on the mucous membranes.

Peruna is a tonic to the mucous membranes of the whole body. It gives tone to the capillary circulation which constitutes these delicate membranes.

Peruna is a specific in its operation upon the mucous membrane. It is a tonic that strikes at the root of all catarrhal affections. It gives tone to the minute blood vessels and the terminal nerve fibres. Catarrh cannot exist long where Peruna is used intelligently. Peruna seeks out catarrh in all the hidden parts of the body.

A. M. Ikerd, an employe of the C. B. & Q. R. R., West Burlington, Ia., writes:

"I had catarrh of the stomach and small intestines for a number of years. I went to a number of doctors and got no relief. Finally one of my doctors sent me to Chicago and I met the same fate. They said they could do nothing for me, that I had cancer of the stomach and there was no cure. I almost thought the same, for my breath was something awful. I could hardly stand it, it was so offensive. I could not eat anything without great misery, and I gradually grew worse.

"Finally I got one of your books, and concluded I would try Peruna, and thank God, I found a relief and a cure for that dreadful disease. I took five bottles of Peruna and two of Manalin, and I now feel like a new man. There is nothing better than Peruna, and I keep a bottle in my house all the time."—A. M. Ikerd.

Catarrh of the stomach is usually called dyspepsia. Catarrhal dyspepsia cannot be cured by pepsin powders or any other temporary relief. The only cure for real dyspepsia is a removal of the catarrh from the mucous membrane of the stomach. This Peruna will do. This Peruna has done thousands and thousands of times.

Congressman Botkin, of Kansas, was cured of catarrh of the stomach of many years' standing. Hundreds of other cases have been reported to us through unsolicited testimonials. Peruna is the only internal systemic remedy for catarrh yet devised. Every one afflicted with catarrh in the slightest degree ought to take a course of Peruna.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Wilshire's Magazine for November

The November number of Wilshire's Magazine comes out in a new and artistic dress of superior quality and design. The new cover is highly attractive and the wealth of illustrations pleasing. "Munich—A Prophecy" is a superbly illustrated article, holding up that city of magnificent public buildings and parks as an intimation of what our cities will be like when our people give more attention to the public welfare and less to individual gain at the expense of others. The romantic love story of the statesman and orator, Ferdinand Lasalle, who founded the German socialist party, and lost his life in a duel on account of the beautiful and fascinating Princess Racowitz, is recounted, with its happy sequel to the fair princess. "Chamberlain's Resignation" and "Can Capitalism Be Prolonged" are discussed popularly and philosophically by the editor. There is an article on Gorky, the most recent contribution of Russia to the list of literary geniuses, and one on "Rest," by Dr. Winslow Hall, setting forth the urgent necessity for rest, and various means of attaining it, which ought to be, but unfortunately are not in these days within the reach of every human being.

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