

the opening address to fifty minutes. Cross-examination of the speaker by means of questions from audience to follow. Cross-examination confirms truth and overthrows error. People who make up audiences can be safely entrusted with the privilege of asking questions. Socialists are not organized to develop practical discoveries in economic realms. Like single taxers, and all so-called reform organizations, they stifle rational discussion and cultivate obsequious iteration and reiteration of their impractical hobbies. When their position is analyzed it becomes apparent that according to their enlightened views there can be no additional discoveries made in the economic realm.

EDWARD STERN.

(The other communications are similar in tone. Mr. Stern throws out a challenge to the single taxers, criticizes Dr. Krauskopf's lecture, and makes some sarcastic comments on the American Philosophical association's recent meeting in Philadelphia. —Associate Editor.)

On December 3 last you published an article which I had submitted, subject "The Supreme Court." In his criticism of this article the associate editor of The Independent stated "Mr. Stern's position, viewed theoretically, is unassailable." Further on he added: "Viewed from the practical standpoint, Mr. Stern's suggestion is at present visionary in the extreme." I do not resent criticism. Instead of feeling hurt by queries or criticism, I desire and court them. It is an old saying that "knowledge is power." There should be added to the foregoing trite summoning up a few words to the effect that the knowledge must be properly directed. Did the readers of The Independent already possess the knowledge which I sought to disclose to them? Here in Philadelphia I have submitted this development to lawyers of high rank, to men well versed in statesmanship and politics, to widely read publishers and have invariably found the subject new and startling, doubted and scouted until positively demonstrated by direct statement of our constitution. If all or the majority of populists already possessed this knowledge my query naturally is, why have they not hastened to make intelligent use of their knowledge? Surely our nation stands in great need of economic and political salvation and who will dare to assert that these linked issues can be triumphantly achieved whilst a five to four decision of the supreme court will render null and void any legislation passed by congress?

In prior articles published in your columns I elucidated a fundamental economic discovery which demonstrates that all of the hitherto warring cliques of reformers are in reality seeking to apply the natural ultimatum of the universal principle of justice to different portions of the economic domain. In addition I outlined a proposed law whereby our nation could take over the ownership of all railroads and pay for them by evolutionarily reforming our monetary system.

I am not without practical experience in addressing the people, having spoken to very large audiences during the campaign of 1896 and in this stronghold of the gold standard it was my custom to reply to all questions, whenever that method of public discussion was permitted.

My perception is that if the populists would nominate clean candidates, pledge them to the enactment of a few specific laws of the character outlined, adding one embodying a graduated income and inheritance tax, that weapons of humor, derision and scorn would become impotent; and that there would come formidable accessions to your ranks, as soon as the people understood that your candidates for congress and all national offices were pledged to enact specific proposed legislation. The "stone which was rejected," viz: congressional authority to regulate the appellate jurisdiction of the supreme court, should be made the "corner stone."

During the few years in which I have taken active interest in public affairs I have had quite varied experience. I hold in my possession correspondence with J. Sterling Morton in which he begs that letters be suppressed, though at time they were penned he was secretary of agriculture and letters were written upon official letter-heads. Properly utilized these letters would have won the silver fight, for they would have set the people of all sections laughing over the plight of the goldites. Later on I struck up a joint correspondence with the redoubtable socialistic knight, H. Gaylord Wilshire. Though at the very outset he stated, "I agree with Mr. Stern that the nation should

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HON. DAN. A. GROSVENOR, OF THE FAMOUS OHIO FAMILY.

Hon. Dan. A. Grosvenor, Deputy Auditor for the War Department, in a letter written from Washington, D. C., says:

"Allow me to express my gratitude to you for the benefit derived from one bottle of Peruna. One week has brought wonderful changes and I am now as well as ever. Besides being one of the very best spring tonics it is an excellent catarrh remedy."—

DAN. A. GROSVENOR.

In a recent letter he says:

"I consider Peruna really more meritorious than I did when I wrote you last. I receive numerous letters from acquaintances all over the country asking me if my certificate is genuine. I invariably answer, yes."—

A County Commissioner's Letter.

Hon. John Williams, County Commissioner, of 517 West Second street, Duluth, Minn., says the following in regard to Peruna:

"As a remedy for catarrh I can cheerfully recommend Peruna. I know what it is to suffer from that terrible disease and I feel that it is my duty to speak a good word for the tonic that brought me immediate relief. Peruna cured me of a bad case of catarrh and I know it will cure any other sufferer from that disease."—

John Williams.

A Congressman's Letter.

Hon. H. W. Ogden, Congressman from Louisiana, in a letter written at Washington, D. C., says the following of Peruna, the national catarrh remedy:

"I can conscientiously recommend your Peruna as a fine tonic and all around good medicine to those who are in need of a catarrh remedy. It has been commended to me by people who have used it, as a remedy particularly effective in the cure of catarrh. For those who need a good catarrh medicine I know of nothing better."—

apply the 'ultimation' of the natural-divine principle of justice 'to land, money, and transportation problems,' and I say that the ultimation is socialism." Mr. Wilshire speedily wearied and dropped the joint correspondence, feigning that he could not understand me, though at the very outset, as quoted above, he endeavored to twist one of my fundamental statements to socialistic ends. If socialism stands for all humanity securing access upon a basis of equality to means of production, I am a socialist; but if they narrowly assert that this end can only be attained through governmental ownership of commodity production, I cannot help them nurse their impracticable hobby.

For years I earnestly sought economic light and there was unfolded to me the basic developments herein outlined. Whilst conscious of their great importance, it is with humility that I seek to direct attention to them, craving no compliment or fulsome flattery. Access upon a basis of equality is the key which opens the locks of economic mazes. Utilizing this natural-divine plumb-line, problems which have perplexed the ablest human intellects are proven to be susceptible of solution through the agency of constitutional legislation which is evolutionary in its provisions. The present fraudulent high protective tariff policy need not be interfered with, as with judicious legislation of a truly fundamental order, even the present ardent supporters of the erroneous "protection fallacies" would speedily come to per-

ceive the error of their ways.

Innumerable plans can be devised for applying the natural ultimation of justice to the economic problems of land, money, and transportation. If space is accorded I will gladly outline and elucidate a few plans, amongst them evolutionary methods for accomplishing land reform, which under our present constitution is a local issue.

It will afford me much pleasure to compensate socialists and likewise single taxers who will essay the task of overthrowing the fundamentals herein set forth. I will gladly place ten dollars in the hands of Charles Q. De France and leave award entirely to his judgment. One-half of the sum to be given to the socialist who sets forth fallacy of my position and one-half to the single taxer who most ably does likewise. Mr. De France to specify length of articles, successful articles to be published in columns of the Independent.

In few words Governor Percy Dangle of Kansas sums up the situation in your issue of March 31—"There are millions of voters in each of the old parties who want to see justice restored and the plunder of labor by capital stopped; but most of them are likely to remain where they are until there is some sudden upheaval; or until an organization based upon such a purpose, offers them an opportunity to assist in the enforcement of some specific project that they can readily see would confer on them a tangible and valuable benefit." Let populists rivet their attention

W. E. Griffith, Concan, Texas, writes: "I suffered with chronic catarrh for many years. I took Peruna and it completely cured me. I think Peruna is the best medicine in the world for catarrh. My general health is much improved by its use, as I am much stronger than I have been for years."—W. E. Griffith.

A Congressman's Letter.

Congressman H. Bowen, Ruskin, Tazewell county, Va., writes:

"I can cheerfully recommend your valuable remedy, Peruna, to any one who is suffering with catarrh, and who is in need of a permanent and effective cure."—

Mr. Fred. D. Scott, Larns, Ohio, Right Guard of Hiram Foot Ball Team, writes:

"As a specific for lung trouble I place Peruna at the head. I have used it myself for colds and catarrh of the bowels and it is a splendid remedy. It restores vitality, increases bodily strength and makes a sick person well in a short time. I give Peruna my hearty indorsement."—

Fred. D. Scott.

Gen. Ira C. Abbott, 906 M street, N. W., Washington, D. C., writes:

"I am fully convinced that your remedy is an excellent tonic. Many of my friends have used it with the most beneficial results for coughs, colds and catarrhal trouble."—

Ira C. Abbott.

Mrs. Elmer Fleming, orator of Reservoir Council No. 168, Northwestern Legion of Honor, of Minneapolis, Minn., writes from 235 Polk street, N. E.:

"I have been troubled all my life with catarrh in my head. I took Peruna for about three months, and now think I am permanently cured. I believe that for catarrh in all its forms Peruna is the medicine of the age. It cures when all other remedies fail. I can heartily recommend Peruna as a catarrh remedy."—

Mrs. Elmer Fleming



Mrs. Elmer Fleming, Minneapolis, Minn.

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As a systemic catarrh remedy Peruna eradicates catarrh from the system wherever it may be located. It cures catarrh of the stomach or bowels with the same certainty as catarrh of the head.

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upon the consideration of specific plans, giving preference to those which are constitutional and evolutionary in their provisions, but which will bring to full fruition fundamental economic reforms and there will come the "specific project" which "would confer on them a tangible and valuable benefit," which would arouse the "millions of voters in each of the old parties who want to see justice restored." EDWARD STERN. 4041 Baring st., Philadelphia.

Want The Independent

Editor Independent: Your recent visit to New York must have made plain to you the melancholy fact that a large proportion of the people are not represented in the public press.

What is wanted here above all things is a popular Voice. We want an organ to represent the American people in the east and I know nothing better as a type than the Nebraska Independent. That paper publishes what no New York paper contains; the thoughts, the aspirations, the claims of American manhood, the irreducible minimum of popular demands, clothed in moderate language, varied with wholesome, interesting material on all subjects and written by sincere men and patriots.

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