

Colorado Anarchy

Some months ago The Independent denounced the supreme court of Colorado as anarchists. It reiterates the charge. No law abiding citizen of that state is under obligations, moral, legal or otherwise to submit to the orders of that court in assuming the "king's prerogative." When the court abandoned its functions, declared that all the powers of the circuit courts of the state were abolished and gave the state over to the despotism of military rule from which there could be no appeal to the courts, it ceased to be a court to which any American citizen was bound to render obedience. Now it has gone further. It has declared that an attorney general may file a petition asking the court to assume jurisdiction over the election in any or all the counties of the state. That the court, without any authority from the statute, and, if needs be, against its plain commands, may assume the jurisdiction, appoint what they may be pleased to term "watchers," and promulgate a set of directions for the government of election officers, candidates, constables and others, pertaining to frauds and such other matters as it may deem important. That, after the election, complaints may be prepared charging election officers and others, in one or a hundred or a thousand precincts, with violating the directions of the court. The court may cause the arrest of all alleged offenders, try them without a jury for contempt of its orders, send them to jail, and then order canvassing boards to throw out the entire votes of the one, the hundred or the thousand precincts, whether there were frauds or not, but merely because the officials and others may have disregarded some of their orders and thereby put themselves in contempt of the court.

This unprecedented action of the supreme court of Colorado portends a rebellion in that state. When the Colorado legislature meets there will be trouble.

The question at issue is not whether a court, after the facts have been ascertained by a jury, may throw out one or more precincts, but whether a court can throw out precincts, in an action for contempt, in disobeying some unlawful order of the court and thus disfranchise all the legal voters of a precinct.

President Elliott Unfair

President Eliot criticises trade unions for attempting to limit the supply and restrict the output. That is very unfair and superficial in President Eliot. The trade unions are only trying to put into practice the theories of political economy taught in President Eliot's own university. Why did he lay the blame on the poor trades unionists? Why did he not attack the professors that are serving under him or the great political party that rules the nation and has been teaching the same doctrines for over a quarter of century in its press and on the hustings?

Then years ago these gentlemen were telling the farmers that they must expect that the very low price of wheat that was then prevalent must become permanent. They said that the opening of the wheat lands in the Red River valley, western Canada and the western plains had so enlarged the wheat production that there was over-production that it must last forever. They refused to listen to the reply that the over-supply of wheat was caused by the poverty and underconsumption of flour. The republican party, the political economists and the socialists have been preaching continuously and side by side this doctrine of over-production for years, and now President Eliot wants to lay all the blame on the labor unions. Just at present with many millions more bushels of wheat on the market or to come on it in the near future, the price of wheat is more than double what it was when the republican leaders told us that we had an over-production. The poor wage-earner, who has no reading matter

aside from socialist or republican papers, is now blamed for trying to put in practice what the learned pundits have been teaching in the universities for a hundred years.

If there should be circulated among the labor unions a few pamphlets containing some fundamental truths concerning distribution of wealth, it would not be a year before the absurd doctrines concerning over-production would be dropped. But that will not be done. It would stop the concentration of wealth in few hands, and that is what plutocracy is determined shall not be stopped. The greatest upholders of the present system of concentration are the labor unions. Without the labor vote, the republican party would be driven from power. Without that vote the trusts would fall. Without it, the production of railroad millionaires would cease. Therefore the labor unions are taught a false political economy and then denounced for believing in it and trying to practice it. There is nothing fair about such a proposition as that, even if it does come from the head of one of the greatest universities.

A Cry of Alarm

Some of the clergy are beginning to talk about moral degeneration very much in the same way The Independent has been talking for the last three or four years. The clergy paid no heed to the warnings given by The Independent and boasted of having the bread and wine in the communion services passed by millionaires, while they held up as models for the young men "the Captains of Industry." Bishop Anderson of the Episcopal church told a congregation of thousands in Chicago the other day that: "It is time we woke up. Crime is at our doors. The whirl of pleasure, the spirit of materialism and iconoclasm sap the vitality of our people. We have sown a wind of religious indifference and shall reap a whirlwind of devastation."

He declared that: "Strikes, class hatred, riot, anarchy, are threatened. It would take only a spark to touch them off. And Chicago is the storm center. In the city of Chicago last year seven times more murders were committed than in London, a city several times its size."

It is four years since The Independent began to warn the people that this era of commercial fraud and speculation would end in the demoralization of the whole land. The thing is so patent now that it can no longer be denied. It is late for the ministers of the gospel to recognize the situation. Many of them have been criminally stupid, but it is a good sign to see some of them waking up. Bishop Anderson sends forth a cry of alarm. How many will heed to it?

How They Did It

There has recently been published a book concerning the organization of the great railroad systems. It goes back to the beginning of railroads in this country and winds up with the great systems now crossing the continent or occupying strategic positions which control immense amount of freight. Of course it is complimentary of the men and the systems which bear their names. It does not, however, give the facts, the details of the work, the real thing about any of them. The truth is that behind these great systems there was at first a scoundrel of tremendous intellectual ability. That scoundrel committed every crime known to the calendar, in many cases murder itself. He stole, he lied, he bribed, he swindled, he betrayed his friends, he demoralized the courts, the legislatures and congress. He sent thousands into everlasting poverty, he made some few rich. This history continues all along. It began with the Goulds, the Fiskes, the Vanderbilts and has continued down to the Harrimans and the Hills. Of that part of the work that these men did, the book says nothing.

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References—St. Paul State Bank, Citizens' National Bank.

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Deposit and Savings bank were closed up last week when \$1,000,000 worth of securities were sold for \$400. Mrs. Chadwick did not beat that performance very much. "Safe deposit" and "savings bank!" Think of those terms in connection with such a concern! And yet the people will not vote for a government savings bank!

Populists Jubilant

While the republican majorities in Iowa continue to be as great as ever, nevertheless the application of populist principles is spreading at a most astonishing rate. Many of the towns are building their own water works, steam and hot water heating plants, electric light and gas factories, telephone lines and exchanges and other public utilities. Many are buying existing plants and putting an end to expensive private ownership.

This populist movement is not confined to Iowa, but is pervading to a great extent the whole of the United States. Populists should grow jubilant. They gave the country the only set of principles that will preserve the nation. They see them adopted year by year all over the country and the time will come that the most honorable thing that can be said of a man was that he was a populist when most of the world was denouncing him as a lunatic, but the world had at last to acknowledge that he was sanest and safest of all men. We did not go into this movement to get offices, but to get reforms.

A Specimen Lie

From time to time, The Independent has given specimens of the unequalled lying done by W. E. Curtis in the Chicago Record-Herald. The following specimen is not up to his highest achievements, but it will do as a specimen. He says:

The model hospital of the United States, and I am assured it is not sur-

passed in any other country, may be found at Pueblo. It is the achievement of Dr. R. W. Corwin, surgeon in chief of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, and he built it with funds furnished by that corporation.

The truth is that the company has been in existence over twenty years and during that time it has taken a dollar a month out of the wages due the working men for hospital expenses. It employs on an average over 10,000 men. It has therefore taken from the working men over \$2,400,000 and invested it in a hospital. That hospital was an absolute necessity to the company on account of the numerous accidents in the extremely hazardous calling. The Independent repeats that while that is not quite up to Curtis' usual work in that line, it will do as a specimen. Curtis furnishes 730 columns a year of that sort of plutocratic lying and the Chicago Record-Herald prints it, two columns each day.

London has 20,000 more paupers this year than last. New York has nearly 40,000 more. If in years of prosperity paupers increase at that rate, what will be the condition in years when there are poor crops and hard times? We have arrived at the "compound interest" state of development. What awaits us in the future under plutocratic rule we can only imagine.

The charity authorities say that one cause of the suffering in the east is that the trusts and great corporations will no longer give men over fifty years of age employment. Would the situation be relieved if they did? The discharge of a man over fifty makes a place for a younger man who would otherwise be out of work. The cause of the suffering is deeper than that. Primarily it comes about from the special privileges granted to the few and the refusal of the president and state authorities to enforce the criminal law against the rich.