

ness conditions of the country? Are they not such that money piles up constantly in the hands of a Wall street gang composed of a very few men? Are not business conditions such as to destroy competition in most of the industries of the country? Do not the railroads give constant rebates and secret rates, all of which go toward sustaining the system of concentration of wealth? What do we want to do except to disturb and overturn such conditions as that?

The Plutocrats Uneasy

A little while ago—a few short months ago—we were “capitalizing prosperity,” the gold standard had been established and prosperity was to ever hover over us. The labor unions were to keep on making successful strikes and raising wages, the promoters were to go on promoting and gather in millions from every deal, the trusts were beneficent institutions coming from an inevitable evolution of society and Morgan, Rockefeller, Harriman and the other seven fellows were to have incomes of many millions a year to give away the glory of God and the perpetuation of their fame as humble followers of the lowly Nazarine. But there seems to be a change coming over things. The trusts are being attacked, and the doctrine that they are beneficent institutions is repudiated. Even New England is howling for a lowering of the tariff rates, a war on rebates and discriminations in rates has been begun. Magazines are printing populist literature and it is circulating by the million copies. Demands are being made to stop the accumulation of all the savings of the people in Wall street and using them as a basis for financing of trusts, and all sorts of strange things are going on in these United States, all of which have a tendency to make the plutocrat uneasy

Man Must be Free

There are a few lawyers, judges and writers who are beginning to see things in the light that The Independent has been trying to present them to its readers. One of them after considering the great accumulation of wealth in few hands and the processes that have brought it about, says:

The parting of the ways is at hand. Straight ahead lies a continuation of present conditions with even fewer persons in control of ever-increasing wealth, more and more centralized and monopolized. To the left lies the road to state socialism. These roads, may seem to lie far apart, but within the distance any clear eye can carry, the two roads meet.

The truth is that the republican party for years has been rotten with paternalism and socialism, while all the time it has been denouncing them, just as it proclaimed itself as in favor of “one dollar as good as every other dollar,” while it was all the time engaged in establishing a system in which there were nine kinds of dollars and no one of them as good as another.

This nation must own every monopoly and preserve competition everywhere else, or if must go to socialism and then to anarchy, for socialism would end in anarchy. We need not follow the present system nor turn to socialism. There is another way and it is clearly pointed out by the fundamental principles of populism. Man must be free and not a creature of the “state,” under orders from birth to death. He must have an “opportunity” work out for himself, under his own guidance, his own destiny. Destroy every monopoly through government ownership and he will have that opportunity.

Now Stop Crying “Socialism”

Dr. C. F. Taylor wrote a letter to the Appeal to Reason and the International Socialist Review, asking the editors of those papers if they favored the government ownership of the telegraph, railroads and other public utilities. Mr.

Wayland of the Appeal to Reason replied:

Socialism stands for the public ownership of the means of production and distribution, democratically managed. Government ownership does not stand for such a program.

Mr. A. H. Simons for the International Socialist Review replied:

The socialist party all over the world has always stood for the nationalization of industries. But, as before, it has not considered their nationalization while capitalists control the government of sufficient importance to lay any great emphasis upon it.

Will the plutocratic press now stop calling populists socialists?

A Question of Honor

While the editor of The Independent has a kindly personal feeling toward G. W. Langworthy Taylor, professor of political economy at the state university, he has never yet been able to agree with Prof. Taylor upon any proposition, economical or financial. A recent article of his in the State Journal on the state debt is of such a character that it does not seem possible for anybody to agree with him. Prof. Taylor takes the position that there is no dishonor connected with the enormous state debt because the state could at any time borrow enough to pay it if the holders demanded payment. Prof. Taylor seems to think that there is no dishonor in legislature after legislature committing perjury as they have done in this state. Every member of the legislature takes an oath to support and defend the constitution of the state and that constitution declares that the state shall never contract a debt over one hundred thousand dollars, except for the purpose of repelling invasion, suppressing insurrection, or defending the state in war. Those legislators have created a debt of nearly two million and a half dollars. Every one of them violated their oaths. Is there no question of honor there?

The populists undertook to redeem the honor of the state by paying off \$600,000 of the debt. “Honor” is the only thing involved. The question of “credit” has never been raised.

A Courtesy

“Receiving a courtesy.” That is what the members of the legislature call the reception of a pass from the railroads. What is a courtesy? Primarily it means to flatter, to pay court to. Why do the railroad managers flatter the members of the legislature? It also means an act of civility and respect. Why are the managers so respectful to a man as soon as he is elected a member of a legislature? Before he is elected the said managers would not speak to him on the street. They would not treat him with any more courtesy than the other thousands that pass along. Why do they become so courteous all of a sudden, as it were? Do these fool legislators believe the managers admire them personally? Do they deny that the courtesy” comes to them, not on any personal account, but on account of their official capacity? A courtesy indeed! But then they all do it, and will continue to do it until an act is passed that defines the giving of a pass as a bribe. The last day of the legislature such a bill might be passed to take effect eighteen months afterward. That would not affect any pass now in existence. Perhaps the present legislature might muster up patriotism “to do a little something for posterity, although posterity never did do anything for them.”

There seems to be a good deal of plutocratic prosperity even in Omaha. The papers report that “hundreds of men applied to the building inspector for work in tearing down the buildings destroyed in the recent fire, but only fifty could be given work.” The plutocratic wave is slowly working its way westward from New York.

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