

wealth of its political power. Isaac is represented by Committeeman Barnes of New York. His statement in part says: "At the coming convention it will be determined whether the republican party of this state, officially, through its chosen representatives in convention, intends to bow its head to the political agitation of the hour, which is the cause of the palsy overhanging the business world today. Hysteria has run riot throughout this country, expressing itself in one form or another, such as 'direct nominations,' the 'initiative and referendum,' the 'initiative and recall.' It matters little what particular form the hysteria takes—the question to be decided at Saratoga is whether the republican party will fight the disease or succumb in the interests of politicians seeking office or temporary acclaim." Predatory wealth rules and every time the people try to rule, their effort is called hysterical, and palsy overhangs the business world! If the people want a panic let them try to rule. The circulating medium will be withdrawn from our business veins and we will look pale financially. Instead of getting hold of the reins of the government, we will find that we have grasped a live wire and we will receive a shock from a dynamo built by our own weakness. If we would be strong, we must educate. We must educate or we will perish by our own prosperity. If we do not, short will be our race to our political graves. In our nation's haste to become rich and mighty she outruns her religious and educational institutions they will only come up after the battle of liberty is fought and lost. Then they will be used by predatory wealth to perpetuate our bondages. If the good people of this country love liberty they must work their brain as well as their hands.

O. F. Davenport, Mercer, Mo.—The impression made upon a rural master, by Senator Owen's question might be interesting to some as it reveals the sentiment of the very commonest of the people. To me it introduces the old, old question of

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human slavery—a result of the "love of money." It is an unquestioned fact that we become the servants of that which we love. If we love Almighty God we become His servants and receive the blessings of Him who is love. If we love our neighbor as ourself, we serve the society of which we are a part and enjoy the benefits thereof. But if, on the other hand, we lust for wealth and "bow to the golden calf," we enter the service of the money god and suffer the oppression of his cruel reign. The combination of wealth and industry, the control of elections and betrayal of public confidence, the sacrifice of natural honor and the general welfare, are some of the means by which his reign is perpetuated. Thanks to the "peerless orator of Fairview" for the service rendered our country in arousing the voters to the ominous conditions resulting from republican rule. The burning truth of his tongue and pen is sharper than any two-edged sword, and the rent observed in the g. o. p. reveals the truth of the same. He has exposed the wrongs of special legislation in behalf of the monied interests, and it has become a cancer gnawing at the vitals of the republican party. In 1896 her doctor bill cost the American consumer over sixteen millions of dollars, and so great has become her dependence upon the political physician, that she fears to shock the public by a report of her condition until after the vote is counted. We predict that in 1912 the shroud will be purchased and the knell will ring out a half century of fruitless years, which could have been the most triumphant ever witnessed by any political party. The money sharks and political pirates will "hopeless lay their dead away" and the obituary recorded in American history will ever be a warning to political parties when tempted to betray the public trust. O, great will be the rejoicing of our people and other people as well when our national capital is disinfected and democracy again takes up her abode within. Methinks Old Glory will flutter with renewed emotion when she can conscientiously float as the emblem of freedom and love.

L. Ferguson, Chetopa, Kan.—Why not change the question and ask why don't the people keep what they have and what God has placed in the bowels of the earth for them. They can't. They keep gas and oil at home, at least enough to grind their own wheat and corn. They have the power to make laws through a republican government to protect them from graft, combines and monopoly. Why not let us grind our own wheat and corn and quit worrying about that which we give to them? We vote bonds to build railroads and other improvements. Why not vote a law to vote a few bonds to build mills to grind our bread at cost and sell what we have to spare? Quit making millionaires like Rockefeller. Quit giving away what we have; keep what we have and quit blaming others for our own neglect. Would it not be a good thing for every man to stop and think and see if he can't find out where he is at?

W. H. Reed, Dana, Ind.—My answer is very short. Too many of the masses vote for what the classes want, therefore don't get what they want. I say read The Commoner and learn how to vote for what you want. I endorse every word J. J. C. of Ashland, Ohio, says. He suggests the proper remedy to get rid of the enemies of popular government.

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