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"SHARE PLUNDER WITH THEIR GOD."

Dr. Washington Gladden, the minister who protested against the Congregational church accepting Rockefeller's gift of \$100,000, occupied Rev. Charles M. Sheldon's pulpit in Topeka last Sunday, and in his sermon he spoke of the actions of some millionaires in giving to charity as "sharing their plunder with God."

Dr. Gladden was very radical in his denunciation of the evils of to-day, and he paid his respects to the trusts and combines in no uncertain language. We quote a few paragraphs from his sermon:

"Anyone who reads those appalling narratives of Mr. Steffens and Miss Tarbell and Mr. Lawson and Mr. Russell must feel that we are confronting a situation of a very grave nature, for these narratives are true. They must be; otherwise, their authors would not be going free and unpunished.

"One wonders whether any law could be devised that could adequately deal with such characters and tendencies as are there brought to light. The men whose operations are described are not only destitute of respect for law: they are doing all they can—and it is much—to undermine all law, and to destroy the very foundations of the civil order. Their conduct shows that they have no faith in a God of righteousness, and no fear of Him. They have worshipped Mammon so long and so devoutly that they have no room in their hearts for any other God. This is why they have no respect for law and feel no restraint or compunction in the commission of their colossal robberies.

"Does a man believe in God who loads cork life-preservers with iron, and sends drowning men to their doom for a little increase in his profit on a contract? Does a man believe in God who, for a corrupt fee, passes as seaworthy a rotten ship which he inspects, or a theatre as a safe place of assembly which he knows to be a death trap? Does a man believe in God who organizes or joins a ring in a city council or a legislature to sell legislation by which the people are fleeced? Does a man believe in God who artfully vendors millions, or hundreds of millions, of inflated stock which he knows must collapse in the hands of its purchasers and spread suffering and calamity far and wide? No; such things are not done by men who believe in God. They are done by men who say in their hearts that there is no God, or else that there is a weak and foolish God whom they can cajole by their ostentatious gifts to colleges and charities, or whose judgment they can evade by some scheme of late repentance."

ACCORDING to a Topeka dispatch to the Kansas City Times, Governor Hoch's political friends—or some of them—are urging him to keep hands off the prohibitory question. The Governor is besieged with visitors and letters urging him to let the liquor dealers alone. Some of these men say that, during the campaign last fall, they gave the liquor men to understand that Governor Hoch would be "right" with them—would not molest them. The Governor is making haste slowly in the matter. He has said that he is anxious to get the investigation of the state treasury and other state departments started before he takes up the liquor question. The politicians will try to find enough to keep him so busy that he will not be able to get into the liquor fight. If he persists in taking up the fight, they will see to it that he will not be re-nominated.

COUNTY ATTORNEY WHITTINGTON is now going after the joint-keepers just about right, and we miss our guess if he doesn't show them a pretty lively time before he gets done with them. He should have the moral support of every person who believes in law and order, but he will go ahead and do his duty regardless of whether he receives that support or not. He is not lacking in courage, as will be readily be seen. He needs no prodding.

MRS. LEASE is again trying to get about \$1,500 which she claims the state owes her. It is said that Governor Hoch says he thinks she ought to have it.

FROM THOMAS W. LAWSON.

The AGITATOR is in receipt of the following dispatch from Thomas W. Lawson, of "frenzied finance" fame:

BOSTON, May 11.—Twelve months ago, I made to the American people, in the "foreword" of my story, "Frenzied Finance," a promise to expose the operations of the most nefarious and destructive band of brigands this or any other country has been oppressed with.

The "System" met my promise with ridicule, and their hirelings, from one end of the land to the other, chorused, "He will never dare tell."

In the June number of Everybody's Magazine, published on the 20th of May, I tell the first great CRIME of Amalgamated, in a double chapter of 24,000 words. I give, in a brick-and-mortar style, the details of this act by which the American people were robbed of \$36,000,000 through the agency of the biggest national bank in America, the National City ("Standard Oil") Bank of New York.

I feel—and I think you will agree with me when you have read what I tell—that it is of vital importance to the whole American people that they—every man, woman and child—know the facts I expose.

So far, I have given a year of my time and some \$600,000 of my money to get my message to the American people, and I would ask if, because of this fact, and the further one that I seek nothing in return for my work (for I have nothing to sell and no office or other thing to ask of the American people), you cannot see it in the light of a public duty to do all in your power to get the June chapter of my story to the people of your community. If so, I leave to your good judgment the way and the means to do so.

THOMAS W. LAWSON.

CATCHING UP.

Here is a good one from the Tepeka State Journal, and it will be appreciated by Populists:

"Are the majority of the people of the United States just catching up with the Populists of twelve years ago? There are some things which indicate as much. If you happen to have a relic of the days of Populism in the shape of some of the literature that was published at that time, you will be surprised at the similarity of some of it to things you see in the staid Eastern papers to-day.

"William Allen White has been noticing this. It is not yet quite a decade since Mr. White pointed out, in his characteristic way, what was the matter with Kansas. Now Mr. White acknowledges that there might have been some mistake somewhere. 'It is funny,' he says, 'how we have all found the octopus, an animal whose very existence we denied ten or a dozen years ago. The question that naturally comes up for discussion is this: Has the octopus just hatched out, or were Mose Coppeck and Bill McCreary and Ed Waterbury and the old line Populists who put sandbars in his tail, and then tied cans to it, smarter and further-seeing and more frank and honest than we were?'

"The other day, a pamphlet came to the Gazette which seemed about the right thing. It was going after railroad discrimination. It seemed sane and calm and well poised. The man who wrote it seemed to have his head full of facts well grounded through the wheels of logic. When lo! and behold, the pamphlet was written and printed in 1890, and was written by Percy Daniels! The sun do move. This is a funny world!'

THE city council of Paola had the streets around the court house sprinkled with crude oil last week, using the residuum that remains in the bottom of the tanks after the oil has been run into the pipe line. This was an experiment, and appears to be a success. In California, roads are treated with oil, and they are splendid roads. The method in use there is to plow up the road and pulverize the earth thoroughly, and then saturate the dirt with oil. Later, it is again stirred and more oil added. It is then rolled with a heavy steam roller. This makes a road almost equal to asphalt. We would like to see the experiment tried on the streets of Garnett. If it proves a success, it would pay to begin on the roads leading into Garnett. The good-roads agitators should advocate this crude-oil scheme.

THE Standard Oil Company has just declared a dividend of \$9 per share—a quarterly dividend, mind you. And yet, only a few weeks ago, the company said Kansas had so badly crippled it that it could not borrow the money necessary to make certain improvements. Too bad! Wonder what the dividend would have been if Kansas hadn't crippled the Standard!

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The Poor Packers.

From Morgan's Buzz-Saw.

The poor packers who constitute the beef trust are having some hard sledding just now. A gentleman who has had a very intimate knowledge of the slaughtering and packing business in all its phases has just demonstrated that in place of being a sort of benevolent institution, as Mr. Garfield seemed to think, it is making forty-three per cent on the capital invested; that instead of making only ninety-nine cents on each beef slaughtered, as Garfield reported, the trust is making \$9.91. It seems that Mr. Garfield made a general calculation; threw in for good measure the head and tail, guts and feathers, and about twenty other by-products out of which the trust makes large profits, and by reason of which it has been the contention that the trust was a good thing because of the economy of saving all these things. The side products are blood, switches, hoofs, skulls, jaws, skins, knuckles, glue, bladder, heart, liver, cheek meat, waist and, ox lips, tongue meat, sweetbreads, tripe, tails, brains, tongue, casings, hide, stearin, oleo oil and tallow. These side products on a steer amount to \$15.14.

It is very likely that Mr. Garfield is innocent. Having spent most of his life-time in school, he could not be expected to know that an ordinary steer possessed all the things enumerated above. He probably thought of the tail and the head, but, desiring to be generous, he "let them go with the hide," and made no mention of them. The other things he perhaps never knew were the natural appendages of an average steer. What Mr. Garfield needs is a year or two more time and an opportunity to study the anatomy of steers. Then give him another whack at it, and he will perhaps report on the whole "job lot."

THOMAS W. LAWSON, of "frenzied finance" fame, will speak at the Ottawa Assembly, Saturday, July 8th.

Taking Time to be a Lady.

"It is a truism that it takes time to be a lady," is one of Esperance Goodlove's wise observations concerning the rush of a business woman's life, in the New Idea Woman's Magazine for June, and characteristically she meets the situation, which seems rather discouraging to her audience of business women, square in the face. "Very well, then," she continues, "find the time and take it. I have no sympathy with the notion that the woman who is clever enough to support herself is not clever enough to make opportunity for the things she really wishes to do. She who, in a daily expanding knowledge, sees new possibilities of refinement and culture must pursue such valiantly." This writer is an excellent inspirer, yet most readers, I fancy, will pause here with a more or less definite feeling of demur as they think with regret of the talents undeveloped, the fields of knowledge viewed only afar off, yes, even the time which others were filling with graceful avocations, given up to the demands of stern duty or necessity. Yet, it would be unsafe to claim "sticking to one's job" hinders refinement; and if refinement calls for dissipation of energy, to meet old conventional standards, a revised "curriculum for a gentlewoman" will have to be compiled to meet the needs of "the strenuous life."

Missouri Pacific Excursions.

Portland, Oregon—Going and returning via same route, \$45; going direct route, returning through California—San Francisco and Los Angeles—\$56 round trip.

Tickets on sale May 23, 24 and 25, and in June, July, August and September. Limit of tickets, 90 days from date, but not later than Nov. 30.

June 1 to Sept. 30, Missouri Pacific will sell round-trip ticket to Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction; also, Ogden, Salt Lake, Utah; Wolcott and Rawlins, Wyoming, at one fare plus 50 cents for round trip; return limited to Oct. 31; stop-over privileges.

June 1 to Sept. 30, Missouri Pacific will sell round-trip tickets to Hot Springs, Ark., for \$15.00, limited to return 30 days from date of ticket.
S. C. BYBEE, Agt.

Santa Fe Excursions.

Ottawa—May 30, June 1, 2 and 3; limit, June 5; round trip, \$1.

Lewis & Clark Exposition, Portland, Oregon.—\$45 for round trip. Tickets on sale, daily, May 23 until Sept. 30. For rates and other information, call on C. S. COLEMAN, Agt.

Letter List

Miss Lottie Wearer, Mrs. Maude Groutsch.

Try Holcomb's Headache Powders. They have cured others; they will cure you.

Try a meal at the Red Light.

A New Street-Sweeper.

W. F. Paessler, general manager of the Union Machine Works of Kansas City, was here this week, closing a contract with Judge Parkinson for the erection of his newly-invented street-sweeper. He is quite enthusiastic over the machine, which he believes will meet with a ready sale on the market. It is just such a machine as cities have been needing.—Ottawa Independent-Journal.

THE old soldiers are protesting against the ignoring of the law relating to appointments by the city administration, and are insisting on the offices of marshal and nightwatch being given to old soldiers.

W. F. MATTHEWS, United States marshal for the district of Oregon, has been removed by order of President Roosevelt, who believed that Matthews was not sufficiently in harmony with the prosecution of land frauds now being conducted in that state.

THE county clerk of Marion county, Governor Hoch's home, is "shy" \$2,000. It is said he was a tool used others; that he did not use the money himself. He has resigned.

THE report of the grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias shows the addition of over 600 new members in the state during the past year.

SENATOR BURTON was "touched" by pickpockets in Chicago last Saturday, and relieved of \$55. He says Chicago is too swift for him.

It is reported that the Santa Fe railroad will make a test of crude oil for fuel in the locomotives on the Southern Kansas division.

HIRAM CRONK, the last survivor of the war of 1812, died last Saturday, at the age of 105 years.

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