

MANKIND NOT DOOMED.

Economic Equality and Liberty May Be Regained.

WHERE FREEDOM FINDS A HOME.

Power and Property Should Not Be Allowed to Be Concentrated in the Hands of a Few. A Small Percentage of Population Governs This Country—Despotism Versus Popular Government.

"All history," Holt says, "tells us the same story of the ultimate failure of republics to do any better than have monarchies and despotism. For a very little while there was satisfaction and peace; then came wretchedness among the masses, revolts, wars and lapses into despotism. In truth history shows us that the longest period of satisfaction, peace and general happiness among mankind have been experienced under despotism, and why so? Because for a time the despot ruled by almost universal consent and fairly represented the whole people. For it cannot be doubted that whether one man be chosen by the people or many men the will of the people in the choice governs all the same. It is the popular government in the start just the same and to exactly the same extent."

Gibson says if he were called on to select any period when mankind enjoyed the greatest comfort he would select the long reign of Augustus Caesar. All free men had their rights. Justice and mercy prevailed. Even the Jews, who for ages had been persecuted and lamed everywhere, were guarded by his firm and kindly hand—the only ruler that ever treated them justly, says Philo.

The cause of failure under all governments is, firstly, no government has ever been permanently founded on the will of the people. Individuals have been placed in the rule by the voice of the people, but after that the rule has fallen into the hands of the few by the very laws of existence. Take France and the United States for examples. Who are the voters? Only the males that are of age—in effect, one-seventh of the people. Now the real rulers are the lawmakers, and here these are selected by one-seventh of the people. But practically only a majority of the one-seventh select the representatives. So we are far from being a government by the people.

Examining still closer, who of this one-fourteenth do the real selecting or choosing of the laws? Under the circumstances it is only a question of time when all the power falls into the hands of the very few. The richest, fairest parts of the earth have thus become the prey of the few. But it is necessary that this should be the case. No. A wider study shows that there are exceptions. If you would know where these are, you must go to the soil and climates which by their repulsiveness have excluded the luxury loving and avaricious cunning.

High up in the Alps and other mountain regions are great valleys where the people have always lived in comfort and content and perfect equality. No one has been tempted to monopolize more of the rough, fertile soils than he could personally manage. No laws have ever been enforced that could gradually place all the means of life into the possessions of a few. Amid such regions no one is poor, no one very rich. It is there that the spirit of liberty and the eternal justice are born and ever lived, and it is from these heights that the spirit of liberty has so often descended, like their own avalanches upon the slumbering worlds below, creating universal crash and consternation. And it is because of the weight of these communities and because history is forever pointing to them that the assertions made by rascals and credited by fools that mankind is doomed forever to live amid their hells of property and crime contrasting with other hells of luxury, riot and licentiousness have not found universal and despair creating belief. Get Mill's "Political Economy" and read book second, volume 1, if you would learn of these communities. Truly he says by way of introduction, if as much pains have been taken by us to aggravate the inequality of mankind had been taken to moderate it, if diffusion instead of concentration of property had been favored by law, how happy mankind might be.

Humbag Venches For Humbag.
There are numerous exploiters of the people, and perhaps they form a majority, who really believe that they have a perfect right to take the money and prey upon them. They have some sort of notion that it is an essential part of the scheme of creation that the people at large should labor and sweat in order that the sleek and the well fed may eat to certain extent and upon certain things. Of course those wholly and unimportant and ridiculous things are made to appear very tremendous, and the deluded herd find the apparent triviality of it all a proof of the hidden significance aimed to obtain thereby. Thus humbug itself is accepted as the voucher of its own integrity, while truth is actually discredited for the reason that it is so simple and obvious.—Twentieth Century.

Thet.
Q. What is theft? A. Taking what does not belong to us.
Q. How comes it that things do not belong to us? A. The law is responsible.
Q. Do many people steal? A. Yes.
Q. Who? A. Generally the rich.
Q. What is done to them? A. Some are sent to the senate, others endow churches, and others get their indictments quashed.
Q. But do not the poor steal? A. Yes.
Q. What is done to them if they are found out? A. They go to prison.—Twentieth Century.

Worth Its Cost.
From every standpoint the war is destined to be a blessing to the nation. It will pay in patriotism, in industry, in labor and in national greatness. Its deeds of valor have shed glory on the American name and crowned the republic with luster as the proud possessor of such sons.—Denver News.

Brain Wrought by Socialism.
Just read in the Macdon Telegraph of April 18 the advertisement of "a sober, honest, steady, middle aged man who will work for enough bread for his family." If the socialists keep on making laws for the nation, where will we land in a few more years?—Coming Nation.

McKinley's Unfortunate Slip.
President McKinley's declaration to Senator Bacon that this "is the war of no party and no section" will rise to plague those Republican politicians who are endeavoring to capture the next congress by claiming the credit for all the good that has come from this war.

THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

It Stands For Justice and Liberty, and Its Principles Will Be Vindicated.

If the Democrats do not control the next congress by an overwhelming majority, it will be because of inefficiency and timidity in leadership. The reaction certain to be forced by the radicalism of extreme plutocracy has already begun, and it is making itself felt in an unmistakable way. What it means is illustrated in these comments on the proposed "Anglo-American" imperialism and on the bond deal adopted the other day by the free coinage Republicans of Kansas in their platform:

We believe this government is capable of attending to its own affairs without the aid of any other nation on the earth. We believe entangling alliances with foreign nations to be inimical to the best interests of this nation and that the teachings of Washington, having proved so wise in the past, should be strictly observed in the future, and for this reason we are opposed to the suggested Anglo-American alliance. The Republican party having obtained an unnecessary bond issue in place of the free coinage it promised to secure, we demand that the administration proceed to prosecute the present war which it has so recklessly undertaken, and that it be met by Admiral Dewey suits up.

We believe that the controlling factor of this nation and that all corporate interest should be under the control of the people. We do not extend our cooperation to any party that does not and fearlessly attempts to restore the rights of the government to the people.

In Kansas, in Nebraska, in South Dakota and throughout the west general plutocratic radicalism in the conduct of the war has broken down "middle of the road" Populism on the one hand and on the other has destroyed all possibility that the Democratic party can be controlled by the Palmer-Buckner bolters. Instead of changing the issues of the Chicago platform, the bond dealers and imperialists at Washington are forcing the fullest cooperation among all the elements which united in full support of Bryan in the last campaign. Hanna, Morgan, Whitney, Gage, McKinley and Rothschild are co-operating to force a more complete and effective union of all forces of opposition to plutocracy than seemed possible six months ago. The Chicago platform stands for the constitution and the laws, for justice, for liberty, for Americanism, for civilization. Its principles are about to receive an overwhelming vindication.

AN INSULT TO GERMANS.

Slender Is the Only Gratitude the Republican Party Knows.

In the name of the Democratic party and the 8,500,000 voters who cast their ballot for Bryan in 1896, we protest against this vicious attempt on the part of the combined Republican press of the United States to throw discredit on the German race and character by repeatedly charging that Germany is against the war in Europe. It is an insult to a nation that has always been our friend, an insult to a class of our adopted countrymen who have always been loyal to our flag. This base slander is uttered in the interest of the proposed Anglo-American alliance, the one great object of the Republican party.

The fact that the victims of the insult on this side of the Atlantic have in the past supported the Republican party and have taken the weight with the Republican press. The only gratitude it knows is slander. The day of reckoning is approaching. The German-Americans are having their eyes opened. Once they believe that the Republican party is not the friend of the country. Now they see it is narrow, bigoted and anti-American in its politics. They are coming to understand the Democratic party. Events of the past few years have taught them a lesson. We welcome the German-Americans to the ranks of Democracy. And this is not merely because they will make victory for us certain, but because we love the study and unflinching characteristics of the race. It was this same low contemptible bigotry that drove Irish-Americans into our ranks where they have ever found the hand of true brotherhood as well as a chance to labor earnestly for a cause that is God's. When the Republican party finds its true level, it will be mainly composed of a few Anglo-manics (those what is it that look so uncomfortable in mal attire) and their progenitors in the trusts and newspapers established and supported here by British capital.—National Democrat.

Watch the Treasury Department.
Another peculiarity of the war revenue is that it makes no mention for what purpose the bonds are to be issued. It is not provided that they shall be used to obtain money to prosecute the war. It authorizes the issuance of the \$600,000,000 of bonds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and the secretary of the treasury is made the sole judge of the necessity. Mr. Gage has often declared that it is unnecessary to retire the greenbacks and that it would not be unreasonable to suppose that with such views Mr. Gage would issue the bonds to provide a basis for bank circulation in order that greenbacks might be retired. Mr. Gage is a banker and has repeatedly declared that national bank circulation is necessary to a sound financial system, and the bonds provided for in the bills would go a long way to meet that necessity.—East Oregonian.

The Patriotic Money Shark.
The Morgans, Carnegies, Rockefellers, Drexels and other high priests of the protection creed are organizing a gigantic steel trust, including 90 per cent of the steel works of the country. These "patriots" and "heroes" who swoathed themselves indecently in the American flag during the campaign of 1896 at the dictation of Hanna, who loves his country so well that he doesn't want it to go to war under any pretext, are organizing just in time to clinch the government on all sorts of contracts. Great patriots, those money sharks!—Fresno Expositor.

Chancey the Weathercock.
When he was in Paris, our own and only Channey Dewey told the Parisians the talk about an Anglo-American alliance was all moonshine and that the only country which America really loved is France. In London "the peach" advocated an alliance between the two great English speaking nations. All of which shows that Dr. Dewey has determined to be agreeable under any and all circumstances.—St. Louis Republic.

To Guarantee, but Not to Issue.
General Green B. Rann sums up the demands made by the monetary reformers now pressing congress in favor of the banks in one neat little sentence. He says the demand is "that the government shall go out of the banking business by ceasing to issue circulating notes and checks, but shall remain in the banking business for the purpose of guaranteeing and redeeming the notes of the banks."

No Competition.
The people who are getting gold standard prices for cotton are not competing very strongly against the Rothschild syndicate for Mr. McKinley's gold basis bonds.—St. Louis Journal of Agriculture.

PARITY OF THE METALS

Influence of a Nation In Equalizing Values.

SHORTAGE OF GOLD AND SILVER.

Scarcity of the Precious Metals Indicated by the Volume of Credit Money in Circulation—During the Last Five Years Every Gold Standard Country Has Had a Financial Panic, While Every Silver Country Has Prospered.

In order to show what great influence a powerful nation can exert in establishing the equal value of the metals an important fact to be borne in mind is that there is more gold in the world than there is silver. This is demonstrated by the fact that governments, either through their treasury departments or their banking institutions, have been compelled, by reason of the lack of gold and silver currency and consequently of full covered paper money, to issue a substitute thereof in the form of uncovered paper currency, called credit money. No nation would undertake the issuing of money based upon the general credit of the government or permit banking institutions to issue such money if there was not an imperative necessity for a greater circulating medium. Consequently the total amount of such uncovered or credit money in the world indicates the existing shortage of metallic money. We know that there is in existence in the world at the present time, according to the report of the treasury, \$2,565,800,000 of such uncovered or credit money.

With such an enormous shortage in the precious metals you can readily see that a powerful nation would have much greater influence in establishing their parity of value than if there was an abundance or an oversupply of the same. If I knew but one fact—namely, the condition of gold and silver standard countries of the world for the past five years—I would know that the cause of the depression in the United States for that period was due to the gold standard; that it was due to the greatly increased demands made for gold in 1893 and 1892 by the closing of the India mints to the free coinage of silver and the attempt to establish the gold standard in that country, by the large purchases of gold for the war chest by Russia, by the efforts of Austria to resume specie payments in gold and by the offer of our government to redeem all the treasury notes issued under the Sherman act in gold.

Every gold standard country in the world, whether situated on this continent or on the other, whether in the northern hemisphere or the southern, ever since the closing of the India mints has been in the throes of a financial panic having the same trend of falling prices that prevailed in this country, and that fact existed irrespective to as to whether in those countries there was a high tariff or a low tariff. On the other hand, every silver standard country in the world, whether situated on this side of the water or on the other, whether north or south of the equator and whether it has a high or a low tariff, is today and has been for the past five years, compared to its former condition, enjoying a marvellous degree of prosperity. By this statement I am not saying that the Mexican peso is equal to the American, and I must say that the man who uses the statement, "Do you want to Mexicanize America?" does not know the meaning or import of an argument. We could with equal propriety say, "Do you want to Turkize America?" for Turkey has the gold standard, and I am willing to contrast the civilization of Mexico at any time with that of Turkey, and I am willing further to contrast the payment of wages in Mexico with the payment of wages in Turkey, but also those paid in any European nation. I might further say, "Do you want to Egyptianize America?" for Egypt has the gold standard. —John F. Shaffroth in Democratic Magazine.

No Compromise.
To the Editor:—The St. Louis platform misled millions by the promise of "international bimetalism." Thank God that phantom has vanished. What next? Equally deceptive and unmeaning "conservatism." Anything to beat silver. "International bimetalism" and "conservatism," as defined by the gold oligarchy, mean one and the same, and, like the cry of "sound money," are only calculated to tickle the ear. Let the "conservatism" join the Republican party of like proclivities or fall in at the rear of the general procession—the farther in the rear the better. But the idea of taking that significant stock into the party they deserted in its time of need would be as impolitic and unwise as to invite Spanish prisoners on their way to Spain to return and join General Shafter's army. The issues of the coming campaign are now clearly defined. Our only safety is to stand firmly and united by them.—Erasmus Shaw.

The War Taxes.
Probably many druggists will have to be content to make smaller profits, and so also will the dealers in tobacco. The duty on tea will be wholly borne by the consumer. The tax on sugar refineries and oil refining can be shifted on to the consumer, and the banks will probably charge their depositors for checks used. The class least affected by the new law are the landlords who live upon interest and those who live off the profits of others' toil. They will pay but little more than the day laborer. Such schemes of taxation are unjust and are therefore unpopular. The provision of the bill is that which provides for the coinage of silver bullion in the treasury. This injures no one and adds to the volume of currency.—Santa Clara News.

A Pretty Effect.
New York Sun.
An illuminated sign on a store up town spells the name of the proprietor in letters outlined by electric lights and is lit up and then made dark again automatically. When the sign begins to shine out, the electric bulbs at the left are the first to appear, and then the illumination follows the name out. \$3 a day is the course of the pen followed that "the" in the name is not dotted with its electric dot until the last flourish at the extreme right of the name is lit up. Then, with a perceptible interval, the course of the "the" in the name is carried back, the dot on the "y" is made and shines out and the whole name appears.

There is Time.
Old Lady (with little girl, excitedly) When is the train due?
Mother—In 2 hours and 40 minutes, ma'am.
Little Girl (with a sigh of relief)—Oh, grandma, I am so glad we're not too late!

Job Printing.
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State Officers Paid in Pelts in 1788.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., Independent Banner.

Probably few people today know that the original name of the State of Tennessee was Franklin, or that in 1788 the salaries of the officers of this Commonwealth were paid in pelts, but the following is a correct copy of the law:

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Franklin, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That from and after the first day of January, 1788, the salaries of this Commonwealth be as follows, to-wit:

"His Excellency, the Governor, per annum, 100 deerskins.

"His Honor, the Chief Justice, 500 deerskins.

"The Secretary to His Excellency, the Governor, 500 racoon skins.

"County Clerk, 200 beaver skins.

"Clerk of the House of Commons and 200 racoon skins.

"Members of the Assembly, per diem, three racoon skins.

"Justice fees for serving a warrant, one mink skin."

To Revolutionize Telegraphy.
The Crehore-Squire Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 to conduct a telegraph business. The promoters of the new company state that they will adopt a new system, invented by Messrs. Crehore and Squire, which will revolutionize telegraphy.

"We expect to put up wires throughout the country," said Col. Albert E. Squire, one of the inventors of the system, "and in a short time the present system will have become a thing of the past. Our invention is called the 'sign-wave' system. We have sent as high as 4,000 words per minute by the system. It was tested by the government about six months ago.

"Over 3,000 words were sent at that time. The receiving instrument prints the message out on paper."

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Misleading Scheme.
A company styling itself the "Model Bicycle Company, of New York," has been sending out circulars advertising that a wheel would be sent to any address on receipt of \$3.85. Each bicycle was to be accompanied by a "smokeless bicycle lamp, an electric bell, a cyclometer registering 10,000 miles and a nickel plated stand." The bicycle was described as "a perfect after one hundred dollar machine."

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TAKING THE CITADEL.
In war when a town is taken by storm there is no use in merely capturing the citadel or fortifications. As long as the enemy holds the citadel the town is not conquered.

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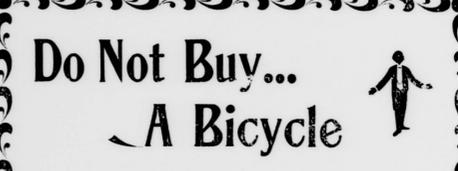
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