

PRESENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

Let no one be deceived nor turned from the truth by the many side issues switched in by the opponents of the legislation sought by the Alliance and Industrial Union. It has taken years of struggle and toil against an unyielding and relentless state of affairs, to bring the plain people to an awakening sense of the hopelessness of their position, and the almost unanimous uprising, and demand for legislation for the people as a body as against favoritism for the few. Nothing but the fierce struggle to stem the increasing tide toward pauperism and bankruptcy; nothing but closer and closer economy practiced to hold on and over till better times should come and the final awakening to the fact that better times could not come and were not coming until they were made to come by an intelligent discernment of the causes of the disastrous times, and an intelligent remedial legislation.

We do not pretend to say that we have naturally any more perceptive faculties as a class, than our more favored citizens of the wealthier East, nor that any greater benevolence actuates our actions than would theirs were they in a similar situation. We recognize the fact that the adherents of a single gold standard are citizens of the same country as ourselves. That the speculators, and bankers of Wall Street, are also Americans.

That we mean no disrespect to bondholders, and mortgage owners—as men and fellow citizens—when we speak of them as the "money power," "Wall Street," "Shylock" and other pet names chronicled in our literature. It is not because we are so much better than they that we insist upon a legislation more just and equitable than that, that has characterized the acts of congress, in these many years. Were we money lenders instead of borrowers, were we bond holders instead of bond givers, were we Shylocks instead of Antonios then undoubtedly we also would have kept quiet, and slyly chuckled as our bonds and our mortgages, our gold and currency, and the purchasing power of our incomes was doubled and quadrupled. It is human nature to want to get something for nothing, to double our receipts, with no corresponding equivalent for such receipts. So think not that we lay claim to any greater virtue than belongs to the banker and the capitalist. Stern necessity has compelled us to open our eyes, and we see the lamentable results following a prejudicial legislation.

We demand equality, as far as an opportunity for the lender as for the borrower. Should we, because we have the power, so legislate that equally unjust enactments should be made in favor of the debtor class as have been made in favor of the moneyed class, such enactments could not stand because unjust and wrong can never be concealed, they belong not in the attributes of the Creator nor will He allow them to remain in His universe. But based as we believe upon the eternal principles of right and justice and equality we make the demands for legislation that will enable a debtor to pay his debt in a currency of the same value as that which he borrowed, and not over twice or three that value, that will enable the creditor to be paid in a currency of the same value as that he loaned, and not one whose purchasing power has been diminished by two or three. We believe that a general distribution of the wealth of the country is far preferable to its hoarding in the hands of a few, and abject poverty of the many.

We believe that the United States should be a nation of homes owned by its millions of citizens, and not an aristocracy of landlords and herd of menial tenants. We believe that the general good is paramount to individual wishes, we believe that the general intelligence, the general prosperity and happiness of a people are to be sought and legislated for, than that any individual class should be favored. Believing as we do we make the demand as has been set forth in preceding articles.

We do not claim to be infallible as to the results that will follow, all the legislation demanded. It were foolish to do so. But supposing mistakes are made? Is it any more than has been seen in the legislation of the past twenty-five years? Supposing that in the re-instatement of our currency to its proper place, as a medium of exchange, and not an article of commerce, and in putting in circulation an adequate amount thereof, that the purchasing power of the "dollar" is lowered until upon an average it represents one bushel of wheat in the hands of the producer,

and some creditor is paid off in this currency with a purchasing power lower than that which he lent? Is it any more than has been supposed by the debtor class for the past ten or fifteen years?

To arrive upon a basis of equality and fairness for both debtor and creditor class, must needs produce some hardships, must cause some inequality.

The ascending path is not so easy as the descent has been. As the debtor class has borne the hardships of a constantly decreasing circulating medium, for years past, so must the creditor class take their turn in bearing the loss incident to a constantly expanding volume of currency until it arrives at a figure per capita that experience shall dictate to be enough to easily transact the business of the country, but it should be borne in mind that the loss incident to an expanding currency upon the accumulated dollars, is less harmful in its results to the creditor class, than the loss that has been borne by the debtor class. That the Alliance and Industrial Union are striking at the root of the matter, and unearthing the whole scheme carried on so long of class legislation, may we know from the rigorous opposition with which the demands are met.

The money power has held control so long that it does not propose to yield an iota of its prestige. It has not been used to considering any but its own wants and advantages, and every objection of every kind and nature, some with a grain of truth and some with none are thrown up to prevent the enactment of legislation in harmony with the Alliance demand, and to blind the people to the clear discernment of the central truths.

As was stated at the outset, be not deceived. Be satisfied with nothing but free coinage or none. Every limitation put upon the full legal tender qualities of silver or silver certificates, means just so much opportunity of speculation in what should be freest from it. We must remember that money in its best and truest use is not an article of commerce. It is like the public highway for use, not for tolling purposes; for the public good, not for private gain; and because of its scarcity, and deviation from its proper use, and manipulation for private gain, a great system of credits has grown up in the small as well as in the large matter of life that is likely to overwhelm the country with financial disaster. We believe that it is the provision of good government to furnish a proper amount of money per capita, that will easily transact the business of the country, and then to compel its use in those transactions. Supposing the law made the minimum amount of indebtedness collectable by legal process the sum of one hundred dollars, thus compelling a cash basis in the ordinary affairs of life? Can any one limit the beneficial results from such limitation of credit, and return to cash basis? Let us first get the proper amount of currency and then compel its use, while honesty would then be a compulsory virtue, it would nevertheless be a virtue, and its beneficial results would be wide spread.

JOHN PLOWMAN. Alliance Tribune, Topeka, Kan. Now that the Farmers' Alliance and kindred organizations have decided to place a People's ticket in the Kansas field and call upon all lovers of good government to support it, the battle will begin in earnest. The Republican and Democratic press will assail and malign the candidates and the leaders of the new movement, denounce them as agitators and perhaps anarchists, but those who stand up and demand the liberation of the industrial classes are determined to make the fight for humanity, for home and country, and the cry raised by old party pirates will not avail. With the knowledge that fourteen hundred families in Kansas are being driven from their homes each week by order of the shylock, the people realize that something must be done to relieve the debtor class, or all will soon share the same fate. The demands of the People's party will not be extravagant, but would have been good Republican doctrine in the days of Abraham Lincoln, and there is nothing in it but plain, simple justice for the farmers, laborers and business men of the country. The St. Louis demands will be the platform. Let every man who loves his country study them well, then vote as his conscience dictates, regardless of the party whip.—Alliance Tribune, Topeka, Kan.

South Dakota has the honor of leading off with an independent Alliance ticket for all state offices. It declared in the strongest of terms for prohibition, national as well as state. The Prohibition party will be satisfied with the Alliance ticket. They don't do things half way up there any more than in Kansas.—Alliance Tribune, Topeka, Kan.

INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION THE ONLY WAY OUT.

There can be no doubts whatever that the full and complete success of the Grange movement was a failure because it hedged itself in as a non-political organization, and refused to administer heroic treatment in its palmy days to the disease—then in a less virulent form, that now afflicts the country.

That organization spread over the country, and in an educational way has done a great deal of good, but it lacked the vital principle necessary to success, and went down. This organization did not meet the needs of the hour.

Then came the Knights of Labor, and it made the same mistake. While this organization has been more aggressive than the Grange, until recently it has been so conservative that its influence—though powerful as an organization, has had but little weight in shaping the legislation of the country. These two organizations have done an educational work—sown the seed that is bringing into prominence the Farmers' Alliance, to which was reserved the work of taking the initiative in independent political action—going directly to the root of the disease.

The Grange, the Knights of Labor, the Alliance and all other labor organizations have ever and still bear the cry, "Don't go into politics!" "Keep out of politics!" etc., etc. Universally this advice has come from the politicians, who, if it was in their power, would sink every labor organization in oblivion. This cry has been taken up by thoughtless and foolish farmers and laboring people, who did not realize that they were simply playing into the hands of their enemies. There are—after all these years of fooling the people, too many of the same kind of fooled fools left.

The people have been fooling away their precious time for years in "throwing grass," and like the "old farmer" in the story of "the boy in the apple tree," they have simply been "laughed at," but we are glad to note the fact that "stones" will be the missiles of the future instead of "grass." Even this early in the campaign it is clearly demonstrated that independent political action is to be the rule. The Alliance and Knights of Labor under their mutual agreement for co-operation are leading out boldly, and are encouraging other industrial organizations to take hold and lend a helping hand.

In North Carolina, Nebraska, South Dakota, Georgia and Kansas, steps are being taken to put up state tickets, and all over the country congressional, legislative and county tickets are being suggested by the labor organization.

How the politicians are howling! They are quaking in their boots! They see in this independent people's movement their downfall! To them it is the "hand writing on the wall!" Then how tractable, how kind, how patronizingly friendly some of the politicians are becoming!

Then again, how some of them are scheming, plotting and lying in their efforts to head off this people's movement! We rejoice at their discomfiture, and can laugh at their calamities.

The whole system of the American body politic is diseased—poisoned by bad and vicious class legislation, and can be attributed to no other source than the policy of the two old parties that are as rotten as hell. No good can come out of them. There is no relief to be found in them. The causes that have led up to the present deplorable condition of our country—paralyzed industries, general indebtedness, unremunerative toil, squalid, poverty-stricken homes among the laboring classes and millions without homes tramping the earth, thousands begging for work—all in a land of plenty, have grown up under the administrations of the Republican and Democratic parties. For years the people have appealed for relief but it has fallen upon deaf ears. Why appeal to anybody to do what you can do yourselves and have the power to do? The absurdity of longer appealing to the old parties seems to be fully appreciated in the minds of many men who, a few months ago were strong partisans in the old parties, but are now earnestly in favor of taking the middle of the road and saying to all parties, "hands off!"

The frightened condition of the politicians clearly manifest all over the country, shows the power and influence of the people upon these rascals when they show their independence. Let the good work go on, and let the cry be "stones now—grass no longer!"—Labor's Tribune.

The course of true love never did run smooth, and it would not be half the fun if it did.

The difference between a suitor and an office-seeker is that one pays court and the other courts pay.

The going out of the tied—the departure of the bride and groom from the church after the ceremony.

Honesty is always the best policy, but all the same, it isn't safe to give many people a fair chance to steal.

First Salsalady: Have you seen Mollie's new fellow? What does he look like? Second Salsalady: Oh, he's just a bargain counter affair.

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Full Well He Laughed.—"Time will prove my client innocent!" cried Squiljig. "Your argument carries some weight with it," observed the court. And Squiljig laughed so heartily that he won his case.

"You never saw such a dog as my Nero! The other day a friend borrowed him to go shooting with. He didn't have any luck, and when they came back Nero actually dragged him to the stand of a game dealer."

The man who does not succeed as census taker is a man of small count.

Getting up a woman's club—raising a broom.

In Lent it is said, New York eats 3,300,000 eggs a day. Something to cackle about, is it not?

Baldness is very serious in Germany. When a woman loses her hair there is always a funeral.

A settler on the Cherokee land who got away minus his clothes says he has had all he wants of the Cherokee Strip.

The Bismark family appears to be wholly resigned.

Every dog has his day and every girl her knight.

Hospitality. "I live up by the canal. If you come that way drop in."

It is a strange fact that a man can best be used as a tool when he is dull.

The most appropriate dinner card is the tray spot.

All work and no play—the ordinary drama.

\$100,000 for \$20. Boston (Mrs) Record, June 9.

Golden fruitage has fallen from the Louisiana State Lottery Company plumb into the pocket of a well-known citizen of Boston. It is Alfred A. Marcus this time, and the plum struck him \$100,000 worth. Alfred Marcus is a familiar figure on our streets, having had extensive dealings in real estate, and he is generally conceded a very shrewd business man. In religious circles he figures as one of the strictly orthodox Jews. He not only has built two synagogues, but in one of them on Church St., he is the rabbi, and there is seen every Saturday conducting the service and reading the sermon. One day last week he paid off the mortgage on one of his churches, which, it has leaked out, was due to his good fortune in securing the plum from the Louisiana State Lottery pie. It seems that a few days previous to the drawing of May 13th, he bought a whole ticket, No. 38,828. He paid \$20 for the ticket, and on the May 13 drawing found his was the lucky number (38,828), and had drawn the entire second capital prize of \$100,000. The next morning going to C. H. Allen of the Central National Bank, the money was sent for and received on Friday, May 23.

"What a cheerful old lady your rich aunt is." "Yes; she never seems to think of dying."

A villainous punster calls his mother-in-law an anecdote, because she is related to him.

In the bright lexicon of youth there may be no such word as fail, but it is very different with Bradstreet's.

Never believe all the good a man says about himself nor all the bad he says about his neighbors.

Overheard in Boston.—"Will you come and have something to eat?" "No, thanks; I don't drink."

A Guarded Answer—How does prison life agree with you? Convict: Well, I am not free to state.

The Wichita, (Kas.) Eagle screams: "What became of carp planted every year in Kansas streams?" and the Kansas City Star hoarsely says ask the catfish.

Dime Museum Visitor: I suppose you have been on exhibition ever since you were a child? Legless Man: Nope I was a Messenger boy for three years.

"Where did you get that hat?" is not one of the regular census questions; nor is the other one: "Is it hot enough for you?"

Happiness never comes when it is sought. It simply loafs lazily in the shade, and lets people tire themselves out hunting for it.

The man who conquers himself is greater than the man who conquers a city, but they both humbly take off their hat to the man able to control his wife.

Grumpy: Pah! Women can never keep a secret. Mrs. Grumpy: Can't eh? Perhaps I haven't guarded the secret that the wedding ring you gave me was plated?

The end of Mormonism—to get as many wives as possible.

In unhooking a catfish: "Hew to the line and fear not."

Avoid whisky and water, my son," said the fond father. "It is a dilution and a snare."

In Boston it used to be meet and drink at the bar; now its meet and drink at a table.

"I hear that your picnic was a swell affair." "It was. We all got stung by hornets."

Poets take in the beauty of nature. Their wives take in washing.

Don't buy a rattle for your baby if you don't wish to be rattled yourself.

The yachtsmen will soon be bothered by summer boarders.

It is the man who is caught "short" that finds how big aches from little ovs-corns grow.

The Leplanders dress in the finest furs. This is what is meant, doubtless by the lap of luxury.

Ladies and gentlemen who monopolize three or four seats in a railroad car with themselves and their parcels are respectfully warned that the big cholera is raging in West Botswana.

A most striking example where insurance was paid in the case of the man who knew it all and wants to tell it.

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It is plain that Alexander was a slave-holder. Wasn't he a great Massa-donian.

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When malaria is in the air it is easy to catch it. The same can hardly be said of the mosquito.

CONFIRMED. The favorable impression produced on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs a few years ago has been more than confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers the California Fig Syrup Company.

Suspicious.—Mr. Ferguson: Mr. Slumby is such a good man! Don't you think so, my dear? Miss Sharpe: Yes; too good to be true.

Young Slimmer (patronizingly): You never enjoyed the advantages of a collegiate education did you Uncle Bill? No; but I was in two or three draft riots enduring of the war.

Peddler: "Buy this pistol, sir?" "What should I do with a pistol?" "Good heavens, man, do you want to live for ever."

Says the Fotherm Medical World: "Mother's Friend" is growing in favor throughout the South and is highly recommended by physicians. We consider it indispensable to those who know they must pass through the ordeal of childbirth. Write Brannell Reg. Co., Atlanta, Ga., for particulars. Sold by all druggists.

A New York man went to sleep and fell from his seat during the progress of a baseball game. Upon this it was reported that interest in the game had fallen off.

The regular monthly drawing of Loteria de la Beneficencia Publica de Zacatecas, Mexico, came off at their building on Plaza de Armas, May 27th, 1890.

Among the lucky holders of tickets were A. H. White, of Washington, D. C., who held fractional ticket number 88,242, which drew Capital prize of \$150,000.00, and H. Prather, of St. Paul, Minn., who held one-tenth of number 3461 which drew \$10,000.00. Mr. Juan Piedra was congratulated by government officials upon his efficient management.

The man who goes out on a lark some times goes in on an ambulance.

A Matter of Interest to Travelers. Tourists, emigrants and mariners find that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a medicinal safeguard against unhealthy influences, upon which they can implicitly rely, since it prevents the effects that an unhealthy climate, vitiated atmosphere, unaccustomed or unwholesome diet, bad water, or conditions unfavorable to health, would otherwise produce. On long voyages, or journeys by land in latitudes adjacent to the equator, it is especially useful as a preventive of the febrile complaints and disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels, which are apt to attack natives of the temperate zones sojourning or traveling in such regions, and is an excellent protection against the influence of extreme cold, sudden changes of temperature, exposure to damp or extreme fatigue. It not only prevents intermittent and remittent fever, and other diseases of a malarial type, but eradicates them, a fact which has been notorious for years past in North and South America, Mexico, the West Indies, Australia, and other countries.

EARLY COMPREHENDER.—American Boy—"Papa, what's an absolute monarchy?" "Papa—"A country ruled by a king whose authority is unlimited. His word is law, and the people must do his bidding. Do you understand?" American Boy—"Oh yes, a sort of a political boss."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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