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laborers are both skinned alive to raise a little money, as they must pay cash for all supplies (having no credit at bank or elsewhere, values being so diminished by the contraction of currency), for taxes, for interest on old mortgages, &c., &c.

And this is prosperity! For whom? For capitalists and their retainers and co-adjutors. The people are its victims, not its beneficiaries; and the natural, logical and necessary sequel to this strained and contrived condition of things is a hurrying collapse and catastrophe that will entail general bankruptcy and universal calamity and misery.

Usurers are betrayers of their country and destroyers of its liberties and those of its people. They work either by force or fraud; and in either case it is the chief crime that men can commit against each other in a condition of association; because it violates the fundamental bond and the mutual faith of man in man, whereby alone peace, good-will and co-operation can be established and maintained upon earth.

Caesar was a usurper and a traitor when he crossed the Rubicon and led his legions against the constituted authorities at Rome; Catiline was a conspirator and traitor when he corrupted and debauched the young men of Rome by his feasts and profligate profusion, and won the idle and lawless by his distributions of food and money; and Brutus was a traitor when he stabbed Caesar, although his colleagues and accomplices were the best men of Rome.

Yet the knaves and fools of the press have seized on the occasion as a demonstration of prevailing prosperity, especially in connection with the ingathering of the great crops of the West and Northwest! The crop gathered, however, there is a great slump in labor; the harvesters are out of work; and the roads are filled with dispersing tramps, seeking work in every direction, and mostly finding none even at thirty, forty and fifty cents a day.

Principles do not alter: although the power of money and combination has become so great that they arrogate supremacy over all natural laws and claim the prerogative to repeal or amend them, at their own sweet will. Even the Washington Post desires to know if the long established and accepted principles of political economy have undergone a change of late?

Opinions are temporary, but principles are eternal, and when men set up their opinions in defiance of principles, they may achieve a brief vogue and success for their views; but their speedy overthrow is sure. Man only is the author of opinions; but God Himself is the everlasting source of principles, and they cannot fail.

Competition, free, honest and intelligent, assures us the best article at the cheapest rates and greatest profusion, gives scope to capital and enterprise, employment to labor, and fair returns to all engaged in the open exchange and interchange. Admit monopolies and exclusive and repressive combinations, for the special behoof of a few, and at once both production and consumption, enterprise and labor, become the thralls of the monopolists and combiners, and all freedom perishes, even if we impute the most generous and charitable motives to those who thus become the absolute masters of the community; and freedom does not consist in any man's, or combine's, mercy, sufferance, or allowance, but in every man's equal right and opportunity to choose, to do or not to do, to be or not to be, to enjoy or suffer, within the scope of his capacity and the provision supplied by nature and the common free competition of all.

Under any other system, except the competitive, men become the slaves of a despotism or oligarchy, or the machines, or automata, of a stagnant and suppressive commission, or socialism, or the victims of an anarchy, or a lawless condition of strife, in which brute force and cunning rascality are the rulers of all. This is self-evident. Where there is no competition liberty is impossible, and there can be no prosperity but for monopoly, and to that communism or socialism is preferable as they are for all; yet under neither of them is individual prosperity and personal liberty possible—all being in common.

The above elegant extract is taken from the Marquis de Fontenoy's letter of foreign gossip in the Washington Post, and is part of the description by that lady of Lord Lansdale's stables. The bedding of wheat-straw, "neatly platted at the edges, in colors of yellow, red and blue, with woven ribbons," strikes us as quite enough to make a horse laugh. The rest of the paragraph speaks for itself.



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JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing amendments to sections 1 and 2 of article 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, and providing for publishing said amendments and certifying the same to the next General Assembly. [Approved March 9, 1899.]

1. Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates (a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses agreeing thereto), That the following amendments to the Constitution of Virginia be, and is hereby proposed and is hereby referred to the General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election of senators and members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence, in conformity with the provisions of section one of article seven of said Constitution, viz: Strike out from the Constitution of Virginia sections one and two of article seven, which are in the following words:

1. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of the county one sheriff, one attorney for the commonwealth (who shall also be commonwealth's attorney for the circuit court), one county clerk (who shall also be the clerk of the circuit court), except that in counties containing fifty thousand inhabitants there may be a separate clerk for the circuit court, one county treasurer, and so many commissioners of the revenue as may be provided by law; and there shall be appointed in the like manner, to be provided by law, one superintendent of the poor and one county surveyor; and there shall be appointed in the like manner provided for in article eight, one superintendent of the insane. All regular elections for county officers shall be held on the fourth Thursday in May, and all officers elected or appointed under this article shall hold office for the term of four years, except that county and circuit court clerks shall hold office for the term of six years.

2. Each county of the State shall be divided into so many judicial districts as may be deemed necessary, and each district shall be known as a judicial district, and shall be known as a judicial district of the county. Each district shall be known as a judicial district, and shall be known as a judicial district of the county. Each district shall be known as a judicial district, and shall be known as a judicial district of the county.

JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing to strike from the Constitution the second clause of article ten and providing for publishing and certifying the same to the next General Assembly of Virginia. [Approved February 23, 1899.]

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