

# INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM

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## NEW AMERICA.

MAN WITHOUT A SOUL.  
(For Industrial Freedom.)

...the greed of man pre-  
...his religion and sense  
...just so long has man sooth-  
...his conscience into an unnatural  
...and life has been made a cruel  
...a period of plunder and out-  
...and hoarding and avaricious  
...instead of the healthy, hope-  
...happy journey the great Creator  
...ended life to be.  
...then build great cities and orna-  
...ment them with public parks and  
...mountains and polished church build-  
...ings, and the glitter of wealth fasci-  
...nates men and draws them into these  
...traps, the same as the lighted  
...and fascinates and draws the  
...through flames fly into its flames.  
...How wisely these city builders plan  
...Nothing is made public  
...free that will pay a revenue, or  
...tooth life. The park and the church  
...the fountain are nice to look at  
...when one's stomach is full, and his  
...body is warmly clothed, but they  
...mean nothing at all to the hungry,  
...ragged, jobless, moneyless man and  
...woman.

The mills and the factories and the  
...railroads and the city lots are not  
...the common and public property—  
...not even the hydrants are free.  
...only the profitless institutions are  
...made common property, and, in the  
...possession of these profitless institu-  
...tions, thousands go hungry and ragged  
...through life, wondering all the time  
...why the Almighty made such a pal-  
...try show of humanity.

...a few years ago the willing  
...find the means of earning  
...in the great cities, and  
...content to draw water and  
...and carry the load for just  
...reward to sustain life and  
...family up in ignorance and  
...following in the father's  
...and wearing his chains.

...has been growing harder  
...year for the honest workman.  
...has crowded him out. Ma-  
...only requires a little grease  
...while the machine  
...made in the image of God" requires  
...meat and clothing and fuel,  
...the only thing left for the labor-  
...man to do is to get away from the  
...cities of the nineteenth cen-  
...these human traps that are set  
...which victims and crush them un-  
...der the heel of greed.

...the oppression becomes too  
...for the little bit of pride and  
...and still left uncruised in  
...bosom of the slave, he  
...about for some portion of God's  
...where he can get access to the  
...and the other natural elements  
...were intended from the very be-  
...ing to sustain life and reward the  
...ing worker.

...cannot go alone. "It is not good  
...to be alone." Man that is  
...by the corrosion of greed, is  
...friendly and loving creature,  
...wants congenial company.  
...made up of many compo-  
...parts. No man can master all  
...different trades and arts. Indi-  
...ally he is only a part of the great  
...called humanity. We work  
...one another, for one another,  
...with a love for one another  
...our hearts, making life a  
...of pleasure, instead of a  
...battle.

...are not born—they grow  
...the system of competition.  
...grow up under the protection  
...selfish government. None but  
...are called upon to serve the  
...in driving the slaves back  
...chains, thus encouraging ty-  
...to grow and prosper in propor-  
...to their brutality and inhuman-  
...ity.

...these petty tyrant tools  
...of an oppressive government that  
...our forefathers to brave the  
...of an angry ocean and the  
...of an unknown wilderness, in  
...of a land where they could get  
...the virgin soil unrestrained.

...these brave men were, he seed  
...planted upon this continent, from  
...which has grown a mighty nation.  
...was it wrong to give them a  
...reason for the people to go on  
...to build up a nation?  
...to build up a nation?  
...to build up a nation?

If it was not wrong then, it is  
...equally justifiable now. The oppres-  
...is ten times greater now than it  
...was when the pilgrims left their na-  
...tive shore and trusted themselves to  
...the waves and to a God of justice,  
...and came to live among savages, in  
...preference to the persecutions and  
...oppressions of a so-called govern-  
...ment.

Some well-intentioned socialists  
...have opposed the colonization plan,  
...and have advised the slow process of  
...voting ourselves back to the soil, and  
...the freedom that belongs to every  
...human being.

But, my brothers, men and women  
...and little children are starving in the  
...accursed cities of plutocracy, and to  
...wait on the slow process of voting  
...men who do not yet realize their  
...wrongs, while these houseless ones  
...starving in the streets, is not much  
...short of entire desertion.

I have always favored the colony  
...plan, though unable to join one my-  
...self, and I hold these brave men who  
...have cast their lot with the fortunes  
...of Equality, as the peers of those  
...liberty-loving men who came to  
...America to brave the tomahawk and  
...scalping knife of the savages, in  
...hopes of building for themselves a  
...home where the oppressor's hand  
...could not rob them of their freedom  
...and the profits of their toll.

True, they have not the savages to  
...fight at Equality, and the wild war  
...whoop of a barbarous people will  
...hardly be heard there during the at-  
...tack that will surely be made upon  
...the working people of this NEW  
...AMERICA; but a wiser, shrewder,  
...more cruel, greed-cursed people are  
...lying in ambush and devising means  
...to crush the independent spirit of  
...those who would attempt to build up  
...a civilization where the stomach of  
...the worker is looked after, as well  
...as his soul.

I am as proud to assist these bold,  
...brave men and women in advocating  
...the cause of humanity, as I would  
...have been to follow after Jesus  
...Christ, working for the same grand  
...and laudable purpose.

I doubt very much if there is a single  
...person in the colony, or will be  
...during the next ten years, who has  
...not suffered hunger and privation,  
...sometime and somewhere during life.  
...Only those who have suffered priva-  
...tions, and felt the pangs of hunger,  
...and have lived and laughed through  
...it all, are capable of suffering in the  
...cause of humanity.

Who but they know the many gaunt  
...and hungry faces that are ever peep-  
...ing out of the shadows, and ever ur-  
...ging them on. Who but they have  
...but to close their eyes and look back  
...into memory and see a mother hush-  
...ing a famishing babe to sleep at a  
...breast where nothing but a burning  
...misery remains?

And the stains of blood and sweat  
...and oppression and wrong they trace  
...out along the ragged path leading  
...back to a lonely cradle that was agi-  
...tated by a mother's knee, while her  
...hands were busy sewing and patching  
...the poor little threadbare dresses of  
...the sleeper—are they not fit to write  
...a new declaration of Independence,  
...and write liberty and justice above  
...every humble door?

McKinley says that true patriotism  
...consists of a faith in God, and a resolu-  
...tion to pay the bondholder his inter-  
...est in gold. I never yet heard him  
...advise any other sort of patriotism.  
...He says nothing about loving hu-  
...manity, and feeding our starving  
...countrymen—not one word.

If there are not better patriots in  
...Equality—better and truer men—  
...than this McKinley, then the work is  
...all a cruel failure, and greed will ul-  
...timately crush out all that is noble in  
...their hearts.

But these pioneers are built of bet-  
...ter stuff. They who suffer and love  
...through it all, are not the butterfly  
...men of plundered fortunes. They  
...are ever the true patriots of every  
...nation under the sun; and this NEW  
...AMERICA will have its soil enriched  
...and moistened with the tears and  
...the hopes and love of as true men  
...as ever came from the hands of their  
...Maker; and liberty and justice can  
...never be rooted out of such a soil.

The April number of Current  
...Thought contains an article on the B.  
...C. C., written by our National Organi-  
...zation, Bro. Candee.

## CO-OPERATIVE COLONIES.

BY BIGE EDDY.

(Written for Industrial Freedom.)

With all deference to Patrick Hen-  
...ry, I believe we may judge of the  
...future otherwise than by the past.  
...To be sure, it were folly to ignore the  
...lessons of the past; but if history is to  
...repeat itself, as conservatives are so  
...fond of asserting, few of us would  
...care to take the trouble to make it.  
...If the future is to contain no grander  
...growth, no enlarged freedom for  
...mankind, then is there no meaning in  
...the words evolution, advancement,  
...progress.

I believe in complete governmental  
...co-operation; in its justice; in its  
...practicability. I do not believe that  
...isolated co-operation is a substitute  
...for it, but do believe it can be made  
...an excellent means to this very de-  
...sirable end.

I believe that, if the promoters of a  
...colony are actuated by the proper  
...spirit, and use good business judg-  
...ment in the selection of a location  
...and the conduct of their affairs, suc-  
...cess is an assured fact.

It goes without saying that the spirit  
...necessary for success along this  
...line is the spirit of co-operation. I  
...cannot conceive of a colony working  
...in harmony and achieving success,  
...the members of which believe in com-  
...petitive strife. When a colony goes  
...to pieces there is no need, as in the  
...Maine affair, for a board of inquiry  
...to determine whether the explosion  
...came from without or from within.

If a colony is actuated by the spir-  
...it of co-operation its chance of suc-  
...cess is in the same ratio to the chance  
...of an individual in the same location,  
...as its collective capital and produc-  
...tive power is to that of his. Yea, and  
...more than this, for both capital and  
...power may be multiplied many fold  
...by co-operation, and waste and fric-  
...tion minimized.

We cannot expect, under present  
...conditions, that any man with suffi-  
...cient capital to purchase labor-saving  
...machinery is going to be satisfied  
...with ordinary wages. But with col-  
...lective ownership, the full value of  
...the product may be returned to the  
...owners, less a sum sufficient to keep  
...the machinery in repair and to re-  
...place it when worn out. A colony  
...properly conducted, need not carry  
...an idle accumulation of property,  
...for its productive power is a bank up-  
...on which it may safely draw, with-  
...out danger of protest.

Its machinery need not rust out in  
...idleness because, for domestic pur-  
...poses, it need have no more than  
...enough to supply the demand.

As to the location of "Equality,"  
...the first in the Brotherhood series  
...of colonies, though I have never seen  
...it, a residence of nine years in west-  
...ern Washington, together with the  
...description given of its site by vis-  
...itors, convinces me that it is an ideal  
...one. Not only is the climate and soil  
...capable of producing the largest pos-  
...sible percentage of the necessaries  
...and luxuries of life, but material is at  
...hand, from which, by the application  
...of comparatively inexpensive machin-  
...ery, articles can be produced  
...which will sell in the markets of the  
...world. Thus the money necessary to  
...purchase the few things which cannot  
...be produced at home can soon be  
...obtained, and the future expansion  
...of the movement be provided for, as  
...the beginning has been, by the "reserves."

The cosmopolitan character of the  
...Puget Sound population is the best  
...proof of the adaptability of the cli-  
...mate to people of all climes and  
...nations.

As to the business management, a  
...careful study of the principles of the  
...B. C. C. convinces me that it is lodged  
...in the only place where so important  
...a function can be safely entrusted,  
...namely, the majority of those con-  
...cerned—the Brotherhood at large.

Internal dissension and jealousy  
...are most to be feared in enterprises  
...of this kind. The equality guaran-  
...teed every member of the Brother-  
...hood should, and doubtless will, elimi-  
...nate this disturbing element.

But best of all, this movement never  
...overlooks the fact that while the suc-  
...cess of its colonies means much for  
...the immediate relief of large num-  
...bers of the tolling masses, yet the  
...grand principle, that of universal  
...and world-wide co-operation, is the  
...one towards which we are journeying

and on which the eye must be stead-  
...fastly fixed. For the sake of the  
...millions to whom relief, if it come at  
...all, must come soon; for the sake of  
...the leavening power which success  
...along this line will have upon the  
...masses and for the sake of the vast  
...work of which it is believed Equality  
...colony is but the small beginning, I  
...hope for the success of "Equality"  
...colony, of Edison, Skagit Co., Wash-  
...ington. It and the Brotherhood  
...movement of which it is yet offers  
...only a glimpse has my best wishes, as  
...it will have my most earnest efforts.

## COLLECTIVISM vs. CAPITALISM.

BY REV. GEO. CANDEE.

When we talk of capital we want  
...in the first place to understand what  
...is meant by capital. It means all  
...kinds of wealth used by men to pro-  
...duce more wealth. It includes a sew-  
...ing needle and everything between it  
...and a Corliss engine; it includes a  
...hoe and a gang of steam plows; a  
...wheelbarrow and a locomotive; a rail-  
...road and a canal—anything used to  
...produce more wealth. Capital would  
...be worthless, it would be of no value  
...unless worked by men. Capitalism  
...means the private ownership of cap-  
...ital—capital owned by certain indi-  
...viduals and worked by hired labor.  
...It involves the whole vast industrial  
...system in competition. The time has  
...come when one capitalist is constant-  
...ly striving to outdo another, when  
...one laborer is endeavoring to beat  
...his fellow. In my own city of Toledo  
...workmen are constantly beset to  
...sell their jobs, to give them up so that  
...some other man, perhaps more needy  
...may have a chance to earn a living  
...for himself and family. Competition  
...is the result of capitalism.

On the other hand, what do we  
...mean by collectivism. It is co-op-  
...eration, the means of production  
...and transportation being owned in  
...common by the men who work those  
...things.

It is absolutely necessary to have  
...capital. Labor cannot make war on  
...capital. You may have been misled  
...by people who do not understand, but  
...capital and labor must work together,  
...just as a chopper must use his axe to  
...hew a tree down. The chopper with-  
...out the axe would be powerless to do  
...his work; the axe without the chop-  
...per a useless implement. The conten-  
...tion is not between capital and labor,  
...but between capitalists and laborers.  
...Now we must have capital; we want  
...it vastly multiplied. We haven't got  
...half enough of it.

Machinery is going to take the  
...place of the great mass of labor and  
...I expect that in another century the  
...machinery of today will be looked  
...upon as being as clumsy in compari-  
...son with the new inventions, as is the  
...wheelbarrow in comparison with the  
...locomotive. What we want is to have  
...the tools of production owned by the  
...men who use them. We don't want  
...to have a few capitalists owning all  
...the tools and land. The Creator cre-  
...ated the land for everybody, and not  
...for a few. There has been a wrong  
...distribution and we are contending  
...that there ought to be equal owner-  
...ship.

Another element of collectivism is  
...that all the capital and land shall be  
...worked collectively by the people, un-  
...der wise management, just as a great  
...railroad corporation is controlled. In  
...the first place it shall be owned, and  
...in the second place worked by all the  
...workers.

When Jesus gave his great com-  
...mandment, it had two branches, and  
...the first was like unto the second,  
..."Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy-  
...self." That doesn't mean that I shall  
...go about hugging and kissing every  
...man and woman I meet, but that I  
...shall live for the benefit of my fel-  
...lows. They are my brothers, all of  
...them. It makes no difference as to  
...what their station in life may be, or  
...what kind of clothes they wear. So-  
...cialism, in its noblest sense, means  
...the betterment of every human being  
...on the face of the earth. We  
...contend that under the socialistic  
...plan there wouldn't be a millionaire  
...upon the face of the earth that  
...wouldn't be better off. They would  
...be relieved from fear that they or  
...their children would ever come to  
...want, and by the thought that there  
...would be no suffering human beings  
...about the earth.

More would be produced and com-  
...petition and waste being abolished  
...every man might become wealthy.  
...And wealth is what makes all our so-  
...cial and intellectual, aesthetic and  
...ethical distinctions. Go and study  
...the genealogy and surroundings of  
...what we call our first families. What  
...makes them any different from oth-  
...ers? The only thing is that they and  
...perhaps their ancestors for several  
...generations were better off than their  
...neighbors.

Then we hold that there should be  
...an equal amount of time contributed  
...by all—men and women—to the com-  
...mon cause. At first they will be  
...obliged to work eight hours a day, af-  
...terwards six hours, and finally when  
...the system becomes more general  
...and perfect only four. We contend  
...that each person shall be taxed an  
...equal amount of time of each day  
...until they come to old age. Then they  
...can draw their pay just the same, and  
...old age will become what it ought to  
...be, the sweetest time of life. Then  
...we contend that there shall be an  
...equal division of all property. Under  
...the competitive system each man who  
...gets rich has got something he has  
...not given an equivalent for. Under  
...this system no man needs any more  
...than he can use. In sickness and in  
...old age everyone would be taken care  
...of and paid an equal proportion of the  
...goods of the socialistic community,  
...just as though he were in active ser-  
...vice. We need vastly more than we  
...have of this world's goods, and if la-  
...bor were rightly directed every one  
...would have more.

All that you could put into any co-  
...operative enterprise is a part of your-  
...self. We are going to dethrone mam-  
...mon and enthrone man.

See what a wretched condition we  
...are in on account of this system of  
...competition. Thousands are dying  
...for the necessities of life because  
...of the competition between capital-  
...ists trying to put things upon the  
...market cheaper than others and put-  
...ting in labor saving machinery, de-  
...priving men of employment and  
...bread.

The average production of a labor-  
...ing man is \$1,845 a year, while his  
...average wages is about \$300. Eighty-  
...three per cent goes to capital, seven-  
...teen per cent to the laboring man.  
...That's about the ratio.

## MEDITATIONS OF A MUTUALIST.

(FIRST SERIES.)

You may look in vain through the  
...dictionaries of a decade or two ago  
...for the term Mutualist. The word is  
...new, perhaps, but by grace of the  
...sporadic apparitions, through civiliza-  
...tion's earlier and unconscious ages,  
...of what is best in human nature, the  
...doctrine involved in the word mutual-  
...ism is not entirely novel. It is said  
...that Socrates and Plato never used  
...the word humanity, but they surely  
...apprehended the human idea, and  
...they were to some extent humanitar-  
...ians in a world that was distinctly  
...non-humanitarian. So, too, the theo-  
...ry of mutualism existed for a long  
...while before the able Dean of the B.  
...C. C. so admirably set forth his philo-  
...sophy of mutualism. The living em-  
...bodiment of perfect mutualism in  
...days of old, was beheld in Christ; but  
...there were mutualists among men  
...even before the days of the lowly  
...Nazarene who went around doing  
...good.

The gospel of mutualism may be  
...summed up in the selfsame words as  
...those that summed up the indivisible  
...one-half of the religion that Christ  
...sought to inculcate—Love thy neigh-  
...bor as thyself. The line of cleavage  
...between modern mutualism and the  
...mutualism of the days of old, is  
...found in the fact that modern mutual-  
...ism lies nearer unto action and far-  
...ther off from mere belief. Modern  
...mutualism does, as modern religion  
...should, put the accent on the act  
...rather than upon the belief; it holds  
...more to a man's conduct than to a  
...man's professions.

What immense fertility socialism  
...displays! But twenty-five years ago,  
...and the native-born socialists of the  
...United States could be counted on  
...the fingers of one hand; now, to esti-  
...mate from the recent elections in  
...Milwaukee, Chicago, Sheboygan, Ta-  
...coma, and elsewhere, the socialistic

vote of this country is about 1 in 20,  
...or over three-quarters of a million  
...votes. In other words, the socialistic  
...strength, to gauge it from the stand-  
...ard of the voting franchise, has gained  
...several thousand per cent. in this  
...country in the last two decades. At  
...that stupendous rate of growth the  
...United States should be absolutely  
...socialized in another decade, and the  
...twentieth century should dawn upon  
...the inauguration of the Co-operative  
...Commonwealth of America.

A citizen of the coming common-  
...wealth, who happens to be a little  
...versed in the lore of the padlock and  
...the turf, gives me the following  
..."straight tip." Socialism is sired by  
...Suffering or Sympathy, out of Knowl-  
...edge or Natural Reason; Industrial  
...Competition is sired by Selfishness or  
...Conservative Superstition, out of Ignor-  
...ance or Timidity. Socialism is a  
...fine young thoroughbred, tipped by  
...the talent to carry off in a canter the  
...great Futurity stakes in the Coming  
...Race; Competition is an augespelt  
...selling plater that will be left at the  
...post or the quarter, or a long shot  
...nag that will be all out at the half  
...and die away and be lost in the  
...stretch. May the best horse win, but  
...ou form it looks like a walkover for  
...the co-operative colt.

Here is a very significant utterance  
...to come out of the mouth of a pro-  
...fessor in a leading university of  
...America. Sidney Sherwood, Ph. D.,  
...Associate Professor of Political  
...Economy, John Hopkins university,  
...in the recently published university  
...monograph on "Tendencies in Ameri-  
...can Economic Thought," closes his  
...seventh chapter (The Individual and  
...the State) with these very significant  
...sentences:

"The entire country has been prac-  
...tically occupied and made accessible  
...to development. Further, the gen-  
...eral industrial revolution has wrought  
...its work, here as elsewhere—steam  
...and electricity have transformed our  
...methods of production and thrown  
...our products into the general mar-  
...kets of the world. Under such cir-  
...cumstances, unrestricted competi-  
...tion leads inevitably to combina-  
...tion. Nowhere in the world has the  
...tendency to great industrial combina-  
...tions shown such vitality as in the  
...United States. If the masses of the  
...American people ever become con-  
...vinced that the only way to preserve  
...equality and freedom of economic  
...opportunity is through the public as-  
...sumption of the industries now man-  
...aged by the trusts, no country in the  
...world will swing into state control  
...with greater rapidity and decision.  
...The logical outcome of the extreme  
...individualistic philosophy in which  
...the American republic was conceived,  
...is state control of industry—as the  
...means of defending the individual  
...against the coercion of overgrown  
...combinations. Some middle ground  
...must be found, if we would save  
...America from socialism."

Save America from socialism!  
...Well, if socialism does not save  
...America from America, where is sav-  
...ing grace to be found? Nay, the lit-  
...tle leaven that leavens the whole  
...body politic of modern civilization,  
...and that will preserve it against in-  
...herent corruption, is socialistic re-  
...form and advance. If the whole mass  
...of modern economics were not soon to  
...be leavened with the quickening  
...leaven of socialistic co-operation, it  
...would corrupt and putrefy against  
...all possible preservation, but social-  
...ism SHALL save it.

The fundamental doctrine of social-  
...ism is inherent in these maxims:  
...Let them that possess, possess; let  
...them that possess, produce; let all  
...possess; that all may produce, and let  
...all produce, that all may possess, let  
...no man monopolize production, lest  
...he monopolize possession, and let no  
...man monopolize possession lest he  
...monopolize production.

Competition makes for the artifi-  
...cial increase of the natural inequal-  
...ity of man with man, and for the con-  
...sequent diminution of human justice  
...and human helpfulness; co-operation  
...minimizes inequality and magnifies  
...the scope and capacity of justice  
...and love.