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Phal A. Hafner.

HERE IS PLENTY.
There is plenty of bread and
meat; plenty of cotton and wool;
plenty of coal and wood.

There is plenty of space, fresh
air and sun-light.

The earth—the large, calm and
patient mother—is inexhaustibly
rich. She is a good mother who
asks for the hand of honest
labor.

There are unused lands, closed
mines, idle machinery, looked-up
shops, wheels that do not turn,
dead fires and silent engines.

There are also jobless men and
idle women anxiously willing to
till the soil, to dig in mines, to
spin and weave, to run the en-
gines, to create wealth—good
things to eat, to wear, to enjoy.

And then there are men, women
and children who need food, cloth-
ing and shelter—who would buy
it if they had means—who would
work if they had a chance.

And here are our own people
eager to consume what they
produce; hungry for the fruit
and grain they raise; naked for
the clothes they spin and weave;
homeless surrounded by the houses
they build.

Let us turn over to the people
the means of production and dis-
tribution and all will have suffi-
cient of the necessities and comforts
to sustain an ample and joyous
life.

A FOUNDATION OF GRAFT
People wonder why public ser-
vants are corrupt—or at least
indifferent to the public good.

The answer should become evi-
dent to all observers.

Under capitalism an officer is
a representative of the system.
It is through him that capitalism
works. And capitalism is just
graft—or theft—under the forms
of law.

The politician who did not
graft would be in danger of ending
his days in the poor house.

When he announces for office
he is "touched" on every side.
First he is held up by the news-
papers of his party. This starts
him out as a "most efficient"
man for the place. Then he is
subject to every form of graft—a
victim in the "hands of his
friend." If he wins he must stop
at nothing.

He is "Touched" by the precinct
routers and the saloons. The
church and charity workers go
after him. He is expected to be
liberal toward all forms of chari-
ty and welfare work. Barbecues
are gotten up and he is expected
to pay for everybody's dinner.
In fact, he is drained from start
to finish.

If he wins he is broke—in debt.
The men who own everything
holds his paper and, therefore,
own him.

He, very naturally, wants to
go the gates of the "best" peo-
ple. This requires money. And
he must get it—somehow.

Many temptations are thrown
in the way of a public official
and the one that does not yield
is the exception.

How can you expect an official
to refrain from grafting when
everybody has held him up?

Graft is the root of our system,
and until the system is removed
graft will remain.

ONLY JUSTICE NEEDED.
By Rev. Alexander Irvine.

I want a social order in which
every child shall be heir to all the
resources of comfort, growth and
education which the world af-
fords. I want no human being to
suffer the miseries and wretched-
ness that has been crowded into
my life. There is enough for all—
why not be wise enough to see
that an equitable distribution be
made?

CHILD LABOR.
By Carlotta Perkins Gilman.

No fledgling feed the father bird
No chicken feeds the hen—
No kitten mouses for the cat,
This glory is for men.

We are the wisest, strongest race
Loud may our praise be sung—
The only animal alive
That feeds upon ITS YOUNG!

The Doctors of Divinity can
picture up a mighty nice heaven
for the good—one that it seems
anybody would be glad to go to
at any time. But when Mr. Doc-
tor of Divinity is threatened with
a voyage into that sweet beyond
he tells you so much about, he
sends for a Doctor of Medicine to
save him.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
Lost.—Between Morley and Oran,
during the latter part of April,
an L. C. Smith gun-barrel. Re-
ward. Albert Bollinger, Benton.

For Sale.—A dwelling house and
lot in Benton. For particulars
apply to R. M. TIRMENSTEIN,
at Postoffice, Benton. 20-ft.
For Sale.—A large, two-story
frame building opposite Court
Square—the property of Miss Cleo
Freeling. Suitable for residence
or hotel. In good condition. S. J.
Wade, Benton, Mo.

For Sale or Rent.—A lot 100x
120 feet, with good two-story
business building on it, in New
Hamburg. For particulars see
17 A. L. HAHN, New Hamburg.

Read the unmuzzled Kicker.
J. FRANK GRANT,
LIVERY AND FEED STABLE.
VANDUSER, MO.
Rigs furnished at all times for
drives into any part of county.

HERE AND YONDER.
P. E. Daugherty and his nephew
Harry Finley of St. Louis, were
here Friday. Harry is the son of
Wm. Finley, formerly of near
Commerce, and is a young law
graduate. He will try to recover
on the insurance policy held by
his uncle, E. M. Daugherty, who
drowned himself in the river a
few weeks ago.

J. O. Hess of Oran encloses a
dollar and writes: "Of course I
need the Kicker. I find it the
most wide-awake paper I read,
and when I read it I feel that it
is facts and not visionary dream
work. Long may the Kicker
flourish."

A blushing couple entered the
Kicker office Friday and on
inquiry it was learned that their
names were F. A. McGates and
Mrs. Mary Dayton of Crowder,
and that Rev. Taylor had just
made them one.

Lightning last week killed two
mules belonging to the Johnstone
Land Co. near Cary, and a tree
fell on a cow of J. W. Farris's
and killed her.

A little blacksmith was born to
Mr. and Mrs. Sifton Sunday.

Miss Julia Wade is visiting in
Cape Girardeau.

W. A. Lee of Oran was in Benton
Monday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG
Mike Dirnberger and daughter,
Miss Zita, went to Bell City Sat-
urday. Mr. Dirnberger returned
Sunday, but Zita will stay with
her sister Mrs. Albert Vetter.

Jacob Stehr and family of Oran
spent Sunday with the family of
David Stehr.

Miss Mary Herbst of Cape spent
a week with her cousin Mr. and
Mrs. Leo Grojean.

A daughter was born to Mr.
and Mrs. John Hahn Saturday.

Otto Diebold and Theodor Kei-
fer were at Kelso Sunday.

Of course it would never do to
let Gen. Villa carry out his an-
nounced purpose of restoring the
land of Mexico to the people of
Mexico and quit handing over the
surplus products to foreign and
native landlords. What are those
ignorant gossamers for but to pro-
duce wealth for the better class?

To let a thing like that happen
right under our nose might wake
up the intelligent, free-born
American work-mules.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Schlosser and
baby of Randles spent Sunday
and Monday with the family of
Louis Kihloefner.

Mrs. Martin Bischer and daugh-
ter, Miss Emma visited the family
of George Glaus at Sandy Woods
last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stehr enter-
tained a number of friends Sun-
day.

Philip Harness is bartender for
J. V. Bandy at Chaffee.

Virile Heinball who is working
for Louis Gosche, visited home
folks at Oran Sunday.

John Schlegel Jr. and Leo
Blattel autoed to Cape Sunday.

A child was born to Mr. and
Mrs. John A. Scherer and was
baptized Sunday. Henry Compass
and wife stood as sponsors.

Leo Schlitt from Randles at-
tended church here Sunday.

Willie Legrand thrashed 271-2
bu. of wheat to the acre on the
John Kihloefner farm.

Philip Westrich, Leo Glaus and
Louis Glueck are building an addi-
tion to Frank Legrand's house
near Kelso.

There was a dance at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. John Linhart
last Wednesday night.

FROM KELSO
What's the matter with Leo
Pfefferkorn that he is making
regular trips to Chaffee and Kelso
can any of the girls tell.

The 15-months-old child of Mr.
and Mrs. Louis Burger, died of
summer complaint, and was bur-
ied here Saturday.

The Misses Rosa and Lena Hal-
ter of Benton are staying with
home folks a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Essner of
Benton visited her sister, Mrs.
Leo Dohogne, Sunday.

August Halter and several other
of Kelso went to the swamps
fishing Tuesday.

Otto Diebold of Benton spent a
few hours with the Kelso boys
Sunday.

FROM ORAN.
About mid-night Saturday night
as Mark York was going home
from his pool room, he was held
up by two men and relieved of fif-
teen dollars. Next-day Clyde Bos-
ton was arrested on suspicion by
Marshall Hull and confessed, im-
plicating Louis Ates as his com-
panion. Both were taken to Ben-
ton jail. Ates was in jail last
spring on a charge of carrying a
pistol, but the evidence was in-
sufficient to convict him.

The drought is beginning to
hurt. Lots of corn has not been
planted and now, even if it rains
it would be very late. Others
who planted got a poor stand.

Farmers in the hills are having
trouble getting water for stock
and threshing machines. But the
farmers will soon have the pleas-
ure of hearing the spell-binders
tell them how fortunate and pros-
perous they are.

As threshing progresses, the
bumper wheat crop the newspa-
pers of the grain gamblers told
us about does not materialize.
But they say they have it over in
Kansas, and in Kansas they say
it is over in Missouri. Anyway,
we are getting 67 cents per bush-
el. If all signs do not fail we may
expect plenty of public sales soon.
The corn crop is not very prom-
ising.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Enderle,
who live on their farm east of
town, brought their two-year-old
daughter here last week for
treatment. The doctors pronoun-
ced the affliction infant paralysis,
a disease of which very little is
known here but is said to be ser-
ious.

The Smith & Crader grocery
business has dissolved—Mr. Smith
buying the interest of Mr. Crader.
Smith will conduct the busi-
ness at the old stand, while Crader
will seek some other occupa-
tion.

Silas White, candidate for county
clerk of the Democratic tick-
et, was here Saturday.

Robt. Ward, who wants Joe
Russell's place spoke on the
streets here Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Metz and children
of Jonesboro, Ark., are here on a
visit to relatives.

The wet and dry proposition
does not seem to have caused
much stir here.

Joe Merit of Morley and Reece
Allen of Benton were here Monday.
Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

PUBLIC SALE!
Thursday, July 23, at the Wm.
Uelsman farm, three miles south
of Illmo, on the Commerce and Ill-
mo road. I will sell two good 8-
year-old work mules, a six-year-
old brood mare, good binder,
mower, harrow, farm wagon, bug-
gies, plows, harness, wheat drill,
cultivator, range stove, oil stove
and many other household and
farm articles.

Terms—\$5 and under, cash;
over \$5 a credit of 6 months will
be given, purchaser giving 8 per
cent note with approved security.
A discount of 4 per cent on sums
over \$5. Gustav Hilleman.

FROM MULLINS ISLAND
Mr. and Mrs. James Derington,
of Cape Girardeau, are visiting
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A.
Evans.

Miss Lora Evans and her broth-
er-in-law, J. W. Derington, vis-
ited Mrs. Mary Williams Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Campbell, of Chaffee,
visited her daughter, Mrs. Bertha
Williams, last week.

Mrs. Beulah Smith also N. Dabbs
have been very sick, but are im-
proving.

Dock Shirley and wife moved
from the Island last week.

Mrs. Sarah Evans is visiting her
daughter at Morehouse.

Mrs. Ida Anderson is very sick.

Patronize the paper that tells it
just as it happened. \$1 a year.

FROM FORTFELT.
This end of the township must
keep up with Chaffee in increas-
ed population, and Ansell seems
to be taking the lead. Twins
were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mir-
onax and Mr. and Mrs. Joe God-
lieb, all of Ansell.

John Croker, who was in Jack-
son jail charged with shooting a
negro was released on bond Tues-
day.

Frank Schwepker of Cape passed
through here on his way to
Kelso, where he sold his house to
Adam Burger for \$750.

Mrs. O. W. Hartle has sold her
home here and has gone to Miller-
ville where she is negotiating for
a farm.

John Amos, our Marshal, has
small pox and his house is quar-
antined. Joe Bollinger is acting
marshal.

Geo. Schroeder went to St. Louis
Saturday returning Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Vogis and children
are visiting at Gordonville.

FROM ILLMO.
Our people witnessed by the
destruction of fire four frame
dwellings here Saturday night.

The origin of the fire is not
known. The houses were all in
a row and started at the Buck
Kelly residence next to the cala-
boose. The other houses were
owned by R. A. Pellett, Frank
Beggs and Mrs. Lemmons. From
the contents were saved. There was
\$2,700 insurance on the four
houses.

Mrs. Joe Pelley was out on a
fishing trip about two weeks ago
and when she returned home took
sick and died Friday night.

Martin Both and Miss Elsie
Lueddecke were married in St.
Louis Thursday. They will make
their home in Illmo.

The ill-fated third parlor at
Fred Obermeyer's old stand was
opened up Monday by Chas. Will.
Claude McRaven, who is study-
ing medicine in St. Louis, was
here visiting his mother Sunday.

For the latest improved fish
stories, see Frank Bean, Bob
Kelly, Davidson and George
Sauer. They claimed to have
caught 138 fish Sunday without
breaking the Sabbath.

Germany Beiswingert and Miss
Daisy Brant, both of Illmo, were
married in St. Louis last week.

Mrs. J. B. Moore, who has been
quite sick, is better.

Mrs. Joe Sprenger, of Illmo was
very sick but is improving.

Mrs. Frank Arnold visited Mrs.
August Eifert last Tuesday.

Our people are talking of oiling
the streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Romine's baby is
very sick.

August Sprenger was in Illmo
Monday.

Mrs. Andrew Uelsman is sick.

FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
Sunday a nice crowd of young
folks gathered at Dave Sanders
to take a pleasant walk to
Thebes bridge. Among the guests
were the Misses Hilda Uelsman,
Marie Eifert, Nellie Bates, Angu-
sta Eifert, Emma Sander, Lizzie
Bates, Christine Eifert, Edna
Rothrock, Emilie and Alvine San-
der, Paul Charley and Walter El-
fert, Gustav Sander, Walter Uel-
sman, Alonzo Bates, Edd, Eifert,
Hy and Fred Sander, Clyde Whel-
ley, Mack and John Sanders.

George Roth and family, Hy El-
fert and family visited the family
of August Musbach Sunday eve-
ning.

George Roth and family and
Miss Alma Hilleman visited the
family of Casper Eifert Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wray, of Ill-
mo, spent Sunday with their
daughter, Mrs. Dave Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Musbach
spent Sunday afternoon with Hy
Eifert.

Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

FROM CHAFFEE.
The German-American bank has
evolved into a trust company
with a capital stock of \$1,
000,000. The board of directors
are S. A. Ruch, F. W. Loy, J. W.
Ingram, R. W. Finley, Etwood
Alley and W. V. Miller of Chaffee,
and J. A. Finoh of Fortfelt.

Dr. Walling has bought the res-
idence of F. W. Loy. Mr. Loy was
one of the original Chaffee boom-
ers, but has disposed of his real
estate holdings here and will
move to St. Louis.

The residence of Henry Hibner
in the west part of town was de-
stroyed by fire. Both Mr. and
Mrs. Hibner were absent when
the fire broke out and the origin
is not known.

Mrs. J. L. Johnson and two
daughters have returned from the
St. Louis hospital, where they
have been since the Frisco ac-
cident at Moccasin Springs a few
weeks ago.

A big boy was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Hobbs last week.

Chaffee is to have a two days
plenic July 17 and 18.

W. Kirkendall is in Hot Springs
taking baths.

ARTHUR ROBE
A terrific hail and wind storm
swept over the county south of
Morley Thursday of last week.

Trees and telephone poles were
blown down and considerable
damage done to corn, cantaloupes
and watermelons. A house on the
land companies place barely es-
caped the fury of the hurricane.

Rev. J. L. Dorris, the Methodist
pastor is unable to be up yet, he
has been sick for several weeks.

Mrs. Joseph Fortis and daugh-
ter, Mrs. F. M. Murphy, visited
Mrs. W. W. Bray Sunday.

The greater part of the wheat
raised in this section will be
threshed this week.

Dr. P. S. Tate and family have
been on an extended visit, but
the doctor has returned.

Robert Murphy is threshing for
David Lynn. Mr. Lynn has 500
acres of wheat.

Miss Ruth Rowe, of Charleston,
visited relatives here Sunday.

J. J. Hunter and family went
to Richwoods Tuesday.

Watt Coleman made a business
trip to St. Louis this week.

Dr. J. W. Trisler was in Rich-
woods Tuesday.

Don't let the good clothes that
cover a worthless carcass deceive
you. He is tailor-made.

PUBLIC SALE.
Wednesday, July 29, on the Cas-
per Roth farm, half mile east of
Illmo, beginning at 9.30 a. m. I
will sell at auction a 3-year old
mare, a 3-year old horse, a two
year old horse, two mules, three
cows, a brood sow, eight shoats,
Milwaukee binder, Deering mower
hay rake, one-way disc, a wheat
drill, corn drill, a Chatham wheat
fan, a farm wagon, road wagon,
spring wagon, two Blount plows,
a sulky plow, a sweep rake, three
acres growing corn, a lot of last
years' hay, household and kitchen
furniture and other articles.

Also an exceptionally good or-
gan which will be sold separately.

Terms—\$5 and under cash; over
\$5 a credit of 12 months—purchas-
er giving 8 per cent note with ap-
proved security. Four per cent
discount for cash on sums over \$5.

G. H. ROTH.

TO PRINTERS.
Having put in a type-casting
machine the Kicker has for sale
several hundred pounds of 6, 8
and 10-point news type in good
condition at a bargain. Also 75
pounds of 10-point mailing type
and other material.

**CHILDREN AND FOOLS ARE
YS ALL.**
By Samuel W. Ball.

There is more than enough
wealth for all. Nature is rich.
There is no homeless wight so
pessimistic as to declare that in
this country there is not enough
for substance, for comfort and
for luxury for every inhabitant
of the land.

Yet at no time in our country,
nor in any other, have the great
masses of population had enough
to eat, enough to wear, nor have
they been properly housed. In
those wonderful Utopias pictur-
ed in fairy tales, perhaps, such
things have been, but not in our
prosperous world or reality.

Cycles come and go, ages of
prosperity give way to ages of
greater opulence, but never has
it been recorded that the chil-
dren of men have been sufficient-
ly housed or clothed. No matter
how barbaric, nor how civilized
revel, while others gorge and
runge in the products of our toil.

One might think that the own-
ers of the earth would be satis-
fied with the contemplation of
our humility and our self-abneg-
ation. But no, they hurl at us
their insults. We are not indus-
trious; we are not economical;
we are not temperate; we are ig-
norant, we are indifferent.

Tollers of the ages, you who
budded these fair cities, you who
till the farms, you who transport
the goods, you who delve into the
dark earth for priceless jewels,
can you much longer remain so
engrossed in the production of
wealth that you will not demand
to enjoy a little of it?

Apply her Kipling cried to us
"Children and fools are ye all."
We have been most of us have
been forced to go without the
necessities for comfortable ex-
istence.

Workers and thinkers, dream-

are and flowers, we have produced
by the thousands. We have given
the best that we had. We have
created wealth beyond our most
extravagant dreams—more than
enough for all. Still most of us
live in want. The novel and the
shoddy and the coarse and unpal-
atable are our portions.

We rise early, toll hard and
long, work day into the night,
with what result? More subsis-
tence.

Self denial, sacrifice, renoun-
cation and contentment with pov-
erty have been our saving virtues.
Virtue demands that we deny
ourselves everything that makes
life worth living, save hard and
unceasing toil. Spirituality re-
quires that we smile in content-
ment in our rage and dirt and
misery.

DIDN'T HAVE THE NERVE.
A town character, who had
been in trouble with the police
many times, was arrested recent-
ly on a minor, criminal charge.
The arresting officer was amazed
when the fellow appeared in Pol-
ice Court with a lawyer prepar-
ed to make a defense. Finally
his case was called and the Judge
asked:

"Prisoner, are you guilty or
not guilty?"

"Let my lawyer plead not guilty
for me Judge," was the reply.
"I ain't got the nerve."

THE PHILANTHROPIST.
From Rochester Post-Express.

"What is a philanthropist?"
asks Gilbert Chesterson. We do
not know just what the British
definition of a philanthropist is,
but over here he is a man who em-
ploys girls at \$3 and \$4 a week
and gets his picture in the papers
every time he contributes \$30,000
to aid in the work of raising the
ethical standard of indigent Hot-
tentots.

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Who earns Bread in the Sweat
of his face should be a patron of
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