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Equal and Exact Justice to all Men, of Whatever State or Persuasion, Religion or Political.—Thomas Jefferson.

THEY ASK FOR BREAD, AND ARE GIVEN A STONE.

Some days ago SECRETARY RUSK sent us a long article, which has since appeared in a number of papers, upon the depression of the agricultural population. We have waded through his long document which is merely a specious plea for the Republican party and a defense of its short comings.

That is his diagnosis of the disease, and the remedies which his party offers. The farmers ask for bread, and he gives them a stone in the shape of insult and a promise of "protection."

Now, in the name of Common Sense, how can the farmer who raises cotton, tobacco, wheat, corn, rye and oats (and these are the chief crops in the United States) get any "protection" when he exports these products?

The only way that the government can protect the farmer is to give him a bounty upon every pound of cotton, tobacco, wheat, oats, etc., he produces as the McKinley bill does upon one product by granting a bounty of two cents a pound for sugar.

Why doesn't Mr. RUSK advocate that? It would give substantial aid to the farmers, and though contrary to the genius of our government and not warranted by the Constitution, it is quite as legal and just as the protection given to the rich barons who have grown fat by protection of their products.

The whole thing is iniquitous; but from Mr. RUSK's standpoint, he ought to advocate giving the farmer an equal divide or "shut up."

The truth of the matter is that the farmers of the West and North are chiefly to blame for the agricultural depression at which they loudly complain. They have steadily voted for their own impoverishment, and now they feel the effects of their policy.

In looking around for a remedy we doubt if they will see that it is to be found chiefly in voting to relieve themselves of the burden of federal taxation which the operations of the Tariff imposes.

Many of them are relying upon borrowing money cheap from the government, upon bounties and subsidies, upon a larger issue of money, free coinage of silver, and increase of pensions.

Some of these would afford temporary relief, and are sadly needed, but there cannot come permanent relief as long as the farmer has to pay a tax of 47 per cent. upon all his purchases.

It is the gospel truth that the farmers day of emancipation will have begun when they realize that the slavery which was ended by the war was not more cruel than is the form of slavery enforced by war tariff.

The farmer needs more money and cheaper money, and is embarrassed for want of it, and the CHRONICLE favors any just and wise plan that will secure this need, but we know that permanent emancipation is to be found in a release from heavy and unequal burdens of taxation, rather than from any provisions of paternal legislation.

tion ought to be reduced. The people of North Carolina pay less than one million dollars a year to all objects of State government. They pay three millions of dollars annually to pension Federal soldiers. All the State, county and city taxation in North Carolina does not exceed \$2,100,000, and yet the taxpayers are burdened with \$3,000,000 annually for pensions.

And in the face of this, Mr. RUSK tells them that they ought to secure a reduction of State taxation. They ask for bread—not the unpalatable stones of partisanship and selfish interests which Mr. RUSK offers them.

THE MONEY QUESTION.

The two greatest events in the history of mankind have been brought about by a successive contraction and expansion in the circulating medium of society.

The fall of the Roman Empire, so long ascribed in ignorance to slavery, to heathenism and moral corruption, was in reality brought about by a decline in the silver and gold mines of Spain and Greece.

And as if Providence had intended to reveal in the clearest manner possible the influence of this mighty agent on human affairs, the resurrection of mankind from the ruin this cause had produced was owing to the directly opposite set of agencies being put in operation.

Columbus led the way in the career of renovation, when he spread his sails across the Atlantic, he bore mankind and its fortunes in his bark.

The annual supply of precious metals—of money—for the use of the globe was trebled: before a century had elapsed the price of every species of produce was quadrupled.

The weight of debt and taxation insensibly wore off under the influence of that prodigious increase; in the renovation of industry the relations of society were changed, the weight of feudalism cast off, the rights of man established.

Among the many concurring causes which conspired to bring about this mighty consummation, the most important, though hitherto the least observed, was the discovery of Mexico and Peru—(their gold and silver mines.)—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

HOME SPUN YARNS.

This is May, and the time for eating oysters has passed. However, a Currituck correspondent of the Elizabeth City Economist, writing in April, writes:

Your correspondent had firmly decided to have nothing more to say about the question, but something occurred this week which shattered the solid firmness of that decision, which was an anonymous epistle in the shape of a barrel of oysters rolled from the deck of the Steamer New Bern, addressed to Mr. T. P. Hall and myself.

Gewhitaker! Mr. Creech; such oysters. I am certain you are not acquainted with, at least not with these particular and individual oysters we speak of. Some of them measured seven inches in length and one measured five inches in width.

But in spite of the size I could worry them down my throat by cutting in several pieces. Not only was the size large, but the flavor was delicious.

Commenting on this, COL. CREECH voices our sentiments when he says, "What! cut an oyster! murder! scab!"

The silliest reason for the depression of agriculture we have ever seen is that given by Mr. A. B. VALENTINE, State Commissioner of Immigration of Vermont. He has compiled a partial list of the several thousand abandoned farms in that State.

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