

TWO VIEWS

There is considerable difference of opinion among republican papers as to the ultimate success of socialism. The State Journal believes that "it is no longer a live issue," while the Outlook believes that it "is irresistible." Which shows that C. H. Gere and Will Owen Jones see things through different spectacles than those used by Dr. Lyman Abbott.

Dr. Abbott uses the term "socialism" in its broad sense, as opposed to "individualism." Gere and Jones have two conceptions of the idea—one, a synonym for anarchy, a sort of black-white or white-black; and the other is confused with the idea of a partisan political organization. In the sense Dr. Abbott uses the term, the people's party recognizes the swing of the pendulum toward socialism and is socialistic to the extent of demanding the public or collective ownership of the means of communication and transportation; but in neither of the senses in which Gere and Jones use the term are populists socialists. Populists do not believe in the "collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution"—and many of those who vote the socialist ticket are not wholly in accord with that demand.

Populism is the golden mean between extreme collectivism on the one hand and extreme individualism on the other. It is opposed to the paternalism practiced by the republican party, whereby the machinery of government is operated for the benefit of a few to the detriment of the many. It recognizes the fact that no highway should be private property; it denies the right of individuals to exercise the sovereign power to issue money "and regulate the value thereof." But it also recognizes the fact that many years must elapse before the idea of private ownership of many lines of industry can be eradicated, if indeed it is desirable that it should be. And it stands as middle ground between the great contending forces of individualism and collectivism, radical and progressive enough to select the good and attainable points of the latter and conservative enough to stand with the former on questions in which change is difficult or undesirable. Populism will eventually win—but under what name, no man knows, and it matters little.

Listen to Messrs. Gere and Jones, and then to Dr. Abbott:

"Some of the debris of the late populist party has been captured by the 'social democrat' leaders, and the consequence is what is called a 'wonderful growth of socialism' in this country as shown by the last election. But there is no change of sentiment observed. The excitement caused by the big labor strikes probably steered the professional politicians of the old pop organization into this connection with the avowed socialists, but they were as much afflicted with socialism and perhaps more, when the socialist party was thoroughly steeped in the heresies of the Ocala and Omaha platforms. Changing the party name has not changed their politics any. But as a matter of fact the bursting up of the pop party and the repudiation of pop principles by the democrats has undermined socialism and it is no longer a live issue.—State Journal.

In 1894 Herbert Spencer wrote to Mr. James A. Skilton, of Brooklyn, a letter on the industrial situation, which was published in the Brooklyn Eagle in 1894 and republished a week or two ago. The letter is as follows:

"Fairfield, Pewsey, Wilt., May 28, 1894.—Dear Mr. Skilton: I believe I wished you good-speed in your enterprise, but I believe your enterprise is futile. In the United States, as here and elsewhere, the movement towards dissolution of existing social forms and reorganization on a socialistic basis I believe to be irresistible. We have had times before us and you have still more dreadful times before you—civil war, immense bloodshed, and eventually military despotism of the severest type. Truly yours, "HERBERT SPENCER."

The Outlook agrees with Mr. Spencer in thinking the present movement "one towards a dissolution of existing social forces and a reorganization on a socialistic basis, and that it is irresistible; but it does not apprehend from that movement any of the dreadful ills which Mr. Spencer apprehends. On the contrary, we regard it as one essentially beneficial and quite in accordance with that law of evolution which no one has perhaps better defined than Mr. Spencer—that is, it is a movement from a simpler to a more complex and from a lower to a higher state of society.—The Outlook.

Judge Smalley's trust cure seems excellent in theory—but how will it work in practice? For example, here in Lincoln the user of gasoline is

robbed of one or two cents each time he buys a gallon of the fluid—could he afford to sue the Standard Oil company to recover the amount? The Standard Oil trust has such complete mastery over the transportation lines that no independent oil company can distribute its goods in competition with the trust. Instead of a thousand petty lawsuits to recover four or five cents damages each, why not secure equal freight rates for both the trust and the independent refiner—by government ownership of the railroads?

William D. Bishop, of Bridgeport, Conn., declares that "three-fourths of the entire vote of the smaller towns of Connecticut are purchaseable" which shows the moral condition of society where the millionaires have run things for the last decade. In answering this charge, some of the plutocratic editors told, unwittingly, a wholesome truth. They say that the purchase of votes has decreased rather than increased, for "the Bryan era was one of awful poverty in the democratic campaign treasury, and there being no democratic money for the purchase of votes, the republicans felt no need of buying them." Think of the six million votes for Bryan and not one of them purchased! Did ever another democratic leader have a record like that?

Under the Sherman act \$2,000,000 of silver was coined per month, but the republicans and Grover Cleveland said that act must be repealed or the country would go "to everlasting smash," that it was a system of repudiation and a good many other things of that kind. Now last month the republicans coined \$2,287,000 of silver, and during October, 1901, they coined \$2,791,488. The average under the republicans has been about three millions a month. What has resulted? Just what the populists and Bryan democrats said would result. With all these things matters of official record, the plutocratic dailies go on sneering about 16 to 1, and the mullet heads believe that the republicans stopped the coining of silver as soon as they got into power.

News of the Week

Free passes have been abolished for all time in the state of Wisconsin. Three years ago the Wisconsin legislature passed a stringent law prohibiting transportation companies from giving, and public officers or candidates for office from receiving, free passes. It is said that the law has been thoroughly enforced, and the railroad companies have been eager to observe it; but it has been unpopular with the class of people formerly enjoying the free-pass privilege. Fear that it might be repealed led the supporters of the law in the last legislature to submit to the people a constitutional amendment embodying its provisions in the fundamental law of the state, beyond legislative repeal, and the amendment has been adopted. That is what ought to have been done in Nebraska. If Wisconsin can do it, Nebraska can. Passes have been used to corrupt everything in this state from the youth in the universities to the judges on the bench, not to mention the clergy.

As happens every four years or oftener the political literati are engaged in discussing the fact that the constitution does not require that the speaker of the house should be a member of that body. It is anything with them to keep the people's attention away from the trusts, the tariff grafters and corporation domination. There is no doubt that the founders of the government intended that the speaker of the house should be a non-partisan, chosen for his eminent ability as a parliamentarian, just as the speaker of the house of commons is and who is never a member of that body. But the thing went astray just as their plan of an electoral college to choose a president did. The speaker of the house and the president in the minds of the founders of the government were to be independent of parties, but the plan did not work out that way.

Stocks continue to fall. The average net loss from highest throughout the list at the New York stock exchange is about \$16 a share, most of this large decline taking place since the elections. The first national bank to "kick the bucket" during this beginning of "liquidation" was the Continental National of Boston, and Wall street is thick with rumors concerning the shaky condition of many of the great financial institutions of Gotham. Speculation has been in the hands of great syndicates with million upon which to do their manipulations. The little fellows learned something in

'93 that they have not yet forgotten. These millionaires "syndicated" speculation just they did the manufacture of steel and it is the millionaires that have been hit to the tune of no one knows how many hundreds of millions. Served them right.

The October statement of exports which was issued last week shows a decline in exports from a year ago of about \$2,500,000, and an increase in imports of \$6,000,000. Imports are now the largest ever known, and for the whole calendar year will nearly reach \$1,000,000,000. What has become of those republican idiots who a year ago were telling us that we could forever sell goods to foreigners and buy nothing in return? When these simpletons were bragging about the conquest of foreign markets The Independent told them what would happen. It appears that just now these same chaps have to deal with a foreign conquest of United States markets.

The New York banks are curtailing their loans, a thing that they must do when the collateral has shrunk so many millions. The loan account of the associated banks shows a decrease of \$5,000,000 which is much smaller than one would expect after so much "liquidation."

There seems to be serious trouble about the reciprocity treaty with Cuba that the president has been trying to negotiate of which the public has been kept in ignorance. At least General Bliss, the great tariff expert, has been dispatched to Cuba in great haste to try to fix things up.

Some of the Methodist bishops who were such enthusiastic imperialists a while ago have become very much disgruntled at Secretary Root and the administration since they have learned that the pope and Cardinal Rampolla have entered on a scheme to control the primary schools in the islands. The New York Christian Advocate declares that the secretary of war has a communication from Cardinal Rampolla which he dares not publish while all the rest of the papers in connection with Governor Taft's visit to the pope have been given to the public. The position of The Independent on that question is, if the people in the islands want the Catholics to supervise their schools, then let the Catholics do it. It is no affair of ours. The constitution don't follow the flag and the separation of church and state therefore is not provided for in the islands. All of which opens up a very ugly question for the clergy of the different denominations to fight over.

The papers are having lots of fun with Watterson just at present. Watterson announces that he is for Gorman for president. Now Henri was the man who originated the doctrine of "tariff for revenue only" and got it put in the national democratic platform 25 years ago. Gorman is a high protectionist and put 900 amendments onto the Wilson bill. Has Henri abandoned his "tariff for revenue" and is he going to Samrandallize himself?

The solid Iowa republican delegation in the present house has been broken by the election of a democrat in the Second congressional district. To guard against any future outrages of this kind it is the present declared purpose of the republican leaders of Iowa to redistrict the state and throw enough strong republican towns into the recreant Second district to make a re-election of the democrat impossible.

Here's one pop who would like to know just how much dependence there can be placed of the reports of the two commercial agencies called "Dun" and "Bradstreet." Last week they made their usual report of the number of failures in the United States and Canada. Dun said: Failures number 266 in the United States against 218 last year, and twenty-four in Canada, compared with thirty-one a year ago. Bradstreet said: Business failures for the week ending number 201, as against 205 last week and 225 in this week last year. For Canada, for the week, 19, against 10 last week.

The arbitration committee on the anthracite coal strike after sitting for a short time has adjourned for ten days. It was announced by both parties that the contest could be settled outside of the committee by the parties themselves. The intimation that a settlement could be made came from the coal barons and the commission advised the contesting parties by all means to arrive at a settlement if they could. What is the meaning of all this? Have the barons suddenly come to the conclusion that they have no case and if the cause was left to

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