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Something Must Be Done.

The principal money crop in the East is, and has been from time immemorial, cotton, and when this crop fails or low prices prevail, then distress and hard-times come upon the people. Since the price of cotton is fixed, not by supply and demand, but by the speculators in Liverpool and the leading exchanges in this country,—leaving the producer to take what may be offered him, then it is time for the farmers to rise up in their might and demand that something must be done. Does the low price of cotton reduce the price of cotton goods? Not a whit. We saw a statement from one of the yarn mills which shows, that with 5 cent cotton these profits are over 100 per cent. It matters not how cheap they buy the raw material, the cheaper the better for them, but the poor farmer is left to drag out a miserable existence, unable to meet his obligations, and with the mighty ghost of debt haunting his every step, with anguish depicted upon his countenance he appeals to the politician for help, and receives the encouraging reply, "all great reforms must be brought about at the ballot box." This ought to be true, but what has the past demonstrated,—more oppression for the farmer, and more money in the pocket of the office holder. Was the government ever more expensive to run, and taxes higher than at the present time? and isn't it a fact that the great bulk of taxes are paid by the farmer, merchant and wage earner, and the bloated bondholder sets at ease and laughs at their calamity.

If reforms come through the ballot box then why in the name of all that is good isn't something done to, relieve the people? Years roll on and money grows scarcer and times harder. Why don't our congressmen enact laws to benefit the masses instead of a favored few? The reasons are obvious, money has become the God of the average politician and about all that concerns him is to pocket his salary. It is true the great majority of the voters are poor people and ought to assert their rights as free American citizens, but when the time comes to vote the country is flooded with corrupt money and many a poor fellow has to go to grab at anything he sees in order to keep starvation from his door.

Something must be done, for the people cannot and will not stand this oppression much longer. There is no earthly reason why the farmer should not

get 8 cents a pound for his cotton, and could do it if proper organization was affected, and stop listening to the deceitful stratagems of dishonest politicians who only want your vote to get office. We admit there are some honest politicians who feel hurt at the condition of the working man, but they are so greatly in the minority that their influence is not felt in the affairs of this government.

A Day of Opportunities.

How often does one hear the assertion that unless a young man has friends of influence to "work him in" or money to buy his way, there is no hope for him to rise in any walk of life. It is not true; it is more than false: it is harmfully false. Skill, know-how and energy were never worth so much as today; brains never before commanded half their present price, and ideas never sold for a third so much. Influence can start a man, but it can't run the race for him. Money may gain him position, but if he be unworthy, his position will be only bought and therefore worthless. Opportunity to-day meets and smilingly greets one hundred young men where it formerly met one. But opportunity never makes men, it only gives them a chance to make themselves. Too many of our young men expect it to force them, when it never does more than invite. It never searches for men, but may be easily found by them. Success depends upon the man, and all he can justly ask of any one else is a chance, an opportunity to make the best job out of himself that the material and the workman can turn out. These chances are today more abundant than ever, more are taken advantage of and more are yet idle. The man who sits about and says "there's no chance for a fellow these times," is a pessimist who sines against the youth of the land.

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I believe that every man or woman that dishonors their parents will have the same returned to them in some way. I once heard an anecdote of a man who was driving his aged father from his house because he did not do just to suit him. The old man had started off, but the weather being very cold and he thickly clad, the son called to him an offered him an old coat that had been thrown aside, but his little son objected and said, "no father, I want that coat to give you when you are old, and I drive you off." The man thought, relented and called his father back. O, that we all may be more thoughtful and kind.

The war has been over for more than thirty years, and nearly as many persons have since died in the United States as lived in the country in 1865; but the report of the Secretary of the Interior shows that 200,000 pension claims still await adjudication in the Pension Office, and he estimates that nearly or quite one-half of them will be allowed.

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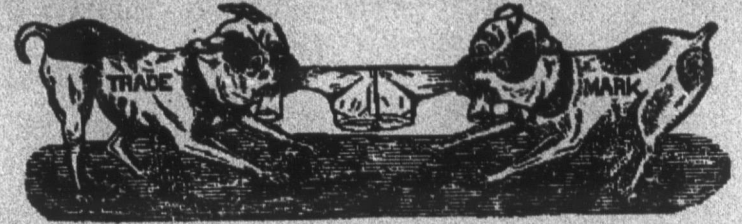
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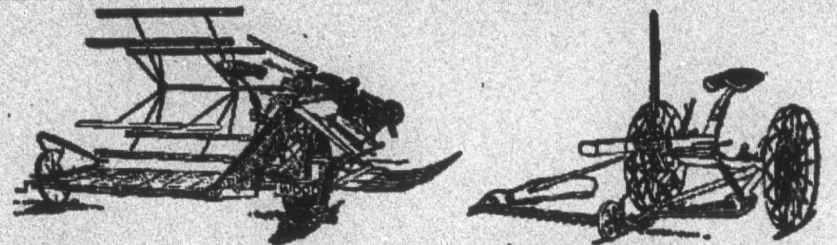
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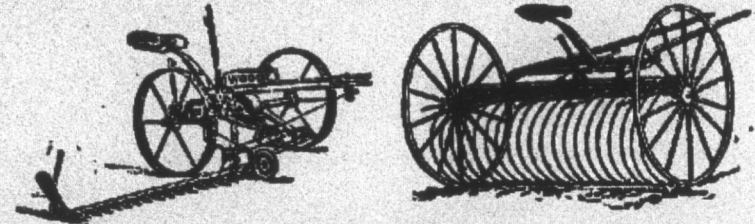
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