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# The Morning Star

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### CRUDE IDEAS.

The economic ideas that have prevailed in the United States among the Republican legislators have been crude beyond comparison. What they have lived for would puzzle them to answer. The world is full of books, and the Northern people have been given in their wealth to much travel, and the inter-communication with Europe has been constant, and still the representative Republican legislator has learned absolutely nothing sensible or valuable in the way of sound principles of political economy. The young men are sent to college, where they are supposed to study political economy. They read the newspapers, are supposed to be very "gumptioned" and to be well qualified to run a school or run a government, and still their views of economic science are more immature and insane than those that prevail in any other country not half civilized.

We do not mean to say that there are not some exceptions. Many of the ablest political economists of this country are Republicans. But we speak of the ruling classes—of that number that are in control of the Government—the legislators and makers of public opinion.

If you doubt the crudeness of the ideas of this class we refer you to the history of this country since 1860. The men who have had control have acted in a way to impoverish and deplete and when there was no necessity for such a course. The Republican leaders have taken counsel with monopolists and have applied a false principle to all their legislation. In private business it is the rule to amass all of the surplus that is possible. The universal commercial principle is to make as rapidly as you can and to pile up just as much surplus as your business requirements can effect.

But before the advent of Republicanism no such principle was applied to Government affairs. The sound statesmen of the past, and of all parties, opposed the accumulation of a surplus. It was regarded as a very censurable and dangerous policy to create a surplus. The true idea was to raise enough revenue for the actual support of the Government and no more, and but for corruption and ignorance among politicians it would be the rule.

How do the great continental nations act? How does that best governed of all European countries act—England? Do her statesmen go to work to see how much tax they can wring from the people and how much surplus they can pile up? If you think so, then you are indeed ignorant. Mr. Gladstone is known to be one of the greatest statesmen in finance that the world has seen.

England never had but one or two statesmen who equalled him. Now how does he go to work as the head of the Government? He cannot just enough tax to be levied to meet the legitimate demands of the Government. He tries to avoid a surplus. He makes an estimate of all needed and probable expenses and he then lays a tax that is sufficient to meet those expenditures. The last idea that would occur to him, or to any Englishman in power, would be to apply mercantile principles and heap up a surplus.

But this is precisely what American statesmanship—so-called—has been doing yearly for a long time. The system of taxation adopted and applied in this country has been ruinous and oppressive and very unwise. What sense or justice is there in piling up annually a surplus ranging from 100 millions to 148 1/2 millions as it was in 1882? No such surplus was required. Why then take all this excess from the burdened people.

Let us do as the English do; make up the budget with reference to positive expenses needed to run the Government, and let not one dollar, if this is possible, be raised beyond it. We do not now consider the way to raise this needed sum. We have often discussed that. The Democrats in the Congress are now fighting to reduce this very unnecessary surplus by about \$30,000,000. This is by the proposed tariff reduction that the Republicans are so bitterly opposing.

There are other propositions to reduce the surplus such as additional pension claims, appropriations for public buildings, constructing a navy and educating the negroes.

True statesmanship will concern itself in adopting methods that will henceforth prevent the accumulation of a surplus. A Government is always corrupt when there is a surplus to be fought over. Put that down as a fact.

### CHOATE-AN ANECDOTE.

Houghton, Moffin & Co., of Boston, Mass., the leading publishing house of New England, will soon publish a handsome large quarto volume entitled "Memories of Rufus Choate." The work is by Judge Nelson, of Brooklyn. The work is said to be rich in the recollections of personal friends of the gifted son of Massachusetts. Among them are the late Matt Carpenter, James T. Fields and George P. Marsh. The methods, opinions, style, &c., of the orator are considered. Mr. Choate was unquestionably a lawyer of a very high grade. He was a giant among New England lawyers, and possessed unusually electrical power as a speaker. His published orations are studies. They possess a peculiar charm and yet as compositions they are curious. No man ever wrote as long sentences probably as Choate did. We remember that in his very remarkable address on Daniel Webster—which was called out by the terrific attack made upon the memory of the greatest of all New Englanders by one of the most original, incisive, acute and eloquent of critics, Theodore Parker—that there was one sentence that covered more than one octavo page.

A work of the kind indicated will be enjoyable. Mr. Choate was one of the most striking figures among the representative men in New England within the century. He had more genius than Everett or Winthrop or Palfrey or Sumner, and in his chosen field had but few if any rivals.

We remember a pleasant anecdote in connection with Choate that may be interesting to some of our readers. Our great man, George E. Badger, was in the Senate. He and Robert C. Winthrop were warm friends. Mr. Choate was to come to Washington to attend to a case of much importance to Massachusetts. A few days before the case was set for a hearing another case that had peculiar claims upon Choate came on for trial in one of the courts of the State. Is much anxiety he went to Winthrop and stated his perplexity, saying that under the circumstances it was impossible for him to go to Washington, and then asked who could be retained among Washington lawyers to attend to the case before the Supreme Court. Winthrop's advice was to give it to Badger. But, queried Choate, "What in the world does Badger know about maritime law? He probably never had a case in his life involving it in the least degree." "Never your mind," was the reply of the courtly and cultivated Winthrop, "give the case to Badger, then go into the Supreme Court room when he argues it, and you will come

to the conclusion that Badger has been doing nothing but practicing in courts of Admiralty all his life."

### VITAL STATISTICS.

The health statistics of the cities are instructive. We have from time to time drawn attention to the death rate in leading American and European cities. We have before us some recent reports that show two results; first that the Northern cities generally show a lower rate than Southern cities, and, second, that the European cities are not as healthful as American cities with but few exceptions.

For four weeks ending the 28th of February, the following averages to the one thousand inhabitants were returned: Burlington, Vt., 9.0; Boston, 21.6; Lowell, Mass., 18.0; New York, 23.9; Brooklyn, 18.9; Albany, 16.0; Rochester, N. Y., 12.4. Rochester has 102,000 inhabitants. Philadelphia, 22.5; Pittsburgh, 17.2; Wilmington, Del., 18.0; Cincinnati, 17.1; Cleveland, Ohio, 13.5. Cleveland has 200,000 inhabitants. Detroit, Mich., 20.1; Chicago, Ill., 16.3; St. Louis, 18.4; Milwaukee, Wis., 15.4; Omaha, Neb., 24.1; Salt Lake City, 24.1; San Francisco, 14.2; Minneapolis, Minn., 22.8; St. Paul, Minn., 21.3; Baltimore, 25.4; Richmond, Va., 23.8; Lynchburg, Va., 36.7; New Orleans, 31.1; Mobile, Ala., 34.9; Jacksonville, Fla., 14.3.

The British and Continental cities for two weeks show results like the following: London, 19.6; Liverpool, 24.1; Glasgow, 25.4; Dublin, 30.7; Manchester, 15.3; Sheffield, 21.9; Edinburgh, 20.1; Belfast, 27.6; New Castle, 21.0; Brussels, 27.0; Cologne, 23.1; Frankfurt, 18.9; Bremen, 21.6; Dantzig, 27.6; Strauburg, 23.3; Nuremberg, 26.7; Madgeburg, 28.8; Amsterdam, 27.9; Rotterdam, 29.1; The Hague, 26.6; Dresden, 27.8; Hamburg, 22.1; Munich, 29.4; Leipzig, 31.5; St. Petersburg, 39.0; Paris, 25.0.

The white death rate of Wilmington, N. C., in the last seven years has not gone above 16 in the 1,000, we think; and it has fallen to about 14 in some years. Wilmington will compare favorably as to its mortality statistics with any town or city on the Atlantic coast.

The Independents in New York have no favors for Blaine. Their organs are after him and his record is being overhauled in the light of day. If this thing keeps on the Democrats can obtain all of their campaign thunder from the Republicans.

### OUR BOOK TABLE.

**HOT PLOUGHSHARES.** A Novel. By Alton W. Tourgee. 610 pages. Illustrated. Cloth \$1.50. Nicely printed and bound. We have never attempted to read but one of the carpet-bagger's stories. We broke down in utter disgust before we had got more than one-third through. His novels are popular in the North because they are supposed to be hostile to the South. We found the one we attempted to read nasty. Whether that quality has anything to do with his popularity we are unable to determine. Tourgee is very smart in his way, and he knows how to make money out of the ignorance and blind prejudice of his people. We were furnished by the publishers with a ready-made criticism of "Hot Ploughshares." It may have been written by the author himself. We did not read it. We look it for granted that it was highly eulogistic of the Judge's intellectual wars. Life is too short to waste over such writers as Tourgee. We had quite enough of him when he was a resident of this State and was slandering and oppressing our people.

**AN HISTORICAL READER FOR THE USE OF CLASSES IN ACADEMIES, HIGH SCHOOLS AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.** By Henry E. Shepley, M. A., LL.D., President of the College of Charleston, S. C. New York: D. Appleton & Company, 1884. This is a new and enlarged edition of an excellent work we noticed at some length when first published. It is exquisitely printed and bound in muslin, and contains 424 pages. The plan of the book is excellent and the execution is above praise. It contains admirable extracts from the acknowledged masters in historical composition, and nearly all of the great names are embraced. It is a delightful volume for home reading as well as for giving a proper bias to the mind and taste of the student. We note that John Richard Green's name is spelled with a final e and incorrectly, and that there are four and not two volumes of Lecky's great "History of England in the Eighteenth Century" that have appeared, as is stated in the brief notice of that remarkable writer. President Shepley is a North Carolinian and a gentleman of admirable culture, ability and taste.

### CURRENT COMMENT.

Over two-thirds of the sum appropriated for education will go to the States named. Their support of the measure was brought in the Senate with \$50,000,000. The temptation was too great. Neither the people nor the statesmen of the States alluded to believe in the existence of the constitutional power in the Federal Government to thus appropriate the money in the Federal treasury. It is contrary to all the teachings and traditions of opinion in that quarter of the Union. But \$60,000,

### THE LATEST NEWS.

#### FINANCIAL.

New York Stock Market—Weak and Lower.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]  
New York, April 17, 11.15 A. M.—Stocks are weak and depressed for Pacific Mail, Denver, Leavenworth, Louisville, Nashville, and Gould shares. Prices declined 1/4 to 3/4 per cent., the latter on Pacific Mail, which sold down to 48 1/2 against 50 1/2 at the opening and 49 1/2 at the close yesterday. Vanderbilt, Union Pacific and Granders are firm. The first call for inactive stocks was made this morning.

#### GEORGIA.

**A Father Confesses to the Murder of His Five Children.**  
[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]  
Augusta, April 17.—Douse, whose five children were found murdered at his home, near Waynesboro, some weeks ago, has confessed the crime. He gives no cause for the deed. He will enter a plea of emotional insanity.

#### ILLINOIS.

**The Peoria Plow Works Burned.**  
[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]  
Peoria, April 17.—The Peoria plow works were burned last night. Loss \$60,000 on building, and \$40,000 on stock.

#### THE DEMOCRATIC BOLLERS.

Washington Post, Dem.

In a house, Democratic by 71 majority, the privilege of considering a revenue bill reported unanimously by the Democratic members of the Ways and Means committee, was granted yesterday by two votes only. Thirty-nine Democrats expressed their contempt for the bill by voting that no member ought to be allowed to speak on it and it would have been summarily disposed of had it not been for five Republicans who joined one hundred and thirty-five Democrats in giving it a place.

These bolting Democrats show themselves by this vote to be, in principal and practice, as thoroughly devoted to the present protective tariff as the extreme among Republicans. It is to be regretted that they have so emphatically set themselves against what now is and is to continue to be the settled and recognized policy of their party on the leading political issue of the day.

Their attitude is in no respect less hurtful and in many particulars more damaging to the Democrats than the recognized opposition of the Republican party.

#### AN UNSTATSMANLIKE OPPOSITION.

New York Herald.

The Morrison bill is a beginning; it has never been claimed for it that it is anything more. It is an extremely moderate beginning, and it is difficult to see how a more moderate measure could be framed. Yet Republicans who voted for the more radical proposals of the Tariff commission, and Democrats who fail to see the opportunity presented for a great and lasting victory over the illiberal and wicked tariff policy fastened upon the country by the war and since maintained by private greed, seem about to deny even a consideration of this bill. This is not statesmanship.

#### Development in Cancer Treatment.

Mr. W. H. Gilbert, Albany, Ga., says: "A gentleman named Moore near this city had an eating cancer on his face, which had eaten away his nose and his under lip, and had extended up until it had nearly reached his eye. The cancer was eating his gums and had rendered his teeth so loose that he thought they might any time drop out. He has been taking Swift's Specific about three months, and its effect has been wonderful. It has driven the poison from his system, his cancer has healed greatly, his teeth have become strong again, and he thinks he has been rescued from an awful death. He is the most enthusiastic man I ever saw."

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### COMMERCIAL.

#### WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, April 17, 4 P. M.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—The market was quoted dull, at 29 cents per gallon, with no sales to report.

[In yesterday's afternoon edition the types made the quotation 29 cents, when it should have been 28.]

ROBIN—The market was quoted quiet, at \$1 10 for Strained and \$1 15 for Good Strained, with small sales at quotations.

TAR—The market was steady at \$1 10 per bbl. of 280 lbs., with sales at quotations.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—The market was steady, with sales reported at \$1 00 for Hard and \$1 75 for Yellow Dip.

COTTON—The market was quoted steady, on a basis of 1 1/2 cents per lb for Middling. Small sales reported. The following were the official quotations:

Ordinary	91	cents 3/4 lb.
Good Ordinary	108	" "
Low Middling	111	" "
Middling	114	" "
Good Middling	117	" "

PEANUTS—Sales reported on a basis of \$1 45 for Prime, \$1 60@65 for Extra Prime, and \$1 70@1 80 for Fancy. Market steady.

#### RECEIPTS.

Cotton	9 bales
Spirits Turpentine	36 casks
Rosin	678 bbls
Tar	119 bbls
Crude Turpentine	67 bbls

#### DOMESTIC MARKETS.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]  
Financial.

New York, April 17, Noon.—Money easy at 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange 47 1/2@48 1/2 and 48 1/2@49 1/2. State bonds dull. Governments unchanged.

Cotton dull, with sales to-day of 170 bales; middling uplands 11 1/2; Orleans 12 1/2. Futures steady, with sales to-day at the following quotations: April 11 7/8; May 11 8/8; June 11 9/8; July 12 0/8; August 12 1/8; September 12 2/8. Flour weak. Wheat advanced 1/4c. Corn 1/4c higher. Pork dull at \$16 62 1/2 to 16 75. Lard firm at \$5 52. Spirits turpentine dull at 28 1/2. Rosin dull at \$1 45 to 1 47 1/2. Freights firm.

#### FOREIGN MARKETS.

[By Cable to the Morning Star.]  
Liverpool, April 17, Noon.—Cotton steady and less active; uplands 6 1/2; Orleans 6 1/2; sales to-day of 18,000 bales, of which 4,000 bales were for speculation and export; receipts 9,000 bales, of which 4,700 bales were American. Uplands, 1 m c. April and May delivery 6 16-64; 15-64; May and June delivery 6 17-64 @ 6 16-64; June and July delivery 6 21-64 @ 6 20-64; July and August delivery 6 23-64 @ 6 22-64; September and October delivery 6 26-64 @ 6 25-64; October and November delivery 6 28-64; September delivery 6 32-64. Futures quiet, with a limited inquiry.

Uplands, 1 m c. April delivery 6 15-64, buyers' option; April and May delivery 6 15-64, sellers' option; May and June delivery 6 16-64, sellers' option; June and July delivery 6 20-64, sellers' option; July and August delivery 6 23-64, sellers' option; August and September delivery 6 26-64, sellers' option; September and October delivery 6 28-64, sellers' option; September delivery 6 32-64, sellers' option.

Good uplands 6 7-64; uplands 6 1/2; low middling 6 1-64; good ordinary 5 18-64; ordinary 5 7-64; Orleans 6 1/2; ordinary 5 1/2; Good Texas 6 1/2; Texas 6 1/2; low middling 6 1-64; good ordinary 6 1/2; ordinary 5 1/2.

Sales of cotton to-day include 12,800 bales American.

Breadstuffs firm, with but little doing. Common rosin steady at 48 3/4.

Uplands, 1 m c. April delivery 6 13-64, buyers' option; April and May delivery 6 13-64, buyers' option; May and June delivery 6 15-64, buyers' option; June and July delivery 6 19-64, buyers' option; July and August delivery 6 22-64, buyers' option; September and October delivery 6 25-64, buyers' option; September delivery 6 29-64, buyers' option.

Talmage, Charleston, S. C., telegraphs crop movement to date: Receipts, 57,092 bbls; sales, 55,217 bbls; stock, 875 bbls. Market steady.

Exports for the week: 507 bbls. Exports from January 1 to 50, 5,262. Exports same time last year: 20, 4,850.

#### Charleston Rice Market.

Charleston News and Courier, April 16.

A fair trade took place at steady values. Sales of about 400 bbls clean Carolina. The quotations are as follows: 4c for common, 5 1/2c for fair, 6 1/2c for good, and 6 3/4c for prime at 6 1/2c; choice at 6 1/2c; Rangoon at 4c; Patna at 5c.

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