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THE REASON WHY,

Why is it that labor is not allowed to enjoy the wealth it creates? Why is it that the laws of this and any other country are made in the interest of property and the expense of men?

Because labor has permitted capitalism to do its thinking and legislation.

Because labor has permitted capitalism to seize on all the natural sources of wealth and compel it to pay for the use of them.

Because labor allowed capitalism to obtain and retain possession of the circulating medium—of railways and of all other means of exchange—and compel it to pay usury for their use.

Because labor hurrahs for its parties while capitalism uses its parties.

Because labor puts a silent but pretty effectual boycott on the labor press and starves it, while praising it; and supports, while it curses, the organs of capitalism.

Because though it sees that capitalism is everywhere thoroughly organized, labor remains, practically unorganized, each man competing with his fellow and bidding against him for the privilege of earning profits for capitalism.

Because, though labor sees that it is being robbed of the results of its toil, and is pretty well aware how it is done yet workmen are content to let about one in every hundred of them fight against the unjust system which robs them, while the other ninety-nine stand back and grumble when the one makes a mistake, and sneer when he makes a failure.

Because, though labor has the power to stop all the robbery and change every unjust law, it either has not enough energy or enough sense to use that power.

In a word because there are a deal too many fools to the square acre in this and every country.—*Labor Reformer.*

THE ONLY REMEDY.

Hon. A. J. Streeter, the Union Labor party candidate for the presidency, the former statesman, talks straight out concerning the condition of the toilers in field and factory, and tells them that the only remedy is in the organization of a new party, as both the old parties are guilty of having brought the country to this condition. This party must be of the people, a party of reform, organized purposely to bring relief to the oppressed people. "It must," he says "take the government from the grip of the aristocracy, and undo vicious legislation enacted to rob us. The laws must be administered to aid the people to pay their debts."

The bonded debt must be paid so that capital can no longer skulk behind it and evade taxes, nor get interest on same a year in advance. "We need," Mr. Streeter says, "a radical change in affairs, and if we have courage to vote on our convictions we can secure this change. If we have not then we have as good a government as we deserve and are fit material to make slaves for our masters, the moneyed aristocracy."

This is plain talk, but there people enough in this country who are oppressed and enough who are able to see the oppression if they do not themselves feel it, to cast votes sufficient to elect this man to the office of president and

thereby institute a radical change of affairs whose results could be no worse than at present conditions at all events.

The administration of government in the last 25 years Mr. Streeter graphically says "has begotten an army of tramps, made a large percentage of the people homeless and living in tenement houses, increased suicide, insanity and crime until we have had to construct and maintain more and more penitentiaries and lunatic-houses and begotten an organization of anarchists which is increasing, whose avowed object is the overthrow of our government."

We have the only remedy in our own hands, if we are but wise enough to apply it, and organize a grand anti-monopoly army, to battle for the rights of the people and save this country from the inevitable destruction which has overtaken every nation dominated by a moneyed plutocracy.—*Milwaukee Labor Review.*

TAKE THIS HOME TO YOURSELF.

A writer in one of our exchanges tells more truth in the following short letter than can be found in all the monopoly papers published in this country. He says:

"I wish to ask the friends of liberty what is the principle weapon of monopoly? Is it not the subsidized press? Does not the press create and manipulate public opinion? Take away the subsidized press and at the first general election monopoly would be dishonored and disinherited of the people's wealth. How long will an independent press be able to compete with a heavily subsidized press? Could one class of farmers compete with another class that received a royalty for every grain sent to market? Could we expect an independent press to compete with a subsidized press that gets a bonus for every issue? But we are asked what are you going to do about it? I answer we must organize press clubs all over our monopoly-ridden country. We must fight monopoly with its own weapons. I have seen the monopoly ticket routed two to one by a quiet and obscure person distributing and soliciting subscribers for independent newspapers. There is time and money enough spent in the labor assemblies to make the independent press all powerful to break the letters that are being forged for us. Monopoly is a snake in the grass, the subsidized press the fangs that pierce our political system, and the poison spreads throughout the entire organization. I know of one case, and there are doubtless many, where they bought out an independent newspaper and obligated the editor not to engage in journalism for two years and six months. Why this two years and six months? Is it not the limit of time that we are allowed an independent press? Why wait until a Pinkerton assassin stands guard over every printing press in this country? In the name of liberty let us organize a free press society in every school district or ward in the land. Call a meeting, elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and begin the work of subscribers for the anti-monopoly press. Don't get discouraged. At first it is surprising what three or four can accomplish in a year. And in two years and six months we can say as did a general in the revolution, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

THE BURLINGTON CONSPIRACY.

Recent developments in the examination of the alleged dynamiters arrested at the instance of the Burlington Railway officials at Chicago confirmed the most serious predictions made by the *Journal* two weeks ago, and make of our former article a veritable prophecy. The chief conspirators to wreck trains and destroy life and property turn out to have been two detectives who were employed by the railway officials almost at the very beginning of the strike of the engineers and firemen. It is true they appear to have induced others to have joined them in their depredations, but all the way through can be seen the work of trained scoundrels who have been dignified with the title of detective.

There are upon the statutes of Illinois stringent conspiracy laws, under which it becomes unlawful for two or more men to agree to quit the employ of a master if by so doing they mean to coerce him into submitting to their demands for shorter hours, and more pay, or other regulations of their calling. Yet here seems to have been an agreement (shall we not call it a conspiracy?) between the officials of the road and a cut-throat detective agency to not only destroy property and life, but to draw into the plot the hot-headed, impetuous elements of two respectable organizations of labor, and if necessary bring their officers and members to the gallows and destroy the usefulness of beneficial labor organizations by bringing into public disfavor and contempt the Brotherhoods of Engineers and Firemen. Happily for the workmen, the scheme was not wholly successful. The company was compelled to show its hand early, and public sentiment cannot do otherwise than condemn such a barefaced conspiracy, as this is shown to have been little short of attempted murder of innocent men. Without the prodding of the detectives it is not probable that any of the men arrested would have entertained any thought of dynamite or trainwrecking. It therefore follows that if lives had been sacrificed by any of the attempts alleged to have been made, the company and its hired assassins would have been the real murderers, and not the blind dupes who, smarting under their defeat, were drawn into the plottings through their desire for revenge. When workmen combine for mutual protection and assistance it is a conspiracy. When the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company and the Pinkerton Detective Agency form a combination to down a labor organization, even at the expense of human life, it becomes a purely business transaction. Oh, consistency! thy name is Law in the State of Illinois.

In 1868 there was thirty-two million dollars raised by the graduated income tax. This money came from the pockets of rich men who had accumulated their wealth from the poor men. Now what did the poor men do? They went to the polls and voted these rich men, or their representatives into power, and they repealed the law.

Now, this thirty million dollars has to be paid by the poor men, for there has to be the same amount raised, whether it comes from the rich or poor. But all right, Mr. Workingman, vote the same old ticket and set 'em up again.—*Labor Review.*

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