

"TRUSTS: THE CAUSES THAT PRODUCE THEM--THE REMEDY."

Trusts are Industrial Cancer on the Body Politic--They are Growing and Multiplying in Number Each Day--Why So-Called Anti-Trust Laws are a Failure--To Kill Trusts We Must Remove the Causes that Produce Them--The Causes are Evident, Therefore the Remedy is Plain.

By U. S. SENATOR MARION BUTLER IN MARCH ARENA.

Trusts are cancers--industrial cancers on the body politic. They are eating cancers; they are spreading cancers; they are fatal to the prosperity and life of the nation...

The last Republican legislature of New York appointed a committee to investigate trusts and report a bill to cure the evil. After many months of pretended investigation...

In December, 1896, President Cleveland, in his last annual message to Congress, went out of his way to discuss the question of trusts...

A few months later William McKinley was inaugurated President of the United States. In his inaugural address he arraigned and denounced trusts more severely even than his predecessor...

One would judge from the language of Cleveland and McKinley that they were both honestly opposed to trusts; yet neither of them is opposed to the cause that produces trusts...

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of people more powerful than a half-dozen of that number? They are if they have equal opportunities. Then how is it possible for a very small number of men to drive out of business and crush their thousands of competitors...

The first is money,--the measure of value, the medium of exchange,--which is a vital element in every business transaction. Money is the life-blood of commerce, and business stagnates and drowns when it is hoarded...

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These powerful systems, with the tributaries which they dominate and control, comprising more than 55,000 miles, govern every means of modern transportation in all the great, populous, and important sections of the nation...

What then, are these causes? First, we must see what a trust is. A trust is a scheme or a device to establish a complete monopoly of any line of business...

STATE NEWS.

The case of J. W. Harrison, charged with killing Paul Stockton last December, in Winston, was last week tried for murder and acquitted.

A. F. Page, of the Aberdeen and Asheboro Railroad, has completed arrangements for building a 14 mile branch from Troy to Mt. Gilead, Montgomery county. The survey begins this week.

Mr. G. B. D. Parker, of Chicago, Duplin county, last week met with a heavy loss by the burning of his saw mill and gin house, together with about 150 bales of cotton. There was no insurance upon any portion of the property burned.

Last Thursday a special engine on the R. & G. R. passed Warren Plains at the rate of about 40 miles an hour. The train was led by the engine, followed by the passenger car, the baggage car, and the engine.

The gold property recently purchased by the State of North Carolina, to be worked, the name of the concern is the Irwindale Mining Company, with a capital of \$300,000.

A report was received at Morganton last week that an old man and a boy were found hanging in a cave in the mountains near Table Rock. A search party was sent to the spot...

Wednesday evening, March 2, in Oxford, Mrs. Lucy Smith, widow of the late Lewis Smith, was married to Mr. J. M. Phillips. Mr. S. Y. Ellis, justice of the peace, officiated. The marriage was a veritable surprise to the community.

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CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY.

EPITOME OF THE TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE WORLD AND TERSE TIPS FROM THE WIRES.

An interesting collection of items in a Condensed and Comprehensive Form and Matters of General Interest to our Readers.

The War Department has decided to abandon its expedition for the relief of the miners in the Klondike country. The conclusion has been reached that no necessity exists for it.

At a largely attended mass-meeting at Minneapolis \$90,000 was raised by popular subscription to keep the public schools of the city open for the entire school year, the appropriation having been exhausted.

Hon. W. J. Bryan lectured in Mobile, Ala., last week in a large crowd upon the subject of the gold standard. Mr. Bryan was entertained at supper at the Battle House, leaving at midnight for Pensacola.

Postmaster-General Gary has directed an inspector to be sent to Adm. G. A. to inquire into the circumstances incidental to the killing of Mr. Freeman, who was appointed postmaster, but was killed before he entered on the duties of his office.

Bill Hill (col.), a chore boy employed by J. R. Royall, of Meriden, Miss., Friday attempted to poison the family by putting Rough on Rats in their coffee. His motive was revenge, having been the day before flogged for indolence.

Will Overton, while assisting Arsenal-warder Dixon in firing 100 guns in celebration of the Irish anniversary at New York City, Friday, was blown almost to pieces, and Armorer Dixon was badly hurt by a premature explosion.

Shep Wood, a prominent young farmer, near Cordele, Ga., Thursday shot and killed his brother, Thomas Wood. He then turned the revolver on himself and sent a bullet through his own head, killing himself instantly.

Senator Mason last week introduced a resolution for the relief of the widow of the late J. M. Phillips, recently killed by a mob at Lake City, S. C. The same as that introduced in the House by Representative White, of the same district, except that the amount is made \$10,000.

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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

HON. W. F. STROUD COMMENTS ON PROSPERITY--IT IS HERE AND IT IS NOT HERE.

Four Year Congress in Session--Arguments Before Supreme Court on the Grant Tax--Senator Butler Introduces a Bill for a Government Telephone--Populist Congressman Fought Hard to Defeat the Land Bill.

Washington, March 10, 1898.--Hon. W. F. Stroud (Pop. N. C.) in speaking of the alleged prosperity (?) that is prevailing throughout the country said:

"There is a childish dispute between the two old parties as to the existence of prosperity in this country. The Democrats say there is no prosperity, while the Republicans stoutly contradict the statement by saying that there is general prosperity. In one sense both parties are right; corporations and trusts, syndicates and combines are enjoying a prosperity hitherto unknown in the annals of history.

But it is a cruel, brutal and inhuman prosperity, and it is a disgrace to this country. It is a prosperity that is based upon legalized highway robbery. There can be no protection, human or divine, without a protector; the farmer and the laborer are unprotected, and are compelled by law to be the protectors of the great manufacturing industries; neither can there be a beneficiary of the prosperity of a similar type which has been building in France for Brazil.

The Amazonians is ready for launching, and her sister ship will soon be ready.

The Spanish government is also endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition from England and on the continent for immediate use.

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WORK PROGRESSING ON RICE PLANTATIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF WILMINGTON.

LARGE Areas to be Planted in Peanuts at the Castle Hayne Farm--Arrangements Made in Raleigh for Reception of Federal Prisoners--The Shirt Manufacturing Wilmington Star.

Superintendent J. M. Mewbourne, of the State Penitentiary, spent yesterday and last night in the city. He has just returned from a business trip to the Roanoke State farm, where he spent the past week. He goes to-day out to the rice plantations a few miles from this city. About thirty-six convicts are at work on the rice farms. They are now busy breaking the lands preparatory to the Spring planting.

Mr. Mewbourne will go from the rice plantation, to the Anson county farm, and return to Raleigh early next week. He says forty convicts will complete their periods of imprisonment in the present month. He says that the convicts are doing well, and are being treated as well as they can be.

If the State continues the management of the Castle Hayne farm, Mr. Mewbourne expects to plant 300 acres there the coming season in peanuts. That acreage he estimates will yield not less than 15,000 bushels.

The penitentiary management now has 6,000 bushels of corn for sale and a remnant of 615 bales of cotton left from a crop of 3,100 bales.

Mr. Mewbourne says he has every thing ready now for the reception of Federal convicts under the contract recently made. All such will have to be kept inside the prison walls and as they come in Mr. Mewbourne will gradually send out the State convicts to the various farms and public works. The Federal Government is to pay twenty-five cents for each convict and the State gets their labor extra.

The shirt manufacturing department in the penitentiary is Mr. Mewbourne says, proving quite satisfactory. Fifty sewing machines are kept running, and the convicts assigned to this task are proving apt pupils. Each performs a specified part in the making of shirts, each shirt passing through fourteen different hands before it is completed.

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Determined Klappers. A young couple eloping from Isle of Wight county, Va., drove more than one hundred miles across the country to get married. They were Miss Annie Harrell and C. H. Crocker, who left home Wednesday night, and at 4 o'clock the next morning arrived in Suffolk, where horses were changed. Justice Walton, of Gates county, N. C., tied the knot.

He For the Klondike. Parties expecting to go to Klondike will find it to their interest to communicate with the undersigned, rates to Wrangell, Junction, Dyea, or Skagway and Sitka furnished on application, also sailing days of Steamer Lines from San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle. We can furnish you with through tickets to Alaska points.

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ACTIVE WAR PREPARATIONS.

The Navy Department Preparing for any Emergency and the Work Being Actively Pushed.

It is now admitted without reserve by the highest officials of the Navy Department that active preparations are being made to place the navy on an effective footing to meet any emergency that may arise. Of course this fact has been plainly apparent for the last two weeks. The vast outlay of effort to secure additional men, the unwonted activity at the navy yards, the demand upon Congress for authority to commission to the auxiliary cruisers and to purchase supplies, the assembling of the formidable fleet at Key West, and the sending of tons of ammunition to the Asiatic squadron--all these and similar demonstrations have told but one story. It was not until Friday, however, that the real purpose of the department's energy was officially admitted and the public watching of the facts requested.

Spain March 4.--Spain has purchased two cruisers, which the Armstrongs have been building for Brazil, the Amazonics and a sister ship, unnamed, of 4,000 tons each, 23 knots and ten guns. Spain is also negotiating for and will probably secure two cruisers of a similar type which has been building in France for Brazil.

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JOURNALS FOR AND AGAINST VICTORY.

SOME OTHER JOURNALS. What They and Some Men Who are Interested Say About Union Between Forces.

Concord Journal Dem. [The] Journale and Union of the Democratic Committee, in Raleigh, last Tuesday are imperfect in that they betray the old party failing of lack of candor. If the committee intended to give the State Convention, which meets on May 25th, "supreme authority" to "shape all matters of party policy," then the last resolution, reading a welcome to those who wished to vote the Democratic ticket to participate in the primaries, was unnecessary. If the committee intended to endorse Chairman Jones' address, then the last resolution was unnecessary, because his address did not ask the annihilation (and did not desire it) of any party organization. It simply asked the union of all silver forces, without sacrifice of party organization.

We are not finding fault; indeed, we hope for the best. But if the Democratic party would be successful at the election, it must be united. And it is not going to be bound to platform and policy, supposedly Democratic, which shall be promulgated by a set of men who, since they desire it, will, as a matter of course, do it. It is not going to be bound to platform and policy, supposedly Democratic, which shall be promulgated by a set of men who, since they desire it, will, as a matter of course, do it.

Stateville Landmark Dem. The Raleigh Post has found time from its latest issue to publish the Southern Railway to attack Mr. Bryan, the last nominee and ordained to be the future, nominee of the party to which the Post professes allegiance. We are not surprised at the Post's attitude. We have understood that the large majority of the South's stockholders, from Railroad Magnate A. B. Anderson down to the small fry, voted either for Palmer or McKinley, in the last election. It was started to weaken the faith of the people in the Democratic principle, if possible, and its attack upon Mr. Bryan is but the unmaking of its plans. In the meantime Bryan and silver continue their onward march to victory.

Stateville Landmark Dem. Or if the national Democratic convention should declare for free silver and nominate a silver candidate, his (Butler's) way back into the party would be perfectly straight. Back he would seek to dominate it as he now dominates the silver party. He would say: "See, I have come back and brought my people with me. You can do anything without me, but together we are a majority in the State." Upon this showing, he would claim the right of leadership, and in the present nervous condition of the Democracy it would be accorded him.

For the Landmark's part, he began to be excused from having Mr. Butler to rule over it--the price is too high to pay for even the boon of free silver.

Wilmington Messenger. The opinion is almost universal among North Carolina Democrats that the Democratic party must have no offensive and defensive alliances, but make a square deal with the people. All enemies of the State in whatever combinations they appear, inviting all friends of good government to unite with the Democratic party, to stand by its side, and to restore to power the people who love the State and would have it to prosper. All true and patriotic North Carolina Democrats are against the alliance. The most disgraceful, disgraceful pages of this country are those that record the results of the combine in the last three or four years, and that then if there is any honesty and intelligence of the State get together to put an end to such depravity and prostitution of power, and to the going and corruption among officials.

Raleigh Correspondence. The meeting of the Democratic State Committee last night is regarded as conservative. It left the party policy to the State Convention, which is called at an early date. Members say it was a meeting of the Democratic party, not a bit. One said: "It is for the party, and it is for the party, and it is for the party." Another said: "The keynote to the campaign is county work, to get the majority of the Legislature. This is not a few people, constructed National Chairman Jones' address to mean a desire for dropping of the party's state committee, and to restore to power the people who love the State and would have it to prosper. All true and patriotic North Carolina Democrats are against the alliance. The most disgraceful, disgraceful pages of this country are those that record the results of the combine in the last three or four years, and that then if there is any honesty and intelligence of the State get together to put an end to such depravity and prostitution of power, and to the going and corruption among officials."

Websters Weekly. As we see it, cooperation would put Mr. Butler as much under the Democratic flag as it would Democrats under his. He would work as well as we would to elect him, and all would be Bryan men; and in addition to this the Democrats would have a majority of the offices. Mr. Butler became more brainy and subtle than Watson, Mason, Manly et al. do me good. The Democrats have not good to march where Mr. Bryan and the chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee and the Congressional Committee do to too good to stay in the Democratic party and ought to seek more select company. Really he is too good for this world and should pray to be translated.

What Vance said in 1892. They were once our fellow-Democrats and stood with us bravely against the fusion party. He has nothing but good feeling for them. An analysis of the recent vote in North Carolina shows it to be quite possible for the Democratic party to be beaten by a harmonious combination between the three party and Republican. It is worse than folly to expect the Democratic party to do anything or speak to do anything calculated to drive these men into the Republican party.

Websters Weekly, Dem. Let Democrats act themselves seriously what it shall profit them to do. Let them be a party that will oscillate a handful of Clevelandites and fall short 20,000 votes by forcing the Populists to fight for the life of the organization.

So the good brethren did not want Mr. Butler to come back to the Democratic party and bring his followers with him in 1896, nor are they willing for the Democratic party to cooperate with them in 1898. So they are in accord against the union of the two parties. Let Mr. Butler to bring them back bodily or to cooperate with them as an organization.

Thomasville News. The Democratic party must get rid of its goldbug element, then it will be able to cooperate with the other silver elements in the State. There is no difference between a Democratic goldbug and a Republican goldbug. You can as conscientiously vote with one as the other. Kick 'em out.

What Bryan says. If we are earnest we must have hard work among ourselves. If there be those who would divide us, let them be summarily and emphatically rebuked by the people who have no other but high and patriotic motives. We are asking no man to abandon his party or change his politics, we ask no one to yield any principle; but in this great contest we do appeal to all good men to stand solidly together for liberty and humanity, and strike down forever this conspiracy of gold and monopoly.

Clev. and Star. Fusion is naturally repulsive to Democrats, and a bargain driver, like Butler, is not the sort of a fellow to effect high and honorable co-operation.

Lamberton Robertson. Speaking for myself, and we believe for a large number of Democrats, we and always earnest silver men, we declare unhesitatingly that fusion with no party, and no party, is not a bit. Let the Democratic party nominate upon the Chicago platform without the change of a word, and to the support of this ticket we as white as well as colored men will stand by and vote for it. Let us have no fusions, co-operations or combinations with any other party.

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