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SPECULATION IS CAUSING PEOPLE TO LEAVE THE FARM

This is Novus Homo's Answer to the Question, and He Quotes Some Big Fellows to Back His Argument.

To the Editor of The Journal:—The Editor says in Nov. 28th issue of The Journal, "Judging by the unusually large number of auction sales of personal property advertisements appearing in the County papers an exodus to the towns and cities has started. This tendency to leave the farms in the face of high prices for cotton is difficult for the average layman to understand, and we pass the solution of it on to Novus Homo."

We are glad to see the Editor passing such a question as the foregoing around amongst his readers. It's an evidence that he is thinking on right lines himself and is using his paper to get others to thinking likewise. So far as ability to answer the inquiry is concerned, we are sure The Journal could give a much cleaner excess than can Novus Homo. But since it is more profitable to a people to make an effort to solve their own problems than to have others solve them for them, we are going to lead out on this vital matter and will expect others of the large family of Journal readers to follow and help out in the search for the trouble.

There might be a multitude of reasons given for this perplexing problem. In fact there have already been scores of solutions offered even to the extent of suggesting that the State go into the business of furnishing cheap money to loan to farmers and help them get fixed, and if necessary hire them to stay on the farm and produce the raw materials of wealth lest their refusal to do so bring calamity upon us.

It looks like a great deal has been done for the farmers during the last two decades that ought to put him on his feet. But he is not anymore satisfied now than he was before cotton went up. He seems to have caught the idea that merely handling money and seeing it pass through his hands to satisfy claims further on is not what he is looking for.

The wonderful stride of the inventive genius of the past several decades has almost wrought miracles in our productive pursuits. But it has failed woefully to give the relief to the laborer that he of natural right expects of it. Hence he has seen his hopes and ambitions thwarted so often that he is becoming restless and is drifting hither and thither in hope of yet finding what he feels he is entitled to—comfort.

Often he finds after he has made his change from pillar to post that he has simply jumped from the frying pan into the fire and one thing leads to another in his unsatisfied, ungratified condition and finally he sours on society and becomes in the eyes of the privileged class an undesirable—a dangerous critter—that needs to be carefully watched lest he take vengeance on somebody. This condition of affairs has about run its limit, and thinking men everywhere are seeking a remedy that will counteract the inevitable consequences of such an economic program. The great trouble is we have waited mightily long, evidently too long, but there is a possibility of one chance in a hundred that sanity is not too far gone to be yet appealed to.

This drifting of the people that is perplexing to The Journal man has been perplexing to many before him and is occupying first place in the thoughts of our greatest statesmen, including Governor Bickett at this present time. The trouble is drift-

ing has already gotten in its deadly work the most serious of which is the want of the pleasant memories of childhood dreams around the Old Homestead. Too many of us have no idea of the worth of these things and all too few of us of this generation are in position to count the lasting impressions and the invaluable legacy that such are to a country's citizenship.

We are rapidly becoming a mass of restless, aimless, drifting tenders here one while and yonder directly. We are without sufficient home ties. We have no place to point back to with pride and with glee and in this state of mind it is impossible for us to be what we should or would be.

As the great inventions of labor saving machinery of the past century have not prevented this condition but have actually produced it. Neither will high priced cotton cure it. There is something deeper and far more fundamental that must be considered and until we do consider this one great underlying cause we are doomed to wonder and amazement and very probably to even worse things.

Some decades ago a noted writer who was deeply concerned in his country's welfare and in his people's well-being began to ponder these things, and with the eye of a "seer" he mapped out a program and offered it as a prescription for the deadly malady that he saw fastening its slimy grip upon us. The world laughed and privilege scoffed. The author is dead but his work is not, and as we view the picture that confronts us, the one he so vividly drew in advance of its visit, we are forced to the admission that he was the greatest political economist of modern times. In his introductory remarks, referring to the great labor saving machines that had so wonderfully increased wealth production he says, "Could a man of the last century—a Franklin or a Priestley—have seen in a vision of the future the steamship taking the place of the sailing vessel, the railroad train taking the place of the wagon, the reaping machine of the scythe, the threshing machine of the flail. Could he have heard the throb of the engine that in obedience to human will and for the satisfaction of human desire exert a power greater than that of all the men and all the beast of burden of the earth combined. Could he have seen the forest tree transformed into finished lumber—into doors, sashes, blinds, boxes, or barrels with hardly the touch of a human hand. The great work shops where boots and shoes are turned out by the ease with less labor than the old fashioned cobbler could have put on a sole; the factories where under the eye of a girl, cotton becomes cloth faster than hundreds of stalwart weavers could have turned it out with their hand looms; could he have seen steam hammers shaping mammoth shafts and mighty anchors and delicate machinery making tiny watches; the diamond drill cutting through the heart of the rocks and coal oil sparing the whale; could he have realized the enormous saving of labor resulting from improved facilities of exchange and communication; sheep killed in Australia eaten fresh in England and the order given by the London banker in the afternoon executed in San Francisco in the morning of the same day; could he have conceived of the hundred thousand improvements which these only suggest. What would he have inferred as to the social condition of mankind?" It has long been acknowledged that agriculture is the mud-sill of our civilization. That without the farmer all other enterprises would languish and die. This being true agriculture should by right occupy first place in our economic program. Has it done so? Most assuredly no. It has instead been wholly unprotected and has been made to bear the burden of all the classes, all the extravagances and all the speculative ventures that could be shifted upon it. It has, indeed, been made the mud-sill, in fact, and has occupied the position of the bottom row of bricks in the wall of a great structure. This wall having become so high while the bottom row, or foundation, has been neglected is exerting a crushing force that must be relieved either taking down part of the wall or by making stronger the stronger row.

Reformers advocate the latter method, true economists insist that the former method is the proper one. They give expression to their contention by asking the parasitical part of the government, the speculative or money-lending part, to get off the farmer's back. This is the real remedy, in fact the only remedy. The other method will only prolong the period of waiting and increase the intensity

of the explosion when we apply this remedy, monopoly will lose its privilege to absorb the fruits of labor without laboring. Then farmers will stay on the farm without being hired to do so. The war between capital and labor will be at an end, because the full product of both capital and labor will go to capitalist and laborers who produce and distribute it. In other words the sum of the whole production will be divided by two instead of by three as now and when such a system prevails all who labor, legitimately with either hand or brain will have enough and when all have enough. How can there be greed? When all are comfortable how can there be unrest?

To remove the cause of the trouble is more desirable than to dope the patient into unconsciousness of the pain. Our present system of fostering speculation and monopoly of natural resources has given the universe a severe case of appendicitis. This appendage in the human anatomy is said by the medical fraternity to be of no known benefit. It certainly is of known hurt to our economic structure. In order to get rid of it we must operate, so let's cut it out, and be happy ever after.

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