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TO DESTROY TRUSTS.

Mr. George E. Boggs Outlines a Plan for Throttling Existing Monopolies and Preventing the Growth of Others .- Destroy Spec al Privilege and You Destroy the | rust

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. I was appointed a delegate to the recent Anti Trust Conference in Chi cago, but was unable to attend however, furnished a paper upon the subject under discussion, and at your request, give herewith my views as expressed in the paper presented.

In order to overthrow the trusts

is necessary to

DESTROY THE CHIEF AGENCIES BY WHICH THEY ARE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED One of the first of these are the rail roads. By lower rates, rebates and better facilities for transportation granted to favored individuals and cor porations the railroads enable them to destroy the business of their competi tors and thus establish and maintain a monopoly. Many of the most oppress ive monopolies with which our country is burdened were created, built up and are being maintained, by this agency. The Standard Oil Company is a notorious example. The only remedy for this is in complete control of these great highways of commerce by the government through ownership We have for years tried to control the coward as it has always donethem by a commission but it is a com plete failure. The situation grows con stantly worse as the commission plain ly admits.

SECOND REPEAL THE SPECIAL LEGISLA

with which our statute books are loaded. Such legislation is as a rule concocted and procured by the shrewddifference in the ability of individuals is so great that under normal condiinequality in the distribution of wealth. have been the part of true wisdom to of speculative cliques. have at least protected the weak against the strong. The worst of this class

wretched failure, as its history since clearly proves. Its chief characterisperiods of prosperity followed by bimetallism as well as of monog etal ism for the two are essentially the same and have the same inherent defec's.

supposed intrinsic value mainly artificial and thus have a system of exchange that is a cumbersome continuance of that relic of barbarism-barter. Metal alone being money and the sup commerce we erect on it a huge strucsimply transfer it and thus are a pow rich richer and the poor poorer. The use them when they occur to take adfor that express purpose.

Its instability is increased by the un certain supply of primary money. The uncertainty in supply results from ma greatly. We have a practical illustration of this in the present rapid increase in the production of gold. It has in recent years increased at the rate of 20 per cent. or more per annum. recalls the rapid increase in gold production from 1850 to 1860, which so many and misery to the masses startled the political economists of that day as to cause Germany and Den

mark to demone iz it. supply has been augmented by the im condition caus d by failures in crops | be free and open.

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last two years, a greater depreciation period between 1850 and 1860 although the precentage of increase to the world's supply was greater then than

Toe first effect was to increase the for sometime we have had the disgrace ful spectacle of a huge pyramid of credit there constantly threatening to Treasury rushing in to prop it up. This increases the speculation and the dangers and will intensify the disaster,

should it come. the country resulting in a sudden wita dra wal of credits, enforced settlements. bankruptcies, stagnation, and disof misery it has created.

their own benefit. There is a great further developed and intensified, for illustration. wisely said that to put such power in to acquire wealth. The disproportion the hands of corporations and individuals was "to place in their hands the tions the inequality in conditions most cruel engine of oppression that under obligation to furnish as a mat among our people would be dangerous could be invented " It gives them ter of simple justice. It would be the must not be drones, neither must we be to the best interest of all; but we have power to raise and lower prices at will highest wis iom to do so since an intens fied the evil and precipitated and thus puts the business of the counthe danger greatly by class legislation try at their mercy and enables them to the benefit of the few at the expense to rob and plunder at wholesale This of the many and rapidly increased the evil is increased by the inevitab e ten dency in our system to accumulation making the rich richer and the poor of money at our great business and poorer. We have aided the strong money centers, which puts more money against the weak; whereas, it would and therefore more power in the hands

legislation is in regard to finances and government which of right belongs to government is used as security for our hope for his being reformed. the organization of our government paper money so called, but it is in the form of b mis, which tex the people let a boy go unpun sied for a violation tic is instability. We have ever had with interest. In addition to tout they of law because of his age, but such a case are taxed with interest on the money should be corrected while he is young periods of disaster. This is true of furnished the banks. Science has made The time was when a good whipping special privileges to not e ameziag progress in every department of human thought save that of money. I think of building a house by the taxes In this we are still travelling in the of the State when every good home We require our money to have a is time to exercise some common sense as you please about your sugar plums, in regard to this all important question | candies, and biring children to do that

J fferson said, "they are more danger | but obedience is one of the first laws ous than standing armies." Lit the ply being too small for the demands of Gineral Government make issue and control it. Accept the truth as stated ture of credits that is like a pyramid by Aristotle, one of the wisess of th standing on its apex ready at any time ancients, "money is not a production to topple over and cause disaster and of nature; it is a creature of law.' ruin. It should be borne in mind that Make it, not of the cretlinet, but of the whilst these constantly recurring cheapest material, secured by all th panies for a time limit the production | weal h of this great country. Let its of wealth they do not destroy; they value be regulated not by the uncer tain value (meertain not only from erful agency in helping to make the natural causes, but far more from ar tificial ones) of one commodity, gold, far sighted and calculating not only or of two commodities, gold and suver. but by the value of a large number of the President, Hon. J C. Weiborn, of vantage of their more enterprising | them on the broad and universally ac neighbors, but often precipitate them | cepted theory that supply and de mand | elected as the head of the National or regulate price known when applied to money as the quantitive theory of money. Briefly stated, it is that, other things being qual, prices will depend ance and Industrial Union. The Alliterial causes often greatly intensified on the amount of money in circulation by artificial causes. The production If prices are found to be advancing, let for its national existence. It has been of the precious metal or metals varies the amount of money be curtailed; if assailed by enemies from within and they are declining, let the supply be without. The enemies without have increased. In this simple way prices would be kept at a uniform level and we would forever end alternating cessfully because they know not our prices of inflation and temporary proswhich has already had a tremendous perity followed by sudden and effect on our figances and business. It severe contraction with resultant and have been inclined to ride wild increase in wealth to the few, ruin to

Repeal the class legislation by which the power of taxation is used to give advantages in sale of commodities In our own country the increased Such restraint on trade have created and claim our own or whether we will and maintained some of the most exportation of gold, a purely accidental acting monop lies. Let the markets

THIRD PREVENT AND DESTROY THE AC-CUMULATI NS AND EXCESSIVE COM-BINATIONS OF CAPITAL

is to promote as far as possible an republic. It is upon the farmer, taught equitable disposition of wealth, but we by surrounding nature to love free-Avoid substrates, there is but one Pain- have presistently ignored this and so dom, that the perpetuity of our liber-

elsewhere when we had large ones, en | to prey upon the weak and accumulate | us the foundation of Democratic libabling us to sell at high prices and the wealth of the country in the hands erty. turn the balance of trade in our favor. of a few. We have sown the wind As a result the value of gold has de- and are reaping the whirlwind. This spent his blood, that this might be preciated nearly 30 per cent. in the is the seedbed from which trusts and land of freedom and happiness to a) monopolies have been springing like than occurred during any similar armed men from the dragon's teeth foreign rule. sown by Cadmus.

Capital has become despotic and its power as manifested in large aggrega tions of wealth must be shattered. The best means to this end is direct gradu large surplus of money in the great ated tax stion by the General Govern money center of our country, New ment. J ff reon, for seeing the great York, caused by the prostration of danger from the unequal distribution business throughout the country which of wealth, advocated such a system to developed intense speculation in Wall provide against it. We declined his rules. street. As the increasing supply be- advice and the results have proved his gan to awaken business activity and wildom. We must now use it as the enterprise throughout the country, it means by which to destroy the caused the withdrawal of a large part | evils that we have not only allowed of these funds in New York and brought out helped to develop. Our Constitu a cry of distress from Wall street and tion should be so amended as to pro vide for such a system of taxation.

In the meantime let Congress re quire corporations to pay a graduated topple over, and our Secretary of the liceuse tax levied on the capital em ployed. To illustrate britfly: Treat all plants under one management as one plant. Let a moderate tax be levied on such amount of capital as is Should disaster come to our money needful to conduct the business suc center its effect will spread throughout | cessfully. On each additional amount of capital amounting to one tenth of the portion first taxed put a tax twice as high as the rate on the portion first tress. In that time of sore need what taxed. On the second one-tenth in will our fetish, gold, do? It will play crease put a tax twice as high as the rate of the second tenth and so on with the producer was the lamb upon when scud across the seas, rush into vaults, any additional capital, letting the rate the middlemen and speculators could sneak into stockings and old pots, of tax steadily increase with the in "anywhere, anywhere out of the world" crease of capital. For example, sup pose for the first amount taxed the ducer was the clay on which the money Another radical defect is a want rate be one tenth of one per cent. the changer could shape and build up has of flexibility; and what is worse, if rate for the first increased amount of possible, what flex bility it has is con- capital would be one fifth of one per trolled by corporations and individ | cent. for the second increased amount uals. Calhoun, condemning the evils of capital, the rate would be two fifthe. est, most capable and enterprising for of our flashcial system that have since etc. These figures are given simply

> equality of opportunity is absolutely necessary for the permanent welfare and pappin ss of our people.

A REFORMATURY NEEDED.

GEORGE E BOGGS

Jorrespondence of The Progressive Farmer. A reformatory is much needed in North Carolina, and is would be well Another fault in our system is the for our people to think and talk over wrong use made of the credit of the it before our legislators meet again. To all-powerful Ruler to permit the de send a young crimical to the chain our people. It is used to their injury, | gang to associate with those that are Our financial system has proved a to burden them. The credit of the hardened in crime, gives not much

It is not right to pass over crime and was a reformatory at home. Sad to old ruts and groping in the dark. It should be its own reformatory. Talk which they should be commanded to Abolian all banks of issue, for, as do and learn what obscience means,

> Save the boys, though it may cost money Let us have a reformatory, and I tit come quick Our State bas a sted nobly in preparing for the poor. blind, deaf and dumb, and insane, A reformatory is wanted

R R MOORE. Guiford Co., N C.

DEMANDS OF THE ALLIANCE.

Following is the annual address before the National Farmers' Alliance at its receat meeting in Washington by South Carolina, who has been re

BRETHREN: - We are assembled in the Suoreme Council of the Farmers' Alliance is now undergoing the great test been shooting constantly over our heads and have been unable to assail us sucpure motive. The enemies within have planned sedition and dissension and dangerous hobbyhorses.

I am encouraged to hope that we have with tool our greatest and most dangerous attack. It is now to be determined whether we will advance remain in our tents.

The necessity for union has never been so urgent as now.

The dangers of our farm homes have never been so close to our doors. The farm homes, true and independent, are strup your side or bruise yourself, The greatest problem of etatesmanship the counterpart and palladium of our Kuler, Petry D. vis'. Price 25; and 50c. legislated as to better enable the strong ties must depend. He it was that gave

He freely spent his time, money, and classes, and freed the colonies from

Whenever the law and machinery of our government are made and op erated in his interest, contentment happiness and security to life and property are guaranteed. When the farm home is prosperous all other classes are assured of prosperity. The farmer feeds the world, and should have a say about the government that

Keep the farmer's products from your towns and cities and they will b deserted and truly their busy streets will be grown up in grass.

The great trains that are now se heavily loaded with our grain, wheat, oats, corn, apples, potatoes, cotton and cattle, would be idle in their sheds if the farmer should cease from his toil for a short space of twelve months.

War is terrible, famine is terrible, pestilence is terrible, but the greatest blight that can be all this nation is the blight that must fall upon our farmers if we are not watchful.

When hope departs despair enterand breeds mischief beyond measure It behooves the producer to be u and doing. It has not always been so that the producer was the slave of the consumer. It has not always been that feed and grow fat

It has not always been that the pro great fortunes. But alas the tip e change, and we so on forever in the

old beaten paths.

We should organize, we should unite, we should move as a unit; cur grea guide should be equal rights to all These reforms are necessary to give special privileges to none. We must to each individual an equality of op speak out and let our demands be portunity. Tais the government is known. If not we will be left in the great march of human events. We slave masters; we must have our chariot (agriculture) manned acc norsed with the best brains and blood of this land. Minned with brains to guide and direct the powerful and mighty forces that must pull her to heights as yet unattained, whose sun. mit is beset with danger on every side Mauned with hearts determined and prave to push on ward and upward, to find threatened danger chained by as termined and earnest to pass unmo

We mu t meet organization with er ganization; we must meet force with force; we must meet intelligence will intelligence; we must meet trust wit rust, not to destroy but to pass and surpass, with equal rights to all au

I desire to suggest that the following temands be urged upon our Nationa Ropres intuitives in Congress.

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Third Sabmit an amendment to the Constitution providing for the electo of United States Seasters by dir c vote of the people.

F urth. Ecacting pure food laws Fifth. Providing for the extension of be markets for farm projucts, mak ing it the duty of the United state C usuls so aid in the extension of mar kers for farm products as for manu factured articles.

Sxth The exactment of an antitrust law clearly defining what acre to the part of any corporation would b against public policy.

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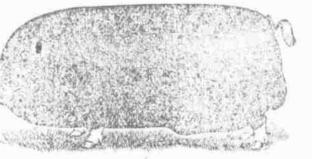
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