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## THE TIDE OF POPULATION.

Amazing Progress Predicted for the South in the Near Future.

The South is entering upon the most active and stirring period in its business life. The tide of population, industry and capital is setting this way. From the North and Northwest, not simply thousands, but tens of thousands of farmers are already on the southward move, or only waiting to close up their business affairs to start. The world's next great population movement will be southward. The cotton industry, in which there is about \$400,000,000 invested in this country, and several times as much in other lands, is now on the march southward. This change means that the South, with unequalled natural advantages for cotton manufacturing, backed by the capital of New England, is going to become the world's textile-manufacturing center. Following cotton will come many other industries. With the passing away of the depression in iron, which must come within the next year or so, the South's iron and steel interests will command fully as much attention as cotton is now receiving.

The Northern truck-farmer is dividing space with the native cotton-grower, and the vineyard is springing up alongside. The textile-worker journeys southward in the same car with the iron-molder, while capital from the North and West is carried down to be invested in phosphate and cotton-oil industries. Mechanics, machinists and lumbermen are finding new homes, and trades-people follow them with their wares. New towns are springing up, and old ones are growing into cities, and cities are gaining in population. The South is unquestionably growing, and it is safe to assert that nearly twice as many people are moving thither from the North and West today as there were five years ago.

All this means activity, life, stir, hustle and doubtless the inevitable result—boom. What the South saw a few years ago in town-lot speculation was a fortunate lesson, for it afforded needed experience in avoiding the danger of a speculative excitement in the period of phenomenal developments upon which we are now entering. In a year or two there will be more need to caution against unwise investments than to urge people to press the work of development. It is need to urge great care in selecting good locations for factories and good men to manage them than to urge the building of factories; more need to advise investors to look carefully into every contemplated purchase than to advise them to invest. The West in its palmiest days of advancement—of growth in population and wealth, of increase in values—never saw a period of such solid, permanent and amazing progress as the South has before it in the not very distant future.—Manufacturers' Record.

## WISE WORDS.

Application brings success.  
Meddlers are always annoying.  
It oft saves woe to pay as you go.  
All judges are not what they seem.  
Innocence rarely seeks concealment.  
Every misery missed is a new mercy.  
Old age should never be ridiculed.  
Those can conquer who think they can.  
War is premeditated murder by Nations.  
Art is the sublimation of the artificial.  
Truth to be effective needs no ornament.  
What breaks one heart makes another.  
Expect the best, but get ready for the worst.  
A woman's brain doesn't empty into her heart.  
Man, if you will sell out, don't sell for a song.  
An impulse should be kept on ice for a time.  
Repeated effort is generally finally rewarded.  
Don't trust a man who is too ready to trust you.  
The early bird is bagged by the early hunter.  
The truest wisdom is a resolute determination.  
Shoot folly flying, sitting, standing or swimming.  
Ingratitude is, unfortunately, not a penal offense.  
Violent argument is never a match for cool reason.  
Advertisements are the legs that business walks on.  
Credit has led many a man into financial perdition.  
A man is the mgst critical with the woman he best likes.  
Truth dawns, but should never be permitted to become dusk.  
In Active Practice at Ninety-eight.  
Dr. Westbrook Farrier, of Biddeford, Me., is said to be a physician in active practice, though ninety-eight years old, and still more remarkable, to be in the habit of visiting his patients regularly on a bicycle. He attributes his exceptional vigor at this advanced age to the use of wintergreen tea, of which he is said to be an ardent advocate.—Chicago Times

## TO THE PREACHERS.

CHRISTIANITY, PRACTICAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE.

Love God with All Thy Soul and Thy Neighbor as Thyself—"On These Two Commandments Hangs All the Law and the Prophets."

Too many preachers are serving only the sentiment of their congregations.

They are too much to the conservative advice of the vestryman and not enough to the radicalism of Jesus Christ.

I am interested in the preachers, because I care very near being one myself.

Now I couldn't hold a job in a factory because I am a Populist and a Socialist. I know you are in a hard row of seats and surrounded with deeply rooted stumps.

Many of you would like to say things you don't dare to say.

But Jesus wasn't afraid. Some of you have families to support, and have to "nurse your jobs" or starve.

But there are thousands of people in this country who are martyrs without even being professors of Christianity.

They can't even get a job of working for "bunny Yonson," much less a job of working for Jesus in a fashionable church.

Preachers are only men, with appetites and passions as laboring men have. Though ever so richly endowed with the spirit, they are only instruments of expression, and entitled to material support only on a material basis.

The commonest clodhopper on earth can be a Christian—but he has to earn a living besides feeding the spirit.

If your preaching is not for the uplifting of all mankind materially, as well as spiritually, you are entitled only to spiritual support.

If you are teaching mankind that the only way to heaven is to be a good man, then you are a benefactor of the community, and the people and God will provide for you.

You are entitled to support if you earn it—but if you are preaching for a salary that is paid you by men who deny you freedom of speech, then you are accepting a bribe to betray Jesus.

Some of you are weak and afraid to speak out lest you hurt the feelings of people whom you are convinced are conscientious in their errors.

What do you fear?

What is conscience but a matter of teaching? You should root out the old conscience and build a new one. You are slaves to a system. Yes; but the whole system is wrong, and your business and God's business is to tear down the iniquitous system and establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

There is so much hell on earth that some people will feel at home in hell on the other side.

Show them the horrors of hell on earth as well as the tortures of the bottomless pit in the domain of disembodied spirits.

You don't like notoriety. Was there ever a man who received more notoriety and abuse than Jesus Christ?

Remember how the great newspapers and politicians denounced Dr. Parkhurst of New York as a fanatic, using all the vile epithets in the vocabulary of newspaper slang and political rot. Now they are lauding him to the skies for his success.

But you don't know of any such corruption to combat, then in the name of heaven it is time you were opening your eyes. Read the daily press with its budget of crime, starvation, misery, suicide and sensational headlines announcing to the greedy public the carrion on which the minds of the nineteenth century civilization feeds. Look in upon the palaces and banquets of the rich, visit the hovels of the poor and oppressed. Look into the grog shops and tenements of the cities. Behold the idle rich and the unemployed poor. See children growing up in ignorance and squalor—others growing up in arrogance and dissipation. Open your eyes.

There is hell on earth for you to fight. God is busy—better help him than to pat him on the back.

Try to bring the kingdom of God to earth, instead of carting hell to heaven. Bring heaven to earth and hell will move out.

Don't try to scare people with that old fake story about sulphur and brimstone. Men are ready in hell can't be scared. They want to get out—show them the way to heaven on earth.

Let the bishops discuss theology—study the sermon on the mount—preach

Christ before he was crucified and denounce the spirit that crucified him.

That he was crucified is nothing—that such men as crucified him now rule the world, is the devil you must fight.

Don't weep over the crucifixion, but over the depravity of man. Teach Christianity, not popular sentiment.

Be sure you are not crucifying Christ yourself, before you sing Jesus paid it all.

The fact that Jesus died on the cross won't save you. You, too, must be willing to die for the salvation of the world.

Praising Jesus for what you would not do yourself won't do any good. God isn't fooled by flattery.

Even if Jesus were only a man, his example and teaching is worthy. You believe him a God, "one having authority." Then what are you whining about? Quote Him as an authority, and preach as he taught.

The teaching of Christ freed the black slaves, it should free all mankind from the burdens of monopoly and oppression.

No matter which one of the churches of men you are associated with, consult your Bible first, and all humanity before creed, party race or nation. Don't quarrel about the past, but study the present and help shape the future destiny of men and nations while on earth. God will take care of them when they die. Your care is that they should live aright.

If you don't believe Christianity is practical get out of the pulpit and go to plowing corn. You will soon find out that the devil is practiced in his oppressions, anyway.

I don't want to abuse the preachers. I believe the church is the greatest power in the world for good—when it preaches practical Christianity.

But the fear of hell beyond the grave will never save the world.

Think about scaring a man into love—making a man love his neighbor at the muzzle of a shot gun.

GEORGE A. PRCKETT,  
Hardy, Ark.

## BE ON YOUR GUARD.

The Program of the Money Lenders' Foreign League.  
(New York Recorder.)

The Carlisle currency bill has been withdrawn, and a substitute has been offered in its place which is not sure to pass the house, and can not possibly pass the senate. But the discussion of it will not be a waste of time. It embodies, crudely, to be sure, and not to the satisfaction of the banks, the main features of the currency program which the national bank power has determined to force upon this country if it can.

Briefly stated, that program is this: To substitute a bank note currency, to be expanded, contracted and generally manipulated by the banks, for the government's own paper currency, issued in the nation's name and regulated by the nation's representatives in congress assembled.

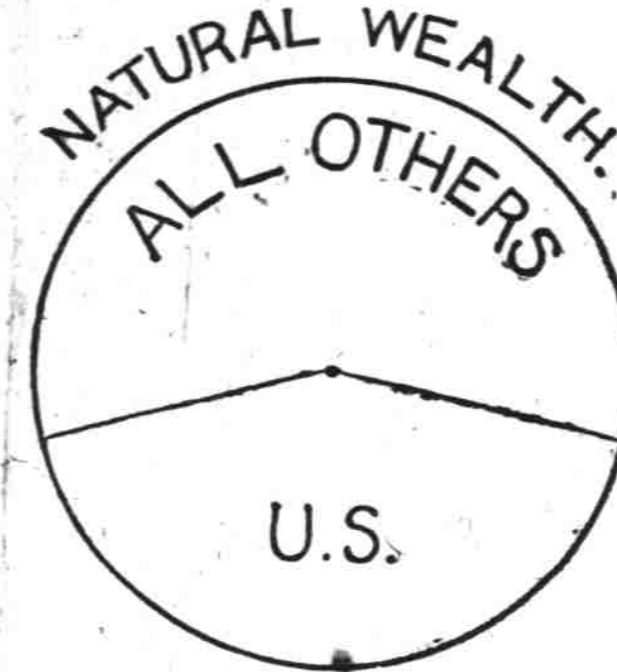
This is the culminating aggression of the mighty bank power that has been built—just like that of Great Britain—on the foundation furnished by our immense war debt.

In 1860 the whole public debt was but \$65,000,000, and in 1836 it was but \$37,513. The government's creditors prior to the war had but little to do, if anything, in shaping its financial policy. The war came, and by the year 1866 the public debt amounted in round numbers to \$2,700,000,000. At once the national creditors became a powerful and influential class. They were the first people to discover that our circulating medium and all the government issues should be made payable in gold.

They insisted that the principal and the interest of their bonds should be paid in gold, and it was done. From that hour there has been a continuous fight by the wealthy money lenders, mortgage holding classes of our own and foreign countries, where our bonds and securities have gone, to have all bills of credit, both public and private, made payable in gold.

Thus a persistent pressure has been exerted by the International Usurers' league to enhance the price of gold coin, decrease the volume of our currency, and increase the indebtedness of our people.

The Cleveland administration has been from the start, and is to-day, the political creature and cat's paw of the International Usurers' league. It was in the interest of that combine of money lenders that it first discredited silver and closed our silver mines, and it is in its interest that it is now trying to crowd a bank note inflation bill down the throat of congress. The ulterior purpose of that bill is to force the retirement of all the legal tenders, compel other and larger gold bond issues, and transfer the entire power of issuing money from the people's congress to the parlors of the banks.



## OUR WEALTH AND OUR MONEY.

The Spaces in the Circles Show the Natural and the Money Wealth of the United States as Compared With all Other Nations—A Strong Argument in Favor of More Money Per Capita.

## NATIONAL CIRCUS.

CONGRESS TRYING HARD TO PLEASE ITS MASTERS.

Mrs. Annie Diggs Feels Like Waking Them Up—Would Like to See a Real Woman in the White House.

[Correspondence, Topeka Advocate.]

Plutocratic pirates and gold buccannery have full control of our once glorious ship of state. The few congressmen who have consciences and souls are perfectly helpless in the clutch of these high handed usurers. It will never be different. The general public will never be served by the national congress until the two old party machines are broken, and a new element gains control; a new party which will come into power for the express purpose of serving the people instead of the plunderers.

There isn't the slightest use in looking to congress for anything save that which will enhance the fortunes of the greedy gluttons of fortune. It is a foregone conclusion that whatever legislation gets through this session will be such as will please the privileged class. This state of affairs is so fixed that it is of little interest even to watch the gyrations and listen to the vapors of the honorables while making grave pretense of serving their country.

The currency bill is under discussion in the house to-day. There was a comical performance going on when I entered the gallery. A big republican fellow from down east was reading his speech in thunderous tones, and it was so evident that he was making that speech to his constituents that no one in the house was listening. I think he must have been trying to "holler" loud enough for his down east neighbors to hear him. He stood first on one foot and then on the other, thrust his hands into his trousers pockets while reading a page of his speech, which was bolstered up before him on a pile of books. Every few minutes his voice would die up into a shrill sort of a yell, in order, I suppose, to give extra emphasis to the profound stuff he was getting off on the money question.

Here is one sentence which this orator shrieked out in extra high pitch: "Would I retire the greenbacks? Yes, I would."

The old clump! I wanted to throw something at him. If I could have aimed straight at that pile of books which supported the dreary stuff he was reciting to a suffering house, I would have been tempted to throw and risk arrest by the sergeant-at-arms.

Retire the greenbacks indeed! What for, I would like to know? Is it because they are the best money a nation or people ever had? Is it because they carried the country through a terrible war? Is it because they are connected with the memories of Abraham Lincoln's administration? Ah! what patriots these latter day republicans are.

I stood all of this rattling idiocy that was possible without becoming unamiable, then departed for the senate. The show was different there, but quite as farcical. Another down easter (this one a democrat) was reading his oration on the Nicaragua canal bond steal. Of course, he was in favor of it, but his speech was in lovely contrast to the orator at the other end of the capitol. The senator was spick and span just out of a band box, as to dress. He handled his gold eye-glasses dextrously, and spoke in modulated tones. Nobody was interested, of course. There was not a dozen senators in the chamber.

Merciful heaven! what is a woman made of who can be so heartless and selfish with such boundless opportunity and means to bless and brighten other lives that the President's wife has at her command? Oh, for a woman, a woman of the people, a woman with a soul, such a woman as Mrs. John

Davis or Mrs. Simpson to occupy the white house and use the glorious power and privilege of her position to make other lives brighter.

Frances Cleveland is a woman after David Overmyer's own heart (I'll not say so)—I don't think he has one. Mr. Overmyer's kind of women are of the selfish, society sort; women who wouldn't do so unwomanly a thing for the world as to go to the ballot box and cast a vote for a better and more Christian order of business and of society, but who would feel entirely delicate, refined and womanly without even an excuse of a dress above her shoulders and not a vestige of a sleeve, submitting to be gazed at and hugged by any drunken loafer who begged for a waltz, provided, of course, that the loafer was titled or rich.

ANNIE L. DIGGS.

## PATRIOTISM IN JAIL.

Ringling Words of Patriotism From Victim of Corporate Villainy.

From the jail at Woodstock, Ill., E. V. Debs has issued the following manifesto to the American people:

"In going to jail for participation in the late strike we have no apologies to make nor regrets to express. We go to jail, not like quarry slaves, but sustained by the consciousness that we have done our duty. No ignominy attaches to us on account of this sentence. I would not change places with Judge Woods, and if it is expected that six months or even six years in jail will purge me of contempt the punishment will fail of its purpose.

"Candor compels me to characterize the whole proceedings as infamous. It is not calculated to revive the rapidly falling confidence of the American people in the federal judiciary. There is not a scrap of testimony to show that one of us violated any law whatever. And if we are guilty of conspiracy why are we punished for contempt? This question will continue to be asked with ever-increasing emphasis.

"I would a thousand times rather be accountable for the strike than for this decision.

"The ridicule of the press that we are posing as martyrs will not deceive the people. We all have homes and loved ones, and none of us is here by choice. We simply abide by the arbitrary action of the courts. There is higher power yet to be heard from. No corporation will influence its decision. Our cause is that of conscientious liberty and we have an abiding faith in the American people. We accept our lot with becoming patience and composure.

"We can afford to wait.

"So far as I am concerned I feel that when all the circumstances are considered it would only have been disgraceful if we had so acquitted ourselves as to have kept out of jail. Our enemies are entitled to all the comfort they can extract from our imprisonment, and our friends need have no concern.

"Questions of great and grave import are up for decision. Great principles involving the liberty of the citizen are at stake. Out of all this good will come. There is one fundamental, bedrock principle that the American people will never suffer to be sacrificed. It may be menaced, and it now is, but when the high court judgment its enthronement will be fixed and secure for all time.

"We are by chance the mere instrumentalities in the evolutionary process in operation through which industrial slavery is to be abolished and economic freedom established. The starry banner will symbolize, as it was designed to symbolize, social, political, religious and economic emancipation from the thralldom of tyrannical oppression and degradation.

"EUGENE V. DEBS,  
"McHenry County Jail, Woodstock, Ill., Jan. 8, 1895."

If all contempt of court were crime, this country would have more prisons than schools. There is more contempt of court at large nowadays than patriotism in office.

## AGRICULTURE.

THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE SOUTH IN FARMING.

Profitable Diversified Industries Creeping in Which Are Making the Country Prosperous and Attracting Settlers.

Three Georgia fruit men have united in the purchase of 1,000 acres of land near Tifton to be planted in peaches. A large number of homeseekers have just settled on farms around Williamsburg, Va., in York and James City counties. They came from the Northwest.

At Lumberton, Ala., Northern capitalists have purchased 13,000 acres of land and are settling it up with Northern people. They intend to have a colony composed entirely of white persons.

The Southern Land and Lumber Co., of Alameda, Hamilton county, S. C., will cut up 4,000 acres of land into small farms for settlers from the North. The Valley of Virginia is being visited by a large number of farmers from Iowa, Nebraska and other Western States.

At the little town of Williamston, S. C., 30,000 pounds of pork were slaughtered since freezing weather.

Ex-Gov. Northern, of Georgia, writes that a Mr. Powell in Dade county made \$13,000 clear this year on 60 acres of strawberries.

A number of families from Pennsylvania have moved to near Wilmington, N. C., to engage in trucking and stock raising.

The State Farm of North Carolina, consists of 5,000 acres on which were raised in 1894: Cotton, 1,100 bales; corn, 75,000 bushels; wheat, 6,000 bushels; fodder, 300,000 bundles; molasses, 70 barrels; besides abundance of hay, clover, peas, etc.; and they killed 500 hogs.

Noah Biggs, of Scotland Neck, N. C., raised 425 bushels of corn on 4 acres of land.

Jacob Diehl, who settled in Chester Co., S. C., is delighted with the South and prefers farming here.

A large pork packing establishment has been started at Valdosta, Ga. All the modern improvements for keeping the establishment sweet and clean, for burning foul gases and destroying the offal, are utilized. The company will turn out sugar-cured hams, breakfast bacon, smoked shoulders and jowls, dry salt meats, and other pork products, and promises that each product shall equal in quality the best produced by any other establishment. It is understood that the farmers in that section are already preparing to plant peanuts, peas and corn to turn into pork to be sold to the Valdosta packing establishment next year, and even this winter considerable offerings of hogs will be made.

Oysters have been shipped from Newport News, Va., to England, as an experiment. The first consignment was 65 crates of oysters packed by a new method expected to keep them alive.

A German gardener purchased 8 acres in East Tennessee, and in 4 years has so clothed it with vines and apple trees that it is worth far above \$1,000.

A new crate factory has been built at Southern Pines, N. C., and next season the trainloads of grapes, plums and berries that are daily shipped to the Northern markets will be packed in crates manufactured on the spot.

Peanut-oil factories are industries which might be established in the peanut-growing districts of the South and be made profitable. The utilization of peanut oil in the manufacture of soap constitutes an important industry in Marseilles, France, some ingeniously operating machinery being used for the purpose.

## WARD McALLISTER DEAD.

The End Came Suddenly to the Leader of New York Society.

NEW YORK.—Ward McAllister, the well known society leader, died in this city Thursday night at half past 9 o'clock.

Mr. McAllister was taken ill a week ago with the grip. There were no alarming symptoms surrounding his illness until Thursday morning.

Mr. McAllister was born in Savannah, Ga., 60 years ago. His father was a lawyer and served several terms as mayor of Savannah. The dead man came to this city when he was 20 years of age and remained here until the death of a maiden aunt, who left him some money. He then returned to Savannah where he was admitted to the bar.

## Convicts to Make Shoes.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Superintendent Neal, of the State penitentiary, confirms the news that a company of Northerners will, in a few days, start a shoe factory within the walls of that institution. The machinery is on the way and the output at the start will be 500 pairs a day.

As the year 1895 advances, it will, in all probability, be found that manufacturing, commercial and agricultural interests will show signs of returning prosperity.