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THE DOCTRINE OF MIGHT.

Referring to Governor Altgeld's lucid and satisfactory explanation of his action as Governor of Illinois during the Chicago riots of 1894, the New York Times says:

"The East made up its mind long ago as to who was right and who was wrong in those sad and disgraceful July days of 1894. Mr. Altgeld cannot possibly change the verdict by his pettifoggery and tedious talk. What Mr. Altgeld did on Saturday night that is of real significance and value in this: He made it perfectly plain what Mr. Bryan would do in a like case were he elected. Mr. Bryan, as President, would not protect the mails or inter-State commerce against violence and riot. He would not enforce the decrees of the court. He would not execute the laws, as by his oath he would be bound to do. He would apply the notions and follow the lead of Mr. Altgeld himself."

But Mr. Bryan would execute the laws. That is precisely where the shoe pinches the Times and all of its centralizationist followers.

Nor, on the other hand, would he violate the supreme law of the land, the Federal Constitution, and his oath of office, as the Times's hero, Mr. Cleveland, has done without rebuke from the Times or its followers. High Federal appointments would not be made in the very teeth of the Constitution's prohibition, nor the laws against trusts go unenforced, nor obsolete laws of the Alien and Sedition brood be invoked for suppression of the freedom of the press.

No, the war is on between the false Democrats—who, like the Times and its mugwump kind, have put on the garb of Democracy only as a passing expedient—and the Bryans and Altgelds, who believe in the fundamentals of Democracy and intend, wherever they have the power, to practice them.

On the vastly greater stage which this huge American empire of to-day presents in contrast with the straggling commonwealths which made up the Union of Mr. Jefferson's time, the same battle is being fought over again that was fought and won by the Founder of the Party which Bryan represents and which the Times and its kind pretend to represent. It is the battle between centralization and State Rights, and it will this time be fought to a finish.

And may the God of Battles defend The Right!

A HOME LESSON ON COMBINES—A TELLING DOCUMENT.

We are permitted to publish the subjoined correspondence between The Capewell Horse Nail Co., of Hartford, Connecticut, and Mr. B. R. Huske, Secretary of the Huske Hardware House of this city.

The reason given by the former for advancing their prices goes to the root of the whole question of Trusts and Combines, against which the Democratic platform takes such a strong stand. There is no appeal to the law of supply and demand, the natural law, as a justification for advancing the price, but to the obligations of an "agreement," a human contrivance which, if the Democrats win, will be forced to give way to the old fashioned one.

Mr. Huske's reply bristles with happy hits, as well as with an astonishing array of facts unknown to the layman. It exposes the workings of the system of combines, loses no interest from the fact that it is of domestic manufacture, and makes one of the most telling campaign documents that has come to our notice.

Here is the correspondence:

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 12, 1896.

Huske Hardware House, Fayetteville, N. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to your favor of the 10th inst., we will say that in consequence of an agreement among Horse Nail manufacturers, the price of all cheap nails has been advanced to 8 cents per pound, freight prepaid. So, we shall be unable to give you a better price.

We have never sold you nails at 5½ cts. per pound; we formerly gave you 6 cts. per pound, f. o. b. cars Hartford.

Very truly yours,
THE CAPEWELL HORSE NAIL CO.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 16, 1896.

The Capewell Horse Nail Co., Hartford, Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—On 10th inst. we wrote complaining of an advance, without notice, of 33½ per cent. in the price, of "Black Prince" Horse nails. We have your reply of the 12th to the same in which you say: "We will say that in consequence of an agreement among Horse nail manufacturers, the price of all cheap nails has been advanced (from 6 cts.) to 8 cts. per pound, freight prepaid. So we shall be unable to give you a better price."

Is this another trust—a child of the Gold Standard government? Is there to be no end to these children of monopoly?

Are the agricultural sections of this country to pay tribute to every industry of the manufacturing sections? Even down to the nails to put the shoes on their horses' feet? And then when they cry out for relief and seek to make a change in the condition of things are we to be termed, "thieves" and "anarchists,"—"wild asses' colts"—and repudiators? Fifteen or 16 months ago we were buying nails at a price that enabled us to retail them for 1.65 per keg for 10¢ from our store, and make a reasonable profit, viz: 25 cts. per keg, then we were paying 1½ ct. per pound base on bar iron. To-day "in consequence of an agreement among nail manufacturers we have to pay 3.27 per keg for the same nails delivered at our depot—and if we are to add our percentage as shown on the others they would require a retail price of 3.87 per keg—a price impossible to get. Have the materials used in their manufacture advanced? Bar iron we can buy at 1.35 per 100 lbs. base price. Then again a few years ago our farmers got from 4 to 6 cts. per lb. for their hides, and we bought sole leather at a price of 16 cts. per pound average. Now they can get about 2 to 2½ cts. per pound for hides, and all have to pay,—"in consequence of an agreement" among Tanneries—23 cts. per pound for same grade leather formerly sold at 16 cts. To-day "in consequence of an agreement" among the Lime producers we are paying 10 cts. more per bble. for lime than we paid a year or two ago, when there was no agreement between the kilns.

Not very long ago Ames' shovels were sold at a discount of 20 per cent. and 10 per cent. To-day "in consequence of an agreement" among the shovel manufacturers we have to pay a discount of 5 per cent. and 6 per cent., or in other words the agreement advances the price from 16 to 20 per cent.

Last fall gunpowder cost us about \$2.63 per 25 lb. keg delivered here—but this year "in consequence of an agreement" among powder factories—it costs us about \$4 per keg—25 lbs.

Are our farmers able, "in consequence of any agreement," to get good prices for their produce.

I saw one of them who got, during the season just past, from a northern commission merchant 21 one cent stamps for returns from sale of 21 crates musk melons.

You can buy in Fayetteville a barrel of sweet potatoes for about 75c.

A bushel of corn brings about 40c. here and very much less in the west.

The gross receipts from the labors of an industrious hen, who works all the week and rests on Sunday, is 5 cents in this community.

You can buy a spring chicken for 10c., which when we go north and dine the Henblen is on the bill of fare at \$1.50, and a farmer gets here about 4c. lb. for his beeves when dressed and if he goes to one of your fashionable hotels is asked \$1.50 for a porter-house steak.

Oats are selling here at 28c. per bushel—raised in the west the raiser getting about 10c. per bushel, the railroads by "agreement" the balance.

In a few weeks the producers will be marketing pork at well about 4c. per lb. No "agreement" of the swineherd is paid any attention to by the consumer.

Will this advance of 33½ per cent. on your products levied on your customers—by agreement—not of the customer but of the manufacturer without the knowledge or consent of the customers pay your assessment demanded by Mr. Mark Hanna?

This will not take long to bring you in enough to make up the ¼ of one per cent. of your capital will it?

How can we manage our end of the line? If your customers should "by agreement" say we will pay only two thirds the price you charge you would call us thieves.

Most of your people call us "repudiators," simply because we desire the money of the Constitution restored.

But how can we keep out the campaign fund of the "Anarchist"? Our produce don't bring any money.

Connecticut can manage its ¼ of one per cent. by "agreements." We down here can only contribute tar, pitch and turpentine and our votes. But why vote? Your orators up there say "they will not abide by the result" if Bryan is elected.

Very truly yours,
BENJ. R. HUSKE,
Secretary.

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H. I. McDUFFIE,
District Manager,
Fayetteville, N. C.

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A DAY'S PLEASURE MARRED.

At the Flat River Association of the Baptist Church held at Stovall, Granville county, August 12th, a young lady had such a severe Headache that she was compelled to go to bed. A friend gave her a dose of

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