## JNO. D. ROCKEFELLER

A WHOLLY-HOLE SAINT, FOREYER BOR ING HELLWARDS FOR WEALTH,

Who Gives Thanks for Tanks, and Pipe His Religious!Joys in Petroleu

It is difficult to write seriously of Jno. D. Rockefeller, who, when in a pious spasm, is like Artemus Ward's kangaroo, an amoozing cus."

Mr. Rockefeller's religious unction represents about 400 horse-power, and in business he is as unctious as a Greenland whale. He is forever boring holes in the earth. He has a nose for oil, and so well trained is his smeller, that he can stick it in a hole and tell how many barrels of oil it will yield, and to such perfection, by assiduous training, has he brought his nose, that he knows more in a minute about the product of any given territory, after smelling around for a week, than any other man in the world, and it is this abnormally developed faculty of Mr. Rockefeller's nose that gives it a value above rubies.

ROCKEFELLER'S RELIGION.

True, it may be, that the public has no concern in a man's religion, unless he forces it into his politics or his business, which, in either event, makes it a sort of public property. Mr. Rockefeller's religion, like his business is redolent of oil. His business, as "cinch' players say, is the "holes," and his religion follows his business. It is wholly a hole-holy religion. In a pious mood, in which he is generally found after partaking of a sumptuous dinner, Rockefeller thanks his Creator for oil; subterranean streams of "liquid fat" as he calls it, which, like Tennyson's brook, flow on forever. He seldom fails in his Great Dispenser of Events, that his business is not dependent upon the "early or the latter rains," nor upon sunshine; that in summer's heat and winter's cold. he can fill his tanks and pipe the product of his holes to market and increase his wealth. He felicitates himself and the Almighty that no thunderbolt ever strikes one of his holes, and that no cork screwing and twisting cyclone can pull does he fail to arrogate to himself the the world; that by Divine Providence, may the better burn and blaze, and police. shine and corruscate, and dazzle the world by his light, so glorious and intense that were old Sol to go out of always in order, and The Road remarks business, he could and would at a reason- that, "when labor begins to help itself able price for his oil, supply all the light it will find "a change of conditions" required.

## A PHILANTHROPIST.

Mr. Jno. D. Rockefeller, with his fingers in his boot straps, tugs away until the beaded sweat bears eloquent testimony of his anxiety to lift himself to the highest altitude reached by any philanthropist the world has ever known. His love of mankind and his devotion to the welfare of the poor, finds frequent gether and get what it wants at the balexpression in the advance of the price of oil. By a stroke of his consecrated pen, he can add a million to his income and with another stroke of the same instrument, give it to a church, or endow a university. The poor in a million homes are robbed, that Jno. D. Rockefeller may get to himself a great name as a patron of religion and education, but he holds that the piratical means employed to pay them well for doing it. Let "labor" cure the boddle finds ample justification in the spectacular philanthropy he let it go to the ballot box and get what sows broadcast over the world, and his priests and professors in church and university, knowing where their salaries come from and on which side their bread is buttered, with trained legs and boots made to order, kick insubordinate pro fessors into the street, while they shout "Great is Rockefeller the oil king."

## AS AN EDUCATOR.

Jno. D. Rockefeller as a patron of education has supplied a source of ridicule as exhaustless as the best flowing oil well known to the country. It is said that Rockefeller, wanting a diploma, applied to Phil. D. Armour for a "sheep ekin," which Phil. prepared, pictured all over with derricks, tanks, pipes and flowing wells; written in Greek, Latin, He brew and Sanskrit, certifying that Rocke feller had been a student in the univer sity of Boodleburg, which was his almo mater, and had graduated with high honors, had had the degree of P. H. D. conferred upon him, which means, "Petroleum Hole Digger," and had been selected by his class to write the gradnating poem, one stanza of which is engraved upon his sheepskin, as follows: "Some will be called to preach, I hope for fat

ember whether you preach to the pe

ing control,
And that whatever you say of salvation or soul,
Keep a stiff upper lip and a clear, level head,
And remember the rich pay for your butter and
bread.

As a business man Rockefeller towers as a Pike's Peak among such black hills as Pullman, Carnegie, Vanderbilt, Hunt-ington and others equally black. He

rises early, takes a bath and is rubbed down by a faithful slave. Before indulging in his matutinal repast, he holds family prayer, eats his steak and pancakes with much thanksgiving, and then goes to his office and inquires, "How's oil to-day?" Being told that "two wells have gone dry," he orders an advance of one cent a gallon retail, and ten cents a barrel wholesale, and finds that the rise will increase his income \$5,000 a day, and forthwith disappears for a half hour of silent, secret prayer, and frequently comes forth with a face radiant with joy, over which saintly smiles chase each other with a sort of heavenly frolicking as divinely beautiful as when little lambs, with elevated and shaking tails, after hunching their dam's udder for a square meal, gambol away the sunny

hours on verdant hills. On such occasions Rockefeller appears at his best as a business man-and yet there are other climaxes of business which it is his pride to reach as often as occasion requires.

If the response is yes, he says "where?" being told, he says "freeze him out," which means, put down the price until he quits, and then up goes prices until all losses are overcome and a big profit in crossing the skunk with the gorilla, is secured. Having done this, Rocke- producing Geo. M. Pullman, who has feller consults with his cashier and made the town bearing his name, a book-keeper as to the condition of what stench in the nostrils of the world and he calls his "Jesus tund." Being in- crowned him as the colossal skunk of formed that it is "healthy," he writes the continent. Like a gorilla, he retains his check, as the whim takes him, to a semblance of man, but in the hybridsend more Bibles and hymn books to izing process, all else indicative of a Timbuctoo, or to import water from the human being disappeared. river Jordan with which to wash his feet.

tune, is phenomenal, but the words of resulting from the union of the bluethanksgiving devotions to remind the the Master, that "it is easier for a came! tailed fly and the doodle bug. It is someto go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of product of the butterfly and lightning Heaven," bothers him a good deal; still bug, or Mary's little lamb and a cockhe hopes by shelling out his shekels liberally to build churches and endow that it is surmised he may be the product universities, he may have his humps of a peacock and a parrot, at any rate he removed, or the eye of the needle en- is the plaything of Cornelius Vanderbilt larged; at any rate Rockefeller hopes, by hook or by crook, to equeeze through, of millionaires. and those who know him best say, that one of them out of the ground. Nor like the father of Handy Andy in getting ing processes aver that Jno. D. Rockeout of purgatory, if he can squeeze his distinction of being the lighthouse of head and shoulders through the pearly gate, he will go through in spite of St. he has got on top of the hill that he Peter and the entire army of celestial

## HO! FOR THE BALLOT.

To talk of the power of the ballot is easy enough to acquire. "Labor" casts nearly seventy per cent of the votes of this nation There is no reason why it should talk dynamite and bloodshed while there is a ballot box at their disposal to use. "Labor," poor thing! is all split up into Republicans, Democrats, Socialists, Populists, and all sorts of side issue parties. It must learn to get tolot box. Guard the ballot box from party heelers, and only talk of bloodshed when a fair count is denied. About the only condition at this time that warrants 'blood talk" is the general disposition of such political gangs as now exist in Arapahoe county, whose only reason for existence is their handiness at election time in stealing elections for those who learn to reason and to think, and then it wants.'

## IN A HOLE.

The Real Republic discusses farming, farmers, products and prices as follows: From the report of the Secretary of Agriculture for last year, we find that in 1880 we raised 498,549,878 bushels of wheat, price 95 cents, value \$474,201,850. In 1894 we raised 460,267,416 bushels of wheat, price 49 cents, value \$225,902,025. In other words, we raised, practically, as much wheat as in 1880 but got \$248,-399,825 less money for it. The same rule holds in cotton and all other staple crops. How the farmers of this country are to pay their mortgages, taxes and other debts, live comfortably and prosper and at the same time the more they raise the less money they get for it, the geldbug farmer at the head of the Agricultural Department fails to tell us. If the farmer is to continually get less money for the more he produces, the way we figure he is bound to find himself in a hole. He is there now.

## GETTING ON TOP.

The Miners' Journal says: "Rev. Rhys R. Loyd was, seventeen years ago, digging coal in Pennsylvania coal mines today he is professor of Greek and exe-gesis in the Theological Seminary in Oakland, Cal. And there are thousands of Loyds at this moment delving in the mines of this country; yet ignorant parrots everywhere, who simply repe what they hear some other parrot say, continually decry our craftsmen as a

It has leaked out that Phil. D. Ar our has invited Grover Cleveland to to Grease with him in a keg.

## HYBRIDS.

THE HYBRIDIZING PROCESS IN OPERA-TION IN THE UNITED STATES.

Resulting in the Production of Nume Specimens Worthy of Careful

Hybridizing in the United States sometimes for gain, but more frequently for amusement, has been pursued for many years by scientists and men of leisure with astonishing results.

In California, students of hybridizing, crossed, after much labor the coyote with the tarantula, and produced C. P. Huntington; a hybrid monster, vicious and venomous to an extent that defies description; with fangs as deadly as the hairy spider and as numerous as a buzzsaw; and claws more formidable than a tiger, he has proved to be one of the greatest terrors on the Pacific coast. He devours railroads and digests them, It is his habit to inquire particularly bed, ties, cars and depots, as easily as an after competitors, and this is done by ostrich digests scrap iron, and it has the nonchalant question, "Is there any been difficult for railroad employes to one to put the screws to to-day? He escape his Moloch maw-indeed, he has insists upon laconic replies-yes or no. devoured hundreds of them, and drinks their blood to quench his thirst and aid his digestion.

Another freak, still more repulsive, abnormal and abominable, has resulted

Hybridizers point with pride to the Rockefeller's piety, like his great for- spectacular hybrid, Chauncey M. Depew, times asserted that Chauncey is the roach-indeed, his plumage is so gay who keeps him caged for the amusement

> Those who are familiar with hybridizfeller is the product of a fallen angel and a ground hog, that he inherited some knowledge of Pluto's treasures, and, aided by the burrowing instincts of the voodchuck, has got rich by boring holes in the earth and extracting Pluto's hid-

Nothing could be more interesting than the references of hybridists to Cornelius Vanderbilt, whom they declare to have been produced by a sort of a miracle, nothing less than the hatching of a goose egg by a crazy cat which sat upon it until the gosling got out of the shell, and inheriting \$100,000,000. became profoundly interested in Christian railroading on the Pinkerton plan of salvation and expanded to enormous proportions as a R. R. Y. M. C. A. saint. Another specimen of the hybridizing processes of the times, is Ande Carnegie, Ande is the product of a cross between a Scotch terrier and some lineal descendant of Judas Iscariot. Deploring great wealth, and professedly desiring to die poor, he swindles the government with piratical piety, and loads down its battle ships with blow-hole armor plates and pockets the profits with a holy serenity of mind, as when a good man "wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams. He is now known as "Blow Hole Ande, throughout all civilized lands.

In Chicago there has been much investigation to determine what union of opposites produced Phil. D. Armour. and it has been a bothersome problem. because, upon examination, a remarkable variety of peculiarities were found to exist. This specimen has an abnormal thirst for blood, he likes to bathe and swim in it. It is said that his motto is "blood and boodle." His shibboleth is "The Knife," on his shield is engraved "I kill to live, and live to kill," but the final conclusion arrived at is that Phil. is the product of bull and bear.

Coming down to a lower order of hybrids it has been ascertained that P. M. Arthur is a cross between Pelican and owl. He has a capacious pouch in which to bestow his gleanings and his massive ages have all the erudition the owl estows upon its nightly orations when looking for mice, besides, like a shrewd bird he knows when and how to feather

There are other and numerous spe mens of hybrids in the country, as, for ace, Edward Atkinson, the renown ed "Baked Bean," statistician of Yanke doodledom. He is believed to be the product of a long-necked clam and a shark because he spouts like a clam in its hole, and bites like a shark when hungry. He is known as the "Three cent-square-meal philosopher of Bos

such a hybrid as Wm. A. Woods have been produced, and those

conclude that he is a combination of ass, hyena and snapping turtle and the question "is he crasy?" is frequently asked. No one knows whether he is sane or insane, but this is known, that he is a judicial pestilence and properly dubbed the "Gila Monster" of the U.S.

## THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND ITS PLAT-FORM.

The Republican party, in convention at St. Louis, did not disappoint expectations. Being the party that demone tized silver, it declared for gold.

Being the party that fastened upon the country the national bank curse, under its sway, should it be successful in November, the curse will be perpetu-

Being the millionaire, the trust, syndicate, monopoly and corporation party, it will, if given the power, increase their number and enlarge their power for

Being the original Rothschilds and shylock party, it will legislate to promote the interests of the rich and increase the embarrassments of the poor.

There is not a banker, a monopolist, a money lender, a bond holder, a mortgage fiend, a manager of a trust, or robbing combine of any description, who does not shout for gold.

At St. Louis the party announced to the country that first, last, and all the time it is for gold. While its representatives were formulating its policy, the representatives of a number of empire states denounced the party and its platform and walked out of the convention The spectacle was patriotic, beyond the power of adequate description. More eloquent than words, it told the country that the Republican party was the greatest foe that ever confronted the republic. It was a timely warning and will be heeded.

Puffed up to abnormal proportions, the Republican party boasted that with McKinley and gold, it could capture the country. Its bosses and their henchmen are still boastful. Having secured a majority of the delegates for McKinley by the use of an immense corruption fund, they expect, by the use of money, to elect their man, but aside from the corrupt use of money, subscribed by corrupt men who expect to get it all back, there is no hope for the success of McKinley and gold. Fortunately, the people comprehend the game, and the Republican bosses will find that they cannot debauch enough voters to win. Gold is the money of the shylocks, the gold standard is the shylock standard. The great mass of the people are for the free coinage of silver and the "dollar of the daddies." The issue is squarely made, shylock and gold on the one side, the people and silver on the other side.

The fight is on, let it proceed with ever increasing earnestness till the polls close, and if the people are true to them selves, the backbone of the money power will be broken and its beastly claws pulled out by the roots.

## THE PRESIDENT.

The office of president of the United States confessedly is one of great power and distinction.

But the man who occupies it, however good or great, confers no dignity upon the office. It is the office that confers dignity upon its occupant.

To respect the citizen who by the suffrages of the people become president, if he is worthy of respect, the people esteem as a pleasure and a duty, at, if on the contrary, like Grove Cleveland, he forfeits that respect by a vicious course, it is a duty to criticize his acts and policy with becoming severity, and be it known, in doing this, no attack is make upon the office but the man who occupies it.

Grover Cleveland has now a larger share of contempt than has fallen to the lot of any other president, not excepting R. B. Hayes, who accepted it when he knew it had been stolen.

Grover Cleveland has demonstrated to the world that the people in making him president committed a colossal blunder, and the longer he remains in office the more thoroughly are the people convinced of their mistake.

Blinded by his self-importance, he has pursued a policy which has won the everest denunciations of the most distinguished men of the Democratic party, which he has wrecked, and he will retire from office on the 4th of March, next, to be remembered in his retirement as the most thoroughly detested citizen who has been president of the United States.

## FUDDLE AND MUDDLE.

An unconstitutional law is not law and yet, in the state of Indiana an unconstitutional statute is permitted to re main in force, because, forsooth, an unconstitutional law if better than no n, as every one knows, an onal law is no law at all,

## THE WAGE WORKERS.

HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF—IF THE **WORLD IS TO HAVE PROSPERITY** 

The Surplus Earned by Labor Must be S-cured by Labor—In Default of this, Decay and Degradation Follow.

It is a matter for universal congratustion that the field of discussion, relating to labor and its welfare, is constantly broadening. New ideas are forced upon the attention of the people, which, fortunately, cannot be arrested by injunctions in the interest of corporations and the money power. A new idea is born winged for its mission, and A. R. R., writing for the Common Cause, introduces some thoughts that breathe, and some words that burn : common-sense views of requirements. He refers to the fact that

THE OLD THEOLOGIANS

started with the assumption that mankind were once innocent and pure, and from that high and happy state fell into sin and death. The better methods of a later day show the old belief to have been nothing more than a notion, having no foundation. Prehistoric man was savage, brutal and degraded to a degree hardly to be conceived of today. Why any men ever came out of the primitive savagery, and why some races came out while others remained without advancement, no savant may ever be able to tell: that is we may never discover the initial impulse. But, whatever the nature and origin of that impulse, the movement once started, there is little difficulty in discovering the conditions under which it has continued, and it is easy to see the opposing conditions under which it has always been arrested.

THE FIRST CONDITION OF PROGRESS is the ability of man to produce more than he needs for his own sustenance from day to day and year to year, with reasonable certainty, or briefly, the ability to produce a surplus. Put stress upon the fact of production-production by human energy. For no people living solely on the wild products of nature ever rose to greatness, or made a record. or sent forth a scholar, a philosopher, an artist or a statesman. On the other hand, people with ability and opportunity to produce a surplus, advance in civilization as long as their surplus is not interfered with. There is no lack of examples to show the unvarying effect of taking away the surplus—that material thing which carries with it, in one direction or the other, up or down, all mental and moral qualities from lowest to highest. The Jews, captive in Babylon, made no progress, became even tolerant of the great sin under their law. The Jews, under Solomon, built magnificent cities and spread themselves over large territories. Taking away the surplus by the introduction of slave labor, was the beginning of Egypt's decay, which went on until even the soldiery existed only that they might be plundered by their officers; until they would not fight even for the possession of their

women.

MODERN INSTANCES ARE PLENTIFUL. What has become of the Romans in a land where today every avocation is stripped of its surplus? What of the once proud Spaniard, whose dictation went far beyond his borders, north and south and east? His decline began in a war upon agriculture and industry, by which the surplus was taken from the

producer. Observe that the effect of WITHHOLDING THE SURPLUS

goes far beyond the mere deprivation of material things. It brings moral degradation as well as material. There was a deep philosophy in the old commonplace description, "poor but honest parents." The commonest fault with economists to day is failure to take into account the mental and moral injury that comes from withholding the surplus. It is much the fashion to theorize about a man's wages as if he had no more qualities than a steam engine. Thus You put in so much coal, and you get so many foot-pounds of power. Put in less coal and you get less foot-pounds. Cut off the coal altogether and you get no foot-pounds; your engine stands idle, doing nothing. And so with the laborer. Now the fault with this method is that it takes no account of the qualities that the man has and the engine has not. Cut off the engine's supplies and it does nothing; it is neither better nor worse after a week's 'idleness, or a month's, or

TAKE AWAY A MAN'S SUPPLIES

and he cannot stand still like an iron machine. You get not the old product, but a different one. He must do one glish people have encoun -the e

the man his surplus, or withholding it by some means, open or concealed, direct or indirect, avowed or cunningly covered with complex arrangements. So the question is not merely one of a dollar or two, more or less on either side. Rather is a question of preservation or decay of the people, the nation, the race. Preservation means continued advance in all mental and moral, as well as all material interests. Decay means not alone the loss in material things, but the incalculably greater loss by disaster to moral qualities and backsliding in all good interests of human kind. There is not interest so high that it is not involved in this question of leaving the man his surplus or withholding it.

A CIVILIZATION is neither built up nor destroyed in a day. The processes are slow. But there is on every hand today enough in sight to show which way the drift is taking. The multiplying army of tramps, the alarming increase of crimes against person and property, the subtle undermining of honor and conscience which is everywhere observable in business and in current maxims—all these are the effects of the war on industry begun three years ago, and operating to diminish or

destroy the laborer's surplus. PALACES, REAL ESTATE AND YACHTS. Queen Victoria is in very comfortable.

circumstance in the way of worldly goods, means and merchandise, and though she has mourned much over the death of the Prince Consort, she has kept the tears out of her eyes sufficiently to see a good thing in land and houses, having about 7,000 houses and immense estates. Now that she is getting old—the announcement is made, says the New York Home Journal, that she's to leave by will the Osborne House to one daughter, the lease of Abergeldie House to another, and Balmoral, the royal residence in the Highlands, to the Duke of Connaught, recalls the fact that the man who would devour this particular widow's houses, must make an uncommon full meal. It was discovered a few years since that the Queen owned 600 houses in various parts of England-not royal residence but rent-yielding properties, and that about 6,000 houses had been built by crown lessees on building leaseholds held of the Queen. She then had also rents from markets and tolls from ferries, besides the proceeds of mines and other works upon her property or the crown property. She had large states in Yorkshire, Oxfordshire and Berks, valuable lands in the Isle of Man, and in Alderney, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Of the new Forest there are 2,000 acres of absolute and sixty-three acres of contingent crown property. Her Majesty enjoys income from the Forest of Dean, from several other forests and from rich properties in and about London.

Osborne, on the Isle of Wight, and Balmoral, in the Highlands, are the private property of the Queen, and are maintained out of her own income. But she has the use of a few royal palaces besides, and these are maintained by the nation at an annual expenditure ranging from \$2,500 to \$50,000. The Queen is in the occupancy of Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, the White Lodge at Richmond Park, and part of St. James' Palace. The remainder of the last named palace is occupied by other members of the royal family. Other royal palaces, maintained as such, although not in the occupancy of the Queen, are Kensington Palace, Hampestimate based on the statistics of eight or ten years, costs the nation on the average over. 70,000 a year; Kew Palace, Pembroke Lodge, the Thatched Cottage, Sheep Cottage in Richmond Park, Bushby Park, and Holyrood Palace. When she visits the Continent, she has one great house or another, with whatever repairs and refurnishing are necessary to fit it for a temporary royal occupant, although for all this she pays out of her own income. Bagshot House, Gloucester House and Clarence House are palatial dwellings, occupied by various mem-

bers of the royal family. The Queen has four rather old-fashioned yachts, on which she makes her sea journeys, although the oldest of them is used seldom. The four cost originally about \$1,375,000.

## BIG. YOU BET.

Texas invites substantial emigration nd capital to develop its varied and abundant mineral resources and to erect mills and factories. That you will not be crowded when you come, we have tabulated the following, showing the area and population of the governments named, from which it will be seen that the entire population of the United States could live in Texas and have more m per capita than the popul

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### THE FOURTH OF JULY.

Here we are with another anniversary of the Declaration of Independencethe one hundred and nineteenth; only four days away.

On such occasions, orations, bonfires and music are in order. At least they

The Declaration of Independence was doubtless the most sublime proclamation that human thought ever promulgated-not because it declared that the British Colonies in America "are and of right ought to be free and independent states "-but because it declared:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Strike out this declaration, and the document loses all its grandeur and sinks to the dead level of commonplace, the merest memorandum; platitudes without inspiration or elevating

But, with this announcement of man's created equality, the Declaration of Independence, with infinite power grasped all nations, kindreds and tribes of men and lifted them to the lofty elevation of liberty-and made the following declaracreated equality.

"That to secure these rights (of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

In these declarations, patriots may still find themes for 4th of July orations, but we are persuaded that in numerous instances all reference to them will be omitted.

The fashion of the times is to spout about the physical grandeur of our republic, to speak of the vastness of its boundaries-that it is washed by two mighty oceans; that it includes all climes and that its products, from the sunny south to the frigid north, are all and everything the happiness and comfort of man requires.

We will have dissertations on rivers, which keep the ocean supplied with water; of our inland seas where the navies of the world could float and perform their battle evolutions; of our mountains, where infinite wisdom has stored treasures which will be unexhausted when a thousand years are gone; of forests, in whose vast solitudes, in spite of man's rapacity, the wild room unmalastad . of lds where the horizon touch is the earth, and the sun rises and sets as if in mid-ocean.

Orators will trot out their rhetoric and tell of our railroad mileage-enough to girdle the earth eight or ten times with iron track; of mountains climbed by the iron horse until he snorts above the clouds, and then proceed with occasional reference to the flag, the Monroe doctrine, and the nation's invincibility on the land and on the sea-and when the oratorical pyrotechnic display is over, the crowd will vociferate, "Who's afraid?

These orators will not tell those who listen to them, that amidst all this physical grandeur, millions of Americans are idle, hungry and homeless; that the government while retaining its original form is in the control of a plutocracy which owes its existence to legislation in the interest of a money power more despotic and cruel than the autocracy of Russia; that caste is as sharply de fined as in India; that unrest prevails everywhere; that contentment is unknown to the masses; that in the march of this money power, panic, wreck and ruin follow each other in regular order and quick succession, and that the minds of the most conservative and proaching perils.

on at present. It is unnatural. We are a Teutonic and, therefore, an aristocratic people. We have had always with us a monarchial party, which, if the truth must be told, is in a respectable minority. Were it not for Jefferson, Washington would have been king. The time was not ripe for a monarchy, but the time is ripe now, when we have amongst us great millionaires—that is to say, a class from which we can create barons and marquises and dukes.

"It is unnatural that John Smith, a car driver, should be called Mister, and that George Gould, a railroad magnate of the first-class, should have no higher distinction. It is still more unnatural that John Smith's vote or voice should have the same potency as that of George Gould; in fact, it is monstrous. We shall soon change all that. The signs of the coming change may be observed in New York, the metropolis, the seat of the arts, of wealth, and of culture. Take our hotels in that city; the grandest in the world. Do we call them after Washington, or Lincoln, or Madison, or Grant? Do we name them after any of our heroes or cities? No: they are called Brunswick, Victoria, Grosvenor, Albemarle, Windsor, Buckingham, Marlborough, and other great English aristocratic families. Why? Because great hotels are patronized by the wealthy, and wealthy Americans incline toward

This may sound strange, but it is nevertheless true, that in the United States there exists a monarchial class. growing more numerous as the money power enfolds the government in its grasp. Already the people are confronted with a centralized despotism, as crushing as can be found in the world.

Standing armies, everywhere a menace of liberty, are now the battle cry of American plutocrats, and Congress responds to the demand with monarchial alacrity.

Already the government has become destructive of the inalienable rights of its citizens, and all over the land men are determining with a mighty struggle to introduce such changes and amendments as will secure their liberties, their safety and their happiness.

Hon. Wm. Windom, late U. S. Senator, and Secretary of the United States Treasury, had immensely correct ideas of the power of certain railroad magnates, and on more than one occasion said: "I repeat to-day in substance. words uttered seven years ago, that there are in this country, four men, who, in the matter of taxation, possess and frequently exercise powers which neither congres nor any state legislature would dare to exert-pewers which if exercised in Great Britain, would shake the throne to the foundation. These men may at any time, and for any reason satisfactory to themselves, by a stroke of the pen reduce the value of property in the United States by hundreds of millions. They may at their own will and pleasure embarrass business, depress one city or locality and build up another, enrich one individual and ruin his competitors, and when complaint is made cooly reply, "what are you going to do about it?" \* \* The channels of commerce being owned and controlled by one man or a few men, what is to restrain corporate power or to fix a limit to its exactions upon the people? What is to hinder these men from depressing or inflating the values of all kinds of property, to suit their caprice or avarice, and thereby gathering into their own coffers the wealth of the nation? Where is the limit to such a power as this?-and what shall be said of the spirit of a free people who will submit without a protest to be thus bound hand and foot.

These "four men" who were ruling the country when Mr. Windom pointed out what they were doing, have increased in number and in power, since he uttered his warning to the American people. Since then plutocrats of all descriptions have combined, and instead of four, there are more than four thousand of them plundering the people. They control, not only the channels of commerce, but of finance, of education and religion, and dictate legislation, judicial proceedings, and public opinion. They control the two old parties and in all industrial affairs determine the wages of men who work for a living. To vote for either of the old parties, is to aid in perpetuating their power to reduce men to poverty and degradation.

## AUSTIN CORBIN.

The news was flashed over the country ome days since that Austin Corbin, the multi-millionaire, had been killed just as he was leaving his beautiful home in New Hampshire for a day's fishing in a mountain stream not far away. His death was occasioned by the running away of his horses, and in the wreck which followed Corbin was dashed head thoughtful are filled with alarm at sp- first against a yankee stone wall, and reaching perils.

In this connection we copy from the his game of life ended. He was 70 Clarion, published in England, the fol- years old and weighed 200 pounds. He lowing, which tells of a wealthy American, an ex-Senstor, and a combatant on the Union side in the war of the rebellion, has been telling the interviewer of a Paris paper that the United States of America are now quite ripe for the establishment of a monarchy! He said:

years old and weighed 200 pounds. He can weighed 200 pounds. He can weighed 200 pounds. This secured, reforms in government of a meaning in government of the power over the care not only possible but certain. When organizations of workings refer to politics as a disease, someth to pocket receipts, and was never more as a paris paper that the United States of America are now quite ripe for the establishment of a monarchy! He said:

"We cannot continue as we are going to their chins." He was as thor oughly equipped a rogue as Jay Gould or any other the country has pro and he kept fully abreast of all the rascally schemes for making money known to our splendid civilization of plutocracy, poverty and progress.

Austin Corbin was a tyrant in his dealings with workingmen. He disregarded their grievances and made himself infamously obnoxious, and in his headlong rapacity, never found his master until his head struck a yankee stone wall. And surely, as Shakespeare said, there are sermons in stones."

## GOLDBUGISM.

The congress now in session has appropriated more than \$600,000,000, and during the short session, which will end March 4, 1897, the estimate is that the sum total of appropriations will reach a billion, or a thousand millions of dollars. This vast sum of money must be provided by labor, since without labor another dollar would never reach the United States treasury. While this infamous business is proceeding it is well to heed the declarations of John Clark Ridpath, the historian, showing what has been accomplished by the financial policy of goldbugs who have ruled the realm and brought about national bankruptcy, and piled burdens upon the people grievous to be borne, and which threaten still greater wreck and ruin. Mr. Ridpath says that by the year 1896 "the people have paid upon the public debt, in interest, \$2,635,000,000 and upon the principal, \$1,700,000,-000, making the enormous aggregate of \$4,335,000,000. This will leave us still owing about \$1,237,500,000 including premium on bonds. We will have paid at the end of 1896 more than three-fifths of the entire debt (besides the fabulous sum in interest), and yet the less than two fifths remaining will be worth more to the holders than the entire debt was on the first of March, 1866." And he adds that "for thirty years the American people have been pouring into that horrid maelstrom the volume of their resources. They have paid on their debt, or at least they have paid, at this long period such a prodigious sum that arithmetic can hardly express it. And yet it is the truth of tion as self-evident as that of man's PLUTOCRACY, PROGRESS AND POVERTY. the living God that at the close of the year 1896, the national debt of the United States, in its bonded and unbonded form, will purchase as its equivalent in value as much of the average of twenty five of the leading commodities of the American market, including real estate and labor, as the same debt would have purchased at its maximum on the first of March 1866. In short, the people have paid and paid for thirty years, and at the end of this time they have paid just this-nothing at all." If any one wants a definition of goldbugism, Mr. Ridpath supplies all that the most exacting could demand. Do the people want goldbugism forever at the helm? If so, let them vote for either of the old parties and they will be accommodated.

SOVEREIGNTY, THE BALLOT AND POLITICS.

Americans boast of their sovereignty. It is well.

It is the ballot that confers this sov-

ereignty. Without the ballot Americans are no more sovereigns than the serfs of Russia or the coolies of China.

The ballot is a political weapon.

He who wields the ballot is in politics. To denounce politics is to denounce the ballot and the sovereignty which the ballot confere.

Why this ceaseless eulogy of the ballot if politics is so reprehensible that it should be banished from labor organizations?

Politics. per se, is honorable. To decounterfeiting, or the adulteration of food.

Indeed, debased politics is not politics any more than a counterfeit coin is money

The supreme purpose of patriots now is to have clean, honest politics; to eliminate from politics fraud, bribery, hypocrisy, chicanery, lying, jugglery and everything else in the catalogue of the infamous

But a ballot secured by bribery sinks the man who casts it to soundless depths of infamy. He is a traitor to himself, his God and his country, and he who

To do this the ballot must be used

casts a ballot under the influence of intimidation is a creature whom to call a coward would be a mild compliment. A man who casts a ballot ignorantly, thoughtlessly, carelessly, merits pity and contempt in about equal prop

tions. In a labor struggle he would be a scab, in a battle a coward, and anywhere and everywhere a disgrace to his country and his fellow-men. The danger of the country is not politics, but the counterfeit article which bearing the stamp of the genuine article

without its virtue, is sending the country headlong to the devil. What is wanted is clean politics and manhood, courage, devotion to princi-

ples, behind every ballot. This secured, reforms in government

refer to politics as a disease, something to be tabooed and not tolerated, they

Elihu Burritt, "the learned black smith," celebrated for dealing in facts

says: "Then is our great estate, be longing to the people of christendom an estate which is transmitted to suc cessive generations in fee simple, in the fullest freehold ownership and occupa tion. This estate consists in a debt of more than £2,000,000,000, contracted by loons, Overalls and sixteen European nations, in sacrificing upon the altar of Mars about twenty Shirts. millions of their subjects and citizens This is merely the arrearage due from the people for the cost of their self-immolation; it is but a tithe of what they have paid on the human slaughter bil's since the reformation. This vast delat is what the people have earned by destroying each other in war. It is a great estate and yields them an annual revenue of poverty, crime and wretchedness. Then there is another source of the best, too—in wear, finish and price. similar income to the people. The christian governments of christendom expend about £200,000,000 annually in preparing for future wars; which, added to the interest of their aggregate war debt, at 5 per cent, rises to the nice little sum of £300,000,000, which has to be raised every year by sinking the condition of the people still lower. The annual war tax on the inhabitants of Europe may be put down at £2 per head, from the infant in the cradle to the man tottering into the grave beneath the weight of a hundred years! To pay the principal of this war debt of christendom. it would be necessary to levy a tax of at least £2 on every inhabitant of the globe! Let the people think of these things."

The United States, in a time of profound peace, and while the people are suffering from debt, taxation and all the evils of prostrated industry, is getting ready for war by the expenditure of millions for a navy that has no important duties to perform either at home or abroad. But Europe goes in debt, and why may not the United States play the fool, also?

### THE LAND QUESTION, AND THE MONEY QUESTION.

Both of these questions are up for debate-and men differ widely as to which is the more important, says an exchange. "It is claimed that money is to the body politic what blood is to the human body. But the analogy is imperfect. The human body can not live without blood, but men lived and traded before money was invented. Land is as necessary to every man's existence as is the blood in his veins; but money is not. Suppose that to-day all the money in existence was destroyed, would any person suffer from want of the necessaries of life if the earth was accessible to all, the season propitious, the soil fertile, and the people industrious? No. Now, suppose that the money and property remained, but all the cultivateable land was sterilized, would all the money they had, and they could make, save them from famine after the exhaustion of the supplies of food on hand? No. Then should not the land question take precedence of the money question?"

Well, just at this juncture, and during the present campaign, we should say the money question should have precedence, because with more money workingmen would receive higher wages -with more money, there would be greater industrial activity and more general prosperity. The redistribution of land can wait; more money is the pressing need just now.

## GOLD.

Prior to the discoveries of gold in California, the world's output of gold was about \$30,000,000 annually, but the American and the Australian discoveries, as early as 1853, made the aggregate a far worse crime than product \$150,000,000. Then there was a decline in the product until if was reduced to \$60,000,000 annually. When the gold discoveries in South Africa were made the output increased and the following estimates are now given by experts of the world's gold production for five years, 1890-94, namely: 1890, \$118,-500,000; 1891, \$130,650,000; 1892, \$146, 300,000; 1893, \$145,550,000; 1894, \$180, 000,000. Regardless of what other countries will produce the estimate is that the South African mines alone, during the next half century will produce \$3, 500,000,000.

THE advocates of the co-education of the sexes, will, as soon as practicable, organize an Ananias and Saphira Munchausen club, to equip the membership for felicitous fiction writing—tone down or expand their imaginative powers as may be required to travel without going anywhere, and describe charmingly countries they never visited, in a word. reduce lying to a fine art, a sort of a she-talk-way fully up to the literary demands of the times.

THE supreme court of the United States has decided that railroad managers and their pals can be made to swear in court touching their rascalities, but it is not in the power of the court to make them tell the truth.

THE Spaniards in Cuba are still murdering, robbing and imprisoning Americans, but Grover Cleveland cares no more about it than if they were exterminating so many dogs.

THE case of Books vs. Beer is on trial n the court of common sense, Judge

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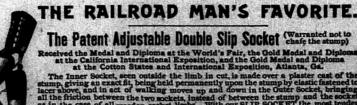
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## PAPERS.

"To every obligation true," Is the motto of the A. R. U. Its in the van, and there to stay, Because it was built that way. Built to stand and built to fight For justice, fair play and the right. It stands erect, it does not brag, But is ever true to labor's flag Infallibility is not it's dower, But it laughs to scorn a despot's power. And in all its thousand camps It dares to curse blacklisting scamps. Feel its pulse, and every beat Proclaims advance and not retreat. Along the route, where're its march. Hope rears a triumphal arch True as the magnet to the pole The A. R. U. brooks no control Of plutocrats, whose cowering slaves Lick their boots while digging graves. For workingmen who dare to stand With defiant voice and hand. Pledg'd to fight with freedom's host Till every man gives up the ghost

"Give me liberty, or death." NASHVILLE, TENN.

Till not a comrade's left to tell

How com: ades fought and comrades fell

And whisper with expiring breath,

Resolved. That it is the Duty of Prohibitionists, Socialists and Populists to Unite and Fight Capitalism.

BY J. R. ARMSTRONG.

When a general enters the field to op-pose or fight an enemy, he first ascer-tains the strength or weakness of that enemy. So before we enter into the dis-cussion of this subject more fully, we must first learn what capitalism is, and

must first learn what capitalism is, and see how great are its strongholds.

Capitalism is organized greed! It is propped up by four substantial pillars: the Pulpit. the Press, the State and the School. The pulpit says, "Servants, obey your masters;" the press says, "Competition is the life of trade;" the state says, "Vested rights must be protected;" the school says, "Honor and preserve the traditions of your country". tected;" the school says, "Honor and preserve the traditions of your country." Capitalism, then, is almost an impregnable fortress. Capital is the surplus earnings of labor, but legally absorbed by privileged individuals. Capital is that portion of wealth used in reproduction whether it be in the shape of bread eaten by the laborer or the seed sown in the ground. The function in sown in the ground. The function in both acts is the same—reproduction of energy. Capital is good and necessary, but capitalism is bad and unnecessary! Capitalism is a great parasitical animal which has wound itself around the earth like a huge boaconstrictor. Its business is to squeeze the energy out of mankind, no matter how much poor humanity may groan, or how many lives may be blasted. -The more the people groan the louder this fell demon hisses and the more intense it wrings its shining folds. Capitalism is the source of all our ills, sorrows and imperfections. It is the mother of every sin.

Capitalism can look upon the Arme-

nian atrocities with perfect composure. Men, women and children outraged and cabered is nothing but a slight depopula tion. Turkish bonds are valuable alone. The sweating bell, wherein innocent women and children rot by inches, is quite in keeping with that grim monster. The brothel, where innocence is forced to sell its youth and life, is a product of capitalism. The missmatic den of besotcapitalism. The miasmatic den of besottedness, where wasted nerves and palsied energies resort, is one of the offshoots of this unutterable evil. Capitalism has robbed the plains and valleys of Africa of its happy black population and plunged them into brutal servitude. In horrid, unseaworthy ships, these dark-skinned mortals have been freighted to all quarters of the globe, to work be-neath the lashes of fiendish masters. Yes, myriads of their revolting skele-

the groans and clanking We hear the groans and clanking chains of black people no more; the white slave is cheaper and more easily handled. Capitalism, through its white slaves, has been able to harness the lightning to its juggernaut and it crashes through human hopes and hearts relent-lessly! The Gatling gun and the war bugle; the flashing bayonet and the whistling bullet are servants of capitalism. The siren-voiced prostitute of the pulpit and the smooth, spologetic assas-sin of our liberties, the press, are the liveried footmen of that soulless mon-

tons pave the ocean bed.

ster, capitalism.
Indeed, then, this arch enemy will require all the strength of the proletaire to combat it to extinction. The proletaire cannot afford to waste any of its ammunition by shooting off one little bit of its skin, the liquor traffic. Nor will a divided effort accomplish anything toward the removal of this most demandable overgrown extrans.

damnable, overgrown octopus.

The language of this hideous thing is composed of three words: Profit, Rent and Interest! It has no love, or humanity, or justice in its vocabulary! No! no! If a crop is grown, a locomotive built, an infant born, a railroad constructed, a house erected—all must come under one or all of these heads. Use is not the question. The laboratory of page 1997.

blessings under capitalism! The land, the air, public ntilities and labor saving machinery, are all forcibly possessed by this giant of greed, and if Prohibitionists mean to be of any service to mankind they must, if they feel any promptings of duty, join hands with the People's party in attacking capitalism. Through the Omaha platform and direct legislation capitalism and all its untold tantacles—aye, and its most vital organ, class legislation—can be utterly annihilated. Then the drink traffic will disappear like a thin vapor before the effulgent sun! But as long as human nerves are fretted into paralysis by exploitation through capitalism men will drink alcohol. No one can refute this statement. Drinking alcohol under the pressure of the vite and inhuman monster aforesaid the vile and inhuman monster aforesaid

causes drunkenness, harlotry and every ill human flesh is heir to.

Then, my Prohibitionist friends, wake up and listen to the cries of the op-pressed and forget for one moment the pressed and forget for one moment the wild gibberings of the drunkard. Look at the millions of homeless little ones that throng our gold-cursed land and forget to stare at the glittering dram shop. Look at the permanently unemployed, emaciated, ragged and despairing multitudes that fill our highways, people our asylums and jails and swarm the potter's field. Oh, look! just for an instant, and you will change your trend of thought. Instead of throwing a shovel full of dirt into this Mississippi of evil to check its raging current you will go to full of dirt into this Mississippi of evil to check its raging current you will go to the source of it—capitalism—and there stop the flood. Wake up, then, my Prohibitionist brother, and turn your attention to the Populist camp. There you may eplist and achieve your long looked for object, the salvation of mankind. Through the Omaha platform and "direct legislation" all classes of reform can be accomplished without the sacrifice of pride or personal hobby. Prohibitionpride or personal hobby. Prohibition ists can, through this instrumentality. wipe out completely, not only the dram shop, but the desire for it. Now I want to touch the Socialist fac-

tion with the present bone of conten-tion! The Socialists who regard the New York People as their official organ New York People as their official organ are numerically a small factor, but their presence in the reform world is needed. They diedain the epithet reformer, and claim to be revolutionary. A man finds a great rent in his brick building, and upon closer examination he discovers that the building must be immediately vacated or some members of his family vacated or some members of his family may perish in the crashing debris of the collapsing structure. Every member of the family leaves the house, yet the building does not topple as was expected. A number of men are then employed to raze the building to the ground. Do they put dynamite under it to accomplish that purpose? No; but they first remove the roof them with but they first remove the roof, then with chisel, bars and hammers they loosen the bricks and slide them down wooden troughs to the ground. The building is destroyed but the bricks are preserved to form part of the new structure that is intended to take the place of the old. If we notice exercibly the removal of the If we notice carefully the removal of the building we do not see anything done precipitately. No; but on the contrary, every move is gradual, from the building of the scaffolding, the removal of the roof and walls to the cleaning of the brick That building that was is now no more and instead we see one with broader foundations and more secure lines. Per-pendicularly and horizontally it is proof pendicularly and nonzonearly it is proof against future contingencies. We see a brand-new building there where once stood a dangerous habitation. The old building has been reformed into the new. So with modern sociological material in the reformation of a co operative commonwealth. We are co-operative commonwealth. We are co-operative now in our our productive, but not in our distributive capacity. The railroads, telegraphs and labor saving machinery will not be destroyed, but like the old bricks in the old building they will be used for public, and not for private gain. But these utilities must be handled one by one, the same as the builder handles the brick if a solid and permanent structure is desired. Some great cities, such as Glasgow and

Some great cities, such as Glasgow and Manchester, have grasped the philosophy of this kind of reasoning, and they have step by step municipalized public utilities, such as the telegraph, telephone, city lighting, waterworks, city railroads, employment of the idle, etc. Birmingham has also fallen into line with this idea of the gradual extention of public ownership. The result is that the running expenses per annum of that great metropolis is less than \$1,000,000. Boston, with the same population of 400,000, with the same public contrivances but not half so well equipped as Birmingham, costs the taxpayers over \$10,000,000 per annum. Why this difference of expense? The former city owns ence of expense? The former city owns its own public utilities and the latter is in the hands of capitalism. Reform is in the hands of capitalism. Beform on the lines of Birmingham, et al, is the purport of the People's party platform. This gradual absorption by the numerous municipalities of public utilities from the implacable maw of capitalism will gradually starve that monster out of existence. The initiative and referendum and imperative mandate will make the people perfectly secure from dens of dum and imperative mandate will make the people perfectly secure from dens of conspirators, such as Tammany rings, red parlors, white leagues, red leagues and civic slate-making. As they perceive the blessings arising from public ownership in the waterworks and tramways it will be a very short step to the owning of a public bakery, dairy and flour mill, etc., etc. This is reformation, and it is perfectly correct, and no man, unless he be a profound lunatic, can possibly object to it. The People's party principles are socialistic on constructive

structed, a house erected—all mustcomes tructed, a house erected—all mustcomes under one or all of these heads. Use is not the question. The laboratory of nature that ceaselessly works for the life of the world is labeled profit, rent and interest! Everything in the known world is covered by this tripod of the world is covered by this tripod of the more imperialism of capital, and Jack, the poor, industrial giant killer, is afraid to come out from under for fear that he might lose his job. Yes, we have a terrific effort to perform, we lilliputians of labor, and if we are in earnest we can not afford to waste any of our strength on simply wounding with pin pricks this huge brobdingnaggian of capitalism.

Rivers of alcohol, quoth the Prohibitionists, are sweeping one hundred thousand souls into eternity per annumality by this traffic that could be put to a better use. Yes, I should say! These billions of dollars are consumed annually by this traffic that could be put to a better use. Yes, I should say! These billions of dollars would arm, drill and equip an immense army of workingmen that could insure the birth of the coperative commonwealth.

Suppose we save this 100,000 souls, would that not increase our army of tramps, make life more intolerable, cut down industrialism one-third and almost entirely rob the government of its revenues? Under capitalism mortality is positively a blessing to the survivors, for were no artificial means of death to prevail in the shape of inebriation, starvation and war, the balance of livers would arm, the laboratory and the provision of the control of th out labor capital would rust and rot. Educate, Resist.

THE STRIKE

WHAT IT MEANS FROM WHENCE IT COMES ITS WHY AND WHEREFORE.

Results From Wrong. It Champio Right. It Opposes Degradation as Proclaims Justice to Toilers.

In Lynn, Massachusetts, the molder struck for fair wages, and against degrading conditions. And the Rev. Herbert N. Casson of that city preached a sermon on the subject in which he did not mince matters in the least. Among other things he said:

A STRIKE SPRINGS FROM THE SACRED GERM OF RESISTANCE

implanted by nature in every man. There is nothing higher or holier in human nature than that impulse which resists oppression and strikes for liberty. A dog will bite, a mule will kick, a cat will scratch; but the man who will not strike against tyranny and injustice is lower than a rabbit. The man who was afraid to strike, afraid to resist, who sits and wipes his eyes and says, "Let well, enough alone," "Thank God it is no worse," "The Lord loveth those whom he chasteneth,"

IS A BARNACLE ON THE SHIP OF PROGRESS Had his advice been followed in the past, mankind would to-day be little better than the animals, and the human race would be like apes. Suppose American workmen never struck, but received every cut-down with Christian resignation and Chinese humility; would it be a good thing? If they did, every lover of liberty would leave the country.

### EVERY STRIKE

is a proof that American workingmen have not yet lost the spirit of '76. It is a credit to the Irish that they have been on a strike for 300 years, and neither capitalist Pharaoh of Egypt; Christ struck against the corruptionists of Judaism. He formed a union of twelve men and one of them was a scab. Cromwell instituted a national strike against the king and the aristocracy, and the king lost the strike and his head, too.

OUR REVOLUTIONARY FOREFATHERS organized a glorious strike against English taxation and was successful. John Brown started a small strike at Harper's Ferry forty years ago that struck the shackles from the limbs of millions of people, and people think none the less of him for it to-day. Even Christianity itself was the ethical result of a long series of labor strikes and revolutions.

IF THE PREACHERS ONLY KNEW IT there is no greater moral question before the people of this city at present than the molders' strike. Of the 65,000 inhabitants of Lynn, 30:000 of them know more about Jerusalem than about the happenings in Lynn, and have more of a grudge against Pilate than against the General Electric Company. A great fight is now on between the two electric companies of the country-the General

## Electric Company and the Westinghouse THESE CORPORATIONS

Company.

need more money, and, in order to get it, the officials are not going to cut down the pin money of their daughters from \$15,000 to \$10,000 a year. They will not sell a few of their extra horses, or carriages, or diamonds, to get this war money, but they intend to grind it out of their help.

I know something about the river works of the General Electric Company, I have been through them and I know the place is not a heaven on earth.

THE AIR COULD BE WHEELED OUT ON WHEELBARROW.

The company has no regard for the conthere. The heat is so strong in the place that the workmen, if they wished to practice economy, could cook their dinners ten feet away from the furnaces. The furnaces could be compared to nothing but the furnaces of the infernal regions. They are like nothing in nature; like nothing on earth or in heaven above. The molders are receiving only \$15,00 a week, which is only a quarter of what they earn. Rockefeller has an income of \$140 a minute, or as much in a second as these molders demand for ten hours labor. There are fat and idle clergymen in Lynn who get \$50 a week for preaching, and visiting old women. All these are facts that ought to arouse the dead. UNLESS AMERICAN WORKINGMEN CAN UNITE

POLITICALLY, and in trades unions, they must give up all hopes of liberty and prosperity America will become the slave plants tion of Europe unless some Labor Lincoln arises to stop the present civil war and write a new proclamation of emancipation. I have given you a new gospel and the only kind that can save you from the hell of poverty. It can be

THE POOR MAN AND THE JUDGE. The Civic Review remarks that "the judges in the New York courts get \$17,000 (seventeen thousand dollars) per year salary. Just imagine a \$17,000 judge of a controversy between a dollar-a-day street railroad hand and a million dollar corporation, which undoubtedly controls the appointment of the judges. Justice may be blind but not half as blind as the people. A CALL FOR ORGANIZATION.

The time has come for the inaugura tion of measures that will tend to supersede the present competitive system and usher in a co-operative civilization

We behold the self-evident fact, patent to all the world that the pres civilization of warring interests has reached its climax of development, and that until a new social order expressive of the Central Law of Universal Life, the Brotherhood of man and solidarity of human interests is evolved, the course of this nation, and of every nation in Europe will be steadily downward.

Already there are unmistakable indications that the United States has reached its meridian of material greatness and is moving on the down-grade track, that leads to anarchy and disso-

The competitive struggle for existence has resulted in the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the few, and the nation is rapidly reverting to a condition of centralized power and political despotism.

The great inventive appliances of the age for the lessening of labor and elevation of humanity; the public utilities on which progress and national life depend, together with vast fields of industry, are all controlled by powerful combinations, and the masses can only obtain employment on such terms as monopolists dictate.

Day by day the people see their liberties slipping from their grasp and the conditions of life becoming harder. They see values of every kind diminishing, save those controlled by monopoly, and the wealth that was theirs, passing by adroit political maneuvers into the hands of their oppressors. They see contraction of industry, that always accompanies and must accompany contraction of the currency, throwing men out of employment, and reducing the side has won yet. Moses struck against masses to a condition of vassalage. They also see that the government of the country has become an instrument of oppression in the hands of a ruling

> Under such circumstances there is only one thing to be done, and that is to readjust measures and systems to these changed conditions of social and industrial life, that will break the power of monopoly and give the people industrial as well as political freedom.

As a step in that direction we urge that all lovers of freedom; all who are opposed to the continuance of the competitive system, with its terrible struggle for existence, should unite as speedily as possible in one vast fraternal organization. There is no time to be lost. If we would resist the dangers confronting us, we must act at once. The drifting process has gone far enough, the time for action has come. Organize with one definite aim in view-the establishment of a Co-operative Commonwealth.

In organizing this Brotherhood it is not proposed to form a new political party, nor to add another to the already too lengthy list of reform societies, but to consolidate the various Co operative, Socialistic and Nationalistic Societies now in the field, and to bring together all societies not yet affiliated with any order, and thus present a solid united front to the common enemy of humanity-the poverty-breeding, crime-producing system of competition.

It behooves every lover of justice and humanity who has caught a glimpse of the light from the rising sun of a new and diviner system of civilization, to rally to the support of the Brotherhood.

We urge all co-operative bodies now organized, and all unions to send delegates to the Co-operative Congress to be held at St. Louis, July 24th, and there perfect the organization of the National Union of the Brotherhood of the Cosome practical plan that will hasten the dawn of the new day.

Until the meeting of this Congress, Imogene C. Fales, Bensonhurst P. O. Brooklyn, N. Y. and N. W. Lermond, Thomaston, Maine, have been appointed by the signers of this call to act as temporary organizers of the Brotherhood, to whom all communications should be addressed. For printed instructions, "How to Or-

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### LAW, LOVE AND MATRIMONY.

Women are struggling with splendid heroism to secure their rights, and are making headway in spite of the teachings of St. Paul and all the rest of the clan, who have sought to degrade her and rob her of her God-ordained rights. Lucretia L. Blackenburg in the Chicago Record says: "If we go back to the beginning of legal thought we find that the principles of our common law were brought by the Roman conquerors into England and by the English settlers into America. This common law is the law of the United States in the absence of positive statutes, except in Louisiana. What is the common law? It is a mixture of old customs and unwritten traditions blended with ecclesiastical and civil law, the outgrowth of past social conditions.

The advancing spirit of freedom and equality, so powerful in this country, has forced legislation in the several states from time to time to obliterate many of the worst features of this ancient law which Lord Coke calls "the perfection of reason," and substitute by statute, laws more in accord with the progress of the age, In the states where women are the political peers of men, the laws are nearer equal, and, in the states where the friends of woman's enfranchisement have kept up an agitation, we note amendments toward equality.

"By marriage the legal existence of the woman is merged in that of her husband." Consequently married women have suffered most under the common law. Many changes to ameliorate the condition of married women have been made, but more are needed.

Toiling wife, do you know that the joint earnings of yourself and husband belong to your husband? If you die before him he has everything, while if he fails to make a will you, at his death, are entitled to one-third of his and your own joint personality absolutely, and the income of one-third of the real estate for life. The rest belongs to the children. If there are no children, the collateral heirs have a better hold upon the estate than you as a widow, and you receive one-half of the personality absolutely and the use of one-half the real estate, including the cemetery lot, for life only.

Young woman, do you know that a married woman is the property of her husband? This "perfection of reason" says, "the husband being bound to provide for his wife the necessaries of life and being responsible for 'her morals and the good order of the household may choose her associates, separate her from her relations, restrain her religious and personal freedom, compel her to comply with his demands, correct her faults by mild means," etc.

This is in "respect of the terms of the marriage contract and the infirmity of the sex.'

It is the common form, if a woman is hurt by an accident and sues for damages for her husband also to sue for the loss of her services."

## THE DIFFERENCE.

There are men who have no convic-There are men who are destitute of

There are men who have convictions but no courage.

There are men who have courage, but no convictions

There are men who have convict and courage to defend and maintain their convictions, and they are the "salts of the earth," and the world needs many of them

## McKINLEY, NOT CHRIST.

The San Francisco Star publishes the following: "California for Christ" was one of the mottoes of the Christian Endeavorers who met at San Jose this week. A stalwart Republican, a member of the late convention at Sacramento, upon reading the motto, exclaimed: "California for Christ! Why, she's out and out for McKinley."



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## BLACKLISTING.

ONE CASE IS RECORDED IN WHICH A VILLAINOUS RAILROAD SUPERIN-TENDENT

Involved his Railroad in a Blacklisting Scheme, for which it had to Pay a

It is barely possible that the time will come when blacklisting villains will be short on religion. sent to the penitentiary for blacklisting their employes. The Bulletin of the Department of Labor gives out that in the United States Circuit Court, Southern District of Florida, on January 21, 1896, in the case of W. E. Willett vs. Jacksonville, St. Johns & Indian River Railroad Company, a jury awarded Willett the sum of \$1,700 as damages against the railroad company for blacklisting him, which amount, together with the costs in the case, the company paid,

From information furnished the department of labor by the clerk of the court in which the case was tried, the facts upon which the suit was based appear to have been as follows: Willett, while employed as a conductor by the defendant company, sought employment on another railroad-the Savannah, Florida & Western (formerly the South Florida). He was notified that employment would be given him and directed to report for duty immediately, and passes were sent him to enable him to go over the road of the Savannah. Florida & Western Railroad Company and learn the route before entering regularly upon the duties of his new position. He at once telegraphed to the proper official of the Jacksonville, St. Johns & Indian River Railroad Company, asking to be be relieved from duty at a certain station, but was requested by the company to remain in its employ and take out another train. He finished the run he was then making and made the return run, telegraphing the official that he would leave the employ of the company upon arrival at its terminus, which he did, and proceeded to go over the line of the Savannah, Florida & Western Railroad Company to learn the route. Before he had finished the preliminary

trip he received a telegram from the officers of the last named company directing him to "come back." He complied with this order, and upon return ing was informed that he could not be employed. He subsequently ascertained the reason for this refusal to employ him to have been that the superintend ent of the company whose service he had left had written a letter to the superintendent of the company whose service he was about to enter, cautioning him against Willett, who, the letter stated, had left their employ with certain charges pending against him.

The principal defense of the railroad company was that the letter was a personal one, and not written officially, but this defense was of no avail, and, as before stated, Mr. Willett successfully prosecuted his suit against the company whose superintendent had prevented his employment by another company.

So far as the department of labor is advised this is the first case of the kind ever tried in the United States in which an award of damages has been made and paid for blacklisting.

## BRIBES AND CORPORATIONS.

The Appeal to Reason sums up the matter of bribes and corporations as follows: Who bribes aldermen? Agents of corporations.

Who bribes legislators? Agents of corporations.

Who bribes congressmen? Agents of

corporations. Who bribes United States senators?

Agents of corporations Who bribes courts? Agents of cor-

porations. Who bribes juries? Agents of corpor-

Who sets up the primaries? Agents of corporations.

Who furnishes boodle to politicians? Agents of corporations.

Moral-If you find these things continue to vote for men who believe corporations should be chartered or allowed to own property. Every franchise granted creates another bribe to corrupt your public servants, and it will rob the people to get the money to do it."

What is wanted is not to do away with corporations but rather to have stringent laws to regulate them, with severe penalties for any violation of the laws, and a public opinion and an honest judiciary to see that the laws are obeyed.

JUDGE CALDWELL EVERY INCH A MAN United States circuit judge, Caldwell, has again given a decision in behalf o labor. The judge sent a letter to Receiver Ristine, of the Colorado Midland railway, ordering him to comply with the contract made by the road with the employes of the telegraph line. In 1892 the telegraphers secured a contract with the road agreeing upon a schedule of pay. June 1st, 1895, the Midland passed into the hands of Receiver Ristine. He re fused to recognize the contract and forth with cut their wages. Now he has been compelled to recognize the contract.—

The Pullman Company is experimenting with compressed air to feed its em

### BREVITIES.

A trust is a robber, every time. McKinley and Shylock. Pop 'em. Kid-gloved hands never raised the

With policemen, clubs are always trumps.

Buzzard's Bay is now the seat of gov ernment.

Cleveland has swollen until he can't see his feet.

A man may be long on creed, and

At last accounts the Whisky Trust was staggering. A bigot don't have to go to hell; he's

damned already. A free country is of more importance

than free coinage. "You'r to be pitted," as the small pox

said to the patient. William McKinley has no banner but he has a Hannah.

Attachments created by love and by law, difter somewhat.

No nation can beat the Jews at the game of "three balls."

The street car strikers of Milwaukee numbered about 1,000. The cloud with a silver lining is what

the gold bugs are afraid of. Texas has a Hogg a candidate for U.

S. Senator. He squeals for it. In Utah the grave diggers find gold

and locate claims in cemeteries. A man with wheels in his head is no

longer a "cŕank," but a " bike." Alaska, owing to her gold fields, is

rapidly increasing in population. Poll evil among the asses of the two

old parties seems to be epidemic. All the fat salaries paid for preaching and praying, are a tax upon labor.

The Tobacco Trust bit off more than it could chaw and choked to death. Russia has managed to secure more

than \$30,000,000 of American gold. A buzzard oils its feathers, and the

same is true of John D. Rockefeller. It is now said that the Monroe doc-

trine is so infirm as to need a doctor. Indiana boasts of two millionaire Republican candidates for U.S. Senator.

One thing can be said of women, they do not whistle to keep up their courage. Louisville, Kentucky, has a population of more than 14,000 to the square mile. Archbishop Ireland has lost his great fortune, and is now on the list of poor

If "misery loves company," gold bugism is supplying both misery and company.

A soothsayer, says a time is coming when the world will take a rest. Let it come.

Some men are in positions where they have to draw their salaries with a cork-

hell under his vest and thinks it is tistics. heaven.

boom for the Democratic nomination at Chicago.

David B. Hill says: I am a Democrat. A parrot or a crow could be taught to

say that. The Cubans declare the Spaniards are

the insurgents who ought to be exter-Hobart, McKinley's running mate, is

a corporation lawyer and a professional lobbyist." A number of Republican second-hand

presidential booms are offered for sale, way below cost.

There are 38,294 British-Americans in center of goldbugism.

Phil Armour declares the whisky-slopfed-cattle and hogs frequently gives him delirium tremens.

Mrs. Topfloor, residing in a New York flat, fell to the bottom floor, and became permanently disabled.

Chauncey M. Depew, wears a longtailed coat, but declares it is not done to "avoid embarrassment."

To "suffer and be strong," is pretty but it is better to have three square meals a day, and be strong.

Debs has been holding large meetings as usual, at every point he touched in Dixie land."-Cleveland Citizen.

The Czar's crown is valued at \$400, 000. That's nothing Mr. Vanderbilt has one diamond worth \$40,000.

It has been said, because all men ar poets, a little bit, that Adam wrote the song of "The Shirt," but he did'nt.

It is understood that the millionaire firm of Bullion and Boodle will not invest

ten cents in the Chicago convention. Gov. Altgeld says, the Republican platform may be boiled down to "two G's," which stands for "gold and greed."

It is said that neither hawks, vulture nor man-eating tigers can sing, which is a mistake. Carnegie and Pullman can

Geo. M. Pullman has addressed a polite note to the devil, asking if he may bring along with him, an asbestos

David B. Hill is announced as the cheur of the Chicago Convention, which is expected to bring forth a

The slaughter pen, is the kind Phil D.

famous. The sheep barons of Montana, last year, sheared 1,800,000 sheep, just a million more than the railroad managers

The Dollar is of the opinion that " the church is the greatest enemy of labor, because it has become a pensioner upon

A great many people practice at the bar who are not lawyers and they are their own clients, and their cases are often chronic.

The Midland Mechanic has learned that the Supreme Court is a more powerful institution than the constitution of the United States."

The Prince of Wales has dined with William Waldorf Astor, who expended \$100,000 for the occasion, derived from his American estate.

Some people laugh over French crises but France has had crises which the world did not laugh at, and history sometimes repeats itself.

"We have no right to kill ourselves," says a philosopher, but Grover Cleveland assumes the right to order out his standing army to kill us.

The New York club houses, owned and operated by millionaires, are exempt from all inconveniences imposed by the New York "Rains bill."

Yung Yu is the name of the Chinese ambassador to the United States, and his secretary and interpreter is M. S. T. Sze, a graduate of Yale College.

The baboons of Abyssinia are taking a hand in defending their country against the invasion of the Italians, which is more than Americans have done.

The editor of the Road, finds common labor exceedingly scarce in Colorado. He offered twenty-five men, \$1.75 a day each, but could not get 'em.

Cleveland cannot be persuaded to do anything for liberty in Cuba. All the nations of Europe are on the side of Spain, an ! Cleveland apes Europe. In some aristocratic families the pussy

cat is taking the place of poodles. Tom-

my and Tabby, with ribbons around their necks, are preferred to babies. Some one has found out that there are loose in the country 74,146 greenbacks of rascals are "pillars" in church and so-

break in on Cleveland's parity gold. The Railroad Telegraph remarks that he who spends his surplus cash this summer buying schooners is very apt to

go without an overcoat next winter." A Nebraska court has decided that gold contracts are void. A man making a contract to pay gold may pay in any other money authorized by the government.

Englishmen are in the habit of stigmatizing Americans as "water-drinking Yankees." Evidently such Englishmen Every bigot carries around a little do not consult our internal revenue sta-

In the German-Franco war, in 1870-Vice-President Stevenson has a br'l 71, there were 1,718,000 men in the armies of the combatants. Germany, having a majority of 298,000 men, got elected.

> The Carpenter is of the opinion that the age of chivalry remains as long as there is a wrong left unredressed"or, we add, a goldbug windmill to be suppressed.

The room on the island of St. Helena where the great Napoleon died, is now a horse stable. The occupant of the genus Equs ought to be a thoroughbred and a winner.

Mrs. Helen M. Gougar says an old hen that sets on one egg is a fool. And yet, Boston. No wonder that Boston is a it is a fact that some mothers lavish an lican blizzard, was evidently intended unspeakable wealth of affection on one to punish the "Future Great," for havchick" or "kid."

> In the Church of England the royal establishment, there are 300 snug places called "livings," which pay those who receive them over \$5,000 a year, running up to \$50,000 a year.

> It is understood that the Sultan of Turkey has granted Jno D. Rockefeller's request, to be baptized in the river Jordan, and to fish for Sodom gold at the bottom of the Dead Sea.

The startling charge that the Erie Railroad spent money to influence legislation, upon investigation was shown to be true and that \$1,000,000 had been expended for that purpose.

Ricks is again in hot water. This time on a charge of partiality in a case where the accused was a member of a prominent family, having the kind of 'fluence

Henry Watterson, being asked whether more fun could be obtained from a pack of cards or a pack of hounds, said, "Cards, every time, if the game is draw poker at a nigger ante and a plantation limit,"

"My family," said Miss Antique, "came over with the Pilgrims on the Mayflower." "Did they really?" exclaimed Hick. "How very interesting! And were you seasick?"—Harper's

A bill is before Congress to appropriate \$400,000 annually to maintain a state "national guard." Every than within the limit of soldier age is to be enrolled, a la Russia, and other European nation. The concealed purpose is to kill working men if they resist robbery and degrada-

It is announced that in the Gulf of Armor uses to write his canned beef California, there is an island inhabited tails which have made him rich and by cannibals-men who devour m but whether worse than the C. P. Huntingtons who inhabit the main land, reports do not state.

The Ottawa (Canada) Citizen says it prefers the monarchical form of government to the republican." The U.S. government as run by Cleveland, ought to be satisfactory to our esteemed Canadian contemporary.

The Emperor of Slam, maintains a census bureau to keep account of the number of his wives and children. Schools are maintained inside of the palace grounds where several hundred of his children are educated.

The czar's coronation cost Russia \$23. 000,000, and while the despot was being crowned 3,000 of his miserable serf subjects were trampled to death-men women and children, in their insane efforts to get one square meal.

The Supreme Court has decided that it is constitutional to lick a postage stamp-the decision was unanimous. But for organized labor to strike, and lick a general manager till he sticks to justice and fair dealing is a crime. Governor Altgeld, it is said, has re

ceived information that during Chauncev M. Depew's late visit to California he learned on which end of a steer "the horns grew." and furthermore, that Depew knows the udder end of a cow. Iron paper, rolled so thin that 1,800 sheets, piled one upon the other, mea-

suring only one inch in thickness, is just what plutocracy requires for writing iniunctions with the blood of workingmen. The age of iron and blood is coming. The sacred river Jordon has twentyseven falls, each one of which has suf-

ficient horse power to run a dozen mills. A New England syndicate has been formed to harness these falls and set them to work in real Yankee fashion. Our gold eagles have all their poetry and patriotism knocked out of them as

soon as they reach Yurup and are re-

duced to bullion, to be bought and sold

by weight. The same is true of Chauncey M. Depew when he goes to Yurup. It appears from the records that the genteel managers of the B. & O. railroad managed to steal \$50,000 from the road. And it is safe to bet your boots that the

denomination of \$1,000, all trying to ciety, and every one of them a goldbug. Persimmon, the Prince of Wales' horse won the Derby and \$30,000. The Princess of Wales felt so good over it that she shook hands with everybody she could reach, and broke her parasol. The Prince is now known in sporting circles as "Persimmon."

No strike should be settled by any committee of arbitration that does not fully reinstate all the men who went out at the bid of the union. Until this is done you cannot expect men to throw up jobs at the dictation of the union. San Francisco Voice of Labor.

The gold bugs are getting there in grand style as is shown by the fact that a whole village was sold in Missouri the other day to satisfy the demands of Eastern creditors. The sale included 7.000 acres of land, \$10.000 worth of cattle, \$17,000 worth of lumber and several blocks of dwellings.

The American cotton crop of 1893 amounted to 3,769,381,000 pounds. Of this, Europe purchased 2,628,000,000 pounds, leaving for home consumption 1,041,000,000 pounds. England purthased 1,485,-451,000 pounds or 3,000,-000 bales, the manufacture of which gave support to 2,500,000 working peo-

The awful wind storm that visited St. Louis immediately preceding the Repubing invited the Republican menagerie of beasts, buzzards and reptiles to its bosom. And thus it appears that

"God rules in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

Says Coming Events: "We believe that the manufacturer or employer who hires poor girls for less wages than will decently clothe and feed them, are in the sight of God more responsible for their sins, when they seek other means to make up the deficit than the man who bids for their services after a hard day's work."

We have on our table No. 1 Vol. I of the Southern Mechanic, published at Dallas, Texas, whose "mission is to assist in the material development of the great Southwest." It says: "capital and labor must both be encouraged; divorce them, antagonize them and they both languish, and the logical result is general depres sion, idle money, idle men and general

The mayor of Chicago says: "Chicago is probably the dirtiest large city in the world;" which would make the "Windy City" more offensive than Cologne, of which the poet, Coleridge, wrote when

Michigan has sold large quantities of otatoes at one cent a bushel, and Edward Atkinson, the Boston baked bean hilanthropist, says one pound of pota es make a square meal. As there are ixty pounds of potatoes in a bushel a square meal costs one-sixtieth part of one cent. If prices remain down, Yan-kee manufacturers expect to make sev-eral millions a day in cutting wages.

An exchange says that "a man's labor is his merchandise and he has the sam right to combine to sell it to the best advantage on the market as trusts have to combine to advance prices of their products." Labor is not "merchandise," it is not "wares, goods, commodi-ties." It is not "bought and sold in the market." Labor is life, thought, skill, mind. It produces merchandise. Words are the signs of ideas. To call labor merchandise is a great mistake.

The Milwaukee News says: "It seems to be all right in the minds of some people for the railroad companies and other great corporations to "black list" striking employes and thus prevent them from earning a living at their ordinary occupation. But those same people shudder with horror if the workingmen 'boycott" one of these corporations. Why should not what is sauce for the corporation gander be also sauce for the labor goose?"

At a Democratic primary meeting gold bugs and silver beetles engaged in draw poker, old sledge and some other games in which clubs were trumps, one poor fellow, taken to the station, called for paper and pencil, and wrote his experience as follows:

Sing a song a sixpence, Stomach full of rye— Only two scalp wounds And one black eye. Two ribs broken In came the cops-Sixteen to one I vote with the Pops.

The way U.S. Judges run ruined railcoads is shown by the management of the Northern Pscific, which got into the hands of receivers—three of them. They came into court and demanded for their services \$90,000 each, or \$327,000-the judge reduced their pay to \$81,000 each, or \$243,000 in all. How much the judge received is not known. To have paid these receivers \$10,000 each would have been enormous. To pay them \$81,000 each was robbery, and an infamous fraud upon the stockholders and yet those who were robbed, are powerless to recover their stolen money.

Says the Mechanic and Farmer: "The man who don't take interest in politics should be disfranchised and denied all recognition as a citizen." And yet, it is quite common for a certain class of papers to deplore the fact that workngmen are taking a hand in politics. Stranger still, while asserting that politics and labor cannot affiliate, workingmen are exhorted to use the ballot for their emancipation. Certain great reforms must come, if they come at all through politics, and by a party pledged to reform. Find the party, and then vote for the men who will bring about the reforms demanded.

## STARTLING FACTS.

Mr. C. L. Bonnay, of Chicago, has addressed a circular to the officers and members of the Chicago real estate board, calling attention to the fact that judicial proceedings throughout the country are of a character which make strikes far more efficient in obtaining justice than appeals to courts.

Statistics indicate that in Illinois, mere" procedure decisions" of the courts amount to 47 per cent., leaving 53 per cent. of the cases to be tried upon their merits. And Mr. Bonnay says:

"If only 53 per cent. of the cases are to be decided on their merits, and the plaintiff and defendant are conceded an equal chance in this respect, each then has a chance of success equal to 261 per cent., but the fact that 47 per cent. of the cases are terminated without regard to their merits is, of course, to the advantage of the defendant. Therefore it appears that in beginning a law suit 73 per cent. of the chances of success are with the defendant, and the poor deluded plaintiff who seeks for justice courts has only 261 per cent. of the chances of success."

Under such circumstances, it is entirely safe to affirm that when the plaintiff is a workingman, his chance of suc cess is as one to a hundred, practically no chance at all, while Mr. Carroll D. Wright, of the National Department of Labor, shows that, by striking, labor wins 55 per cent. of its cases, or fifty-five cases in every one hundred.

But the grim feature of Mr. Bonnay's contention is that the judiciary, which costs the city of Chicago \$800,000 a year is corrupt, or incapable, or both, and that decisions made by them are far worse for poor plaintiffs than strikes, or in other words, no one has any confidence in courts, or under the most fa vorable circumstances, only a little bit.

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