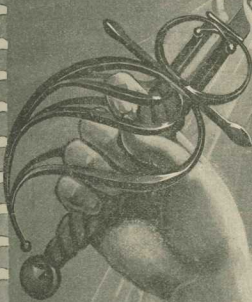


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FROM THE PEN OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED (KORESH).

"I am Going to Keep the Bond!"

THESE are significant words, purporting to come from President McKinley. Of course, we have to take the report of the newspapers for the truth of the statement, and we get this from the Chicago dailies. We have had some experience with Chicago papers for the last ten years, and have learned to take what they enunciate with some degree of allowance. It is not altogether improbable, however, that McKinley has declared that he purposes to keep the bond, as he is under the direct influence of the bondholders, and they no doubt intend that the bond business shall be Gaged by the secretary of the treasury, who would destroy the greenbacks and issue bonds for the dear people whom the bankers of Lombard and Wall streets love so well and serve so faithfully.

"I am going to vindicate the sound-money plank in the St. Louis platform," says McKinley. "The President and Mr. Gage see eye to eye on the money question," says the Chicago Post. The sound-money plank of the St. Louis platform pledged to the voters of the country that the Administration would labor to promote an international agreement for bimetallicism. There can be no doubt of the fact that to the money power, to the gold god, to the weapon of the devil, and to the power of the abomination of desolation, a secret pledge was made, and that toward this obligation the two eyes are as one.

We know the attitude of Banker Gage toward the people's interests; and the fact that such a man with such an infernal scheme of fraud is at the head of the treasury, is sufficiently indicative of the intentions of the President of the United States. The people desired

him; they voted for him, and he is the President of the country. Give his policy its best possible trial. Times are good now (for the millionaire), and prosperity is booming. Provisions are high and wages are low. Millions of bushels of wheat are in the elevators at Chicago, and the price of wheat is up. This makes it prosperous for the money kings. The farmers are all rich now, in consequence of the Dingley tariff law; mortgages are being paid off, and the farmers are the happiest set of men in the world. It will be but a little while now before everybody will want to go to farming. What a relief this will be to our great cities, where there are so many idle people.

Egypt kept the bond until the wrath of the Almighty canceled it. The South kept the bond of African slavery until the vengeance of God settled upon the nation; and the bond to which the people's pretended representatives have now committed the nation, will be kept until the oppression is beyond endurance—then vengeance will fall. What a spectacle! The richest nation in the world, whose declaration written upon a piece of paper, to pay in coin or its equivalent—without interest, good for every financial obligation—would be sought the world over, committing itself to a bonded obligation in gold, interest and principal! What would we think of the business capacity of a man whose credit was good for hundreds of thousands of dollars, and whose notes would be taken readily by those who know him, agreeing to purchase and place in his vault an equal quantity of gold as additional security to the men who accepted his notes? We would call him an idiot, and yet this is precisely what this nation is doing.

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We have no sympathy with the competitive system; but while the competitive system is in vogue, give the people an equal chance with the money cormorants, as nearly as possible. As all money is fiat, place the fiat on silver. Monetize silver and up it goes. There would then be no more talk of cheap money. Greenbacks are as good as gold; remove the exceptional clause from them, and they would be worth more than gold. Let the nations of the world remove the stamp from gold, and down it would go; then we would have the *Tribune* and the other dailies of Chicago filling their columns with the clamor of cheap gold instead of cheap silver. Silver is cheap because it is demonetized, and there is not a man in Chicago who does not know this. Gold

is not cheap, because the fiat of the governments of the world is upon it, and the struggle of the gold owners is to bring the world to a gold standard, so that the few who own the gold can control the commerce of the world and compel the masses to bow in humble subjugation to the plutocrats.

The people need neither gold, silver, nor paper. The money power will be destroyed. Co-operative communism will be substituted, industry will be rewarded, and there will be an equitable distribution of the industrial products of the world. This will be when God again baptizes the world, and the hearts of men are purified and softened. The hour is at hand. The age is closing with the rushing of many waters. God will vindicate the sound communistic plank in the platform of the inauguration of the Christian System promised by the Christ of God.

Koreshan Science Cannot Be Overthrown.

IN THE following passage of Scripture, "This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality," we find an emphatic statement—as plain and concise as language can make it—that this corruptible nature must put on, or be changed to, an incorruptible state. It does not say that the *immortal* soul shall be liberated from its mortal environment, or that this "mortal coil" will be "shuffled off;" it emphatically asserts that this mortal condition must be changed. It is the province of THE FLAMING SWORD not only to declare the fact of a change to come to the present mortal humanity, transforming it to immortality here in this world, now, at the end of the Christian age (the harvest period of the dispensation), but also to enunciate the principles whereby this change is to be effected. The mere belief that such a change is to come, will not bring it. It requires something more than belief. It involves a sci-

ence, and the Guiding Star Publishing House is the only source of this knowledge.

Some of our acquaintances have made the statement, that the originator of the Koreshan System is the champion egotist of the world. This is right. We heard of a man once who said that he could jump eleven feet; another man retorted by saying that he could jump sixteen feet. *He jumped it.* He was the champion jumper. We made the statement that we lived on the concave surface of the earth; we applied the test and proved it. Now, we say positively that we know it. We are just as sure regarding every other department of our system, because the Cellular Cosmogony is the foundation of our entire system. Our science of immortal life is just as positive as our science of cosmogony. Don't be afraid of it! This is the angel having the everlasting gospel to preach,—the gospel of immortality. Every other effort is a fake.

Fallacious Doctrines of the Draconic Hydra-Head.

WE ARE coming in constant contact with more slush from the cesspools of mental corruption than the world can possibly credit. There is evidently a fulfillment of the saying: "The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." We quote from one of our exchanges, which goes to make up the mass of rubbish that we find written in these times to deceive if possible the very elect:

We know that the flesh of Jesus was matter—not spirit—and did not come from heaven, but from the earth; for the body is a composition of material elements—nothing more; and matter cannot be a living bread, descended from heaven, to give life to our souls.

The above quotation merely shows the consummate ignorance of the author of the fallacy. There is not an atom of matter that is not the metamorphosis of energy or spirit. There is no energy nor spirit that is not the

product of the destruction of matter. This is one of the first principles to be learned by the pretended teachers—inspired (?) and illuminated (?) men. The very flesh of the Lord was immortal, and because it was immortal substance its appropriation by the church made it possible for the corruptible flesh to be made incorruptible, like the flesh of the Lord. The same author says:

The following also is evidently untrue: John vi: 51; "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." To the careful thinker, it is manifest that the last statement of this quotation is an absolute interpolation, because we know that the flesh of Jesus was matter.

Now, we know that all matter was once energy, and that all energy was once matter. We know this, because we know and comprehend the law of transmuta-

tion. We know that the flesh of the Lord did come down from heaven, it being in the quality of spirit, but was transformed to matter in its descent and appropriation by the Lord. We know that the New Jerusalem which John saw coming down from God out of heaven is spiritual, and also, that in its descent it will become natural and material. It is not expected that the author above quoted should know these things, for his illumination is unequivocally from beneath, and in direct opposition to all the doctrines of truth. The same author further says:

Jesus explained this to his disciples, as is stated in the sixty-third verse of the same chapter, saying: "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."

A match profiteth nothing so long as it remains a match; but when it is ignited and converted to spirit, then the fire is communicated. The Lord did not speak

his words until he spake the Holy Ghost; while in the flesh he profited nothing, but when his body was theocrasised—converted to spirit, then the Logos (Word) was spoken and his substance was appropriated by the church. The Lord Christ expressly taught that salvation depended upon the appropriation of both his flesh and his blood; but this author is struggling to convince himself and others that Christ was a liar, for he says again:

Is not this plain statement of the Master sufficient to show the incorrectness of those who teach that salvation depends on his flesh and blood?

We expect false christs and false prophets in these the last days of the age,—they are evidences of the end. Read THE FLAMING SWORD, which God hath placed at the east (rising) of the Garden of Eden, turning every way to keep the way of the Tree of Life, and thus escape the doctrines of the draconic hydra-head.

Who Is the Prince of This World?

WE HAVE put the above question a thousand times to both clergymen and laymen, with the invariable reply: "The devil is the prince of this world." We purpose to show that the Lord Jesus is the Prince of this world. The theological fallacy that the devil instead of the Lord is the Heir and Prince of this world, is a fair sample of the perversion of the truths of Scripture by the uninspired, unilluminated, and self-constituted shepherds of the spurious folds. "And when he [the Prince of this world] is come, he shall reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

Let us examine the foregoing Scripture in the light of truth. What will the Prince of this world do when he comes? First, he will reprove the world of sin, because the world did not believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Is it reasonable to conclude that the devil will reprove the world because it would not believe on the Son of God? The devil will never reprove the world for not believing on the Lord Jesus. He might condemn it for believing on him, but not reprove it for disbelieving in the Savior of the world. He will reprove the world "of righteousness, because I go to my Father." Why would the Prince of this world reprove the world for righteousness and because he would go to the Father? The process by which the Lord went to the Father, was his sacrifice on the cross; it was by this means that he went to the Father. It was the righteous fulfilment of the law of God. Without the cross of Christ, humanity could not be saved; but this righteous act, this fulfilment of God's purpose for the salvation

of the race, was performed in malice at the instigation of the devil, hence the Prince of this world, when coming, would reprove the world of righteousness, because through it he went to the Father.

Then the Prince of this world would reprove the world of judgment, because the Prince of this world is judged. Who was judged? The Lord Jesus was taken by wicked hands, brought before a tribunal, unrighteously judged, and condemned to die on the cross. The Prince of this world (Christ the Lord) was judged, hence when the Prince of this world cometh he will reprove the world of judgment, because the world unrighteously judged its Prince, the Lord Jesus Christ. "This is your hour, and the power of darkness. Then they took him and brought him into the high priest's house." "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the Prince of this world be cast out." If it were as declared, the hour for the power of darkness to prevail, and during that hour and the power of darkness, the Prince of this world was judged, does it not follow that the power of darkness would purpose to extinguish the Light of the world?

"Now is your hour and the power of darkness." During this hour the Lord, the Prince of this world, was crucified. Now, while you have the power, the Prince of this world (the Lord) will be judged. What then do we conclude? Simply this; that if modern theology is so far from the truth in this, one of the most vital points of the gospel of the Lord Jesus, what may we not say of orthodox interpretations generally? There is no truth nor life in the modern church. It is Babylon the Great,—mother and harlots. "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

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So called reform is tinctured most thoroughly with atheism and infidelity, and the influence of primitive

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Christianity upon the present tendency toward the exaltation of the race is almost ignored.

Republicans Ignoring Their Free Silver Pledge.

Before the attacks were made upon the secretary by the silver forces with their sinister and half secret plan to "drive him out of the cabinet," there were natural doubts as to the precise nature of the relations existing between the President and the secretary, so far as the future of the financial question is concerned. There are doubts no longer. Everyone in Washington understands that President McKinley stands by Secretary Gage and the Gage policy. Everyone understands, too, that the campaign for currency reform is going on, with the President's approval and support, and that the prospect for wholesome action on the part of the house of representatives, at least, is brightening every day.

THE ABOVE are the sentiments of the Chicago *Times-Herald*. We are to understand, then, providing Walter Wellman in the *Times-Herald* is authority on the relations of President McKinley and Secretary Gage, that McKinley has violated the pledge to which the Republican party committed him, as its financial policy. Thousands of Republican voters cast their ballots for McKinley, because on the silver question he was pledged to exert the powers of the Administration (providing he was elected) to the promotion of an international agreement for bimetalism, which we knew to be a fake and so declared at the time. It was never the purpose of the managers of the Republican party—in the hands of the gold power, the most dangerous en-

emy of American institutions—to promote or encourage any international bimetallic agreement.

The commission sent to Europe was a mere sop to the silverites throughout the country, who still had some hope in the integrity of the g. o. p. The attitude of the President, now that the goldites think they are assured of the President's purpose to fulfil the secret pledge of the party to Wall street, rather than the public pledge to the people, resolves the fight of the two factions of the money power to more definite proportions. In the St. Louis platform, the Republican party pledged itself to bimetalism. The *Times-Herald* is feeling more encouraged now that the President has been forced to show his hand in endorsing the representation of the gold power and money monopoly—Mr. Gage.

Mr. Cleveland was the only power standing boldly for Wall and Lombard streets. The party representing Cleveland's gold policy hadn't a ghost of a show in the election of '96. The strength of the Republican party with the people, resided principally in the financial plank of the St. Louis platform, which publicly committed Mr. McKinley to the bimetallic standard, and secretly committed him to the money power in the pledge of the party to Lombard street. It looks as if a landslide were in preparation for the g. o. p.

Ultra-Penetrable Rays From the Positive Pole.

THERE is a most interior world or sphere. It is numerically perfect. It cannot be detracted from nor added to. To increase it numerically would be to destroy its symmetry; and to detract from its number would also mar its numerical perfection, hence that world does not increase either through death in this world, or through transitions by life from the natural to the spiritual sphere. What, then, becomes of those who by any process enter that world? The change which we denominate conjunctional unity, is the absorption of a mental entity of one sphere by the mental entity of another sphere. In this conjunctional unity two may (and do) become one, without the loss of identity or consciousness. Such a blending was that of the external mind of Enoch with his internal mind. Enoch was absorbed into the central consciousness and became the central ego of the universe. So did Noah, Moses, Elias, and Jesus.

What is true regarding the law of the conjunctional unity of two minds, is also true of the conjunctional unity of thousands. This is one of the central mysteries of being, and probably the most difficult of human comprehension. From a misapprehension of this law has grown the false interpretation of Buddhism by modern Christianity, and the misinterpretation of Christianity by Buddhism and Theosophy.

The world has stood for myriads of ages, yes, incalculable cycles. The fact that there are no immortals, is positive proof that the immortal state is but the fruition of the ages. "To them who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life." That is, those who seek and find immortality, are promised the eternal state beyond.

When immortality is reached through the process of overcoming the causes of mortality, then is attained the fruit of the Tree of Life. This accomplished, the fruit is absorbed (appropriated) by the spiritual world in the ascending degree, and by the natural humanity in the descending degree.

Immortality will never obtain as a perpetual natural state. Any belief to this end is merely a superstition, and shows the ignorance of those who teach it.

Immortality is the transitional state from the natural to the spiritual, and from the spiritual to the natural.

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There is no permanent state of immortal life—it leads to eternal life.

The immortal state is transitory and transitional.

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More Bonds and Bondage.

BY PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, PH. D.

IT OUGHT not to surprise us that the reincarnated Roman tax gatherers now in power in this country, can see no good in any money scheme that does not add to the people's burden of taxes. The relief that the money plan of these re-publicans promises to a people already dying under the pressure of taxes, (for which there never was any rational cause,) is more taxes. *Similia similibus curantur* is the motto of these political doctors, yet they evidently do not believe in Homoeopathic doses. The money scheme concocted by the new banker secretary of the treasury is, according to the *New Time*, the issue of \$1,200,000,000 in 2½ per cent fifty-year gold bonds, to take up all outstanding bonds, —including the greenback, the people's money, that pays bankers no interest. Bankers are to use these bonds as the basis and security for whatever amount of bank paper (that is not money at all) they may choose to issue, to the full face of the bonds, not ninety per cent as now. Whenever they want to boom business and get people in their debt they can do so; and whenever they want to create panic and rake in the mortgaged property and add to the army of tramps, nothing will stand in their way. As that infamous bank circular said, they can control the bonds, but not the greenbacks.

Are those patient asses—the people, ready to take upon them more burdens? If so, then the tax gatherers are ready to put them on. The secretary of the treasury hopes to have 150, or \$200,000,000 of bonds left to buy gold with, to strengthen the treasury.

If he were capable of learning anything from history, he might find out that England—when she was making the senseless effort to return to a specie base, after an irredeemable legal-tender paper currency (in the entire absence of every sovereign in gold) had conquered Napoleon and made England prosperous as never before nor since—several times bought gold at a heavy cost, as the historian declares, only to see that expensive commodity, following the law of commodities, disappear again out of the country, leaving the people, so far as the gold was concerned, without any medium of exchange. By the aid of the Jew banker, Rothschild, and the bank of England, the secretary hopes to place all these 150, or \$200,000,000 worth of bonds.

The folly that with us passes for statesmanship, sees no evil in so constructing our financial system that another nation—which is a rival, and may become hostile—can easily wreck it whenever it sees fit. England once sold, we believe for gold, \$7,000,000 worth of bonds in New York, which created a destructive money panic. She can now at any moment, draw hundreds of millions of dollars in gold if she demands it, from under our money system, and topple it in ruins, to the great impoverishment of our citizens; and if this money scheme succeeds, it will greatly add to her ability to effect the ruin of our citizens whenever she is so disposed. It will also greatly facilitate the enslavement of our citizens by English and American nabobs—a thing which is now rapidly being consummated.

Individualism or Orderly Communism, Which?

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

IN THE eighteenth century when the revolt against established authority that culminated in the French Revolution, grew apace under the fostering influences of philosophic discontent, Jean Jacques Rousseau, professing superior clearness of intellectual vision, expounded a philosophy that admonished society to throw off the shackles of custom and emulate a state of Edenic simplicity. Striking a sentimental attitude, he posed in the eyes of Europe, as the apostle of nature in opposition to the current, artificial mode of thought. His doctrine developed rapidly and the principle, whatever is according to nature is right, grew to figure as a fundamental tenet of the new cult which prescribed that man need but follow his natural instincts to regain the joyous innocence of Paradise. The social contract supposed to bind him to his fellows was so elastic in character that admitted of the broadest construction or evasion. Rousseau eloquently contended that the progress of science and art had tended to the corruption and demoralization of society; he waged war upon all civiliza-

tion and professed supreme contempt for the ordinary refinements of life. The subsequent social orgy known as the "age of reason" and the "reign of terror," offers a striking example of individualism pushed to its logical outcome. Beneath the gloss of conventionality emerged the primitive instincts of the brute beast. The return to nature pathetically demonstrated the theological concept of original sin.

Arguments in favor of Individualism as opposed to that provision for the public convenience on the part of government, scornfully denominated paternalism, are still rife, and bewildered man is earnestly assured with prophetic seriousness that his social salvation depends on flinging ruthlessly away the benefits ensured by the whole march of civilization. Instead of gazing from our vantage ground of culture with pitying condescension upon the untutored mind of the poor Indian, we are admonished to envy his blanket and his glorious freedom.

The shirtsleeved philosopher in the person of Walt Whitman, has invaded literature with a vigorous pro-

test against what commonplace individuals are wont to term the decent amenities of life and language. Such phases of thought, degrading man to the level of sheep or goats that nourish a blind life within the brain, indicate the backward swing of the pendulum. It ought to require but little penetration to discover the trend of Individualism in all its forms, is retrogressive. With the development of human relationships outside the limited sphere of the family, the current of human progress sets inevitably and unmistakably toward some form of orderly communism. The primitive cave dweller may have been delightfully and picturesquely free to follow his instincts and possibly well able to dispense with the co-operation of his neighbors, but his scheme of life is singularly devoid of attractions despite his immunity from social obligations. Glaucon's remark in Plato's Republic, that "after all a state of simplicity is a city of pigs," is pertinent. When Wordsworth attempted a poetical revolution along the line of simple phrases and commonplace themes, he was dismayed to find people would not read his poems.

The requirements of modern life are increasingly complicated and the only way to meet them intellectually and physically is through co-operation,—such a subservience of individual rights to the common good as, if maintained according to sociological principles, will ultimate in individual welfare. The question whether the gain in happiness is commensurate with the advance in civilization, has been variously argued with a general

verdict inclining to the negative, which is no doubt correct, since man by virtue of his mental and moral constitution can attain happiness only as he fulfils his destiny, the unselfish performance of uses. If the trend of civilization be not along this line, but in the direction of organized selfishness like the competitive system, the more highly developed man becomes, the more miserable he must be as the more acutely sensitive any organism, the greater its suffering out of its proper environment.

Sweet and sacred as the idea of democracy seems to the American heart, sad experience demonstrates that government by the people and for the people practically means gang rule, Tammany and every form of political corruption. But if democracy is doomed—and that is evident, it will be succeeded by a system of orderly communism designed to promote the spiritual wellbeing of humanity.

"All are needed by each one;
Nothing is fair and good alone."

When the sum of the parts really makes a unit, society will be redeemed from its present chaotic condition of a body in which all the members are at variance, the hand contending against the foot, and the foot, the head. There is, moreover, a true "return to nature,"—the God nature, not the brute. Though the roots of the tree of life strike deep to the nethermost hell, its branches touch heaven. Progressive man has a twofold origin, from above as well as beneath, and by the civil war of the dual nature, hourly is he rent and torn. But however long the conflict, there comes a time when it ceases; the animal loses its hold upon him and he is absorbed into the surpassing peace of the divine nature.

A Recurrent Phenomenon.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

IN NO other particular does the optimistic tendency of humanity assert itself more persistently and triumphantly than in its annual expression of confidence in its own inherent possibilities, indicated by New Year's Resolutions. It must have been the yearly contemplation of this strange, psychological phenomenon that inspired the little man of Twickenham to write the immortal line: "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." To an unbiased, philosophic mind, the amount of pure soul expended in this pleasing pastime affords touching evidence in support of Carlyle's doctrine of an infinite in man,—certainly it argues an infinite capacity for self-delusion. The custom of beginning the year with good resolutions, is as old as original sin and as hard to break off as the opium habit; indeed in its exhilarating effects upon the mentality of the victim and the production of hallucinations, the two are fully comparable.

It would be erroneous to conclude that all this dynamic force runs to waste, as the total lack of visible and tangible results would indicate. When the evanescent gleams of the oversoul shine fitfully through the murky darkness of his inner consciousness for a few brief moments on New Year's morning, the sudden illumination affords every man an opportunity to orient himself. Nay, more, the swift passage of these modes of our conscious being, confirms in us the conception of the ever-sustained, inexhaustible and eternal energy of the divine reason itself. Consider, also, the joy of the re-

cording angel on January first, as he proceeds to sponge off the slate and jot down the pious aspirations of collective humanity. He is destined to shed so many tears in the coming weeks, he really merits a good quarter of an hour once a year.

Endless themes for comment and speculation suggest themselves as the mind explores the subject. How the ethical principle inresistent (so the moral philosophers tell us) with every individual, changes chameleon-like and assumes the hue of his nature! Reduced to their lowest terms, of course, the various good resolves but testify a man's desire to act his part in the great drama a little better than the year before. There is the millionaire, for instance, full of unselfish projects to benefit the world! His resolutions for 1898 might, if divulged, read somewhat after this fashion:

I solemnly resolve in the coming year, to do all in my power to advance the glory of God and the good of the church. To that end I will straightway steal two or three railroads and subscribe five thousand dollars of the accruing profits toward a new organ for my chapel.

I hereby covenant with the Lord to endow a college and charity hospital, as a devout expression of thankfulness for his infinite goodness and mercy, should he vouchsafe to me prosperity and a happy issue out of my latest deal, truth to say, it looks somewhat doubtful. If it fail, I cannot afford the hospital.

I will spare no pains in the interest of the cause of Christ, to double my fortune by wrecking all minor corporations that stand in my way, hoping thereby to contribute many hundreds to carry the gospel of brotherly love to the poor heathen sunk in the gross darkness of error in a land to which a beneficent Providence has inscrutably denied the blessing of millionaires like myself.

In the Editorial Perspective.

AT LAST we have found it!—the admission of a scientist that it is best not to prove nor attempt to prove modern scientific assumptions. He thinks the best way is to fool the people,—just tell them whatever he thinks, regardless of any proof. When we come to notice particularly what is really conveyed in the clauses which will end this paragraph, we conclude that the scientist is right for once! The modern church has succeeded in gaining millions of adherents; they do not offer a shadow of evidence of the truth of their theories. Companion methods may also be seen in the companion fallacy—modern so called science. A theory put forth by a recognized scientist, no matter how foolish or absurd such a theory might be, is accepted without question by the masses. Truth, no matter how absolutely and conclusively demonstrated, is at first always rejected by the majority. This is one of the difficulties encountered in the promulgation of Koreshan Science; and we are locating the cause of the difficulty now by the following words of a scientist, taken from a quotation in an exchange; though we have known that such was the case for years: "An eminent scientist contends that affirmation pure and simple, without reasoning and without proof, is one of the surest means of planting an idea in the popular mind. The more concise it is, the more free from every appearance of proof and demonstration, the more authority it has."

Prof. Gates, who is coming to the front with a number of inventions and startling propositions—startling to those who never heard of such things before—now proposes to cure the disposition to murder by extirpating brain cells. The theory is that crime is a disease, and that if the diseased portion can be definitely located it can be cut out and the patient cured. It is also proposed to cure other diseases and evil tendencies in this way. This is but a reflexed perversion of the truth taught by KORESH since 1870. Of course Prof. Gates has no knowledge of the science of eliminating from the brain the seat of difficulty, and proposes the impossibility of effecting a cure by the use of the surgeon's knife. When KORESH announced that the climax of overcoming death was in the extirpation of the conarium, the medical world laughed at him. The seat of mortality is in the conarium or pineal gland, and its actual destruction by mental effort is the only thing that will constitute the great cure-all. Mental healing is nothing more than treatment of the brain cells through the operation of the mental forces, applied through mental attraction. In this way the quality of the thought or energy generated in the "diseased part" is changed, and does not necessitate opening the skull and incising the cortical areas of the brain and cutting out hundreds of thousands of cells, nor infusing a few drops of a non-excitant or sedative.

Talmage is out with another ear-splitting, sky-cracking, world-burning, sensation-creating sermon. He follows the geologist into the subterranean caverns for evidences of the wonderful mercies of the great Creator: he jumps into the cannon-like telescopic tube and is shot out into infinite space, through the rings and orbits of millions of celestial spheres, and sees whirling worlds filled with infinite wonders. He looks back through the vistas of space and time, and sees the earth enveloped in lurid, sulphuric flames, in comparison with which the eruptions of Vesuvius, Mt. Etna or Cotopaxi sink into insignificance. He rushes on and through the magnificent pearly gates, and finds the office of the recording angel, whom he discovers registering from the great ink-horn of judgment, the names of millions who admire Tal(l)magic philosophy and sensation!

"If Christ came to Pittsburg, who would be recognized as his disciples?" is asked by Rev. Dorchester of Pittsburg. He concludes that if Christ should come trailing clouds of glory, outflashing the sun in its splendor, accompanied by a heavenly choir, the mountains and hills breaking before him, the world would stop and listen, wonder and admire. Such sublime supernaturalism would compel recognition. But he asks the sensible question, What if He should come as he came nineteen hundred years ago, in obscurity and without ostentation? The Doctor denounces the meteorological display expected by the church. Let him now answer his own question, Who would be recognized as his disciples? Suppose He were to come announcing the greatest scientific discoveries of the hour—who would believe him? Dr. Dorchester would not know Him by such credentials.

After effectually stirring up Princeton College on the subject of the "grill room" for college students, the New York *Voice* now begins a crusade against Yale College. The site of the university is surrounded by what the *Voice* calls a "battery of sixty-six saloons,"—all located within a radius of two blocks from the university. Two hundred and forty-eight members of the faculty vote for the grog shops; twenty-five organizations exist among the students, where drinking is customary. The *Voice* courageously and fearlessly tears away the curtains from the college consorts, and reveals the fact that these so called educational institutions are a mass of corruption.

Senator Stewart, of Colorado, now makes some remarkable statements similar to those published in *THE FLAMING SWORD* years ago, when it was venturesome to make radical predictions. The Senator sees a scheme on foot, instigated by the Rothschilds, to enslave the world to the money power. The syndicate is to divide China among the gold standard nations of Europe; all the nations of Asia are to be reduced to financial slavery, next, South America, and then our own country. The Rothschild money syndicate, which began its work with the downfall of Napoleon, will receive its death-blow when Napoleon manifests his power again!

Just as was foreseen in *THE FLAMING SWORD* some time ago, autonomy for Cuba as proposed by Spain, is a humbug. It was but a trap in which to catch the President of the United States, in order to prevent the recognition of belligerency or interference with the Spanish work of depopulating Cuba. The President is now officially notified that the autonomy scheme is a failure. We admire the course of Generals Garcia and Gomez in antagonizing every measure proposed by Spain, and in fighting for independence, as much as we admire the course of the leaders of the Revolution of 1776, and for much the same reasons.

Any Moses at the present time, demanding a release of the enslaved from the taskmasters, will meet with the same hardness of heart which was manifest by the Pharaoh of the Egyptian dynasty. The consequent plagues must follow now as then, also followed by the wholesale repudiation of the bondage and the overthrow of that which keeps the bonds. The wreckage will be more extensive than the destruction of the Egyptian army, and the modern Miriam's song will be more musical and thrilling than that on the shores of the Red sea; the antitype will be real.

The greatest crime of the age is the enormous waste of energy in all lines of human activity. The competitive methods are not methodical, unless they be methodically chaotic and

persistently selfish. The cost of advertising commercial houses in the United States, amounting to over \$2,000,000,000 per year, is neither product nor distribution, unless it be considered as the product of commercial dissipation.

A scientist connected with the University of Naples has discovered life in crystals. It is claimed that this will revolutionize philosophy and science. What do we think of this discovery? Twenty-seven years ago KORESH discovered that the universe is a living cell, an alchemico-organic structure; consequently Prof. von Schroen is a quarter of a century behind the times!

A new medical discovery only lasts about four years; thousands of physicians who have been practising for years, have changed their methods several times. Now, some of our readers may consider this an opinion of our own, and throw it aside; but it is not—we agree with it, though. We took it from a well-known medical journal!

Some people think in pounds and others in ounces. We are not responsible if some minds cannot estimate the weight of evidence which supports the Koreshean System, nor comprehend its premise. It cannot be weighed on small scales.

Competition was once considered to be the life of trade; now it is the death of it. The time is at hand when trade will be the death of competition.

The voice of the people is not the voice of God in the present generation; for the Almighty would never vote for the almighty gold dollar.

True money represents value; false money is supposed to possess it intrinsically.

Labor unionism is founded upon the most fallacious kind of competitive principles.

* * * Single Tax in Heaven?

By the following argument, single tax may be seen to be wrong. When heaven descends to the plane of ultimate manifestation, the will of God will be done in earth as it is in heaven. The following is good though, for it is intended to teach the idea that there should be no private property. Better adopt communism, and trace back to a recognized Head of humanity, the vested right to establish a *kingdom* in the land now usurped by *landlords*. Divine communism existed nineteen hundred years ago; single tax is comparatively new:

"Of course you don't believe in the single tax. Crazy scheme, isn't it? Want to rob honest people of their own property, eh? As bad as anarchy, isn't it? Who owns that land there?"

"Money-bags."

"Who owns this here?"

"Money-bags."

"Who owns that down there?"

"Money-bags."

"Where did he get it?"

"Inherited it from his father."

"Where did his father get it?"

"From his grandfather."

"Did his grandfather create it?"

"No, he was an early settler and got this town site from the Indians."

"Did the Indians make it?"

"No, they were here first and naturally owned it."

"Ah! Do you believe in a heaven?"

"Of course."

"How long has heaven been built?"

"Thousands of years."

"Do you expect to go there?"

"Yes."

"Think you'll find room?"

"Of course."

"Have a lot to yourself?"

"Certainly."

"How about the early settlers up there; won't they own the whole place by this time?"

"Of course not."

"Why?"

"Because each man is only entitled to what God gives him."

"Did God give Moneybags his land?"

"Yes—indirectly."

"Did he give him the whole town site?"

"I suppose so."

"Well, won't he give the early settlers in heaven whole town sites, too?"

"Why should he?"

"Why, they were there first, and had a right to all they could take."

"Oh, you're foolish, God will keep a place for every honest man in heaven."

"But didn't he keep a place for every honest man when he made the earth?"

"I suppose so."

"Well, how is it that the dishonest men own the whole business?"

"Oh, don't bother me. It's no use arguing with a d-d fool."

"The single tax is a crazy scheme anyway you look at it, isn't it?"—Uncle Sam.

Quiet Talks with the Editors of our Exchanges.

EVERYBODY knows the character of the lawyer; we all know what he is for. When we want to get up a case, or somebody gets up a case against us, we know where to go; money will make the lawyer argue for either side. The professional attorney cannot be relied upon on any other basis than a *fee*; only then is his word good. There is no difference between our opinion here, and the opinion entertained by the three or four hundred editors and printers who will read this. Now what we want to know is, Is there one in all this number who writes like the lawyer talks? If the other side offered you more substantial support, would you champion it? How many of you are

afraid to advocate a truth, any truth, when it is exceedingly unpopular? Are you willing to follow *our* example, as to courage, backbone, and persistency against all odds? We do not want you to say anything about this question, but just *feel* it; if you do this, it will be all we desire to effect by this paragraph. We will have more questions for you next week, and other things. We have more sound facts than all other kinds of science in the world—and we are going to *prove* it to you, if you will only give us half a chance. We will let you look at what we have to say about our demonstrations, if you will let us look at yours!

The manufacture of gold is a new thing to the world, even if it was discovered

by Koreshe a quarter of a century ago. The principle is that of taking a baser metal and transmuting it into gold. We have a good many good ideas, but we want to start a transmuting factory; it is a sort of a thinking shop. We take bad ideas and transmute them into golden nuggets and precious gems of scientific truth. Our difficulty is that we have to get the *bad* ideas from *other* people. If you think you have bad ideas about things, send them to us, and we will guarantee satisfaction. If you find any ideas of *ours* anywhere that you think you can change without transmuting them from a higher to a lower quality, do not fail to advise us of your discovery!

Before printing was invented, those who could write well had the monopoly of producing books and publications. They conspired to suppress the printing press under the plea that it was magical, and the originators possessed of the devil. Nowadays, printing is common, and the objection is to that which is printed. Koreshan Science is revolutionary. Some people do not object to our causing revolutions of the press cylinder, but they do object to our running it over the particular type forms we have set up! Koreshan Science involves the power that will cause a revolution of the press.

Papers having definite objects in view should have appropriate names; the more appropriate the name, the better the paper. THE FLAMING SWORD has the most appropriate name that we know of, and is therefore, and so forth. If we were going to change the name of THE FLAMING SWORD, we should call it THE EVERYTHING. If we were publishing a popular newspaper, we would call it *The No-Thing*; but if we were publishing one of a few religious and reform journals we have seen, we should feel disposed to call it *The Hithermiss*, advocate of the Don't Know Philosophy.

We have asked our readers in the Editor's Chat to keep a look-out for something on page sixteen of THE FLAMING SWORD—a great surprise—neither an advertisement nor a story. It will be of great benefit to editors; it is specially adapted to them, specially adapted to everybody. We would not take a million dollars for it, and yet we are going to give it away. Now we are going to see if you can guess what it is.

We are pleased to find the article by KORESH, "Christian Science a Consummate Humbug," reprinted in the *Individual*, Pueblo, Colo. The *Individual* is a radical journal, and its objects of attack are Romanism, "Christian Science," Mormonism, and some other fallacies. It undoubtedly knows a good thing when it sees it; that is why THE FLAMING SWORD article appeared in its pages.

The Flaming Sword.

The above is the title of a neat 16-page paper which comes regularly to this office. It is the advocate of Prof. Teed's Koreshan System of Science. As near as we can get at it, the Koreshans claim that the universe is a cell, and its inhabitants live on its inside. The inner surface of the great cell curves concavely about eight inches to the mile. Of course, in the light of this new science all other systems of science are the merest bosh, and the sooner they are unlearned and discarded as mere creatures of error the better for humanity. According to this new system of science,

we've been on the wrong track all the time and now we will have to go to work and do it all over again. We hope THE FLAMING SWORD will enlighten us further on the subject. One good effect of these new theories is, that they set people to thinking and investigating.—*The Dawning Light*, San Antonio, Texas.

Editor's Chat With Our Readers.

Keep a sharp look-out for something on page sixteen of THE FLAMING SWORD. We are going to make an impression there, and also on you; an impression that will be lasting—just what you all want and have wanted for years. It will do some thinking for you. It is not an advertisement nor a story; it will be the greatest surprise that you have had from us for a long time. It will answer hundreds of questions for you; it is the surprise that we announced would materialize about the first of the year. It will cover the entire page, and cause more comment, close scrutiny, and criticism, as well as genuine satisfaction, than anything we have gotten up some time. We would not take a million dollars for it, and yet we are going to give it away? Now, what do you suppose it is?

Are you in arrears with your subscription? Look at the printed tab on the wrapper. THE FLAMING SWORD comes to you. If the date on it is in the past, it is a give-away to us, and also to your friend who may get your mail for you from the postoffice sometimes, and to the postmaster. You like to receive THE FLAMING SWORD promptly and regularly, because you like to have mail handed to you every time you go to the postoffice window. We like to receive mail too—many encouraging letters from appreciative readers, containing real, substantial encouragement for our printers, paper houses, electrotypes, etc. You need not write much unless you desire to do so; the postmaster can do that for you—on a postal note.

One of the most radical articles that has been written for some time appears in this issue of THE FLAMING SWORD—the star article—by Koresh, "I am Going to Keep the Bond!" It outlines the determination of the present administration to hold its people in bondage to the money power, the great incentive of competition. Another very excellent article "Who is the Prince of this World?" gives emphasis to some sound theological views which are at discord with some popular conceptions. Those of our readers who feel able to combat the premise of the Koreshan

System, should read "Koreshan Science Cannot be Overthrown;" it is equally adapted to other readers.

The advertisements of other journals in THE FLAMING SWORD is evidence of our progress; it means that a 2-inch advertisement of THE SWORD appears in each journal we advertise. Through these papers, our advertisement will be read by scores of thousands. At the present time the reform press is doing more for THE FLAMING SWORD than all other agencies put together. Our friends will have to take quicker steps in order to, keep up with the progression!

Among your New Year's resolutions jot down the resolution to keep your subscription paid during the entire year 1898; even further than that won't hurt anybody. You would not like it if we were to stop sending you THE SWORD without your ordering it discontinued; you would feel neglected. We feel neglected when you stop keeping your subscription paid up without our asking you to do so. Turn over a new leaf!

Interrogation Points and Encouraging Words.

(1) If Jesus went away to prepare a place for his disciples, why is it necessary for him to come to prepare a place here on the earth? (2) If your expectations are true, in the future there would be no poor; Jesus said: "The poor you always have with you." How do you explain it?—Mrs. S. H., Muscatine, Ia.

(1) When it is known where Jesus went, the question answers itself. By reducing himself to energy he went into his disciples; "God is in the generation of the righteous." The process of human redemption is the process of transformation of the mortal to the immortal structure. By going into His people he is enabled to build the temple of the grand man, the perfect humanity. Koreshan Science will teach you that there is no God in the sky, but in humanity. He has always been right here in the earth, so far as place is concerned. (2) When Jesus said, "The poor you always have with you," he meant that poverty was a common condition for that people and that time, and even until now. Perhaps you often say, "Now you are always doing that; you are always having difficulties." Always does not mean eternal.

W. L. J. Currant, Colo.—Changes in our mailing list are made in the general routine of our work; your date was changed from Nov. 1897, to March 1, 1898, some weeks ago. The last issue of THE SWORD was September; there was no October number.

We have a score of questions awaiting reply. Your question will come in turn.

The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

I write you to tell you how much I appreciate the **FLAMING SWORD** as a weekly. I am so glad that you are able to send out such an able journal once a week. I look for and read the new **FLAMING SWORD** with much interest; it fills a longing and satisfies my desire for food for mental growth. All other papers are but chaff compared with **THE FLAMING SWORD**, and my only sorrow is that I am not able to help you more. I am a firm believer in the **Koreans** system, and I will do all in my power to extend the circulation of **THE FLAMING SWORD**. I put them wherever they will do the most good, and will push the subscriptions as soon as the people begin to know what **THE FLAMING SWORD** is. Modern Christianity has such a hold on the people that they have little use for a sound gospel; they are so grounded in the competitive system that they are slow to think of the great system that is shortly to be inaugurated—the Social Theocracy. The times are very much as they were when the Christ came nineteen hundred years ago; the world then had no place for him. Today **Koreans** has only a few disciples compared with the earth's millions, but he will overthrow fallacy.—R. H. L., Malta Bend, Mo.

THE FLAMING SWORD has clothed itself anew, has put on a new face, and created within new meat. It is now an ideal, progressive journal, clean, full of tonic, and absolutely gratifying to all who desire the overthrow of selfish institutions and the creation of a Theocracy. It hits drones hard. Its hot flames will consume all fallacies, will cleanse the mind, and beam with radiant beauty on the pathway of a dead world. Its tone touches the heart, attracts and illumines the mind, and creates a holy desire with which to fight the great battle against death. Today it outclasses all other reform journals, and presents the wisdom of God into the minds of all who aspire to overcome death in the body. It stirs all who desire that the order of heaven shall rule in the institutions of men. The new **SWORD** is thoroughly Theocratic. Born in love and illumined by wisdom, its white flames will move on to the zenith, ever growing brighter, while all other journals will recede into the shades of night.—A THEOCRAT.

Thanks, for the above. The only change we would suggest in it is, that the teachings of the new **SWORD** are identical with the old. It is the same thing, just clothed a little differently; in other words, **THE SWORD** is in its new dress.

I have been a reader of your paper for several years, and like it very much. I distribute the extra copies which you send me each issue. I must speak a word about the new **SWORD**. I like it much better now; it contains many interesting features, especially the Miscellaneous Notes, which contain as much news in one column as most papers give in four or five pages.—A. L. G., Harris, Tenn.

I write to congratulate you on the general make-up of the weekly **FLAMING SWORD**, and to say that your efforts deserve the earnest support of all lovers of truth. I am at your service, and will do all that I can to add to your subscription list and to spread the light of truth.—N. C. M., Kingston, Tex.

I anxiously await every new development of **Koreanity**: **THE FLAMING SWORD** is so much to me. I can scarcely wait from

week to week for its arrival; every department seems equally interesting, although the articles from **KOREANS** have an interest all their own, of course.—A. P., Antioch, O.

I want to say something about **THE FLAMING SWORD**. I am well pleased with it, and must say that it is quite a comfort to me. I always read everything in it from beginning to finish. We need such papers as **THE SWORD**, and such teachings as it contains.—Wm. W., Muscatine, Iowa.

Miscellaneous Notes.

Wednesday, Dec. 28.—Soldiers protest against the proposition to publish names of national pensioners. Collision was a bash road near Chicago.—Chicago woman thinks God ordered her to burn her arm off, and tried it.—Illinois railroads report net earnings of \$2,242 per mile.—Prosperity in Alaska.—Japan boasts of 29 warships in case of war.—Chicago doctors defy State Board, and will introduce an innovation.—U. S. Schooner forced to haul down U. S. flag at Barcelona.—The Pope opposes Cuban soldiers.

Thursday.—Cubans spur Spanish offers of peace and autonomy.—Raging floods in Washington and Oregon cause \$1,000,000 damage to railway lines.—Chicago man plan completion of Nicaragua canal.—U. S. sends gunboat Marietta to San Salvador, Central America; revolution threatening.—Astronomer Newcomb elected president of American Mathematical Association.

Friday.—Princeton College has decided to close its grill room or college saloon.—\$240,000,000 of gold reported coined in 1897. Insurance Commissioner declares against insurance pools.—Gen. Garcia reports insurgents' progress, and is confident of independence.—Gen. Weyler reported arrested in Spain.—Dr. Delin reports 500,000 victims to Spanish cruelty in Cuba.—Gen. Cepero invades Havana province with 7,000 Cuban soldiers; Gen. Blanco alarmed; admits his campaign in southwestern Cuba a failure.

Saturday.—Japan proposes to help China against European powers.—Rhode Island cotton mills cut down wages of employees.—Greater New York began with the new year.—Russia and England compromise on Chinese territory.—Movement on foot to unite all Chicago car-lines.—Mexicans pull down American flag off coast of California.

Sunday.—Canet's new repeating cannon passes successful test at Paris.—English trade unions urge striking engineers to combine with the United States.—Nobles continue; English troops pressing on to Khartoum.—London merchants charge Queen's jubilee with cause of general business adversity.—Steamer Gerona wrecked at Halifax, N. S.—Weyler's friends attempt his defense.—Cuban insurgents export torpedoes in Havana bay.—Spain shows signs of weakness; cannot cope with Cuba.

Monday.—Underground river drowns 35 miners at San Antonio, Texas.—Balloons made of aluminum invented in Berlin.—Bread riots in Sicily.—England urges gold standard for India.—Convention of "Christian Scientists" in Boston.—McKinley dead to pleas for Cuba.—Dawson City, Alaska, has a \$200,000 fire.—China yields to Germany.—Great scheme on foot to colonize deserted farms in New England.

Tuesday.—Secretary Gage receives \$7,000

for suffering Americans in Cuba.—Hanna loses in Senatorial fight in Ohio legislature.—American cotton products injuring cotton industries in India.—Rush medical college asks consolidation with Chicago University.—Nicaragua, Honduras and San Salvador about to consolidate into a new American republic.—Great wave of prosperity prophesied by money doctors.—Dangerous counterfeit bills discovered in Philadelphia.—Cubans may win before summer; Spain refuses Blanco reinforcements.

Books and Periodicals Received.

Business Success by Mental Magnetism and Will Power, by Prof. Ph. Nagel. 16 pages, 20 cents. Springfield, Mo.

A little work purporting to give the methods whereby success in any line of work may be obtained. The suggestions assist in inducing the mind in continuous and determined thought, the fixing of the thing or end desired, in the mind in order to its realization. Fixity of purpose, continuity of effort and determination of the mental forces are the terms by which the processes of success are known. The author has a clairvoyant theory connected with his work. The mere use of psychological influences and a realization of their existence constitute only the very first steps in the study of mental phenomena. With some natural gifts possessed by Prof. Nagel, a knowledge of **Koreans** Science would greatly enlarge his field of comprehension and increase his capacities, and properly determine his energies. Now they are misapplied and abused. We commend to Prof. Nagel, editor of the *Clairvoyant Journal*, a careful study of **THE FLAMING SWORD** and other **Koreans** literature.

Dr. Talmage on the Battle for Bread, a Discourse by Rev. Alex. Kent, of the People's Church, Washington, D. C.

A review of some opinions of Dr. Talmage. The noted "divine" has recently made some radical statements for which he is commended, and also criticised by the Rev. Kent, who has succeeded in going a step in advance of Talmage in sharp criticism of modern society. The entire discourse is a severe arraignment of the modern church for its failures. We find in it such sentences as the following: "If the world is to be saved by Christians they will have to be Christians of a wholly different type from those who rule the church today." "The church today is the great bulwark of the unjust and iniquitous system that perpetuates these evils," and suggests that something should be done to bring the Kingdom of Heaven here, instead of preparing to fly away somewhere else. People who have not yet broken loose from the fallacies of the modern church should read this radical sermon.

What is Truth? by Stewart Carlisle; for the Borean Assembly, Wilmington, Del.

A pamphlet of 36 pages, showing considerable dissension from the common orthodox fallacies, especially concerning the dogma of the immortality of the soul.

It represents a step toward the condition of receptivity of the truth, but it does not answer the question given in its title. Near the close of the work, for instance, the question is asked: "Who knows but we are even now on the eve of the most profound and startling developments of Bible truths, of which the ages have known nothing?" Korshanty fails all such requirements; and we believe the author of the above pamphlet is interested in the work of **THE FLAMING SWORD**. Korshanty Science answers his question, "What is Truth?"

The Morning Star, mysticism and philosophical research, monthly, 50 cents a year. Peter Davidson, editor, Louisville, Ga.

The Good Citizen or a Knight of the Free Lance, news and reform, Rev. H. F. Smith, editor, Gallatin, Mo.

The Ohio Bimetallist, bimetallism and reform, Hon. C. L. Poorman, editor, 75 cents a year, Bellaire, Ohio.

The Industrial World and Iron Worker, manufacture and industry, weekly, \$1.00 per year, Chicago, Ill.

The Free Man, new philosophy of health, monthly, C. W. Close, editor, \$1.00 a year. Bangor, Maine.

The Clairvoyant Journal, hypnotism and psychometry, monthly, \$1.00 per year. Springfield, Mo.

The Osteopathic Index, science of osteopathy, monthly, 50 cents a year. Ottawa, Kansas.

The Labor Exchange Accountant, labor exchange and reform, monthly. Oregon City, Ore.

The Union Signal, co-operative reform, weekly, \$2.00 per year. Milwaukee, Wis.

The Item, organ of the Lyceum League, weekly, 25 cents a year. North Platte, Neb.

The Grand Age, co-operation. Last copy to be issued. Co-polis, Miss.

The Roseland Herald, news and reform, weekly. Roseland, La.

The Common Cause, humanitarian, weekly, Newport, Ky.

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Ducey's Bold Words.

"I have often heard it asked," said the Rev. Thomas J. Ducey in his sermon on the social and economic evils of the present time, "Is so called Christian society too criminal? I say unchristianity, yes. For there is evidence that it constantly and persistently violates the laws of God and the rights of struggling humanity for the low product of gain, and sacrifices divine principles to low and vulgar human expediency. It is a crime before the bar of God's justice to remain silent in the presence of power wrongly exercised for the privileges of the few against the rights of the many."

"Jesus Christ died that he might bring hope and happiness to his brother man, but today we see that the many are being crushed by the few, whose hearts are not found in the service and love of God and their neighbor, but in the service of money and the worship of luxury; in the service of avarice and luxury, covetousness, lust and pride of life. The heart of worldly society is heartless to a point of criminality, and the crime of churchianity

in our day is a crying sin against Jesus Christ and his teachings.

"There can be no peace of God in the soul of the avaricious and covetous, luxurious, the unjust, the unnatural plutocrat, the trust king, the king of monopoly, the money king. They belong neither to the kingdom of God on this earth, and shall not enter into the kingdom of God in the kingdom to come unless they do penance and make restitution for their injustices."

—N. Y. World.

The Poverty Epidemic.

The disease of poverty is universal. The world is smitten with an epidemic. The eastern races are nearly all in a state bordering on pauperism. Ever and anon they pass the line and perish by thousands and millions. Whoever will put his hand to the ear may hear the moan of the dying. Oh, it is pitiful! The great regions of Asia are strewn with the decaying carcasses of the wretched beings that have died before their day, from sheer want of the means of living longer. Beggary and soul-starvation are the estate of more than 400,000,000 of Asiatics—a number six times as great as the entire population of the United States. The teeming islands of the sea, beautiful and fertile, are little more than pauper sepulchers that have swallowed up emaciated humanity until the very earth is a cake of man-mold, grimy and poisonous. Strange to remark that there is less starvation in Africa than in either Asia or Europe. Stranger still, that the portent of pauperism is already on the horizon of America. Unless the baneful forces that are now rampant in our civilization can be reversed, our land will also become—aye, it is becoming—a receptacle for millions of famished dead.—John Clark Ridpath, in *Arena*.

Money is Fiat.

What is money, and how does it come into existence? Money is "fiat" pure and simple, nothing more, nothing less—that and only that. There is not a piece of money in the world that is not purely "fiat," and I will give a hundred dollars to any man who will present to me a piece of money that is not the "fiat" of the country from which it came or in which it was issued—no matter of what material it is made or how small the piece. And I will also give a hundred dollars; for a 50-cent dollar, or a dollar that ever depreciated that was a full legal-tender for all debts, dues and demands, public and private. Nor is there any such thing in existence as "money of the world," no matter what the money may be made of. Money is a creature of law, absolutely so; and the money of one country is not the money of any other country, except it be especially made so by law or the legislature of the country in which a foreign coin circulates as money. As soon as our gold or silver "coins" leave the United States, they become "bullion" and have to be coined into money of the realm to which exported.—Chas. Howell, in *Search Light*.

Modern Barbarism.

Athens had no poor-houses. The reason why she had none was that she did not supply the material with which poor-houses were filled. Rome had as many prisons, pro rata of her population, as Boston. The reason why she had so many, was that she supplied the material with which to fill them. Rome thought she was doing well when she apprehended her criminals and put them in the Mamertine caves. Boston thinks so also. Rome and Boston both flatter themselves that they "protect society" by first producing and then caging their criminals. Paris has as many almshouses

as New York, and both Paris and New York have made the wretches who cry at the doors or drift in shoals along the streets. The reason why Paris and New York have invented the almshouses is because they first invented the beggars. It is no doubt a fine thing to make paupers and then feed them.—John Clark Ridpath.

The Curse of Labor.

The world's ingratitude to labor is the most terrible of its wrongs. Its toilers are ever upon the rack of outrage. The compensation it pays industry is misery, low wage, coarse raiment, squalid habitation, and mean sustenance—a condition the nursery for crime. The burdens of society rest heaviest upon labor, its greatest of benefactors, and curses and lashes are the reward of its goodness. Why should this be? The compensation of that which places a palace above your head, a feast upon your table, a robe upon your back, and furnishes you with every necessity of human effort, is contempt, and contempt and contumely. It is nothing for the lawyer, politician, general, doctor, landlord, merchant or banker to receive thousands, aye, millions of dollars for their efforts, while the lowly and far between are the pennies yielded to the toiler.—From *Civilization Civilized*.

The White Slave.

What is the difference? A black slave was occasionally sold to another master, and he was separated from his wife and children, and very often the mother was also taken away from her children. Today thousands of white fathers are forced to leave their families and wander afar in search of work. Their wives and babies, unlike those of the black slaves, are uncared for, and thousands die from lack of food and other necessities. Thousands of mothers, through the struggle to live, which the black slave mother never experienced, are forced to part forever with their babies, to some society, and that they may go on their struggle for existence that degrades thousands and finally kills them all. What is the difference, did I ask? I take it back. There is a difference, and a big one, but it is all in favor of the negro slave.—Uncle Sam in *Appeal to Reason*.

Money Power Dictates War And Terms of Peace.

The Spanish war scare is a flimsy fake, a play to cover a speculation in bonds; but its vibrations show clearly that the present system is based on the shaggy sands of ignorance and false pretence, and when the storm of evil passions is finally let loose, it will be utterly destroyed. Consider for a moment the absurdity of a boasted Christian civilization resting on its arms so that at any moment the rulers, by touching a button, can fire the magazine and set the dummies shooting one another to pieces with accompaniment of brass bands and chanting choirs. The safety of the system till the final collapse comes, depends on the incidental uncertainty that the rulers dare not touch the button.—New Dispensation.

A Gruesome Fact.

The poverty of the world is a gruesome fact. No other phase of our life seems to me so sad. Every child dying in New York City is buried at the public expense. In every city in the world it is much the same. Each contains caravans of people, not especially dissipated, indolent or thriftless, who are very poor, never free from fear and want, doomed for life to the alternative of hard labor or starvation, as thoroughly cut off from all means of culture, as completely precluded from rational living, as were the harlots of old Sparta.—Prof. E. B. Andrews.

An Immoral Moral.

Several men held up an electric car in Chicago lately and secured \$38. At about the same time several other men held up an electric ordinance in council and secured \$35,000. The moral of this is immoral. Transactions of that sort must be conducted on the wholesale plan to be a glittering success.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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