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*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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

## Gold Standard Proclivities vs. St. Louis Platform.

THE Chicago *Tribune*, in commenting on Hanna's hard scrabble for the senate of the United States, says:

While the *Tribune* deploras the fact that there are so many traitors in the Ohio Legislature and outside of it, it congratulates the honest Republicans of the state on the defeat of the schemes of these traitors, who will go down unhonored to their political graves. It congratulates the Ohioans on the election of Mr. Hanna in the face of the basest hostility. In him they will have a senator who will stand on the St. Louis gold standard platform, and not on the cheap-money Chicago platform.

The *Tribune* is not ignorant of the fact that thousands of silverite Republicans voted for McKinley because they believed in international bimetallicism, and considered the Republican party honest enough to carry out its pledge. The masses of the people of the United States desire bimetallicism. Lombard street, the governor

of Wall street, prefers the bondage of these same masses, hence the struggle of the great goldite dailies to insure what the people do not want, and which, if established, signifies their ruin.

The weakness of this Republic is its inclination to hobnob with the aristocracies of Europe, and to follow the trail of the tail of the great commercial monarchical dragon. We once fought for liberty and gained it. We are now enslaved by the money power. It is a deeper and moresubtle bondage, and its influences have reached the heart of the national life and paralyzed it. There remains a hope. It is in the destruction of money and its power for evil. As sure as the Christ entered the domain of the money-changers and overthrew their tables, so sure there awaits the retribution to come; for He whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple—the divine humanity, and the gold god will be dethroned.

## The Possibility of Overcoming Death.

"HE THAT overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my Son." He that overcometh. Overcometh what? Common sense would dictate that man, through processes of development, should attain to the character of that from which he sprang. The same kind of sense would further suggest that before man could attain sonship, or to the inheritance of the universe, he should reach such an intellectual development as to enable him to discriminate between the operations which cause mortality and those which will conduce to immortality, and thence

eternal life. Life and death proceed from the same operations. A certain course of life (and such is the common course of the race) perpetuates the mortal state; a directly opposite course will insure immunity from death and usher in the state of immortality. It is for advocating the latter course and unfolding to the world the principles of life, that we are censured and persecuted.

It is through a comprehension of the laws of life and the application of their principles, that man may overcome and thence become the Son of God, as declared in

the above quotation. To be a Son of God is to be the offspring of God, and to become the offspring of God is to be like God, and to be like God is to possess all his attributes. This is a possible, human attainment. It was reached in the person of the Lord Jesus, hence he was not only the Son of God, but he was the Lord God. The sons of God to come, will be the offspring of Jesus, the Christ of God and the seed sown in the race whence the sons of God shall spring.

One of the principal things that a man shall overcome, to insure righteousness, is sensual desire. This means the eradication from the mind and body of every

element of unchastity. This must bring a man to the standard attained by the Lord himself. He overcame, and he declared: "To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne." The destiny of man is to sit upon the throne of creation. Only such, however, as received the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the age can become the fruit of regeneration now at the end of the age. None will be reincarnated (resurrected into immortality) but those in whom the divine seed was sown. This seed was the Holy Ghost proceeding from the Lord, comprising his substance, the substance of his flesh and blood.

## The Destiny of the Lost Ten Tribes.

THERE has just come to our table another of "Our Race Series" by the indefatigable Totten, with a request to review page 266. We agree with Professor Totten regarding his chronological method. We also admit—with some modification—that the Anglo-Saxon race is what he claims for it, but we cannot endorse his mistakes. The ten tribes were, as declared of them, not the people of God.

"And I will say to them which were not my people, thou art my people; and they shall say, thou art my God." "Ye are not my people [i. e. Lo-Ammi], then it shall be said unto them, ye are the Sons of the Living God."

Why should it be said of the ten tribes, "Ye are not my people"—Lo-Ammi? For only one reason. They ceased to circumcise, and were therefore cut off. What followed? They were left without a hedge, were carried away and intermarried with the Medians, Persians, and Assyrians, and became the Germanic product of this miscegenation. The progressive spirit and matter of this racial mixture culminate in the Anglo-Saxons, who are not Ephraim and Manasseh merely, but Ephraim

as the House of Israel, having become Gentile. The United States is more Ephraim than England is, because in the progress of the race, the culmination of the Gentile descendant from the ten tribes resides in America. Within the United States the New Jerusalem will descend, not from the physical, but from the spiritual heavens. This includes not only the ten, but also the twelve tribes.

The Anglo-Saxon race is Gentile, Lo-Ammi, and will not become Ammi (my people) until after the descent of the New Jerusalem, when, through the coming baptism, (the Lord Christ involved, became planted in this very people,) the Lo-Ammi will become the Ammi. England will be wiped off the slate. Her weakness is in the territory she has stolen, a territory which she cannot hold with any navy less than ten times the size of her present naval power.

If Professor Totten will turn his attention for a little while from his subject of Biblical chronology, the time of the Lord's coming, the subject which he has so ably expounded, to the character of the Lord's coming, he might do the world a greater service.

## Red-Hot Sword Thrusts.

THE ten tribes of Israel, after the revolt of Jeroboam, were denominated Ephraim. The House of Israel was called the House of Ephraim. Ephraim (Israel, the ten tribes) was carried into Media, and the identity of Israel was obliterated. How? Through the intermixing of the Israelites by intermarriage with the Medians, Persians, and Assyrians. From this infiltration of Israel, Ephraim became Gentile (Lo-Ammi), *not my people*, even the Germanic family. As the Anglo Saxon is the seething pot into which the entire Germanic race is smelted, England, or the Anglo-Saxon, is Ephraim in that general sense of including the ten tribes—the entire house of Israel; but the pot boiled over and the progressive element of the ten tribes—Ephraim, passed on into the United States. When Prof. Totten, or any other man, attempts to define England as Ephraim, and the

United States as Manasseh, he exhibits a want of mental acumen not commensurate with the power of thought exhibited on the line of his special forte, namely, Biblical chronology.

It was declared of Ephraim, that he should be "eaten up by the Assyrians." This prophecy does not comport with Professor Totten's statement, that Ephraim escaped. Ephraim became Gentile by intermarriage. It was declared by Jacob, Gen. xlviii: 19, that "his [Ephraim's] seed shall become a multitude of nations,"—the fulness of the Gentiles.

The body of Jesus the Lord, when translated (theocrasised), was converted to spirit. In other words, Christ the Lord was sown in the church. The Holy

Spirit was the substance of the Lord himself, the seminal essence of Deity. This was the disseminated Logos or Word. From this sowing, at the end of the age, will spring the sons of God.

The law of the cross is the law of transmutation, the central law of existence. It is the law by which the sun's energies are converted to carbon and stored in the carboniferous strata of the earth's crust, and again dissolved and transmuted to energy.

The cross of Christ is the crossing of the character

and life of Deity with the sinful life of humanity. This crossing of the principles of God and man was typified by the cross of Christ on Calvary.

Once the wheels of equity begin to move, the rapidity of self-adjustment and universal regulation will be so rapid that even the most radical will be astonished at the progress of equilibrium.

The energies of the sun are derived from the strata of the earth; the strata of the earth are derived from the energies of the sun.

## CONTRIBUTORS' AND EDITOR'S DEPARTMENTS.

### The Battle of the Great Newspaper Trusts.

BY REV. E. M. CASTLE.

WHETHER or not honest men get their own when thieves fall out, at least the methods of the wicked are revealed on such auspicious occasions. An interesting if *not* edifying situation exists in the newspaper world of Chicago, and things are being told to "an oppressed and long-suffering public," to use the pitying expression of one of these papers, moved thereto possibly by a spasm of remorse. The *Inter-Ocean* under its new management, with more cleverness than dignity arraigns the "newspaper trust of Chicago," which means all the Chicago dailies except the *Inter-Ocean*, nor does it spare the Associated Press. It tells us that to suit the personal and financial interests of the men controlling the Associated Press, "the news of this country has been misrepresented, mangled, and suppressed." In an issue in the early part of December, the *Inter-Ocean* makes the following charge.

We have known the Associated Press intimately for many years. We have known it as a great news collector whose arms were stretched out to gather in reports from all parts of the world, and lay them down, true and clear, in the offices of its patrons throughout the United States. We have valued it in the past as the most comprehensive and impartial news gatherer that the old world or the new has seen, and we should value it today as highly as ever had it not been debauched repeatedly by the unscrupulous gang now controlling it.

With malice in their hearts, falsehood in their minds, and venom on their tongues, they have arrogated to themselves a strict censorship of the press such as no officials of the Czar would dream of assuming. They have not confined their activity to politics, as do the censors in despotic Russia, but have presumed to distort all or any news, when such distortion served their business interests.

And then follows several interesting instances in support of the charge. In a later issue, the *Inter-Ocean* is even more severe, speaking of the Chicago papers, excepting itself of course.

Their sole object has been and is personal gain. To serve their personal interests, which they regard above all other things—the meanest motive that actuates the human mind—they would invent or garble an interview; suppress the truth or print a lie; exaggerate a petty offence; manufacture or magnify a scandal; lampoon the dead or libel the living; invade the sanc-

tity of a home; blacken reputation or assassinate character; jeopardize the health, peace, and safety of a community, and turn topsy turvy truth, order, and decency—and this to sell their miserable wares.

Such is the very situation of Chicago today.

From the other side come countercharges. These papers accuse the *Inter-Ocean* of being the defender of pirates on the community, of being the mouthpiece of private monopoly, of being published in the interest of private schemes for public plunder. And certainly, no one has ever charged Mr. Yerkes (who, with others whose names have not been published, now owns a controlling interest in the *Inter-Ocean*) with neglecting his own interests, which have not always been identical with those of the traveling public of Chicago.

The Governor of the state is interested on the same side as the *Inter-Ocean*. He says that it is proverbial among the readers of the newspapers belonging to the trust that one cannot believe anything one sees in the newspapers. He also declares his knowledge that it is in the power of a united press to destroy any man public or private. He gives it as his opinion that there is no greater menace to the community's peace than the venal press of Chicago. At the same time this venal press says many hard things of the Governor, and backs them up with circumstantial evidence, too. The Governor says the trust is always for sale to the monopolies, and the trust says the Governor and the state Legislature are already sold to the monopolies. It's a very pretty fight as it stands, and the weapons and ammunition seem about equally divided.

Incidentally, the *Inter-Ocean* publishes a letter relating how, four or five years ago, a committee from nearly all the leading jobbing-houses in Chicago, by threatening to withdraw their advertisements from his paper, forced the proprietor of the *Tribune* to cease publishing reports of small-pox in Chicago. Whether or not these reports were false, as the writer claims, does anyone doubt that the method of forcing their discontinuance would prove equally effective to suppress

the publication of *true* reports, were it to the selfish interests of the large jobbers to have them suppressed? Is it wise for a newspaper, even for the laudable purpose of discrediting a rival, to call the attention of the general public to the force of such an argument? Does any one believe that the *Inter-Ocean* could not be influenced by the same kind of argument?

As a matter of fact, the great daily press of the country is conducted, as are all other enterprises under the

competitive system, on the basis of selfishness—"the meanest motive that actuates the human mind." No observing person doubts the venality of the press. But when it breaks up into factions that "tell on" one another, the end is near—the end of a house divided against itself. It is well for the world that selfish combinations possess the elements of their own disruption. Let them fight!—and may their's be the fate of cats of Kilkenny!

## Revival of Optimism.

Encouraging Signs of National and Individual Progress.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

**P**ESSIMISM is on the wane. This species of mental epidemic has raged with greater or less virulence every age since the dawn of history. Among the ancient Greeks it took the form of skepticism as to the reality of knowledge and good. The Brahmans and Buddhists contended that life was illusory and burdensome. Hume took the view that good and evil are so mixed that a beneficent First Cause can not certainly be predicated, while Schopenhauer boldly declared the world the worst possible under the conditions, and advocated total denial and suppression of the will to live. Down to very recent times, the doctrine has flourished and brought forth pessimists of every hue, from soft neutral gray to deep crape color, from Tolstoi, and Thomas Hardy, who harrows the feelings and plays upon the emotive tendencies of his readers by his startling and realistic presentation of infant suicide, to the milk and water dilutions of Howells, who at intervals has seemed vaguely sensible that the world was out of joint.

But no theory of cosmology that regards the world and life or some main constituent thereof, as essentially evil, can resist the wave of progress and prosperity that comes sweeping buoyantly over the American continent in the beginning of this year of grace 1898. The most inveterate tendency to a morose and gloomy view of things must yield to the thousand and one encouraging symptoms that press upon the notice of every reflective and observant mind. It is profitable at this season, while the business world is taking account of stock, to pass in review some of the unmistakable signs of social progress that point convincingly to the glorious fact that life is worth living and the world growing better every day.

In the first place it is encouraging to note the prevalence of that discontent yept divine by somebody (was it William Morris?) among the masses. What the masses need generally is a leaven of divinity, and if discontent be divine in essence, they are receiving it in large measure.

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,  
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

The trend of affairs in the great American republic is so notoriously the reverse of that indicated by the poet, one may well be pardoned the indulgence of a lit-

tle harmless national vanity very natural and creditable under the circumstances. If any think that wealth is accumulating, the idea may be dissipated by a trip to the slums, or daily reading of the *Police Gazette*. Besides, a Chicago clergyman assures us that the prejudice against wealth is cheap and demagogic. If any ask concerning our great men, the sovereign prop and pillar of the state, we point proudly to Hanna, quoting, in the present tense, the words of Antony, whose name was also Mark:

His life is gentle; and the elements  
So mix'd in him, that nature might stand up  
And say to all the world, *this is a man!*

It speaks well for the establishment of morality, decency, and public order that daylight robberies are increasing, that one death in one hundred and sixty, is a murder, while forgery, counterfeiting, and defalcation show the best record of the century. The most strenuous advocate of Individualism, as maintaining the liberty of every citizen to stupefy his faculties and shorten his days by intoxication, must be gratified by the recent death from alcoholic poison of a child of five years in Chicago. According to report, the juvenile drunkard had often been intoxicated, but on New Year's night the whisky he imbibed was so largely adulterated with fusil oil and other poisons, it proved fatal. It is a good sign when the right of every citizen, children included, to the pursuit of happiness in his own way, is thus respected.

This is the woman's age, so they tell us; that of the dominion of muscular force is past, and as civilization advances to the higher plane of the rational and moral, woman takes her place by the side of man, not as servant, but as equal. How unanimous and sweeping the movement toward her emancipation is, may be readily determined by a comparison of the wages paid to men and women performing the same duties in various avocations. During the past week two prominent clergymen, one in Brooklyn, the other in Chicago, have contended, the one, that woman is directly responsible for the growth of certain grave forms of heresy that threaten the church,—that her influence on society and religion is so debasing no woman should be ordained or suffered to preach, her spiritual capabilities being so inferior to man's; the other, that women wage-earners

are the greatest curse that has ever come to the world of labor, and the primary cause for the great army of unemployed who loaf about the streets on the alert to steal and rob. Such appreciative tributes to woman cannot fail to awaken public sentiment in her behalf.

Science has long and hopefully asserted that the intellectual powers of the race were expanding in conformity to the laws of evolutionary progress. The intellectual acumen of the present day has discovered that politics and religion are divorced for good, and every reactionary attempt to unite them, like the various socialistic experiments, destined to ignominious failure, as in the past. One of our local papers in commenting on the joint ownership by all the members of the community of the instruments and means of production, says this is purely an economic and political problem with which religion has nothing to do, and Christianity is too broad to link itself to a political dogma. The competitive system is right as opposed to communism, because the Christian religion lays great stress on individual responsibility. Such a clear conception of fundamental relationships is characteristic of modern advancement in thinking, and would have been unattainable in a less keenly intellectual age.

Our charitable schemes and institutions have long furnished a theme for optimistic argument, but in some respects charity is taking a new departure when, through the columns of our dailies, such a cordial invitation as

the following is extended to all: "Commence the New Year fight. Open a bank account." The public has always been disposed to look upon our banking houses as great humanitarian enterprises, and its opinion will hereby be confirmed. No one who has learned by bitter experience what it means to be destitute of a bank account, will neglect such an unusual opportunity which commends itself especially to the denizens of the slum districts and county houses. It is a matter of regret that no class is so proverbially blind to its own interests, and we venture to predict that notwithstanding the tender solicitude for their welfare manifested by the bankers, very few will accept the invitation. Schopenhauer's father was a banker, and it is one of the unsolvable problems of history why the son of a banker should become the greatest pessimist of the age.

In further proof of the fact that the race is fast approaching a "millennial dawn" of happiness, any pessimist who believes the sum of human misery on the increase, is earnestly exhorted to follow the daily record of the divorce courts! In concluding this brief review, necessarily limited to a few of the encouraging signs of national and individual progress, it would be ungrateful not to render a tribute of praise to that party under whose auspices the long-desired era of "national prosperity" has dawned at last,—that party dear to every true American heart whose proudest *boast* must ever be that it never violated a principle or proved unfaithful to a pledge!

## Voices of the Morning.

BY J. A. EDGERTON, LINCOLN, NEB.

### I.

I journeyed in the Valley of Shadow of Grief;  
And, in the midnight of my sorrow, heard  
A voice within my soul, which seemed to say,  
"The people." Then a light broke over me:  
I saw our present sorrows melt and blend  
Into a vision as of a New Earth,  
O'er which the people reigned in love and peace.

### II.

A voice from out the Spirit-Silence spoke.  
"O sing the love of humankind," It said;  
"Of freedom born of brotherhood; of faith  
In God and man; with sunrise in your heart.  
O sing that hope is in the morrow, hope  
Is in the morrow; tell of it, and join  
The voices of the morning of the world!"

## Where Thieves Break Through and Steal.

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

DISREGARDING the Scripture, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where \* \* \* \* thieves break through and steal," Uncle Sam's financiers—instead of paying his numerous debts with it, as sensible men would in the management of their own business, piled up hundreds of millions of silver dollars (just as good in law as gold) in large steel bins, paying a strong guard to keep it safe. On occasions, all these dollars had to be counted, which was expeditiously done by weighing. On these occasions, the bags in which they were tied up were untied by a trusted servant of the public, the same for many years, to see that the dollars in the mouth of the sacks had not been tampered with. The new treasurer, under the present tax gatherer's

administration, more suspicious than his predecessors, discovered that this trusted servant had managed to subtract some of the dollars each time, supplying their places with leaden tablets. Thereupon all these dollars had to be counted, one by one, at great expense for counters and guards. How many even thus, may miss their way into the treasury, landing in the pockets of the counters, remains for future discovery.

It would have been for the good of the people if these dollars had all been stolen. In that case they would have been put in circulation, making money more plenty and times easier, causing fewer bankruptcies and less misery and death. So it comes to pass that theft may be a source of great blessing. If every

bank and miser's hoard were looted, and the corralled money put in circulation, for which it was designed, and not to be kept for usury, there would indeed be a revival of business, and all men would be able to earn a living. If, in the eyes of true reason, there is one crime against humanity greater than another, that crime is the preventing of the free circulation of a country's medium of exchange.

At one time Rome passed a law requiring all money lenders to invest a large part, two-thirds we believe, of their money in some kind of property, in order to relieve hard times caused by money lenders hoarding, for usury, the country's money. Such a law would be

timely, and would be a step toward justice now, in every country of the world. If a country has any right to legislate for the good of its citizens, it has a perfect right to pass such a law. Money is a creation of government, to enable its citizens to supply their wants; hence it must have power over its own creature, such as it has not over other property that is produced by the labor of its citizens. When the kingdom of heaven is established in earth, according to the Lord's prayer, money will be destroyed and men set free. Such will be the glorious consummation inaugurated by the Koreshan movement. Then, men will have neither incentive nor desire to steal.

## In the Editorial Perspective.

WE ARE much amused at the feeble efforts being made to overthrow the Koreshan System of Astronomy. A Denver daily inserts a column or so now and then, containing the harangues, contradictory statements, and glaring inconsistencies of the "woman on the trail of Cyrus Teed." Do we think that such attempts will overthrow anything? Our fears are being realized—the fear that the effort would fizzle out without our getting the opportunity of making a broadside refutation! No use to pay any attention to as significant explosions as we now have before us in the Denver *Evening Post*, of January 10, in which the woman in question attempts to give a description of the Koreshan Geodetic Survey on the west coast of Florida. The truthfulness of her statements may be seen from a single expression: "He (Dr. Teed) referred to a bogus experiment he claims to have made at Estero, Florida, in January, 1897, of which I was a witness, and fortunately not the only witness, who after having become cognizant of the deception, quit the colony." The other "witness" to whom she refers is one Jaffray, of Illinois, a sort of surveyor. The survey of the air line in demonstration of the Koreshan Cosmogony was made between March 18 and May 11, 1897; the woman in question was never at Naples, Fla., the site of the survey, and the surveyor referred to was *not* in the state of Florida during the whole period of the work of our survey. He never witnessed a single adjustment of our apparatus in the survey of the line made by the Koreshan Geodetic Staff, and knows nothing from personal observation, concerning any of the facts, measurements or adjustments then and there obtained and made. Now, we challenge contradiction of the above statements. It is a good thing to catch people in a *real, barefaced lie* once in a while; and for once we have one or two excited and nervously unstrung creatures in that kind of a predicament!

In the attempt to overthrow the Koreshan Cosmogony, we find the charge that the Koreshan Geodetic Survey was a bogus experiment; accompanying this charge is the admission that *if* such a survey could be made, it would determine whether or not the earth is concave. The attempt is to show that an "air line," such as would make the demonstration, is an impossibility. Now, the instigators of this opposition have neither the sense nor the logic to see the predicament this gets the *other side* into! The survey of an air line would determine it; such a line is impossible, therefore it has never been determined. So much the worse for the convex theory—it has never been proven. Now, what is to be done with the *fact* that such a survey *has been made*? It is a case of facts vs. denials. We are in possession

of the facts of actual survey; the denials will be relegated to their unworthy source!

The church once opposed the theories of evolution put forth by Darwin and LaPlace, on the ground that they were decidedly atheistic. Today, the so called progressive clergy accept this lot of rubbish, and it is now announced that the Catholic church sanctions it. Dr. Zahm, who stands at the front of Catholic ranks in both their clergy and group of "scientific" minds, has for the past five years advocated that the universe was evolved from nebulous vapor, and man from a tadpole; and he meets with no opposition from the Pope of Rome, but rather promotion. He now claims to harmonize the Bible with that which the church has so long fought as heresy! The Dr. has attempted to do the impossible; a belief in the Bible and in so called modern science cannot be consistently entertained in the same mind.

There are a sufficient number of saloons in America to line a street one hundred miles in length. The keepers must pay the rent, their liquor bills, support their families and meet other expenses. They must have an income from some source. Where does it come from? Mostly from men who labor for daily wages. Millions of people daily consume thousands of gallons of liquid fire and pay for them. One half of the poverty-stricken homes contain victims of the rum power. Poverty and hard times with the working classes are not altogether the result of a poor financial system. It is not sufficient to prohibit the sale of intoxicants; the demand—the appetite—must be exterminated. This is a problem overlooked by scores of reformers—reformers who advocate reform because it pays.

On shipboard it sounds rather comforting to hear the familiar call mornings and evenings, "All's well! all's well!" We know that conditions are favorable for smooth sailing and well being. At a time in the world's history like the present—never before equaled for its injustice and man's inhumanity to man, when countless thousands seek freedom from the thralldom in which the race finds itself, it sounds rather mocking to be greeted with the call, "All's well with the world!" This is the title of a new book; the author of which we conclude is *en rapport* with some of the greatest fallacies and strongest delusions of the hour.

The so called brain-foods are fakes. Some medical authorities consider it as necessary to feed the brain special preparations, as it is to feed the body. We wonder how men fed their brains before the invention of the modern brain food! This



shows the ignorance of the medical fraternity concerning physiological functions. The brain is supplied from the body, and it is only when the energies of the human system are vitiated by the various forms of modern dissipation, that it becomes necessary to stimulate the brain to the excessive and morbid activity which the modern competitive system compels.

"Cuba is lost to Spain!" These are the significant words heading editorials in the leading dailies of the world. Accompanying them, are the reports of the inability of Spain to cope with the Cuban forces, and their failure to make their plan of autonomy successful. Spain has now put forth her last effort to regain possession of the island. We are glad of it—Americans will rejoice when the Spanish soldiers evacuate Cuba in chagrin and defeat, even though the sluggishness and inactivity of the politicians in America prevent Columbian assistance of the patriots right at our doors!

Rent, interest, and similar items are not the only things that contribute to the hardship of the workman. He yearly wastes more than the amount of his rent and taxes; and the gratification of passion and appetites involves the expenditure of a hundred times more vital energy than ten hours' daily labor. The pitiable condition of thousands is due to their own perversities as much as to the crimes of millionaires. Economy would admit of wholesome food during times of prosperity and allow accumulations for self-support during business adversity.

The *Industrial World* says "fifty-one metals are known to exist, thirty of which have been discovered within the present century. Four hundred years ago, only seven were known." The discovery of so many new metals does not help the "scientist" to a knowledge of the primary seven. There are seven primary colors. The artist can make hundreds of combinations and shades of color, and yet know nothing concerning the laws of the phenomena of color. Koresian alchemy gives to the world the only true science of metallurgy.

The Government of the United States has done everything possible to destroy the lottery schemes that have existed during the past twenty years, but nothing whatever to prevent the stealing of millions of dollars from the workman, by the schemes of the gigantic syndicates, trusts, and monopolies. The world's greatest enemy is not the lottery of chance games and wheels of fortune, but the lottery of the banks, stock-exchange and boards of trade, and the plundering cliques of the millionaire and the politicians.

Is America civilized? If percentage of crime be taken as a criterion of judgment, the United States is the least civilized of any nation on the face of the earth. The religious bodies of this country spend millions of dollars for missionary effort in foreign countries, where there is less actual barbarism than here. In 1895 there were 10,000 murders in the United States; and the figures of a statistician show that of all nations of earth, the United States has the highest murder rate, while India has the least.

The greed of lawyers and doctors is illustrated by the exorbitant charges for attorneys' and physicians' services pushed upon a crippled colored woman in Chicago recently, who has sued the city and obtained judgment for \$3,000 for injuries. The fees would have left her scarcely a dollar. Friends and the city attorney interposed, and the exorbitant charge will not be paid. However, society will not look upon these professional thieves as thieves.

Long-faced churchianity developed through the decline and apostasy of the primitive Christian system, caused by the dissi-

pation and death of the energies of life sown at the beginning of the dispensation. Art and literature, architecture and music, wars, plagues, and pestilence of mediæval period, were the result of the great falling away of the church, the explanation of the mysteries of which belongs exclusively to the science of Koresh.

At the time when X-rays enable men to see through opaque objects, when the human stomach can be discarded, the equally wonderful faculty of perception without eyes becomes manifest. A Chicago, man without the orbs of vision since childhood, not only sees how to write, walk and travel without a guide, but is also able to see through doors and curtains, and in the dark as well as in the light.

Rev. Dr. Savage, from the basis of so called modern science, concludes that man is not lost, and that the cosmogony of Moses is a fake. Scores of others are following in his wake; every year witnesses the departure of the more "liberal" minds from the shackles of superstition, to sink into oblivion in the folds of the great fallacy of modern science.

Police can shoot bullets into freezing and starving boys who break open outside show-cases for something to wear and to eat; but the authorities have no censure for thousands who by "business" schemes, fraudulent advertisements and methods, loot the pockets of the men, who produce the goods their children are compelled to steal.

Some people object to colonization. It is a success! Every manufacturing establishment is a colony where the products are created and wealth amassed. The workman has not yet invented a successful method of appropriating the wealth he produces. Hundreds appropriate the wealth of millions.

Microbes are getting so thick—in the minds of the deluded medical fraternity—that it is decided to fumigate the books of libraries frequently in order to prevent disease. Better fumigate the contents of the many thousands of volumes, than their covers!

Rockefeller's wealth is now estimated to be \$244,000,000 with an increase of about \$1,500,000 per month, \$50,000 per day, or about 57 cents per second. This exceeds the income of all the crowned heads of Europe put together!

In times of "prosperity" everything is high except wages. McKinley prosperity was never designed for the poor man, but for those who control the money market and the products of labor.

Freedom and license for the millions who cannot individually control themselves would produce a retrogressive revolution. It would create in humanity hopeless chaos and insanity.

What would you think of a business man who would undertake to run his business after the plan of the spoils system of the Republican administration?

Some people's conception of economic science is to the great world of reform, what the limitation of one horizon is to the area of the earth's surface.

Jules Verne's electric submarine vessel, in "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," has now materialized in a French invention.

There can be no such thing as state socialism without a corresponding transformation of the mind and character of the people.

The difficulty with most people is, that they do too much of some things and not enough of some others.

The millionaire does not object to co-operation—in fact, he is in favor of it, and proves his faith in it every time he joins a trust.

There is a new competition among European powers in the process of stealing Chinese territory and the rights of the Chinese.

Some people have a profound fear of hell. It is really strange that a man should be afraid to go where he really is.

American legislators never intend to obey the laws they cause to be placed upon the statute books.

As dangerous a trust as there is in existence, is the trust of the great daily newspaper octopus.

The "Christian nations" assume a very brotherly attitude toward each other.

In some spheres of thought it is treason to reason.

## Quiet Talks with the Editors of our Exchanges.

LOOK BACK over the history of the development of any reformation, and see what blind prejudice has perpetrated upon pioneers. Entrenched behind popular stubbornness, the world resists the claims of the originators of every new scientific or religious theory or economic innovation. Galileo discovered new phenomena in the physical heavens, and for announcing the same he was persecuted by the clergy; Columbus advocated circumnavigation of the globe, and for years he could not get a hearing; Harvey made the discovery of the circulation of the blood in the human system, and the fraternity of the medical quacks would not investigate his claims nor witness his demonstrations. Fools, weren't they? Anybody is a fool who will not investigate a truth when the opportunity is pressed upon them! We belong to the fraternity of journalists; we desire the members of our profession to be worthy of their position. An editor should be wide-awake—*wider-awake* than any of his readers; and he should possess keener perception and greater reasoning powers, so as to be able to present to the hundreds and the thousands the very best of the intellectual market affords, and withal, greater willingness to look into anything that has a semblance of the truth. Men everywhere are pretending to be looking for truth, but are they finding it? Somebody has it, or nobody has it. If somebody has it, look for him! If nobody has it, then so much the worse for everybody's claims. We come to you with the premise and the conclusions of Koreshan Science—it covers all the ground of possible conclusion, and is the direct opposite of *all* popular thought. Is not that extraordinary? Is it not worthy of your attention, of your investigation, of your acceptance if true, or refutation if false? If nothing else, it is the greatest scientific curiosity extant—and you sometimes pay money for a puzzle, and more for its solution. Protect your readers against fallacy! If the Koreshan System be true, every other theory in the world is false—join in the warfare against

deception, fraud, and fallacy! If the Koreshan System be true, it is the greatest truth; if false, it is the greatest fallacy. Which will you choose: Defend fallacy, or reject it? Investigate the truth, or fight it? You must do one or the other; to do otherwise would be to cease saying anything!

Editors are supposed to be thinkers. We take editors at their claims, and ap-



pearl to them from the standpoint of regard and respect for them and for the work they are endeavoring to perform. We select this class of minds for some of our propositions, rather than those who may have less influence, and less time and perhaps ability to investigate and comprehend new theories. We desire a word from the editorial fraternity concerning modern science in answer to the following questions: Do you regard the popular astronomical system as having been absolutely proven to be true? Are you in possession of any facts which support the idea of a convex globe, rotating on its axis in twenty-four hours, and moving through space in an orbit about the sun, at the rate of nineteen miles per second? If so, what are they? You believe in progress, in education, and in the promulgation of truth. If the astronomers have

the truth, we have not; if we have it, they have not—not a particle of it; in such case the modern astronomers are obtaining money under false pretenses, and you are helping to sustain them!

### \$1,000 Reward for Editors!

We make a standing offer of \$1,000 to the editor of any journal who will publish a scientific refutation of the Koreshan Cosmogony, or what would be its equivalent—a single fact in demonstration of the theory that the earth is convex, and that we live on its exterior surface, or in support of any other theory of the shape of the world than the universe as a cell with its habitable surface concave. This is a *bona fide* offer, with the promise to quit the business in case of refutation of the scientific claims of the Koreshan Astronomy. Now, if the Koreshan System is as absurd as some people seem to think it is, why, don't you think that it would be a good deal easier to obtain \$1,000 in this way, than by doing all the work you have to do to obtain one thousand subscribers to your paper?

Your readers like up-to-date papers, with up-to-date articles giving particulars of the latest scientific discoveries and achievements, and synopses of new theories. We have some extraordinarily good material for your readers, and will furnish good astronomical and geographical cuts to all editors who will use them in articles concerning the Koreshan System. We can help you to make your paper attractive. Do you want to publish an illustrated paper? Write us for particulars.

The *Jeffersonian*, Faribault, Minn.; the *Gem*, Logansville, O.; the *Dawning Light*, San Antonio, Tex.; the *World's Advance Thought*, Portland, Ore.; the *Herald*, Roseland, La.; the *Good Citizen*, Gallatin, Mo.; the *Voice of Truth*, San Diego, Cal.; and the *New Charter*, San Francisco, Cal., have our thanks for mention, comments and quotations.

It is an easy thing for an editor to say a thing and *proof* it; but the astronomer

has not the advantage of type and proof-press when it comes to pressing proof upon us that the earth's surface upon which we live is convex!

When we undertook to survey the west coast of Florida in demonstration of the Koreshan astronomical premise, we undertook to serve a needy world with the truth.

THE FLAMING SWORD is a good thing; push it along.

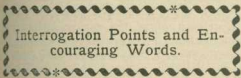
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### As Editors See Us.

We are in receipt of THE FLAMING SWORD, a neatly-printed, ideal 16-page journal, published at 6308 Wentworth avenue, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Cyrus R. Teed, the Founder of the Koreshan System of science, is the editor. As a scientific production it is first-class, and each number contains startling facts that the thinking public should read and ponder over.—*Roseland Herald*, Roseland, La.

### The Flaming Sword.

It takes all kinds of papers to satisfy the craving for new ideas, and THE FLAMING SWORD occupies a field of its own. Much as we may differ with the editor, it is right and proper that he should have a respectful hearing. Accept what seems true and reject that which seems unreasonable.—*Evening Light*, San Antonio, Tex.



E. P. H., Brodhead, Wis.—We thank you for your kind letter; we carefully note its contents. We judge from its tone that if you understood the Koreshan System you would not disagree with us; you criticize some of *your own conjectures* as to what we believe. When you say that the "idea of a personal and localized God existing somewhere in the skies is pernicious and positively productive of evil," and that "scientific reasoning and conclusions utterly dispute such sentimental ideas," we agree with you. We repudiate such conclusions. When you ask us, "What positive evidence have you that a personal Deity exists or ever existed?" we answer, that whatever we find in effect originally resided in the cause. We find human form existing today, and we need no other evidence to prove that Deity is personal and human. The process of overcoming death right here in the flesh, is the process of attaining to the Godhood, a process of transformation from the mortal to the immortal condition. The effort to save humanity belongs to the realm of practical human effort, and not to mythical forces billions of miles distant on some star or other, or in infinite space. Concerning the Bible, we do not quote the Bible to prove the Koreshan Cosmogony. We prove the Cellular Cosmogony by act-

ual demonstration. The Koreshan System would be true if there were no Bible, and is demonstrated independently of it. We simply use the Koreshan Cosmogony and other features of Koreshan Science, to prove the Bible. We refer to the Bible as merely corroborative, and as evidence to those who already accept it as true. The Bible was written by human beings, but by men who understood true science, and not the fallacies of modern times. The universe is eternal, and was never evolved from nothing, nor from ether through a "nebular" process. If you desire positive proof of the claims of Koreshan Science, we have it. We commend the System to your investigation, and to the study of every candid truth-seeker.

Are there no planetary systems outside of the earth? (2) Where is the sun, and what causes day and night? (3) How do you know that the earth's shell is only 100 miles thick? (4) Why do we have any short days and nights? (5) What is the source of all the professed knowledge of the Founder of the Koreshan System?—A. H. C., Staples, Minn.

(1) No; there is nothing outside of the earth. The planets are mercurial discs passing between the metallic strata of the earth's shell. We see their reflection in the physical heavens; these reflections are the "planets" the astronomers talk about. (2) The sun is in the center of the earth, the positive pole of the great galvano-magnetic battery. We see its projection on the upper stratum of our atmosphere, about 1,000 miles distant at noon time. (3) We make calculation of the thickness of the earth's shell from the known ratios of the specific gravity of the substances of which the shell is composed. We know the specific gravity of hydrogen, of the atmosphere, of water, and of each of the primary geologic, mineral and metallic strata. Having a knowledge of the depth and weight of the atmosphere, the amount of water in the earth, etc., we establish a relation or ratio, from which we compute the thickness of each stratum of the shell; the aggregate being about 100 miles. (4) The projected sun moves in a spiral, covering a belt of 47° in the heavens above us. The light from the projection covers one half of the earth's concave surface. On June 21, the hemisphere of light reaches 23 1/2° beyond the north pole, and on Dec. 21, 23 1/2° beyond the south pole. The long days at the poles and change of seasons thus obtain. (5) The discovery of the basis of all science, the law of transmutation, and the fact of the concavity of the earth's surface—that the earth is a cell, constitutes the premise of all Koreshan conclusion. A correct premise leads to correct conclusions. The Founder of Koreshan Science demonstrates his premise; the correct conclusions are inevitable.

(1) If Jesus reduced himself to energy and went into his disciples, has he been conscious as an individual from that time to this? (2) When a man dies and his spirit enters the spirit-world which is in the human brain, is he conscious of existence as an individual?—T. B., Mt. Sterling, Ill.

(1) When a grain of wheat is planted in the ground and dies, it loses that quality of consciousness and desire it possessed in the perfect state. There is dissolution, separation or division of the corpuscles, and the spirit or life of the wheat enters into newer experiences. The animal life of Jesus took on the consciousness of imperfect humanity when he crossed himself with it; his life fell into a lower plane. The ascending life of Jesus was absorbed into the central consciousness of Deity. The Lord Jesus will come into individual consciousness again in his resurrection in the sons of God. (2) The consciousness of a man after dissolution is no longer the consciousness of individual (or vidual) organism; his spirit takes on the consciousness of the mental spheres which it enters. The mind is in the body as well as in the brain; at dissolution of the body and brain there is a cessation of the functions of the body and brain, and consequently a cessation of the consciousness of the organism. Man at best today is passing through *partial* re-embodiments. Fullness of life and consciousness, derived from cyclic experiences, will obtain in the resurrection. We do not again take on the consciousness of our present existence; to do so would be to repeat our experiences and to possess again the identical combinations, mental spheres and elements, and to possess exactly the same characteristics.

J. N., Staples, Minn.—We note your inquiry concerning the clipping you sent us from the Boston *Investigator* regarding Astronomer Newcomb's conclusion that the universe is limited. We take it that the parts of the article you underscore are the points in question with you. Concerning the limitation of the universe, see article October, 1896 FLAMING SWORD, "What is on the outside?" copy of which we sent you. The limit of vision perpendicularly is about 1,000 miles, the depth of our atmosphere. Refraction does not admit of vision of the other side of the concave globe, nor even the interior atmospheres. The distances to the stars, calculated from the *convex* basis, would be millions of miles; from the triangulated concave arc, by spherical triangulation and trigonometry, their distance would be only several *hundreds* of miles. Images of millions of star points can be implanted upon the retina of the eye a surface of two or three square inches. The sphere of the heavens, convex to us, has a diameter of

about 6,000 miles, with a surface area of about 113,094,000 square miles. We see about one half of the heavens—90° of arc from the zenith all around, from any part of the earth's surface. Are not 56,047,000 square miles of star area sufficient to contain all the star points visible at any one time in one hemisphere? With one star point per square mile, we would have twice as many stars as are supposed to exist. The stars are points of light; the most powerful telescope in existence is not capable of perceptibly magnifying them. They are kind of electric lights.

TO EVERYBODY.—Page sixteen of THE FLAMING SWORD will shortly contain something that will explain hundreds of difficulties standing in the way of comprehension of the Koreshan Cosmogony. Do not fail to look for it—something entirely new! It will be a subject for study, and will contain answers to many of your questions concerning astronomy. Study astronomy—the sublimest subject for contemplation; reasonable, from the standpoint of a demonstrated premise, but a mass of absurdity as taught by pseudo-scientists from the basis of assumption.

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#### The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

THE FLAMING SWORD is a most welcome visitor to me, and I am delighted with it as a weekly, and thankful that I am able to appreciate the truth as it appears in its columns from week to week. I trust it may soon enter the home of every seeker for truth. I wish you and your noble helpers unbounded success in this great work, and send you loving thoughts daily. It is my desire to assist in circulating THE SWORD, and shall gladly receive any suggestions or help you may send me.—M. J. B.

It is customary early in the year to express or send out good wishes. We wish THE FLAMING SWORD a prosperous year; may the truths taught by KORESH and KORESHANS be disseminated and embraced a hundred or a thousand-fold more than in any year prior to this.—E. B., North Salt Lake City, Utah.

I like THE FLAMING SWORD, and if it is in my power, I will never be without it. I only regret that it is not a daily instead of a weekly. I can scarcely wait until the next issue.—C. E. K., Muscatine, Ia.

THE FLAMING SWORD is the only reform paper published; and for that reason many are not ready to subscribe for it, though it is the cheapest paper.—L. P. C., Los Angeles, Cal.

The weekly FLAMING SWORD has greatly intensified my interest, and I shall do all I can to increase its circulation. With many thanks.—Mrs. M., Detroit, Mich.

This glorious SWORD is another source of conviction to me. There is no other paper printed that can touch it in point of interest.—E. M. H., Boston, Mass.

I shall have to accept your theory, the earth a hollow globe.—S. M. C., Pleasant Grove, Cal.

THE FLAMING SWORD is excellent this week (December 31).—J. N., Staples, Minn.

From Friends at San Estero, Fla.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—You may enjoy from us in the South, a word of appreciation of the weekly FLAMING SWORD, so deservingly written by your hand, and the bright, radiant flashes of its twirling flames regularly penetrate our sub-tropical jungle, a welcome and a cherished visitor—so attractive as to draw me irresistibly to join in the mutual expression of our delight and good will. After acknowledging an unbounded tribute to the writings of the Founder of the Koreshan System, contained therein, always crisp, beautiful, and transcendent in the truths conveyed, I would remark that its artistic make-up and other features create for it a place, which it will gain, in the leading journalism of the times. Every department, sparkling and replete with advanced and telling thought, is a source of interest and profit. I would not be understood as discriminating when, to be brief, I allude to only a few unique features, the "Quiet Talks with Editors," "Interrogation Points and Encouraging Words," and "Chat with Readers," deserving special mention and approval, because they serve to bring THE SWORD into closer contact with its readers. Departing from the usual stiff impersonality of journalism, like a genial teacher, it stoops to sympathetic association with its readers, sharing their difficulties in hearty good fellowship.—J. S. SARGENT.

Highly entertaining, instructive, and an up-to-date educator, religiously scientific, in design artistic, in make-up a beauty, are the words with which we commend the weekly FLAMING SWORD. Its teachings are from the spirit of truth, the essence of the eternal mind; the humanity to come forth as the sons of God, will awaken to the glad tidings it heralds. We welcome its oft-repeated visits.—C. S. BALDWIN, M. D.

The weekly FLAMING SWORD is thoroughly up-to-date, a credit to all concerned in its publication, and worthy of a world-wide circulation as the representative and champion of the cause we so dearly cherish and joyfully uphold.—S. AMORRÉ.

I am very well satisfied with the new FLAMING SWORD, which arrived this morning. I find therein much I did not know before. I express my sincere thanks.—J. HOHN.

The aggressive work of the FLAMING SWORD is thinning the ranks of the enemy, and will ultimately win the battle of the hour—the battle of Armageddon.—DAVID STRAIN.

In style, certainly up-to-date; while its composition, from a scientific, social or religious standpoint, is ahead of any journal extant.—GEO. W. HUNT.

I rejoice in the decided progress THE FLAMING SWORD is making. May its blade never grow shorter, nor its edges less keen.—LAURITZ PETERSON.

#### Editor's Chat With Our Readers.

You have seen papers filled with light reading—you like something more profound. THE FLAMING SWORD is a profound publication, profounder than others, with heights higher, and breadths broader, and subscription lower the any other paper for its size and contents. We dislike light reading as much as you do, if not more,

and yet we believe in reading light, instead of darkness. Of course, where there is so much of the usual light reading, there must be some light writing. There is a kind of light writing we do not like, and there is a kind we do like. We believe in light-writing from photos, light, and graphs, to write. We believe in photographing—photographing thought. THE FLAMING SWORD is full of good photographs of thought. You cannot get good pictures from poor subjects, but from good ones. This is the secret of the success of THE FLAMING SWORD—we have good thoughts to photograph. You have not seen better photographs than we send you weekly. We send them out for people to see. Pass them around to your neighbors, and then send us your photograph of what you think of us and how you like THE FLAMING SWORD; now, we don't want your negative!

All the articles in this issue are good pictures of thought; we have discovered how to photograph thought—we are away ahead of Edison on that! This week we have quite a gallery. From palette and brush of the Master artist are the pictures entitled, "Gold Standard Proclivities vs. St. Louis Platform," "The Destiny of the Lost Ten Tribes," and "The Possibility of Overcoming Death," with a number of golden plaques set with gems, picturing in striking colors, the various attitudes of the brilliant FLAMING SWORD making effective thrusts. Other artists have painted "The Battle of the Great Newspaper Trusts," "Revival of Optimism," Where Thieves Break Through and Steal," together with a photographic reproduction of the "Voices of the Morning," recorded especially for THE FLAMING SWORD on a new phonograph. We also have some pictures arranged in a neat frame in the Editorial Perspective—pictures of current topics, with a sort of kinetoscope effect, followed by some water-colors for editors, and sketches for our readers. Our views are in demand—they are better than others; we belong to the new school of the science of art and the art of science.

Do you know what is hindering the publication of THE NEW GEODESY? You will be pleased when we tell you—we are going to make it much larger than we first anticipated—all for the same price. We are at work on more elaborate drawings and illustrations; it will be the finest work of the kind out—nothing else like it though, unless you all like it. Just wait a little while longer—it is coming!

Can you read your title clear? If not, perhaps you can read ours, on the title-page of THE FLAMING SWORD, by the light of the brilliant rays from the leaping flames. Sometimes your title needs to be made clear—your title to THE FLAMING SWORD; but it takes a dollar to do that!

Did you see our offer concerning articles in THE FLAMING SWORD last week? If not, look it up; if you are a writer, do your best, and send us the results.

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## Miscellaneous Notes.

Wednesday, Jan. 12.—Civil Service Commissioners refuse to give further aid, to Chicago Senatorial police investigation.—Crusade against Chicago gamblers.—Great rush for new Alaskan gold fields.—Enraged Indians burn the town of Mandan, Okl., and kill 25 people.—Esterhazy acquitted by French court martial.—Hawaiian annexation under agitation again.—Midwinter thunderstorm at Chicago.—Hannah wins.—Palmyristy used in the Merry trial.—St. Louis and New Orleans Anchor Line fails.—Election of officers of national banks, Chicago.—Convention of mission boards of all evangelical churches in U. S. and Canada.—Slight advance in wheat.—Illinois Republican editors meet at Springfield.—A killed in Arkansas cyclone.—Chicago contractors swindle laborers.

Thursday.—Riots in Havana; several newspaper offices destroyed; some others suppressed.—A Decatur Carpet company fails.—Steamer Alki brings \$200,000 from Klondike.—Wheat again lower; 90¢.—Conspiracy in Brazil to assassinate Pres. Moraes.—Iowa plumbers meet at Dubuque.—Consul Gen. de reports serious outlook at Havana; McKinley orders White Squadron to be in readiness.—Union workmen attack new Armour employes.—Rumbles of Carlist revolution in Spain.

Friday.—Luertger trial another long drawn-out farce.—New Japanese cabinet formed.—Outbreak of riotous demonstrations against English survey parties.—Police boards declared illegal.—China accepts demands of Germany.—New populist party born at St. Louis.—Terre Haute church choir on a strike.—France threatens to prosecute Zola.—Kansas man to go to Jerusalem to rescue friends from Spafford colony.—Chicago Bureau of Charities endeavor to assist poor.—Chicago shipping interests reported on the decline.

Saturday.—Pope wants Italy to be a republic.—Gamblers hide from Chicago police.—Ohio miners demand increase of 10c. per ton; likely to strike.—Denver secret societies begin crusade against department stores.—Rt. Hon. Chas. P. Villers, father of House of Commons, dies at London.—Hotel opened in New York exclusively for beer; heard, \$3 per month.

Sunday.—President of Cuba rejects autonomy; Gen. Blanco held in detestation by both loyalists and liberals.—Capetaneto, the last of the famous line of Indian chiefs, dies at Colorado Springs, Colo.—Kirkville, Mo., osteopaths defeat president Cook county medical board.—Chile and Argentina have a new boundary dispute.—Gen. Booth arrives in New York.—Thousand of New England mill employes accept reduction in wages.—Surgeons fit Milwaukee imitate Swiss doctors in excising a woman's stomach; patient dies.—Queen Victoria fined 5 shillings for not muzzling her dog.—France offends England over claims to Soudan territory.—English engineers' strike work-ending.—Disastrous floods in France.—Ticket scalping business believed to be legal.—Consul Gen. Lee threatens to send for American warships; gets a snub from Gen. Blanco.—Gen. Blanco threatened by mobs.—Count Penasco buying arms for Don Carlos.—France rapidly declining.—Zola confident of acquittal of Dreyfus.

Monday.—Havana in a state of alarm.—Woman drowned while being immersed

after Baptist revival at Ten Mile Creek, W. Va.—Smallpox reported in Ravine, Wis.—President Dole, of Hawaii, arrives in San Francisco.—Burl, Butterworth, cotton manufacturer of patents, dies at Thomasville, Ga.—Kentucky Trust Co., Louisville, makes assignment.—Great rush for Klondike.—Gen. Booth meets Ballington Booth at New York; decide not to amalgamate armies, but to stop quarreling.

Tuesday.—Congress divided on bills for currency reform.—Spanish military judge orders arrest of editor of *El Reconocimiento*, at Havana.—Bread riots in Italy.—The Corona brings 1,000,000 and 20 miners from Klondike.—Baker's Union declares war on America Biscuit Co. for employing non-union bakers.—Gen. Blanco may resign from command of Spanish army; general dissatisfaction in Spain.—Senatorial police investigation uncovers a mass of Chicago political corruption.

## Thoughts from the Reform Press.

## The Utah Mormons.

When the truth is fully found out in regard to the cause for so strongly opposing the Mormon religion of Utah, the people will learn that it was more on account of their successful co-operation and independence of the money power than their polygamy. The money fiends finding that the Mormons were growing stronger very rapidly, under a new system of finance and co-operation, concluded that if they were not stopped the rest of mankind would soon fall in line. Therefore they set on foot the plan of other churches to help them break up the plan if possible under the guise of immoral conduct. Does not the Constitution of the United States give a protection for any kind of religious faith? Hence what right had anyone to interfere with their constitutional rights? If the Mormons were getting wealthy by a new system of finance, notwithstanding the many odds against them while the money gods feared they might suffer, it became necessary to break them down by the law which was in the control of the plutocrats.—*Progressive Thought*.

## A Lesson in Finance.

A banker sauntering home to his dinner, saw a \$10 bill lying on the curb-stone. Of course he picked it up and took the number in order to find the owner. While at home his wife remarked that the butcher had sent in a bill for meat, amounting to \$10. The only money he had with him was the bill he had found, which he gave to her and she paid the butcher. The butcher paid it to the farmer for a calf, and the farmer paid it to the merchant, who in turn paid it to a washerwoman; and she, owing the banker a note of \$10, went to the banker and paid the note. The banker recognized the bill as the one he had found, and which up to that time had settled \$50 of debt. On a more careful examination he found the bill was counterfeit. Now, will some of our financial friends tell us what has been lost in this transaction, and by whom, if any?—*Union, Albia, Iowa*.

## The Fight Is on Gold.

If the lawless, irresponsible dictators of industry and commerce are successful, then liberty, constitutional government, and personal security are at an end, civilization degraded into an abyss, and retrogression displaces progress through another age of barbarism. Gold becomes

the only god, and bayonets the only prod to duty. The university, the press, and the pulpit will all be made permanent attachments to the gold power, and the result which is to control every source of communication and instruction, and stifle all thought and aspiration, that do not strengthen the ruling power. On the other hand, the people's victory will end class rule forever, and gradually abolish all special privileges and monopolies by means of which one man holds an unjust advantage over another.—Walter Vrooman in *New Democracy*.

## Usurpation of the Money Power.

Any system under which one person can obtain the wealth created by another without returning a full equivalent is immoral. Such is the character of our present system of financial and commercial exchange. It is essentially dishonest, and will not admit of strictly honest methods of doing business, and hence the most upright business men are often obliged to fall away from these conscienceless competitors. The system itself offers a premium upon unfair methods. It matters not by what means wealth is obtained, it confers power to dictate conditions for those who do not possess it, and it follows as a logical sequence, that the system stands in the way of the moral illumination and reformation of the masses of mankind. No movement can ascend to itself as truly moral that does not propose to remove this one great incentive to dishonest practices.—*New Woman*.

## Snatching the World's Wealth.

Plintocracy is described by a magazine writer "as snatching the wealth of the world from the hands of them that produce it," as the sponge that "sponges up the ocean in order to water Sahara with six drops, one drop being a library, one a college, and a hospital." The first he says is "to perpetuate the memory of the sponge; the second is to teach the system of political economy by which the sponge sucked up the ocean; and the third is to receive the broken bodies of those whose families the sponge might otherwise have had to pay damages." Are passionate utterances like these likely to do more harm or good to the cause of human growth and wisdom? Are such paragraphs calculated to sow deep prejudices or to lead to clearer conceptions and more earnest work for the general good?—*The New Order*.

## America not the Land of the Free.

The man who is in danger of want, or even the dread of want, is not a free man; and the country which does not guard him against this danger and this dread, or does not assure him the means of a livelihood, is not a free country, though it may be the freest of all the free countries so called. In other words, liberty and poverty are incompatible, and, if the poverty is extreme, liberty is impossible to it. We pretend otherwise, such of us as are not so directly oppressed by the conditions; but those who feel the burden know better. From time to time they express their dissent in their uncomfortable way, but tacitly or explicitly they always dissent from our optimistic pretense.—W. D. Howells in the *Forum*.

The only conclusion any rational and unbiased thinker can arrive at, is that modern landlordism is the greatest curse that any country can groan under; that it is utterly incompatible with freedom; that it takes away the chief incentive to industry and thrift; that it creates pauperism, crime, and crime, and checks all real progress in civilization.—A. Russell Wallace.

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