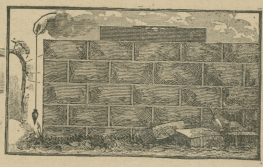
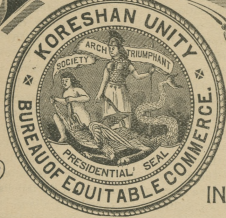


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Laurence Gronlund has prophetically declared that there will arise a great religious leader outside of the established Church who will solve the social problem. This child of destiny, this Moses, this reborn Napoleon, the evolved product of human hope, will plant anew in the race an eternal principle, the revitalized Mosaic law, and as the lightning's flash tip the apex of a spire and glides swiftly to its base, so Divine truth—despite the jeers of the shallow and the ribaldry of the profane—projected from the source of all being shall touch in this age the aspiring souls of men and from thence penetrate with its revivifying potency to the nethermost hells of human degradation, actuating humanity with a new and better impulse and leveling with the plumbline of commercial integrity the unjust and inharmonious relations of men and women.

THE GOLDEN AGE.

We believe in the good time coming. We do not accept the present condition as the ultimate type for the human race. Because we can see and know wrong, is our chief reason for faith that we will attain to a better condition. The energy of the race formerly spent in war and rapine, is now spent in the terrible competition for gold. Personal selfishness concentrates all effort on the individual. It will yet come to humanity when its conquering energy will be used in seeking the good of all. That is the next period. When that time comes, the ideals of success will lead only to noble endeavor. Riches will then be scheduled in the noble possessions of the intellect and soul, and the struggle of competition will urge the contestants into a growth of mind and heart that will fit them for communion with the Gods. No rich then, because there can be no poor. Comfort in bodily supplies, with no fear of want, will change the whole direction of human effort, and the age of art and education will be, for the first time, fully born. Call this a dream, if you please, but it will be reality when it will no longer be the chief aim of life to get gold. Make it success to be noble in all that defies the physical fact of death, and a revolution so gigantic will occur, that no living prophet or seer, in most wanted vision, can understand. Yet are we on the verge of that God-blessed era.—*Progressive Age*.

Our earnest contemporary gives clear evidence of thinking in the right direction and the time is near at hand when such exalted anticipations will be realized but they will not come without a struggle, for there is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood. Human selfishness, as expressed in capital and labor, must come into conflict because this propensity of the race has been the cause of all sorrow and suffering. It was projected from hell to destroy mankind and to hell it must therefore return, but before it goes a great commotion will be stirred up on account of its yielding up the ghost. A social revolution is coming upon the world such as it has never witnessed for a cycle of 24,000 years and by its coming the worst elements in society will be destroyed;

that is they will destroy each other. The most pernicious classes in society are: first, our so-called aristocrats who have amassed wealth by legalized theft and oppression and who live solely for themselves, for the gratification of their whims, their appetites and their passions; second, the quarrelsome, ignorant, abandoned horde of foreigners and vagrant native born that live among us. This class, which is simply enormous, will be pitted against the so-called aristocrats, the political machine and the military and they will destroy each other, but fearful havoc will be wrought before this end is accomplished. Women of wealth, beauty and station will be dragged from their pillaged palaces and ravaged by wretches in the street, for hell will be let loose and the nether will fly to the upper domain of that realm (wealth, to-day, has given way to round after round of hellish revelries and indulgences). Conflagrations will destroy millions of dollars worth of property, famine and pestilence will reign supreme and capture myriads of victims. This inflated monetary policy that is now on its last legs will collapse and national banks, railroads and large business firms will go down with the crash. War will rage in Europe and America and humanity will be in the depths of its sorrow.

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THE GOLDEN AGE.

We believe in the good time coming. We do not accept the present condition as the ultimate type for the human race. Because we can see and know wrong, is our chief reason for faith that we will attain to a better condition. The energy of the race formerly spent in war and rapine, is now spent in the terrible competition for gold. Personal selfishness concentrates all effort on the individual. It will yet come to humanity when its conquering energy will be used in seeking the good of all. That is the next period. When that time comes, the ideals of success will lead only to noble endeavor. Riches will then be scheduled in the noble possession of the intellect and soul, and the struggle of competition will urge the contestants into a growth of mind and heart that will fit them for communion with the Gods. No wish then, because there can be no poor. Comfort in bodily supplies, with no fear of want, will change the whole direction of human effort, and the age of art and education will be, for the first time, fully born. Call this a dream, if you please, but it will be reality when it will no longer be the chief aim of life to get gold. Make it success to be noble in all that defies the physical fact of death, and a revolution so gigantic will occur, that no living prophet or seer, in most wrangled vision, can understand. Yet are we on the verge of that God-blessed era.—*Progressive Age.*

Our earnest contemporary gives clear evidence of thinking in the right direction and the time is near at hand when such exalted anticipations will be realized but they will not come without a struggle, for there is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood. Human selfishness, as expressed in capital and labor, must come into conflict because this propensity of the race has been the cause of all sorrow and suffering. It was projected from hell to destroy mankind and to hell it must therefore return, but before it goes a great commotion will be stirred up on account of its yielding up the ghost. A social revolution is coming upon the world such as it has never witnessed for a cycle of 24,000 years and by its coming the worst elements in society will be destroyed;

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Very often under present conditions of money supply, men with possessions of very great value, find themselves, for want of a comparatively small amount of money, stripped of everything they have and reduced to beggary. Speaking of such a time in England in 1825, Alison in his history of Europe says: "Persons worth £100,000 could not raise a £100 to keep them from bankruptcy." Let us then say to our partial, unwise, paternal government which fosters and strengthens the strong and powerful sons at the expense of the weak and helpless ones: "Hands off! and let your children all have an equal chance not only to keep their present possessions, but to add to them still other acquisitions in safety by adopting means of effecting exchanges that shall be mutually satisfactory to themselves and perfectly safe to all concerned."

THE LOUISIANA LOTTERY CONTEST.

The excitement over the lottery question in Louisiana runs high in that State; and we cannot forecast the turn of things in the election of next spring, that is to decide whether the Louisiana Lottery Company's character shall be renewed for a period of twenty-five years in consideration of the payment of the sum of \$1,250,000 a year into the treasury of the State by that company (says the *New York Sun*). In the division of public opinion upon the question, political lines are disregarded, and the opposing parties are ranged under the names of Pro-Lottery and Anti-Lottery, or rather Pros and Antis. The Antis are making by far the greater show of force. They are well organized throughout the State, and have an especially strong association in New Orleans. Some of the ablest of the Democratic leaders of Louisiana, including Governor Nicholls, are on their side. The clergy of all creeds are united against the lottery; Catholic priests and Protestant ministers have stood side by side and made speeches at anti lottery demonstrations. The Farmers' Alliance of Louisiana have put an anti-lottery plank in their platform for the campaign. In the rural parishes a large proportion of the voters are pledged "to fight to the bitter end the horde of gamblers and bribers of the lottery company." The anti-lottery mass-meetings in the State are numerous and earnest. At one of the meetings recently held in New Orleans a Presbyterian clergyman became so impassioned in his denunciation as to say that "if the lottery were not crushed in the election, it would have to be destroyed by revolution." Meanwhile the pro-lottery faction are operating quietly, under the direction of astute tacticians, who have the assistance of hundreds, if not thousands, of the agents of the lottery company. They hold up the great subsidy that the company offers the State treasury for a renewal of its charter. They point out the facts that lotteries are authorized by several European Governments, have formerly been chartered in various States of the Union, and have long existed in Louisiana. They make use of all the stock arguments in favor of lotteries. They are especially successful in influencing the colored people, very many of whom like to "play lottery" and to get the prizes that are sometimes drawn. They are also able to secure the support of a large body of the white people of the State, including the creoles. Thus the Pros and Antis are carrying on the lottery campaign by which the Pelican State is stirred up in an extraordinary way. And here we add but a few words. At the election that is to be held, the voters of Louisiana ought to cast their ballots against the renewal of the lottery's charter.

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No faith is to the wicked due;
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Butler's Hudebras.

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THE LOUISIANA LOTTERY CONTEST.

The excitement over the lottery question in Louisiana runs high in that State; and we cannot forecast the turn of things in the election of next spring, that is to decide whether the Louisiana Lottery Company's character shall be renewed for a period of twenty-five years in consideration of the payment of the sum of \$1,250,000 a year into the treasury of the State by that company (says the *New York Sun*). In the division of public opinion upon the question, political lines are disregarded, and the opposing parties are ranged under the names of Pro-Lottery and Anti-Lottery, or rather Pros and Antis. The Antis are making by far the greater show of force. They are well organized throughout the State, and have an especially strong association in New Orleans, the city of the ablest of the Democratic leaders of Louisiana, including Governor Nichols, are on their side. The clergy of all creeds are united against the lottery; Catholic priests and Protestant ministers have stood side by side and made speeches at anti lottery demonstrations. The Farmers' Alliance of Louisiana have put an anti-lottery plank in their platform for the campaign. In the rural parishes a large proportion of the voters are pledged "to fight to the bitter end the battle of gamblers and bribers of the lottery company." The anti-lottery mass-meetings in the State are numerous and earnest. At one of the meetings recently held in New Orleans a Presbyterian clergyman became so impassioned in his denunciation as to say that "if the lottery were not crushed in the election, it would have to be destroyed by revolution." Meanwhile, the pro-lottery faction are operating quietly, under the direction of astute tacticians, who have the assistance of hundreds, if not thousands, of the agents of the lottery company. They hold up the great subsidy that the company offers the State treasury for a renewal of its charter. They point out the facts that lotteries are authorized by several States of the Union, and have long existed in Louisiana. They make use of all the stock arguments in favor of lotteries. They are especially successful in influencing the colored people, very many of whom like to "play lottery" and to get the prizes that are sometimes drawn. They are also able to secure the support of a large body of the white people of the State, including the crookes. Thus the Pros and Antis are carrying on the lottery campaign by which the Pelican State is stirred up in an extraordinary way. And here we add but a few words. At the election that is to be held, the voters of Louisiana ought to cast their ballots against the renewal of the lottery's charter.

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