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Fruit is Thrown Away.

TONS OF IT DRIFTING ON THE WATERS OF THE BAY.

Everyone Denies the Waste.

EIGHTY BOXES OF PEARS "DUMPED" ON SUNDAY-THE BART-LETT3 ALL RIPENED SIMULTANEOUSLY-SUPPLY NOT SO HEAVY NOW.

The waters of the bay have been speckled during the past week or two with fruit that was carried here by the Saeramento river boats and then thrown away for want of a market.

Commission merchants dony that any such wholesale dumpting has taken place, but watermelons and cantiatouses bob merrily over the waves all the same, and here and there the surface of the waters is dotted with pink clusters of tomatices. Burtlett pears are east into the sea by the box, and yet the dealers deny the dumpting.

As a matter of fact eighty boxes of pears were thrown out of the firm of McDonough & Johnson on Sunday night, and McDonough & Johnson form about the biggest fruit commission concern on Davis street. It is claimed by the firm that these pears were bad.

"They were the apper boxes on the pile," explained Mr. Johnson, "and the scorching sun of Saturday and Sunday foreonon rotted them. If pears were seiling at \$4 to \$6 a box instead of two to four bits they would have been dumped all the same; they were rotten and only fit for garbage."—San Francisob Enumine.

When such facts can crop out through the medium of the daily press, which, unfortunately, has not acquired a reputation for a love of justice, it is a sure indication that something is decidedly rotten in the State of Denmark. There is more fruit and vegetables dumped into the San Francisco Bay by middle-men than has ever been suspected and why shouldn't there be under the existing order of things? If these men cannot get a sufficient price for the produce consigned them to make a profit by the handling of it they are not disposed to turn themselves into public benefactors and give it away, for that would seriously compromise them with their customers upon whom they depend for their revenue. So what is there left for them to do, as business meni-Nothing, but to throw produce away when the market is glutted. The city authorities might take the matter in hand and pay them a nominal price for the overstocked market and then sell such merchandise to the poor for a farthing, but that also would cause some tall kicking from retailers. See in what a dilemma the competitive system places mankind. We are not of the opinion that men that they would actually prefer to throw away their surplus their part, did not injure them with their customers. Such, however, would necessarily be the case, and, so, overboard goes the

The Bureau of Equitable Commerce has been established to break up this deplorable condition of things. Think of it, under the competitive system there are millions of bushels of grain and acres of orchards of fruit and thousands of warehouses of clothing and yet the masses are starving, and, in winter, shivering to death, All these things are the product of God's soil and of the muscle of mankind, yet who would know it from the disposition made of the same. Human society was primarily organized for the promotion of the common weal, and when it has been so vitiated that it ceases to answer such an end then it must be reorganized by means of radical and unflinching reform measures. The producer and consumer must be made one by an equitable system of exchange through the institution of commercial equation, which means that money and competism must be destroyed and co-operation instituted as the safeguard of civilization and human perpetuity. This panacea to the race will come and although the middle-men may kick and make wry faces, like a boy to whom his mother is administering chastisement, yet the exigencies of the case demand the remedy. THE MIDDLE-MEN MUST GO.

W. S. McAllister, an ex-Alliance lecturer struck Dr. C. W. Macune of the National Economist at Durant Miss. McAllister, it is alleged, was bought up by Wall street and was exerting his influence tolestroy the Alliance while McAllister claims that Macune sold out to one Pat Calhoun last year in the Georgia Senatorial contest for \$2000, and that Macune robbed the Texas Alliance of \$20,000 or more while manager of the Texas Alliance Exchange. There may be no foundation for either story, particularly the latter; we simply quote them to show how harmony is progressing in the Alliance. Oh, but they will have a sweet time of it soon.

PEOPLE'S PARTY DEMANDS

Bosrox, August 24.—The People's Party State Central Committee methere today, decided offloors, voide to please a bias intelect in the field this laid and adopted a platform. The platform inderess the client platform for many states are sufficiently as the control of the states of the country or a cash basis; demands the same of the country or a cash basis; demands the constmuct of laws which will prevent tax-dodging favors a graduated tax upon inheritance, favors floorerment ownership of all means of transportation and communication; recommends that the people shall assume control of any branch of commerce through national, State or municipal administration, when it becomes evident that such branch is used for the profit of a two men at the expense of the public; especially advocates municipal coal yards; demands that the importation, municipal coal apritumes liquies be conducted by the diversement or State; declares in favor of the eight-hour day; demands industry and the control of the public schools; that employment of private arrande bodies be made a price of the significant of the public schools; that employment of private arrande bodies be made a price of the significant of the public schools; that one such as the such as the public schools; that one such as the such astate as the such as the such as the such as the such as the such

"The People's Party State Central Committee" incorporates some very good with some very bad recommendations. Its first mistake is in not defining the Government and discriminating between the Government proper, and that usurpation of the rights of the people called the Government. The people cannot rest their hopes in Congresses and legislators composed of men made rich by systematically pobling the people of their commercial and political interests and rights. The rich will never under any circumstanness, legislate for the peop, but in the direction of their serfdom.

There is but one course for the people. Let them organize a power upon the basis of ultimate political use incorporating in the movement the equal rights of male and female. Let them organize their clubs in every assembly distrigl of the United States. Make it a Government of the people to all intents and purposes, establishing its industrial schools, forming its own Congress and legislatures, and, when large enough, to comprise the power and merely act upon it.

This is the general plan of the Bureau of Equitable Commerce and The Patrons of Equitable Commerce. It involves no bloody revolution. It is a wheel in the middle of a wheel and the mighty plan by which the people shall be victorious in the effort to regain their rights,

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The waters of the bay have been speckled during the past week or two with fruit that was carried here by the Sacramento river boats and then thrown away for want of a market.

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As a matter of fact eighty boxes of pears were thrown out of the firm of McDonough & Johnson on Sunday night, and McDonough & Johnson form about the biggest fruit commission concern on Davis street. It is claimed by the firm that these pears were bad.

"They were the upper boxes on the pile," explained Mr. Johnson, "and the scorching sun of Saturday and Sunday forencom rotted them. If pears were selling at \$4 to \$6 a box instead of two to from this they would have been dumped all the same; they were rotten and only fit for garbage,"—San Francisco Emailmer.

When such facts can crop out through the medium of the daily press, which, unfortunately, has not acquired a reputation for a rotten in the State of Denmark. There is more fruit and vege tables dumped into the San Francisco Bay by middle-men than existing order of things? If these men cannot get a sufficient price for the produce consigned them to make a profit by the handling of it they are not disposed to turn themselves into public benefactors and give it away, for that would seriously compromise them with their customers upon whom they depend for their revenue. So what is there left for them to do, as business mens The city authorities might take the matter in hand and pay them a nominal price for the overstocked market and then sell such merchandise to the poor for a farthing, but that also would cause some tall kicking from retailers. See in what a dilemma the com-petitive system places mankind. We are not of the opinion that these middle-men are so depraved and indifferent to their fellowmen that they would actually prefer to throw away their surplus produce rather than give it to the poor, providing such action, on their part, did not injure them with their customers. Such, however, would necessarily be the case, and, so, overboard goes the

The Bureau of Equitable Commerce has been established to break up this deplorable condition of things. Think of it, under the competitive system there are millions of bushels of grain and acres of orchards of fruit and thousands of warehouses of clothing and yet the masses are starving, and, in winter, shivering to death. All these things are the product of God's soil and of the muscle of mankind, yet who would know it from the disposition made of the same. Human society was primarily organized for the promotion of the common weal, and when it has been so vitiated that it exacts to answer such an end then it must be reorganized by means of radical and unflinching reform measures. The producer and consumer must be made one by an equitable system of exhaps through the institution of commercial equation, which means that money and competism must be destroyed and ecoperation instituted as the safeguand of civilization and human perpetuity. This panaeca to the race will come and although the middlemen may kick and make wry faces, like a by to whom his mother is administering chastisement, yet the exigencies of the case demand the remody. The MINDLEMEN MENTS OF

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"The People's Party State Central Committee" incorporates some very good with some very bad recommendations. Its first mistake is in not defining the Government and discriminating between the Government proper, and that usurpation of the rights of the people called the Government. The people cannot rest their hopes in Congresses and legislators composed of men made rich by systematically robbing the people of their commercial and political interests and rights. The rich will never under any circumstances, legislate for the poor, but in the direction of their serfdom.

There is but one course for the people. Let them organize a over upon the basis of ultimate political use incorporating in the movement the equal rights of male and female. Let them organize their clubs in every assembly distried of the United States. Make it a Government of the people to all intents and purposes, establishing its industrial schools, forming its own Congress and legislatures, and, when large enough, to comprise the power and mereby act upon it.

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At Pittsburg, Pa., the bricklayers are still out and the con tractors have imported men to take their places. Trouble is anticipated.-The places of the strikers at Steelton, Pa., numbering 2,000, will be filled by imported labor.-The West Hamburg Rol ling Mill, under control of the Pottsville Iron and Steel Co., has shut out all union men and is importing labor.-All of the labor organizations of Tennessee are joining in an appeal for an extra session of the legislature for the repeal of the convict contract lease system.-The Catasaqua, Pa., Rolling Mills Company has locked out the union workingmen, numbering 800, and employed nonunion men.-The International Carpenters and Joiners Union has spread all over the country and effected in forty-two cities the eighthour day, in three hundred and thirty-one cities, the nine-hour about 9,500 more men who, otherwise, would remain idle.-In the cornice makers strike at St. Louis the shops which acceded to the demands of the strikers, eight-hour labor at the old schedule of wages, are preparing to lock them out, This action was prompted by the larger shop owners. August 1st the ultimatum of either a reduction of wages or ten hours labor was issued. Things look critical.-At Norfolk, Va., the employes of the street railways work nearly 16 hours a day for \$1,50. An organization has been formed which will petition the companies to increase the wages to \$2 per day, with extra pay for over time-The lasters employed in the extensive shoe manufactory of J. H. Winchell at Haverhill, Mass., having given notice that they would demand more pay on and after September 1st. the factory is to be shut down as its owner will not accede to the demand .- London has 200,000 factory girls who receive \$1,50 a week. How do they live?-Since 1874 the number of children employed in the factories of Saxony has increased from 7,815 to 13,929 .- Workmen have left Denver, Col. in such large numbers as to cause rents to decrease in that city about 25 per cent .- Jan Callewaert of Gobyssart is the leader of the striking Knights of Labor mine-workers of Belgium. About twenty thousand men are ready to obey his command, which fact makes him a power in the land. The Order of the Knights of Labor was established in Belgium in 1886, when several of the members of the order were sent to Belgium to prevent the importation of "scab" glass-blowers .- A movement is on foot in New York to organize a labor federation composed entirely of women workers. It is reported that several thousand women workers have already expressed their willingness to enter into the movement in the hope of bettering the condition of working women, for bad as are the men, the working women are much worse situated, espe cially in cities like New-York, Mrs. Van Etten who has promised to lead the movement, is sanguine of success. Among those who will join are the shirtmakers, the German Working Women's Society, the book binders, the pants makers, the coat makers, the underwear makers, the waitresses, the necktie makers, the skirt makers, the stenographers, the type-writers and the book-keepers. Statistics show that many of the working women do not average \$5 a week the year 'round and yet they are expected to dress well and keep respectable.-Tom Smith, President of the Iowa Miners' Union, denies the press report that the strike in the coal regions of Southern Iowa is settled.-The cigarmakers of Chicago have spent about \$30,000 to win their strike for higher wages.-The Boston printers by a vote of 331 to 91, have ratified the resolution adopted at the convention of the International Typographical Union that nine hours a day with eight hours on Saturday, should constitute a day's work in the book and job offices on and after Oct. 1st.-The over 150 bona fide trade unions in New Jersey.

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