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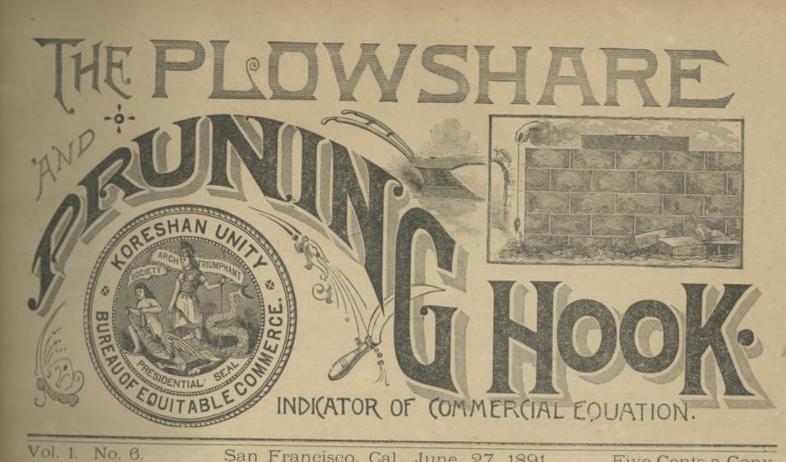
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No person ever invested in any game of chance when taking the initiatory steps of such a practice without feeling a drainage upon his character. As the practice is continued, this loss, of course, is not perceptible because the person so indulging has, to a certain degree, stupefied his innate promptings. The Prince of Wales, for example, being an inveterate gambler, would not feel any more compunctions of conscience by playing at cards for stakes, than he would by quaffing a glass of champagne, or, as a married man, by flirting with some other woman. We are well aware of the fact that these matters are looked upon lightly by a large number of the male as well, indeed, of the female portion of the community, but they none the less alter the credentials of one's claims to true manhood and womanhood. No real lady or gentleman will gamble. Most of the material which passes under these cognomens is bogus, and the claimants can show no genuine title to their professions. There will soon be a readjustment of things so that we can tell without difficulty which is which. The famous German and Italian gambling resorts frequented by titled personages, where immense sums of money are lost and wou, are not the rendezvouses of ladies and gentlemen; they are the focalizing centres of the abandoned, the dissolute and the reckless; be they princes or vagabonds. Such persons as naturally seek these dens as does the pig the swill barrel.

Gambling is one of the worst of vices because it primarily means a steal. Under the competitive system money earned by the sweat of the face is hard earned money. The lottery companies would allure the poor into investing their earnings in a concern whereby one may obtain his neighbor's hard earned dollars without physical effort. The scheme had its origin in the brain of some one belonging to that opulent class which seeks by alert mentality to live off of the drudgery of others, and for this reason, if for no other, lottery tickets and lottery companies should be tabooed by self-respecting, honest working people; for this is the class upon whom these sharks depend for the sale of their bonds. If people fancy that they can afford to sink those inherent promptings by the heeding of which the true lady or gentleman is evolved let them do so, but let them also remember there is soon coming a day when

"Sense and worth all o'er the earth Shall bear the 'gree and a' that,'

when the world will admit the truth of that sentiment long since penned by Alexander Pope:

"An honest man's the noblest work of God."

#### The Graduating Season.

Just at this time the colleges, universities, seminaries and high schools are pouring forth their graduates young and old to enter life's arena in the struggle for bread and fame. There are men of forty, being graduated from these institutions, and striplings of twenty-one. Those in the forties have but a short race ahead before reaching the meridian of life when they will have to slack up their eager speed into something like a jog trot. We do not know of anything more foolhardy in these days of intense practi- | hell holds a mortgage on you, which it is sure to foreclose.

calities than for a person, particularly a poor person, to enter our colleges and universities at the age of thirty five or forty, for the purpose of equipping himself for life's incisive battle. At this time of terrific competism it needs the youngest and best blood to even make a fair living without capital, and how such persons, as the foregoing, expect to add anything to their capacity for "hustling"-which quality alone can cause the individual to survive the existing struggle-by a collegiate course, which, in plain parlance "is'nt worth shucks" in the channels of trade, is more than a mind, innured to the requirements of the hour, can conceive.

We have known men to graduate from theological seminaries and colleges of jurisprudence at such an age that they had about time to pronounce, just a little prematurely, their own eulogies, or adjudicate their last wills and testaments. Such deluded creatures are to be pitied; they have greater yearnings for scholarship than practical sense. The quantity of "swelled heads" too,—to use a familiar phrase,—that are turned loose every summer with batchelor degrees to inflict the world with their inordinate mush-room conceit is quite large. It will take the average young man a half dozen years after graduating to reduce his head to a normal size. This desideratum is accomplished by rubbing it against a hard, selfish, indifferent world, which gradual process of filing proves effectual.

This-month there have burst upon an already burdened universe, salutatories, valedictories, essays, orations and class poems without limit. And graduates have sailed forth expecting soon to electrify the world as orators, statesmen, lawyers, authors orpreachers. As for the humbler walks of life, they are entirely ignored by these sky-scrapers; yet, if one looks for these same persons a few years afterwards they will mostly be found filling positions as clerks at small salaries or else stranded upon the shoals of impecuniosity

The professions are over-crowded and positively cannot support the vast hordes constantly flocking to them. Seventy-five per cent of the young men graduating from our legal and medical schools must inevitably succumb if they expect to gain a livelihood in either of these callings; and as for the pulpit it has become "an excrescence upon the landscape;" the class of minds flocking to this insecure haven is very poor indeed and with the growing apathy of the people churchwise, the future life of the average parson is not a happy one. Dr. Joseph Parker of London recently remarked that if ninety per cent of England's clergymen were never to preach again they would perform an inestimable service to the Britons. But this class of men must get a living somehow, and preaching is about the easiest device to which they can resort in order to accomplish that end.

When money is so difficult to earn and the press for positions is so intense there is no accomplishment so valuable to a poor young man as to be skilled in some one of the mechanical arts, and for that reason a school for artisans is the most valuable institution that he can attend. Watchmaking, architectural drawing, engineering, carpentering, printing, and the like, offer an honorable and useful field for youthful activity. The coming man is not the supercilious lawyer nor the quack doctor, but the honest mechanic-let men believe this or not as they please. The hour draweth nigh when the barrister with his high fees and studied delays in litigation will be a superfluity-he is really that now but the people are just awakening to the truth of this fact. The rendering of long delayed justice, transforms it into injustice; hence the courts, the judges and the lawyers must soon take a back seat. As for the medical practice, while it has discarded the system of body leeching it has substituted that of pocket leeching, which, in the end is more harmful to the people. Humbuggery holds a high seat in this domain, and most young men would be better off in other fields of labor.

Jesus of Nazareth was a carpenter and the fact that he followed that vocation, presages the day when the lowly, but honest pursuits shall be exalted, and the high, but ignoble ones, abased. Young man, if you are poor in these days of fierce competism do not go to college! If you are rich and prefer to serve yourself instead of your fellow man it is quite immaterial where you go, for

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No person ever invested in any game of chance when taking the initiatory steps of such a practice without feeling a drainage upon his character. As the practice is continued, this loss, of course, is not perceptible because the person so indulging has, to a certain degree, stupefied his innate promptings. The Prince of Wates, for example, being an inveterate gambler, would not feel any more computctions of conscience by playing at cards for stakes, than he would by quaffing a glass of champagne, or, as a married man, by flirting with some other woman. We are well aware of the fact that these matters are looked upon lightly by a large number of the male as well, indeed, of the female portion of the community, but they none the less alter the credentials of one's claims to true manhood and womanhood. No real lady or gentleman will gamble. Most of the material which passes under these cognomens is bogus, and the claimants can show no genuine title to their professions. There will soon be a readjustment of things so that we can tell without difficulty which is which. The famous German and Italian gambling resorts frequented by titled personages, where immense sums of money are lost and won, are not the rendezvouses of ladies and gentlemen; they are the focalizing centres of the abandoned, the dissolute and the reckless; be they princes or vagabonds. Such persons as naturally seek these dens as does the pig the swill barrel.

Gambling is one of the worst of vices because it primarily means a steal. Under the competitive system money earned by the sweat of the face is hard earned money. The lottery companies would allure the poor into investing their earnings in a concern whereby one may obtain his neighbor's hard earned dollars without physical effort. The scheme had its origin in the brain of some one belonging to that opulent class which seeks by alert mentality to live off of the drudgery of others, and for this reason, if for no other, lottery tickets and lottery companies should be tabooed by self-respecting, honest working people; for this is the class upon whom these sharks depend for the sale of their bonds. If people fancy that they can afford to sink those inherent promptings by the heeding of which the true lady or gentleman is evolved let them do so, but let them also remember there is soon coming a day when

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when the world will admit the truth of that sentiment long since penned by Alexander Pope;

"An honest man's the noblest work of God."

#### The Graduating Season.

Just at this time the colleges, universities, seminaries and high schools are pouring forth their graduates young and old to enter life's arena in the struggle for bread and fame. There are men of forty, being graduated from these institutions, and striplings of twenty-one. Those in the forties have but a short race ahead before reaching the meridian of life when they will have to slack up their cager speed into something like a jog trot. We do not know of anything more foolhardy in these days of intense practi- hell holds a mortgage on you, which it is sure to foreclose.

calities than for a person, particularly a poor person, to enter our colleges and universities at the age of thirty five or forty, for the purpose of equipping himself for life's incisive battle. At this time of terrific competism it needs the youngest and best blood to even make a fair living without capital, and how such persons, as the foregoing, expect to add anything to their capacity for "hustling"-which quality alone can cause the individual to survive the existing struggle-by a collegiate course, which, in plain pariance "is'nt worth shucks" in the channels of trade, is more than a mind, innured to the requirements of the hour, can conceive.

We have known men to graduate from theological seminaries and colleges of jurisprudence at such an age that they had about time to pronounce, just a little plematurely, their own eulogies, or adjudicate their last wills and testaments. Such deluded creatures are to be pitied; they have greater yearnings for scholarship than practical sense. The quantity of "swelled heads" too,-to use a familiar phrase,-that are turned loose every summer with batchelor degrees to inflict the world with their inordinate mush-room conceit is quite large. It will take the average young man a half dozen years after graduating to reduce his head to a normal size. This desideratum is accomplished by rubbing it against a hard, selfish, indifferent world, which gradual process of filing proves effect-

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The professions are over-crowded and positively cannot support the vast hordes constantly flocking to them. Seventy-five per cent of the young men graduating from our legal and medical schools must inevitably succumb if they expect to gain a livelihood in either of these callings; and as for the pulpit it has become "an excrescence upon the landscape;" the class of minds flocking to this insecure haven is very poor indeed and with the growing apathy of the people chutchwise, the future life of the average parson is not a happy one. Dr. Joseph Parker of London recently remarked that if ninety per cent of England's clergymen were never to preach again they would perform an inestimable service to the Britons. But this class of men must get a living somehow, and preaching is about the easiest device to which they can resort in order to accomplish that end.

When money is so difficult to earn and the press for positions is so intense there is no accomplishment so valuable to a poor young man as to be skilled in some one of the mechanical arts, and for that reason a school for artisans is the most valuable institution that he can attend. Watchmaking, architectural drawing, engineering, carpentering, printing, and the like, offer an honorable and useful field for youthful activity. The coming man is not the supercilious lawyer nor the quack doctor, but the honest mechanic-let men believe this or not as they please. The hour draweth nigh when the barrister with his high fees and studied delays in litigation will be a superfluity-he is really that now but the people are just awakening to the truth of this fact. The rendering of long delayed justice, transforms it into injustice; hence the courts, the judges and the lawyers must soon take a back seat. As for the medical practice, while it has discarded the system of body leeching it has substituted that of pocket leeching, which, in the end is more harmful to the people. Humbuggery holds a high seat in this domain, and most young men would be better off in other fields of labor,

Jesus of Nazareth was a carpenter and the fact that he followed that vocation, presages the day when the lowly, but honest pursuits shall be exalted, and the high, but ignoble ones, abased. Young man, if you are poor in these days of fierce competism do not go to college! If you are rich and prefer to serve yourself instead of your fellow man it is quite immaterial where you go, for

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"Have you any idea how much it would cost? Our government debt, at the close of the war, was more than \$2,000,000,000, and we have been almost. thirty years in paying half of it. The railroads, telegraphs, telephone lines, and steamboats in the country represent about \$10,000,000,000 invested capital; \$4,000,000,000 is bonded indebtedness, which must be paid. Are you ready to tax yourselves to raise this money? Then, after you have got the property, are you ready to tax yourselves to operate it, for the government never yet succeeded in doing business at a profit? Consider another effect: such a plan would add, perhaps,1,200,000 men and women to the roll of government employees. How would you ever succeed in turning out of power an administration with such resourses at its command? The more corrupt it was, the more difficult it would be to displace it."

They had in their convention resoluted and declared. They had neglected to think, to ponder the manner of their "reform" procedure and the consequences to themselves and the "dear people" generally. Carlisle's remarks had nonplused and confounded them. They retired, sad but wiser men. But another similar crop will spring from the same soil and grow to rank weed condition before the great campaign of next year. They are as the quacks who are ceaselessly putting off upon the public the kill-or-cure stuffs—no cure, no pay—which they declare to be specifics for every ill that afflicts the body, the panacea for all that mortifies the flesh. Barnum was right—the world likes to be humbugged, and there are always demagogues and empirics and frauds to play upon their credulity, to prey upon and fleece them while they fool them, in politics as in other matters.—San Francisco Argonaut.

The assertion that the men, as a body, composing the so-called "Peoples Party" are "demagogues and empirics and frauds" is not founded upon a statement of fact; on the contrary to affirm that the majority of men voting the Republican and Democratic tickets are demagogues and empirics and frauds'' is not only founded upon fact but is self evident to observing, thinking people. That a large number of deluded people cling to these two parties no one will gainsay, but the truth of the assertion regarding a majority of the adherents to the Republican and Democratic parties is as well known to the Argonaut as to any other able and comprehensive journal. The trouble, however, with such papers is that they are so environed in the social atmosphere containing miasma that their keener sensibilities are stultified and they, therefore, signally fail as human beneficiaries-which every newspaper should bebecause they permit themselves to apologize for an existing social economy which when subjected to a critical analysis does not contain a single virtue to recommend it to the continued support and confidence of a too confiding people.

The so-called Peoples Party received its impetus from the strenuous desire of a large portion of the community to ameliorate their impoverished condition; a condition obtaining because the machinery of government is unmistakably in the hands of dishonest men, and the platform of this party is simply a protestation against the insolence of plutocrats. The party is doubtless manipulated by tricksters and demagogues but it was conceived by a moral principle otherwise it never could have had its birth. In this relation it is like the Republican party, which, though it has degenerated into corruption was built upon the potentiality of abolition. The remarks of Senator Carlisle to the delegation from this new political movement were quite practical and pertinent, nevertheless, they did not refute the fact that the wrong which this new party is ostensibly laboring to remove, does not exist. The Kentucky statesman's words however should be of value in arousing the people to the gravity of the disease inflicting the body politic. As he said, the railroads, telegraphs, telephone lines and steamboats in the country represent about \$10,000,000,000 invested capital while we have been nearly thirty years in paying half of our government debt of \$2,000,000,000; so that it ought to be patent to every practical mind that genuine reform within such a governmental system with its labyrinth of chicanery and wire pulling is not possible and the *Argonaut* knows this full well, nevertheless, it does not indicate either a spirit of broad sympathy or true democracy to ridicule the futile efforts of the people to preserve a rotten governmental institution.

So-called reform parties can formulate and resolute to their hearts content; they can orate about the Star Spangled Banner, Columbia and our illustrious ancestry; but none of this harmless oratory will obliterate the fact that this democracy is hopelessly infected with disease, and must die. Our national banking system permeates every fibre of the existing social structure; the church, the state and the various marts of trade; and the same system controls our railroads and different corporate enterprises, and you could no more remove this nefarious life destroyer from the present governmental system then you could a cancer whose tendrils have spread through a human frame. It has become the government itself. There is but one way out of the dilemma and that is to desert the old hulk and to build anew. Let the people trade among themselves upon a system of checks and certificates as inaugurated by the Bureau of Equitable Commerce, and ignore the present monetary system which is fast going to pieces. The financial crash must soon come; it cannot be much longer delayed. The failure of the Baring Bros. in London was simply the forerunner of the coming storm. Inflated values in stocks and real estate must soon collapse and with them will go the whole commercial raft foisted upon bubbles. It is but an idle dream to talk about saving any part of such a system of social economy, or destroying any part without the whole. To abolish, for example, our national banks, is as practical as to cut off a man's whiskey supply who is deep in the throes of delirium tremens. Our national banking plan is the very blood of the present false methods of political economy and the one will never go until the whole fabric

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## Persecution of the Jews.

A reading of the reports of the expulsion of the Jews from Russia makes it difficult to believe that this is the nineteenth century. These expulsions are no new matter, but the Russian Government is going about the work- so boldly and persistently that the matter is forced upon the attention of the world. This driving people away from their homes is hardly less brutal than their wanton slaughter. It takes a good many years to drive out enough to make an impression, but the Cossack's under Chmielnicki's leadership succeded in destroying 250,000 Polish Jews within ten years. This was more than three hundred years ago, but the fierce pursuit of a people who have no home, no native land goes on in a manner less barbaric but equally ferocious. The experience of Herr Goldberger, which is related to day, shows the despotie character of the war upon the Jewish people. The common ground of the excuse for these expulsions seems to be jealousy of the business success of the Jews in all parts of Russia. They have the upper hand, and while the government itself feels secure against financial troubles that may follow the turning out of Jews and their money, the individual is likely to feel the loss.-Indiana-

# Breaking Away From Party Lines.

The unmistakable evidences every day presented that party fealty is losing its power among the rank and file of the people, and the fact that with one accord the great common people in all sections of the country are announcing a determination to vote their principles regardless of party lines, does not indicate any change of principles on the part of the people. It is a rebellion against tyranny and oppression, because it is tyranny and oppression for the party "machine" to stifle free thought and speech by prescribing a political platform that must be adopted under penalty of expulsion.—National Economist. (Furmers Alliance.)

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They had in their convention resoluted and declared. They had neglected to think, to ponder the manner of their "reform" procedure and the consequences to themselves and the "dear people" generally. Carlisle's remarks had nonplused and confounded them. They retired, sad but wiser men. Hat another similar crop will spring from the same soil and grow to rank weed condition before the great campaign of next year. They are as the quacks who are ceaselessly putting off upon the public the kill-or-cure stuffs—no cure, no pay—which they declare to be specifies for every ill that afflicts the body, the janacea for all that mortifies the flesh. Barnum was right—the world likes to be hambugged, and there are always demagogues and empiries and frauds to play upon their credulity, to prey upon and fleece them while they fool them, in polities as in other matters.—San Francisco Argonaut.

The assertion that the men, as a body, composing the so-called "Peoples Party" are "demagogues and empirics and frauds" is not founded upon a statement of fact; on the contrary to affirm that the majority of men voting the Republican and Democratic tickets are 'demagogues and empirics and frauds'' is not only founded upon fact but is self evident to observing, thinking people. That a large number of deluded people cling to these two parties no one will gainsay, but the truth of the assertion regarding a majority of the adherents to the Republican and Democratic parties is as well known to the Argonaut as to any other able and comprehensive journal. The trouble, however, with such papers is that they are so environed in the social atmosphere containing miasma that their keener sensibilities are stultified and they, therefore, signally tail as human beneficiaries-which every newspaper should bebecause they permit themselves to apologize for an existing social economy which when subjected to a critical analysis does not contain a single virtue to recommend it to the continued support and confidence of a too confiding people.

The so-called Peoples Party received its impetus from the strenuous desire of a large portion of the community to ameliorate their impoverished condition; a condition obtaining because the machinery of government is unmistakably in the hands of dishonest men, and the platform of this party is simply a protestation against the insolence of plutocrats. The party is doubtless manipulated by tricksters and demagogues but it was conceived by a moral principle otherwise it never could have had its birth. In this relation it is like the Republican party, which, though it has degenerated into corruption was built upon the potentiality of abolition. The remarks of Senator Carlisle to the delegation from this new political movement were quite practical and pertinent, nevertheless, they did not refute the fact that the wrong which this new party is ostensibly laboring to remove, does not exist. The Kentucky statesman's words however should be of value in arousing the people to the gravity of the disease inflicting the body politic. As he said, the railroads, telegraphs, telephone lines and steamboats in the country represent about \$10,000,000,000 invested capital while we have been nearly thirty years in paying half of our government debt of \$2,000,000,000; so that it ought to be patent to every practical mind that genuine reform within such a governmental system with its labyrinth of chicanery and wire pulling is not possible and the *Argonaut* knows this full well, nevertheless, it does not indicate either a spirit of broad sympathy or true democracy to ridicule the futile efforts of the people to preserve a rotten governmental institution.

So-called reform parties can formulate and resolute to their hearts content; they can orate about the Star Spangled Banner, Columbia and our illustrious ancestry; but none of this harmless oratory will obliterate the fact that this democracy is hopelessly infected with disease, and must die. Our national banking system permeates every fibre of the existing social structure; the church, the state and the various marts of trade; and the same system controls our railroads and different corporate enterprises, and you could no more remove this nefarious life destroyer from the present governmental system then you could a cancer whose tendrils have spread through a human frame. It has become the government itself. There is but one way out of the dilemma and that is to desert the old hulk and to build anew. Let the people trade among themselves upon a system of checks and certificates as inaugurated by the Bureau of Equitable Commerce, and ignore the present monetary system which is fast going to pieces. The financial crash must soon come; it cannot be much longer delayed. The failure of the Baring Bros. in London was simply the forerunner of the coming storm. Inflated values in stocks and real estate must soon collapse and with them will go the whole commercial raft foisted upon bubbles. It is but an idle dream to talk about saving any part of such a system of social economy, or destroying any part without the whole. To abolish, for example, our national banks, is as practical as to cut off a man's whiskey supply who is deep in the throes of delirium tremens. Our national banking plan is the very blood of the present false methods of political economy and the one will never go until the whole fabric

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The growth of the urban population is one of the most surprising features of the recent census, and presents the most serious difficulty in the solution of the labor problem. While multitudes in the great cities are trying to get work there never was a greater dearth of farm laborers. This is the cry from all the New England states, and from states in sections other than New Eng-Farmers pay from \$16 to \$25 per month and board, yet, while the cities are filled with an army of unemployed, men cannot be induced to go to the country, where labor is needed. It is a sign of the times worth more than a passing notice, because it throws a hint on the industrial problem altogether too little considered. One explanation given for this strange condition of things is that city workmen are not physically suited to the exhausting labor of the fields; but there is a truer reason in the fact that country isolation does not satisfy their social instincts and animal propensities. Hence, thousands of able-bodied men to whom farm work is no hardship, are steadily flocking to the cities, there to engage in an unwholesome struggle, to the detriment of fellow-workmen already crowded, and leaving behind them health, independence and the prospect of acquiring a competence. Another cause of discontent among farm laborers grows out of the eight-hour agitation. The agricultural classes find it necessary to work about sixteen hours a day during a large part of the year. They are usually up at four o'clock in the morning, and it is generally dark before they have finished their "chores". The eight-hour day cannot benefit the farm hands, and they resent the idea of putting in double time when they might strike an easy job in the town. Workers of the other sex are no wiser. They are employed as many hours as the men, and are ever impatient to escape the drudgery of country service. The country girl is fasci-nated with the glitter of the city shops, or prefers the factory to domestic service on the farm. Thus the same stress under which the farmer finds himself in the endeavor to get sufficient help to plant the fields, is experienced by the farmer's wife in securing assistance in the home. The agricultural and industrial classes have heretofore been nearly equally divided. So long as the progress of the cities was not made at the expense of the rural districts, it was a matter of gratulation, but since it has come to devour the best and strongest of the agricultural population, with absolutely no movement in the opposite direction, it is a migration which may well be looked upon with anxiety. It is a movement against reason and common sense, the injurious effects of which it is impossible to forecast. Any serious industrial dislocation would breed confusion and disaster, which will tax the wisdom of the ablest and strongest government to ameliorate. No scheme of benevolence could be more timely than one which should be able to change the tide of migration from eity to country and transfer the surplus and idle population from the unwholesome slums and alleys to the paradise of the farm.

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The great debate that has been going on over the immigration question ever since the citizens of New Orleans lynched the eleven members of the Mafia still continues. It has been stimulated by the large and almost unprecedented influx of foreigners that has been going on during the past four months.

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The coal barons and the cheap labor contractors of all kinds are likewise active in importing a class of labor that can be depended on to press down wages. The foreign governments are also assisting to swell our population by shipping criminals and paupers to be supported here in spite of the laws that forbid them admittance.

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