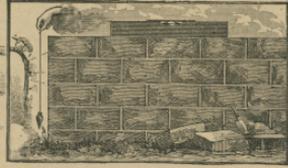


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The gentlemen may cry for peace to their hearts content; they may employ their most subtle powers in deceiving the people as to the true status of social affairs; they may apologize for and conceal the true animus of a governmental policy which does not contain one redeeming feature; they may pooh-pooh the portentous signs of approaching revolution; but none of these shallow expedients will avert the consummation of an effect heaped up by the operation of a known cause. Modern culture and refinement with all its piccadillies cannot thwart the operation of law and therefore the sooner the literati and the "utterly uttah" become reconciled to the inevitable and face the music the better it will be for them. As soon as the impending financial crash becomes a reality and the millions are running to and fro for bread, the pedantic and didactic "literary feller" with his high sounding periods and esthetic notions, the unscrupulous journalist, famous for his "nose for news", and the chit-chat paragon with his lightweight caliber, will, with their instruments of public communication—their lying dailies, society weeklies and erudite monthlies—be left to perish by a public driven frantic in its efforts for self-preservation. Passing witticisms, clever epigrams and elusive though well-turned sentences will then fall flat upon the terrified ears of a

lamity-stricken race. The booming of the cannon at Fort Sumpter fell with startling surprise upon the ears of that large class of optimists who ridiculed the approach of rebellion, and when this bloody struggle for the triumph of a great moral principle had accomplished its work and the slavery of the black-man was but a matter of history, there vanished with the Southern Confederacy and the arrogant Southern planter a host of respectable, patronizing, aimless journals and journalists who were relegated to obscurity because they lacked the moral courage to ride upon the crest of a great reform wave. History but repeats itself and the very clever fellows who fancy they are doing just the thing to cater to a vitiated public sense will someday be left to reflect upon their folly within the confines of "innocuous desuetude."

There are some reform journals which are seemingly fearless in their advocacy of right but a close observation will reveal the fact that their aim is unskilled and abortive. It will not do to alone tear down; there must also be some upbuilding. That is a foolish man who would demolish his present abode, no matter how dilapidated it may have become, before supplying another place wherein to lay his head. Self-preservation is the first law of nature and must therefore always obtain on the chess-board of life. Calculating, sober people, no matter how desirous they may be for good government, will never desert the old hulk until they have signaled another ship and that is the reason why the various reformatory schemes which have had their birth only in the minds of enthusiastic theorists can never win the confidence of any but the wild, untutored and demoralized. What the people are looking for is a tangible system of reform which instead of blatant denunciation can erect a solid platform upon which to stand and spread, and this is more than socialism, nationalism, or any of the other isms can do—hence they have no substantial support.

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If you want to win the unwavering support of the masses to a particular method of operation, put food into their stomachs and you have struck the right nerve. It must at once be apparent to the clear sighted admitting the practicability of our commercial plan, that through its operation we will aggregate to ourselves an ever increasing constituency which will be more compact and invulnerable than a Grecian phalanx. The interests of our Patrons will be our interests and it will be to the common interest to rapidly spread and multiply our branches of commerce so that all may be benefited thereby. Every Patron will also quite naturally become a reader of and agent for THE PLOWSHARE and PRUNING HOOK, which, having no interest to serve but that of the people, and being afraid of no party or corporation, will hit the nail on the head every time, and through its ever augmenting circulation and enthusiastic support will become such a power in the land as has never been known to journalism. This slight review of our plans for the reformation of a down-trodden world and revolution of commercial methods, gives some idea of the amount of *vitality* possessed by the Koreshan system of philosophy.

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Some people fancy that this paper can not win to its support a constituency large enough to make it a potential factor in journalism; but herein they will find themselves mistaken. THE PLOWSHARE AND PRUNING HOOK will win to itself a larger and more powerful support than any other paper published and we are able to give our reasons for making this statement. There are plenty of journals published and some which advocate reform measures in the conduct of public affairs. Most publications, however, lack the moral courage to tell the *whole* truth; while they may be edited with skill and ability and their pages give every evidence of erudition, their influence and circulation can prove but ephemeral owing to the fact that they are reposing upon moral sentiment long since made but which has decayed. In other words their main mission for circulating, is to live off of and cater to popular prejudice and fallacy. Such a journalistic policy in these days of rapid and radical change must prove but short lived and disastrous. A great crisis has been reached in the world of thought and the journalist who attempts to evade, ridicule, or deny such a self-evident proposition is either a knave, a trifler or an idiot, whose paper no matter how large its existing circulation or apparent influence, must soon be buried in the debris of the crumbling and worthless system of social economy which he labors to support. Appearances are oftentimes deceitful, and popular support when not founded upon a great moral principle invariably proves fickle and evanescent.

The gentlemen may cry for peace to their hearts content; they may employ their most subtle powers in deceiving the people as to the true status of social affairs; they may apologize for and conceal the true animus of a governmental policy which does not contain one redeeming feature; they may pooh-pooh the portentous signs of approaching revolution; but none of these shallow expedients will avert the consummation of an effect heaped up by the operation of a known cause. Modern culture and refinement with all its piccadillies cannot thwart the operation of law and therefore the sooner the literati and the "utterly uttah" become reconciled to the inevitable and face the music the better it will be for them. As soon as the impending financial crash becomes a reality and the millions are running to and fro for bread, the pedantic and didactic "literary feller" with his high sounding periods and esthetic notions, the unscrupulous journalist, famous for his "nose for news", and the chit-chat paragrapher with his lightweight caliber, will, with their instruments of public communication—their lying dailies, society weeklies and erudite monthlies—be left to perish by a public driven frantic in its efforts for self-preservation. Passing witticisms, clever epigrams and elusive though well-turned sentences will then fall flat upon the terrified ears of a

lamity-stricken race. The booming of the cannon at Fort Sumpter fell with startling surprise upon the ears of that large class of optimists who ridiculed the approach of rebellion, and when this bloody struggle for the triumph of a great moral principle had accomplished its work and the slavery of the black-man was but a matter of history, there vanished with the Southern Confederacy and the arrogant Southern planter a host of respectable, patronizing, aimless journals and journalists who were relegated to obscurity because they lacked the moral courage to ride upon the crest of a great reform wave. History but repeats itself and the very clever fellows who fancy they are doing just the thing to cater to a vitiated public sense will someday be left to reflect upon their folly within the confines of "innocuous desuetude."

There are some reform journals which are seemingly fearless in their advocacy of right but a close observation will reveal the fact that their aim is unskilled and abortive. It will not do to alone tear down; there must also be some upbuilding. That is a foolish man who would demolish his present abode, no matter how dilapidated it may have become, before supplying another place wherein to lay his head. Self-preservation is the first law of nature and must therefore always obtain on the chess-board of life. Calculating, sober people, no matter how desirous they may be for good government, will never desert the old hulk until they have signaled another ship and that is the reason why the various reformatory schemes which have had their birth only in the minds of enthusiastic theorists can never win the confidence of any but the wild, untutored and demoralized. What the people are looking for is a tangible system of reform which instead of blatant denunciation can erect a solid platform upon which to stand and spread, and this is more than socialism, nationalism, or any of the other isms can do—hence they have no substantial support.

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The Patrons of Equitable Commerce become at once part owners and sharers of the profits of the system. And patrons, we are bound to get, and plenty of them too, because we are able to supply groceries and provisions at less than retail prices. While we are thus supplying the public with the necessaries of life at less than current prices we are also building up our own system of exchange which must soon render United States currency of small value to our Patrons. But this is not all. We shall at once establish a school of National Economy where we will educate the people in the true principles of government and commercial exchange which are as different from the methods now in vogue in political and commercial life as light is from darkness. This School will be established through the mediumship of conventions.

If you want to win the unwavering support of the masses to a particular method of operation, put food into their stomachs and you have struck the right nerve. It must at once be apparent to the clear sighted admitting the practicability of our commercial plan, that through its operation we will aggregate to ourselves an ever increasing constituency which will be more compact and invulnerable than a Grecian phalanx. The interests of our Patrons will be our interests and it will be to the common interest to rapidly spread and multiply our branches of commerce so that all may be benefited thereby. Every Patron will also quite naturally become a reader of and agent for THE PLOWSHARE AND PRUNING HOOK, which, having no interest to serve but that of the people, and being afraid of no party or corporation, will hit the nail on the head every time, and through its ever augmenting circulation and enthusiastic support will become such a power in the land as has never been known to journalism. This slight review of our plans for the reformation of a down-trodden world and revolution of commercial methods, gives some idea of the amount of *vitality* possessed by the Koreshan system of philosophy.

Believing in the potency of centralization and the futility of decentralization we have an acknowledged head to our system who is the master spirit of the whole movement, in its theological, scientific and commercial phases. Our conceptions of the economy of life are not inspired by musty books or worn out methods but have been evolved from the influx of culminating destiny. Our modes of

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As to the question of a State furnishing arms to societies—religious or other—for holiday occasions; or even to companies of State militia constituted exclusively of any particular party or sect; it is a thing which for obvious reasons ought never to be done. The very fact of a body of men so composed making such a request, should cast it under immediate suspicion. One may ask "Why not?—What is the special danger to be apprehended from it?" Well, let us take the Father Mathew procession in Boston last fall as an instance. Pleading precedent, it may continue to have such processions, and march under arms on holiday occasions till it becomes an established usage. Bye and bye, in some one of the many labor-troubles that are becoming more and more frequent and clamorous as the years roll on, there will be one of those great popular uprisings—another Martinsburg affair, only on a far grander scale—such as Gen. Ordway so graphically described in his address to a Washington audience not long ago. It reaches such appalling proportions that the whole country is paralyzed and the strong arm of the government finds itself over-matched in its methods of dealing with it. Rome's myrmidons are in it, and among them are the chief conspirators. The lords of Mammon tremble; for it is Rome's opportunity. The Komish Church is the only strong unitary political and religious body in the United States, and they know it; and that she is ready to make "friends of the mammon of unrighteousness" for religious and political ascendancy they also know right well. A word from her to the leaders of her legions will stop the fray and "peace will reign in Warsaw." Under such stress of dire calamity involving their own ruin, what price will the gamblers of the nation—the lords of Mammon—not pay to end the reign of anarchy which their own greed and avarice will have brought upon the country? Will they haggle with Rome for terms then in order to save some faint shadow of the free government which their own hands will have destroyed, when a word from her to her legions would stop the burning and the slaughter? Believe it not!

More might be said; more ought to be said; nay, more will be said on this subject hereafter; for other pens will be employed as the heat of the campaign increases; but this must suffice for now.

TWENTY-EIGHT members of the New York Stock Exchange have been disciplined for running across the board room floor. They were fined \$1,000 each. This isn't a circumstance to the discipline they will some day receive at the hands of the people upon whom they have been living by their gambling methods.

MONEY - PARTIES.

Having reviewed the history of our money, and shown how iniquitous is our present financial system upon the debtor and the laborer and producer, we pause to reflect and ask ourselves "how came these things to be?" They came through laws passed by Congress from time to time. Who was in Congress? The men whom our votes sent there. Why did not our representative oppose such laws? For reasons of his own. Why, at least, has he not told us about it himself? Because, perhaps, he did not understand it himself, and did not care to acknowledge his ignorance; perhaps he was a party to it and had more sense than to tell of his misdeeds. Perhaps the caucus favored these laws, and he followed in serving the party, not the people. He probably will blame it on the "other party." The party to be blamed, I have often noticed, is always like the soft side of a brick, "the other side." It would be best to educate yourself thoroughly on the subject and then ask him to explain. Be sure, too, to find out his record (not him) in the Congressional Record. Can either party (Republican or Democratic) prove their innocence in this great game of ensnaring the people on the "European plan, led on by England"? The measure providing for and originating contraction (passed April 12, 1867) shows in the Congressional Record that in the House fifty-five Republicans and twenty-eight Democrats voted for it. In the Senate all but seven voted for it, and they were Republicans. A majority of both parties voted for it. The act to resume specie payments—that is, to declare that the paper

money with which the soldier and laborer and producer had been paid was not good, and we must go to specie or coin. The Republicans voted for it and the Democrats against it, because it nullified this resumption in four years instead of immediately. My grounds for this assertion are solid. Read them. Democratic platform of 1876:

"We denounce the financial imbecility and immorality of that party (the Republican) which * * * annually professing to intend a speedy return to specie payments, has actually enacted fresh hindrances thereto. As such a hindrance we denounce the act of 1875."

Both parties in favor of it; only the Democrats wanted it at once. In a speech in New York, September 23, 1880, Senator Bayard said:

"I am for resumption, and the Democratic candidates for President and Vice-President want the same kind of resumption that I do—a real and not a sham resumption."

In a letter written in December, 1879, Senator Wade Hampton said: "It would be sound policy, therefore, for us to do our duty and wipe out the greenbacks."

President Hayes' message, the same year and month, said: "The retirement from circulation of the United States notes is a step to be taken in our progress toward a safe and stable currency."

John Sherman, Republican chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, reported in favor of the same. Certainly both parties were in favor of contraction of the currency, and both favored resumption of specie payment and destruction of greenbacks.

Now let us examine the records of the two parties upon the national bank question. The Republican party instituted and has ever fostered the national banks; although Lincoln gave them a parting warning when he said that he feared that "in the near future all wealth would be aggregated in the hands of the few, and the Republic destroyed." It is not true that the Republicans were heeding this prophecy of the greatest Republic? In a speech in New York in September, 1880, Senator Bayard said:

"I have seen it charged that the Democratic party were foes to national banks; but I am at a loss to know the authority for this. The platforms of the party contain no such suggestion and admit of no such construction; and it is very certain that for several places on our ticket we have named Mr. Wm. H. English, of Indiana, one of the ablest financiers and best business men in the whole country, whose management of the affairs of a national bank of which he was president was conspicuous for its success."

Having failed in their ticket with a man favoring the banks as "second place," the Democrats next time put one known to favor them in the first place, and the Wall street mugwumps elected Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland in return for their choice made Manning Secretary of the Treasury; Jordan, United States Treasurer, and Canada, sub-treasurer at New York—all three of them being stockholders and officers in the Western National Bank of New York. In 1887 President Cleveland (or his secretary, with his knowledge and consent), instituted the placing of large sums of government money with the national banks free of charge. And this same pet bank (the Western National) received eleven hundred thousand of it.

The Hon. John G. Carlisle, that paragon and priest of this latter-day democracy, who with withering oration pronounced the Alliance anti-trust bill "un-Democratic," has a record also. The national banks not satisfied with the great power and iniquitous privileges already granted, desired to be further favored. They are allowed to issue bank notes to the amount of 90 per cent of their government bonds. They desired to issue up to the full value. The bill when introduced had to be referred to the Committee on Banking. Mr. Carlisle as Speaker of the House had the appointment of that committee, and he put on it a majority of men known to be friends of the banks. And yet John G. Carlisle sets himself up as a judge and expounder of democracy. Cleveland has become the great Democrat and Bayard the pure apostle of faith. If they be Democrats at all, they must be better Democrats than were Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and John C. Calhoun; for we have handed down to us the records of those great men; men whose names are everywhere, and whose words be forgotten so long as America has a history, or liberty a resting place for the sole of her foot. Hear the words of Thomas Jefferson, the father of democracy:

"I sincerely believe with you that banks are more dangerous than standing armies. Put down the banks, and if this country cannot be carried through the longest war against her most powerful enemy, without losing us with perpetual debt, I know nothing of my countrymen."

Again, in a letter dated December 13, 1869, Mr. Jefferson says: "This institution is one of most deadly hostility existing against the principles and form of our Constitution. That it is hostile we know—first, from a knowledge of the principles of the persons who compose the body of their directors and stockholders; second, from the sentiments of the newspapers that support it. Treasury bills or notes, bottomed on taxes, and thrown into circulation, will take the place of so much gold and silver, but bank paper must be suppressed and the circulation restored to whom it belongs."

Andrew Jackson, in his farewell address, devoted a large space to the old United States bank, every word of it endeavoring to impress upon Congress the danger to our government and liberties from that institution. I select from it these words:

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More might be said; more ought to be said; nay, more will be said on this subject hereafter; for other pens will be employed as the heat of the campaign increases; but this must suffice for now.

Twenty-eight members of the New York Stock Exchange have been disciplined for running across the board room floor. They were fined \$1,000 each. This is a circumstance to the discipline they will some day receive at the hands of the people upon whom they have been living by their gambling methods.

MONEY - PARTIES.

Having reviewed the history of our money, and shown how iniquitous is our present financial system upon the debtor and the laborer and producer, we pause to reflect and ask ourselves "how came these things to be?" They came through laws passed by Congress from time to time. Who was in Congress? The men whom our votes sent there. Why did not our representative oppose such laws? For reasons of his own. Why, at least, has he not told us about it himself? Because, perhaps, he did not understand it himself, and did not care to acknowledge his ignorance; perhaps he was a party to it and had more sense than to tell of his misdeeds. Perhaps the caucus favored these laws, and he believed in serving the party, not the people. He probably will blame it on the "other party." The party to be blamed, I have often noticed, is always like the soft side of a brick, "the other side." It would be best to educate yourself thoroughly on the subject and then ask him to explain. Be sure, too, to find out his record (not him) in the Congressional Record. Can either party (Republican or Democratic) prove their innocence in this great game of enslaving the people on the "European plan, led on by England"? The measure providing for and originating contraction (passed April 12, 1867) shows in the Congressional Record that in the House fifty-five Republicans and twenty-eight Democrats voted for it. In the Senate all but seven voted for it, and they were Republicans. A majority of both parties voted for it. The act to resume specie payments—that is, to declare that the paper

money with which the soldier and laborer and producer had been paid was not good, and we must go to specie or coin. The Republicans voted for it, and the Democrats so loudly opposed it, because it called for this resumption in four years instead of immediately. My grounds for this assertion are solid. Read them, Democratic platform of 1876:

"We denounce the financial imbecility and immorality of that party (the Republican) which * * * w annually professing to intend a speedy return to specie payments, has actually enacted fresh hindrances thereto. As such a hindrance we denounce the act of 1875."

Both parties in favor of it; only the Democrats wanted it at once. In a speech in New York, September 23, 1880, Senator Bayard said:

"I am for resumption, and the Democratic candidates for President and Vice-President want the same kind of resumption that I do—a real and not a sham resumption."

In a letter written in December, 1879, Senator Wade Hampton said:

"It would be sound policy, therefore, for us to do our duty and wipe out the greenbacks."

President Hayes' message, the same year and month, said:

"The retirement from circulation of the United States notes is a step to be taken in our progress toward a safe and stable currency."

John Sherman, Republican chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, reported in favor of the same. Certainly both parties were in favor of contraction of the currency, and both favored resumption of specie payment and destruction of greenbacks.

Now let us examine the records of the two parties upon the national bank question. The Republican party instituted and has ever fostered the national banks; although Lincoln gave them a parting warning when he said that he feared that "in the near future all wealth would be aggregated in the hands of the few, and the Republic destroyed." Is it not true that Republicans were heeding this prophecy of the greatest Republican? In a speech in New York in September, 1880, Senator Bayard said:

"I have seen it charged that the Democratic party were foes to national banks; but I am at a loss to know the authority for this. The platforms of the party contain no such suggestion and admit of no such construction; and it is very certain that for second place on our ticket we have named Mr. Wm. H. English, of Indiana, one of the ablest financiers and best business men in the whole country, whose management of the affairs of a national bank of which he was president was conspicuous for its success."

Having failed in their ticket with a man favoring the banks as "second place," the Democrats next time put one known to favor them in the first place and the Wall Street newsmongers elected Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland in return for their votes made Manning Slocum Secretary of the Treasury, the United States Treasurer, and Canada, sub-treasurer at New York—all three of them being stockholders and officers in the Western National Bank of New York. In 1887 President Cleveland (or his secretary, with his knowledge and consent), instituted the placing of large sums of government money with the national banks free of charge. And this same pet bank (the Western National) received eleven hundred thousand of it.

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"I sincerely believe with you that banks are more dangerous than standing armies. Put down the banks, and if this country cannot be carried through the longest war against her most powerful enemy, without losing us with perpetual debt, I know nothing of my countrymen."

Again, in a letter dated December 13, 1869, Mr. Jefferson says:

"This institution is one of most deadly hostility existing against the principles and form of our Constitution. That it is hostile we know—first, from a knowledge of the principles of the persons who compose the body of their directors and stockholders; second, from the sentiments of the newspapers they support. Treasury bills or notes, bottomed on taxes, and thrown into circulation, will take the place of so much gold and silver, but bank paper must be suppressed and the circulation restored to whom it belongs."

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