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THE TRUSTS AND THE PEOPLE.

By Rev. Sam P. Jones.

(From the Manufacturers' Record, Baltimore.)

The large trusts and combinations already formed and being formed by aggregations of capital are considered hurtful to the masses and the common people. This is a theory. Theoretically a thing may be so, and practically it may be very untrue.

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casualty I get on a little jerk-water road, that is not in the combination, and I want to double my accident policy, and be satisfied with a 15-mile-an-hour limit and console myself with the idea that I can ride all day for a dollar; but when I get on the Pennsylvania or Vanderbilt system of roads with their schedules forty miles an hour, vestibule trains, with parlor cars, sleeping cars, dining cars, I have a hotel on wheels carrying me towards my destination, and all this for about two cents a mile.

Public sentiment is the safeguard which is thrown around all aggregations of wealth and all combinations of interest. The Standard Oil, the railroad combinations, the Sugar Trust are as sensitive to public sentiment as the snow-bank to the rays of the sun.

Of course, political capital can be made out of such formations of wealth, and social orders may raise the black flag to fight them; but I am a thousand times more afraid of demagogues and politicians than I am afraid of trusts and combines.

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more willing to deal with the trusts and combines and purchase their products than I am to put my money into their institutions and imperil my holdings, conscious of their want of stability, and fearing their final downfall.

Of course these great combinations affect legislation, if they do not control it in many instances, but while they may procure legislation in their own interest, yet they have one eye upon the public sentiment all the time, conscious that they can go just so far and no further.

With the final disintegration of trusts and combines—which will inevitably come when financial disaster and shrinkage of values shall come—of course, the surplus of their product will be thrown upon the market, and only the stockholders in these trusts and combines will suffer.

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