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Admiral Dewey continues to take himself seriously, but nobody else does.

In the last few days we have been hearing less about "the promenade to Pretoria" and more about the colossal difficulties that lie all about Lord Roberts. The truth is, the Boers are not in "the last ditch" yet.

During the past year 3,245,750 pounds of wool, 220 carloads of cattle, 175 carloads of sheep and 200,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from Heppner, and Heppner is only one shipping point of many in the great Inland Empire!

The most amusing and amazing development is the mention of Admiral Dewey as a democratic vice-presidential possibility, but the news comes from republican sources, and that may account for it. There may not be a word of truth in it, at least to the extent that the admiral is willing to accept the nomination for vice-president.

Judge Henry Clay Caldwell of Arkansas has come to the conclusion that he does not desire the nomination for the second place on the democratic presidential ticket. His record as a federal judge is an excellent one and he is satisfied with the honors already won. But Judge Caldwell would make a strong candidate for vice president and it is to be regretted that he does not choose to allow the use of his name in that connection.

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. is doing excellent work for the Inland Empire in connection with its industrial department. Its experimental farms are the scene of the solving of several agricultural problems, which means much to this section. The experimentation with varied grasses on the arid soils tributary to the Columbia is sure to bear fruit and be the means of bringing into use thousands of acres of land, which at the present time possesses no value.

The taxpayers of Umatilla county contribute $117,258.53 for state and county purposes for 1899-00. Of this large amount $43,400 goes to the state, as Umatilla's quota towards the expenses of state government and state institutions. In other words every man, woman and child in Umatilla county contributes something more than $2.50 each towards state government, and something like $4 each for county government, not to say anything about special school taxes, city taxes and other burdens that fall upon those who own and use property. For the sum of $43,400, which Umatilla contributes to the state this year, the people of the county receive in return the services of a circuit judge, district attorney, the benefits of the Eastern Oregon normal school at Weston, the privilege of sending as many of their number as they choose to serve time in the penitentiary; to receive treatment at the asylum for the insane at Salem; to attend the reform school and entrance to other state institutions, which are carried on at the expense of taxpayers, and, last but not least, the services of state officials. It does appear that this sum of $43,400 that the 17,000 people of Umatilla county have to pay is greatly in excess of the benefits received, and that it really does appear that Umatilla is contributing more than her share of the state burden.

With the coming of summer the need of a public park, or recreation ground, grows again apparent. The East Oregonian has before suggested that the ground below the Main street bridge, on the north bank of the river, could be secured and made into a small park at comparatively little expense. The right to use and improve this small tract would cost little or nothing. There are many large cottonwood trees already there and soil to be obtained in any quantity from the nearby hills. Then again, in conjunction with Mr. Fred Walters of the Farmer's custom mills, a temporary summer dam could be put across the river at the head of the mill race and the water backed up for a distance of nearly a half mile, affording a good sized lake for boating and other aquatic sports. Then when a sewer system was put in all the sewerage would be made to flow in the river below the dam, thus making the lake suitable for bathing. This improvement, made right in the heart of town, would afford great pleasure and amusement to thousands of home people, as well as to those who are here for a day or so. The East Oregonian will contribute $50 towards raising a fund for this purpose. This is a work that the Commercial Association can take up and carry to a successful head, and it can be done within the next ninety days.

BRYAN ON "THE MAN WITH THE HOE."

It is not strange that Edwin Markham's poem entitled "The Man With the Hoe" created a porfound sensation, says W. J. Bryan in the New York Journal. It is a sermon addressed to the heart, and its lesson is not limited to any nation, race or clime. It voices humanity's protest against inhuman greed. There is a majestic sweep to the argument, and some of the lines pierce like arrows:

Is this the thing the Lord God made and gave
To have dominion over sea and land;
To trace the stars and search the heavens for power;
To feel the passion of eternity?
* * * *
Through this dread shape the suffering ages look;
Time's tragedy is in that aching stoop;
Through this dread shape humanity betrayed,
Plundered, profaned and disinherited,
Cries protest to the judges of the world.
* * * *
Is this the handiwork you give to God?

How feeble, in comparison, have been the answers to it!

The poem deals with the condition, the cause, the remedy and the warning.

The condition is set forth in the lines:

Down all the stretch of hell to its last gulf
There is no shape more terrible than this—
More tongued with censure of the world's blind greed—
More filled with signs and portents for the soul—
More fraught with menace to the universe.

It is not an answer to the indictment to say that the poet selects his type not from the middle classes but from the lowest level. He is dealing with the mill which takes in, as raw material, the man made in the image of his Creator and, if it is allowed to complete its work, turns out as the finished product,

A thing that grieves not and that never hopes.

Sometimes it is a tyrant who oppresses for the benefit of himself, his family and the warriors upon whom he relies to enforce his authority; sometimes it is an aristocracy which gathers in the fruits of power and throws upon the masses the burdens of government; sometimes it is a plutocracy which openly exalts money and debases flesh and blood; but everywhere it is the same brutal spirit which ignores the brotherhood of man and violates the commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

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The extremes of society are being driven further and further apart. Wealth is being concentrated in the hands of a few, and tenancy is on the increase. At one end of the scale luxury and idleness breed effeminacy; at the other end of the scale want and destitution breed desperation.

Civilization cannot be measured by the refinements and the enjoyments of the rich, the toilers who produce the nation's wealth in time of peace and constitute the nation's strength in time of war must participate in every forward movement of the race. In fact, they are so important a factor that the real advancement of the race is measured by their advancement. Improved machinery and inventive genius have multiplied the productive power of the individual, but the producers have not received their share of the increase. The capitalistic class and the speculating class have enjoyed, and are enjoying, too large a part of the proceeds of labor.

What is the cause?

Who made him dead to rapture and despair?

The literary sycophants who strew rhetorical flowers in the pathway of the successful, without inquiring into the methods employed for securing success, complacently throw the responsibility for failure in life upon God, or Nature, or upon the man himself. Is it the fault of God or of Nature that children are driven into factories at so early an age that their bodies are stunted, their minds dwarfed and the strength and usefulness of future generations lessened? Is God or Nature responsible for the laws which permit this impairment of the man-power and woman-power of the nation? The labor organizations have done much to mitigate the evils of child labor and to shorten the hours of adult labor, but what encouragement have they received from those who favor government by injunction, oppose arbitration and denounce as disturbers of the peace all who criticise existing conditions?

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Is it the fault of God or of Nature that our tax laws are so made and our tax systems so administered that the poor man pays more than his share of the taxes and the rich man less than his share?

Is God or Nature responsible for a financial system which raises the purchasing power of the dollar in the hands of the money changer, while it increases the burden of debt to the man who owes and decreases the value of property in the hands of the wealth producers?

Is God or Nature responsible for a paper money trust that makes the people at large the victims of private individuals entrusted with the control of the volume of currency?

Is God or Nature responsible for private monopolies which corner the markets, extort from the people and disburse the proceeds among the holders of watered stock?

Is God or Nature to blame for the substitution of force for reason and might for right in government?

Is God or Nature responsible for the nation's entrance upon a career of conquest, entailing upon the many the burden and menace of militarism and conferring upon the few the benefits of exploitation?

* * *

The United States supreme court has coined the phrase, "larceny by law," and compared with ordinary stealing this form of theft may be called grand larceny; and yet wholesale wrongdoing is never taken into account by those who assume that all who are poor deserve their poverty, and that all who are rich earn their riches. If one employs another to commit robbery he is as guilty as if he commits the act himself; does it change the moral character of the act because the injury is done indirectly instead of directly? Does it change the moral character of the act because the injury is done through legislation which he has secured or in the absence of some righteous law the passage of which he has prevented?

The accumulation of wealth by honest means is to be encouraged, but the line must be drawn between honest wealth—the reward of brain service or muscle service rendered—and predatory wealth which defies the law or turns government itself into a machine for the plunder of the public.

The indolent cannot expect plenty under any just form of government, neither can the vicious expect happiness, but under bad laws those who work the hardest may enjoy the least, and those who labor least may have the most.

But the remedy:

How will you ever straighten up this shape,
Touch it again with immortality?

Give justice to every creature—justice in the methods of government, justice in the distribution of the burdens of government, justice in the making of the laws, justice in the interpretation of the laws, justice in the execution of the laws. Justice first and charity afterward.

* * *

Justice will not eliminate distress entirely, but it will greatly reduce the number of those who come within the description of the poet. There will still be some poor, some destitute, some desperate. Generations of vice will transmit tendencies toward vice, which must be reformed.

Some will be victims of unavoidable misfortunes—they will need the aid of the more fortunate. The orphan will need a foster-parent, the widow will need a friend, the aged without relatives will need a benefactor. The weak must be encouraged by the strong; those who fall must be lifted up.

Love is the antithesis of greed; it will inspire both justice and mercy. Love and love alone can regulate the relations between man and man and plant a hope in the breast of every child born into the world.

When every man-made wrong is remedied there will still be suffering enough to enable every person to prove his love toward God by manifesting his compassion toward his fellows.

But the poet presents also a warning:

How will the future reckon with this man,
How answer his brute question in that hour
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake the world?
How will it be with kingdoms and with kings—
With those who shaped him to the thing he is—
When this dumb terror shall reply to God
After the silence of the centuries?

In monarchies revolution is the only weapon of the oppressed; under our form of government wrongs are righted by the ballot; but even here the longer a necessary reform is delayed the more disturbance its accomplishment causes.

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Victor Hugo has described the mob as "the human race in misery." We cannot afford to make people miserable. Life is secure and property rights are respected in proportion as the people find life worth living. Happy will be the lot of all when each member of society makes to society a just and adequate return for that which he receives from society. Happy will be the lot of all when each member of society recognizes the indissoluble tie that binds together the highest and the lowest, the strongest and the weakest, the richest and the poorest—when each member of society aids according to his ability to give back to the poet's subject:

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