

THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY.

Political newspapers of today as a rule place party success above national well being.

As a consequence their statements are so universally colored that thinking readers distrust the sincerity and honesty of nearly every partisan statement.

Ever since money was invented there have been periods in the history of each nation when its wealth became centered in the hands of the few.

This time has marked the beginning of the decline of that nation. The rapidity of its decline is such that it is being governed by many causes, not to be enumerated in a short article.

The decay of the Roman Empire came slowly for the reason that her vast territory supplied the waste of those of the home government.

In the United States, with plenty of cheap land prior to the war, the chances for, not only competence but comparative wealth, were open to most energetic capable men.

Now 14 per cent of the people of the country own 91 per cent of its wealth. Most of this change has come within 30 years.

The owners of this wealth are evidently oblivious to the teaching of history or like the French aristocrats before the French revolution they say, "on with the dance, after us the deluge."

Now let us see the causes of the present concentration of wealth in this country, if we are able to do so.

First came monopoly in the shape of patent rights, where the capital invested in the manufacture of sewing machines, reapers, plows, telephones, etc, etc, makes enormous and unjust profits out of the people.

Second, the monopoly of iron and coal ores and petroleum formed the foundations for several of today's enormous fortunes.

Third, rascally war contracts gave away many millions of the people's money and this money has been eating us up and piling up wealth in the hands of some of its holders ever since.

Fourth, the high war tariff and the continuous advance in tariff since the war have given the opportunity for the foundation of some of these great fortunes.

Fifth, the national banking act which permitted a man to buy \$100 in greenbacks with \$50 in gold, exchange the greenbacks for \$100 in bonds bearing 6 per cent, form a national bank, get \$20 in bank notes on this \$100, bonds and retain the \$80, at 19 per cent, profit, interest on bonds, gold \$6, equalled \$10, per \$100, interest on notes \$9 (total interest \$19, or 19 per cent on the investment to say nothing about the interest on deposits loaned out.

The day when such sums could be made in such a way has long since past and the present rate of interest does not pay very well on bank circulation.

Sixth, the greatest source of the wealth of today held by the few has been speculation. The Astors have grown by real estate speculation as have a few others of the great millionaires, Rockefellers and Flaglers fortunes came from speculation in petroleum.

Vanderbilts and Goulds from railroad wrecking and most of the others in one way or another by gambling in stocks and bonds in grain, meats or cotton. We sneer at Monte Carlo.

It is straining at a gnat. We turn the Louisiana Lottery from our doors and swallow the camel of speculative gambling without a wince.

The fortunes thrown away by the government in gifts of lands and franchises to railroads and other corporations have also been a fruitful source for much illegitimate wealth.

Reviewing these foundations of the great fortunes we find they have been wrong from the people in dollars and so skillfully that they have hardly realized their losses till in the year 1893 they awoke from their dreams and found themselves bankrupt.

The vampire is said to fan their victim with its wings while it draws his lifeblood from his veins, so the American people have been bullied by specious promises by juggling tricks till their fortunes and well nigh their liberties have been taken from them.

The traveler perishing from cold feels no pain; attempt to restore the circulation in his veins and excruciating agony follows.

Going down the grade swiftly, smoothly is very pleasant. The collision with the stump at the bottom, the painful crawl back up the hill, are not so.

The republican party has been in charge of the sled in one or both branches of the government for over thirty years. The fact that the people changed the change just before the collision with the stump does not reflect so much on the present management as the one that had got the machine into the rut, from which escape was impossible and collision inevitable.

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The Populist says:

"The State Right Democrat said if Cleveland was elected wheat would bring \$1.00 per bushel. Cleveland was elected and now where is the dollar. Humbug! Every lying and deception was all that passed contained before election."

The above is a plain, unvarnished lie told and published by the Populist knowing that it was such. The Democrat did not say that wheat would be a dollar or any other price per bushel if Cleveland were elected. We challenge the Populist for the proof and in case of failure he shall stand before the public as a malicious, evil hearted liar.

About 44 per cent of the revenues of the Government from all sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, was from customs, and about 35 per cent from the internal revenue. Thus about 79 per cent of the financial support of the Government was dependent on these two sources of income.

The expenditures of the Government for the same period were chiefly for pension purposes, that is, over 35 per cent of the Government expenditures were in this direction. Over 75 per cent of the receipts derived from customs were required for the payment of pensions.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Building Association will be held at the store of J. Gradwohl, in Albany, on Monday, March 15th, 1894, at 7:30 p.m. for the election of directors, and such other business as may come before the meeting. Dated Feb 9th, 1894.

W. C. TWEDDALE, Secretary.

STOCKHOLDERS MEET NO.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows Hall Building Association, held in their office, in Albany, Linn County, Oregon, on Monday, the 5th day of March, 1894, at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. of said day, for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before said meeting. Dated this 4th day of February, 1894.

E. A. PARKER, Secretary.



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Done by order of said associa. 18th day of Jan'y 1894. C. B. WILSON, Secretary.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED administratrix of the estate of John Crisman, deceased, has filed in the office of the clerk of the County Court of Linn County, Or, her final account and that said court has appointed the 10th day of March, 1894, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. of said day, as the time for hearing all objections, if any, to said final account, and for the settlement of said estate. Dated this 25th day of February, 1894.

H H HEWITT, ELIZABETH CRISMAN, Attorney for Adm'r. Administratrix.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing and doing a blacksmithing business under the name of Cramer & Bowman is dissolved by mutual consent this day. All claims due the firm or owing by it will be settled by the old firm at the shop on Second street between Ferry and Washington. Mr Cramer retires and Mr Bowman will continue the business. February 1, 1894.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED executor of the last will and testament of Andrew Robb, deceased, has filed her account in the estate of Andrew Robb, deceased, with the county clerk of Linn County, Oregon, and that the county court of said Linn County, Oregon, fixed the 10th day of March, 1894, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, for the county court house as the place for the hearing of objections if any to said final account and the settlement of said estate. Dated February 25th, 1894.

H H HEWITT, JANE R BOBB, Atty for Executor. Executrix.

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