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PROGRESS AND PRECEDENT

ONE OF THE NATION'S POETS DISCOURSES THEREON.

Existing Conditions Which Must be Changed or the End of Our Country's History is at Hand.

Written for the Mail by James G. Clark. Ingersoll very truthfully says: "Precedent is usually what the other jackass did."

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Men like Webster, Clay, Stewart, Douglas, Lincoln, Sumner and Conklyn—who are never remembered or spoken of in connection with commercial values, but who live as statesmen and great moral and intellectual figures and forces—have retired and given place to Senators, Judges and political leaders who have brought their way to public recognition and national notoriety, and who, except for the accidents or incidents of wealth, would never have been known outside of their respective localities.

Mr. Depew is a man who gets a salary of \$75,000 a year for presiding over the Vanderbilt railway lines and for acting as the oratorical mouth-piece of Wall street. He is a man who openly proclaims that from now on "the nations are to be ruled neither by Kings, Presidents nor the people, but by the merchants and bankers."

Beware, Thou Plutocrat Foe! Editor Southern Oregon Mail: The shadow of a great national crisis is upon us. The people are being arraigned on one side and the money power on the other in the impending conflict.

The issue is the ever recurring principle of might against right, tyranny against freedom, master versus slave, and while the name changes with times and condition the principle is ever the same. This time it is "capital control of labor," the means employed is "control of money."

If history ever repeats itself, as perhaps it does, the conditions must be the same. In this case they are not, for the education of the masses as compared with that of other and past Republics, may be said to be universal. The average American is a born legislator, and if the law does not suit him he will soon make one that will; all he needs is to be awakened.

In the mean time the intellect, for the want of proper incentive and encouragement to reach for higher prizes, has largely degenerated into a paid servant and prostitute of commerce and Mammon, until, as a rule, great and responsible offices are seldom within the reach of men of great hearts and minds, but are purchased by men of great wealth.

stewards we all are, say, well done. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of one of these, ye did it unto me."

CHAIRMAN TAUBENECK.

His View of the Free Silver Man—The People's Party's Bright Prospects. Hon. H. E. Taubeneck, chairman of the executive committee of the People's party, during a residence upon the silver convention in Washington, granted The Economist an interview.

"I am here as a looker on in Vienna," he said pleasantly, with a wave of his hand toward the platform of the Concordia hall, where Shinn, of Kansas, was holding forth to less than 200 delegates and visitors, "not in official capacity. I have little hope of our being able to fuse our interests with these people. They have only one issue—free coinage. They wish to eliminate from our platform everything but a financial plank, and dictate that. Is it not broad enough? While we recognize the justice of their demand, we have other even more material to do battle for. If they cannot support our measures (including their own), they have only at heart sectional prosperity."

"In other words, they want to ride your horse in their race?" Yes. And the People's party have put forth a platform which has received endorsement from Maine to California; they could not at the eleventh hour recant and promulgate another. Now I wanted this convention to meet at Omaha during ours. There they would have felt the popular pulse of all sections, while here the silk hatted, kid gloved audience who listen to their tale of woe, is, as you see, countable.

"Is there something about the march of the new party?" "It amounts in many sections to a landslide. Republicanism has been wedded to Republicanism or Democracy since the war are getting out divorce papers right along. Mr. Davis, of Texas, stated to me at Omaha, where I recently met him, that Texas had already organized 800 People's party clubs and would give us over 75,000 votes. We confidently count on carrying the state and several votes of North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Kansas, Nebraska, the two Dakotas, Minnesota and Texas, with a powerful vote in Wisconsin and Michigan."

The Catechism in South Carolina. The following questions should be cut out and used at the organization of your subordinate clubs, and then again at your county convention:

Are you in favor of abolishing the special privileges enjoyed by national banks? Are you in favor of the producers of cotton on an equal footing with the producers of silver and gold, by allowing them to pledge cotton and land as a basis for circulation, without interest?

A Man of Principle. One of the last acts of L. L. Polk in which the public had an interest was the writing of the following letter, made public a few days before he died. It shows what a sterling character his was.

Senator Kyle's Views. We have gone into this movement in earnest. The third party will nominate a presidential ticket, and in my opinion will carry the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota, Georgia and South Carolina. If our movement increases in strength within the next few months as it has since the first of the year, I believe we will carry other states. Such a victory would of course give us the balance of power between the two great parties.—Senator Kyle in interview.

LISTEN, LIVINGSTON!

YOU MAY HEAR SOMETHING DROP DOWN IN YOUR GEORGIA HOME.

An Open Letter to a Congressman Who is a Democratic Partyite Above All Things—Influence of the Town on the Boy Sent to Market.

To Leonidas F. Livingston: DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—It is hard to kick against the pricks; and why do you persist in your mistaken course? If you have ears to hear, why not hear; if eyes to see, why not see? Surely you have not reached the point that the light of reason cannot reach you. Surely the magicians around Washington have not entranced themselves around about you, so as to totally obscure the light that once shone upon you and which radiated and warmed the hearts of your countrymen, causing them, you, your fellow countrymen, to place their trust in you, relying implicitly on your integrity, and praying to God to give you the ability and direction whereby they might be led out from under the bondage of the money changers and monopolists.

Oh, deception! What a potential influence! Yes, strip the devil of his deception means and Christ's kingdom would soon cover the earth as the waters cover the bottom of the great deep! My dear brother, are you beginning to believe that there are no great things as monopolies, trusts, combines, etc.?

My dear brother, have any of these thoughts been passing through your mind? If so, in the language of our blessed Saviour rise and say, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Let your mind revert to the old red hills of Georgia. Commence with the humble people around their rude dwellings, let your heart pulsate from their breathings, enter as it were from their feelings. Do this, and the enchantments that surround them will be rendered and you can then see as you are now seen. Listen not to the flatterer, forget not your weakness, yes, trust not to the flesh; human wisdom is but of today—tomorrow it vanisheth away.

Now, believe me, my brother, you have not purpose in your heart to do those things which you should not have done that your people might remain in the wilderness. Nay, but thou hast been carried upon a high mountain and hast been promised the possession of the beautiful valleys, and thy pride hath let thee fall. Your perception is far behind now. He knoweth not the advancement of the people; his end is near at hand. While his methods were a success on his part for a time, they will never serve to buy you in oblivion.

You are traveling on a new route. If your heart be with your people, and if you are guided by patriotism, truth and virtue, success will crown you and you will be a father and a benefactor. Look not trustingly upon Alfred. Neither listen to the cunning of Evans, nor shouldst thou give ear to the wily flattering words of a Crisp. These cunning politicians only purpose to use you in carrying out their own schemes. You no doubt are realizing this now to some extent, and if you purpose to continue in their service, my brother, your destruction is sure.

Let It Be Discussed. There are millions of people in this United States who desire congress to take up the subversive bill and consider it upon its merits, giving every part a fair and full investigation without fear or favor. If it is wrong its advocates want to know, and they will drop it. If any man can propose a better plan for securing a flexibility in the volume of money that will be just to all, remove the discriminations against agriculture and keep up a true ratio between the volume of money and the demand for its use, it will be accepted with pleasure and hailed with joy. The Alliance contingent in the house may not be able to put that body on record upon the bill, but they can put them on record as to their willingness to discuss the bill, which is the same thing, and which the people expect as a reasonable service.—National Economist.

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