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THE longest railway tangent in the world is probably on the new Argentine Pacific railroad from Buenos Ayres to the foot of the Andes. It is 211 miles without a curve. It is also a remarkable fact that in this distance there is not a single bridge and no opening larger than an ordinary culvert. The nature of the country will be appreciated from the statement of the further fact that on the 21 miles there is not one greater than 1 meter in depth and no fill of a height exceeding 1 meter. The country, in fact, seems to be almost an ideal one for railroad construction.

GENERAL discontent prevails on the part of the wealth producer. Farmers are suffering from a poverty which has forced most of them to mortgage their estates and the prices of products are so low as to offer no relief except through bankruptcy. Laborers are sinking into greater dependence. Strikes are resorted to without bringing relief, because of the inability of employers in many cases to pay living wages, while more and more are driven to the streets. Business men find collections almost impossible, and meantime hundreds of millions of idle public money which is needed for relief is locked up in the United States treasury or placed without interest in favored banks in grim mockery of distress. Land monopoly flourishes as never before, and more owners of the soil are daily becoming tenants. Great transportation corporations still succeed in extorting their profits on watered stock through unjust charges. The United States senate has become an open scandal, its membership being purchased by the rich in defiance of the popular will. Various efforts are made to squander the public money, which are designed to empty the treasury without paying the public debt. Under these and other alarming conditions we appeal to the people of our country to come out of old party organizations, whose indifference to the public welfare is responsible for this distress, and aid the Union Labor party to repeal existing class legislation and relieve the distress of our industries.—Pacific Express.

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

Judge Cunningham, judge of the circuit court of Conway county, Arkansas, has proved himself worthy of the high office to which he has been called. Himself a democrat, he has not hesitated to rebuke the evil spirit which has inspired democrats in his circuit and state to palliate the murder of J. M. Clayton by a plea of political stress. The crime simply was murder in the highest degree, and if the motive of the murderer were, as surely it was, political, then the deed is greater than if the moving cause had been greed or revenge.

The judge thus impresses these political crimes upon the grand jury in true and wise words worthy any judge in the land.

You will have to investigate the Clayton assassination, and whoever aided and abetted, by word or deed, in that cowardly butchery should be dragged by the throat to justice. They should not be exempt from punishment because of any standing or influence they may have in the community. I do not know who they are. I wish to heaven that I did. I would tell you. But mind you, political assassinations do not originate in the minds of men in the humblest walks of life. Men who earn their living by the sweat of their brow, whose lives are

poems of honor or industry, do not find it in their minds and hearts to conceive an assassination, but it is conceived and planned by more influential, fine-haired gentlemen who pretend to be respectable. While the cowardly villain who fired the gun that killed Clayton should be caught and hung, the main object of our search should be the dastardly conspirators who instigated it. Some men seemingly want to apologize for, or extenuate, the horror of this murder on the ground of politics. I tell you there is no democracy or republicanism in murder.

The organic law and life of this great Nation says the colored people have a right to vote, and if they have no right to vote, where did you get your right? If they have no right to be Republicans, how did you get your right to be Democrats? I would urge on you as Democrats that the rights of citizenship must be protected, and at every little precinct in this country there should be a free ballot and a fair count. Politicians try to secure you with the myth and bugbear of negro domination. Where have they dominated? No, sirs; it is merely an excuse for committing outrages on their rights which no sensible man should consider. Democracy means that the people shall rule, and we are told that it is undemocratic to denounce bulldozery, ballot stealing, and assassination. If this be true, then I am no Democrat. If apology or bulldozery, ballot stealing, and assassination constitute democracy, then may the angels and ministers of God protect me from such democracy. Now, gentlemen, I don't say that the people of Conway county are responsible for the crimes, as a people; but I do say the consequences are just the same. The world will hold you responsible.

Such speeches and examples must bear better fruit, and the days of fraud and force and political ostracism will soon be wiped out. The freedom of speech and the ballot must be as sacred in Arkansas and Louisiana as in Maine or Oregon.

The theory was held by Prof. Mendeleef that petroleum is produced by water, which penetrates the crust and comes in contact with the glowing carbides of metal, especially those of iron. The water is decomposed into its constituent gases, the oxygen uniting with the iron, while the hydrogen takes up the carbon, and ascends to a higher region, where part of it is condensed into mineral oil, and part remains as natural gas, to escape wherever and whenever it can find an outlet. If this assumption is correct, and a sufficient store of metallic carbides is contained in the earth's interior, petroleum may continue to be formed almost indefinitely, and yield a supply of fuel long after coal has become exhausted. Prof. Mendeleef supports his views by producing artificial petroleum in a manner similar to that by which he believes the natural product is made.

Rev. Sam Jones has come, to make us better we hope. If we are as bad as he says we are, there is great need of improvement. He certainly paints modern society and customs in very black colors. If he simply tells people how bad they are without making them better, there is no value to his work. He is as coarsely sensational in the pulpit as the most sensational newspapers. He excuses, his coarseness and realistic pictures of vice with the same plea that the newspapers advance. He describes vice and impurity, he says, that he may rebuke, and that reform may follow. The trouble is, however, that he paints the blackness of human misdoing with such a free hand that he leaves small encouragement to follow the trifling good in humanity. Either we are a bad lot, or the Rev. Sam Jones of Georgia gives the devil more than his due. If the world is as vile as he says it is, there is small chance of his saving it. To use a popular phrase, the best way for the Lord would be to "sponge it out, and begin all over again," just as He did at the Flood. Nevertheless, we think humanity is better than the Jones standard, and that it can be saved without total extinction.

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