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PROPERTY. The right to render services for a return is the fundamental conception in the right of property. The test of property is a sale; that which will bring something when exposed for exchange is property; that which will bring nothing, either never was, or has now ceased to be distinctively property .- Prof. Perry.

It is evident to many minds that our civilization is on a pivot, upon which it must turn toward improvement or go down into chaos. That pivot is the Labor Question .- Josiah Warren.

The two great interests of every civilized community are labor and capital, represented by persons and property. The laborer seeks employment and the capitalist furnishes it. The one is the hirer and the other the hiree. The interest of the laborer is to get the highest wages he can for his labor, while on the other hand, it is the interest of the capitalist to get the largest amount of service for his money. It is obvious, therefore, that between these two interests there is a natural antagonism.

One has labor to sell for money; the other has money to sell for labor. Each wishes to get the best price for his commodity, and their interests are as opposite as the poles. tagonism is not necessarily one of hostility, though by injudicious regulation it may be made to assume that character. Properly understood the relation is one of mutual harmony. These great interests naturally impress themselves on the institutions and policy of every country. Labor is the interest which is most widely diffused, for by the fiat of Heaven itself, every man is required to eat his bread in the sweat of his face. Capital is the accumulated product of labor, and is in the hands of the fortunate few. The normal tendency of labor is to democracy or the dominion of numhers-of capital, to the concentration of power in the hands of the few. The reason is obvious. Labor is the interest of the many-capital of the few. Where labor predominates, numbers will govern, and the institutions will be free. Where capital is the controlling interest, power will be in the hands of a small minority. The money-power has obtained the control of the Executive and of Congress.

men in office. Rings have been formed in Congress for purposes of plunder; a gigantic system of United States banks has been incorporated, by which bond holders have been enabled to receive not only interest on their bonds, but duplicated interest on bank notes, issued on the faith of these bonds. The rates of interest have been greatly increased, and all State banks have been crushed out of existence, so that the bondholders may have the

The means employed to accomplish these re-

sults are too well known to require special enumeration. Splendid gifts have been made to

monopoly of money-lending at double interest. Monster railroad corporations have been incubated in Congress, and endowed with millions of acres of the public domain. Partial tariffs have been framed to put money in the pockets of the few at the expense of the many, and other devices have been adopted, which it would be tedious to enumerate, for the purpose of swelling the gains of capital. The laboring population have seen and felt these evils.

Probably without understanding the ingenious process by which they were oppressed, they have nevertheless felt the fact that they were

oppressed. Hence the wide spread discontent that pervades the laboring classes. Hence the labor unions and strikes among tradesmen, that are of almost daily occurence. Hence in a word, the constantly recurring, but futile efforts of labor, by local combinations, to rid itself of the exactions of capital. It is true that the laboring masses should understand the true source of the evil, and the only efficient means of arresting it. It should be explained to them that capital has got possession of the Government, and is using its vast powers to the injury of the interests of labor. It is this great money power which has put into active motion all the agencies which are rapidly concentrating all power in the hands of the President. It is this power which, by artful manipulations of the currency, has oppressed agriculture commerce, and manufactures. It is this which has depressed the value of property to enhance the value of money. It is this which has increased the rates of interest to the injury of industry in all its departments .- Alex. H. H. Stuart.

If any Puritan minister in the SINCERITY. flesh answered to Mr. Hawthorne's character of Arthur Dimmesdule, in the Scarlet Letter, he was a rarity. There are more such smooth mon-sters now. We have heard the fictitious name freely applied to some modern and recent examples, while the transcendent American novelist does not verify his picture by any historic case. Our sires, forefathers, and premothers, had this grandeur-what they meant was above-board, in open day. All came out and challenged the judgement of mankind. But what is sincetity? Willingness to be known, having nothing in thought or act to be ashamed of; or to run from after committing, like Adam among the trees of the garden. What is there in us for truth to scare, like bats at the light? There are psivacies that belong not to others' eyes. I do not bathe or go to bed in the street. Napoleon said, we do not wash our dirty linen in public. But to be sincere is not to wish to secrete any deed, transaction, or relation for immoral or discreditable reasons. It is to have no reserves of what cannot bear the light of the sun,

A great religious society in another city calls its institution Plymouth Church; does its faith or ministration demonstrate the veracity, that truth to their light, of those it is operated by and composed of, which the name implies? These are dispassionate, but searching and terrible questions, which duty puts, from a perception that the community is honey-combed, eaten into, rotten, hollow-sounding and crumbling to our tread with insincerity; so diseased his doubtful if the patient could survive the operation of cutting it out. When eminent persons are charged with improprieties, there is an interest to shield them, to suppress the witnesses and their testimony. But, be their accusations

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true or not, they are thus spread more widely to undermine character, all the more because Ludlow Jail is opened or Music Hall shut, than by any allowing of free speech, as well as free trade, to be met, of course, with refutation or Prisons are whispering galleries, frank reply. muzzled-mouths louder than cannon; and closets let out their soft-spoken secrets in the reverberation of house-tops. Trotection of manufactured goods? We are a joint stock company "Assume a virtue if to protect certain vices. you have it not," bitterly says Hamlet to his mother: but rather than do it, my friends, let me cut off my hands and put out my eyes, and have my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth! speakers to his approval or rejection, God forgive, if done it I ever have! Better it may be his duty to disperse the Lathe palsy than such humbug and quackery,-charlatanry alike in the lyceum or the sacred desk. Be true to your light, and have no secrets

to be ashamed of! C. A. Bartol, in The Index.

# PRINCETON, MASS. MARCH, 1973.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the N. E. LABOR REFORM LEAGUE Will be held in Boston Sunday and Monday Feb. 23rd and 24th; there will be three sessions each day-Sunday in Codman Hall- 176 Tremont St., Monday in TREMONT TEM-PLE. Col. Wm. B. Greene, John Orvis, Mrs. E. L. Daniels, E. H. Heywood, Mrs. Victoria C. Woodhull, Mrs. Olive N. Robinson, E. D. Linton, F. A. Hinckley, A. B. Davis and other speakers are ex-Monday Levening Mrs. Woodhull will deliver her "Suppressed Speech" Mr. Orvis will also speak; Tickets will be given to all who contribute FIFTY CENTS, or more, to the Treasury of the LEAGUE, and can be had of James Campbell 17 Tremont st., of Mr. Newsdealer Lloyd, Adams House 371 Washington St., or at

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the Door.

Milton's memorable speech to the English Parciament, in 1644, in behalf of the "Liberty of Unlicensed Printing", was an eloquent protest against the ever recurring effort of wrong-doers to suppress discussion. which our political and ecclesiastical magnates would do well to read before they attempt further to stifle inevils. A strong combination of capitalists, whom workingmen were fooled into electing to the Massachusetts Legislature, led by Gov. Washburn, have declared war against the Bureau of Labor Statistics because, in the line of its appointed duty, it has labor among us is due, in part at least, from the act, opened Cooper Institute please bear in mind. Terms cash

to the fact that, under present laws, Sayings Institutions are willing and views were wrong, free discussion most serviceable tools of the national was the true method of correction. banks, and money kings that fatten on high rates of interest! Henry Lis Pierce, Mayor of Boston, backed by Ex-Gov. Claffin, and other representatives of republican and democratic respectability, intimates that unless we keep within his questionable code of "morality", and submit our list of speakers to his approval or rejection. bor Reform Convention advertised above! He also undertakes to class our meetings under the head of "amusements", saying it would be "illegal" for us to exercise the alwayspracticed, and never-before-denied right of taking an admission fee towards expenses unless we previously procure a "license" from the city government, which license he says ought not to be granted! Shades, of Gaston, Wightman, Smith. Otis and Lyman!! No pro-slavery predecessor ever fell so low as this. What private griefs His Honor has we know not, but wish to say of the one of our speakers whom he feels especially bad about, Mrs. Woodhull, that the League has nothing to do with her social views; in Tremont Temple. Mr. Heywood and but since she has, in years past, with great ability discussed the labor question on our platform in N. Y. City; and since Boston indecency has deeply insulted the sacred right of, Free Inquiry, in her person, we felt it our duty to invite her to come. If her exposure of Man B; echer is talse. let him silence her by stating the fact; if it is true, she is a public benefactor.

The Constitution of Massachusetts, which asserts the right of the people peaceably to assemble, being good enough "license" for us, we shall meet under a higher law than the city government and do not acknowledge its jurisdiction in the case. Our meetvestigation of industrial and social ings will, as usual, be orderly and decorous if the mayor does not assail us with an official mobile. We do not believe the owners of the halls will break their contracts, and shut their doors against us, but think rather they will follow the example of Peter Cooper, who, though a powerful opshown that the general subjection of position endeavored to dissuade him

to Mrs. Woodhall, saying that, if her A distinguished Boston clergyman, Rev. Dr. Bartol, condemns the closing of Music Hall to her, rightly holding that institutions are safe only as they rest on an enlightened moral sense, and that effort to stifle investigation of the marriage system is the surest way to destroy all respect for it. Have republicans learned nothing from anti-slavery experience with mobs? If Mayor Pierce has friends they should interpose their guardianship, for he seems incapable of refraining from a step which will make his children blash to own him as their parent, Many wrong and foolish opinions are uttered in reform conventions; but who shall judge to We hold meetings to correct others, and to get ourselves corrected, if need be. City government is not called upon either to accept or rejects mayor thing we say. If there is dishirbance, the police should take care of the rioters; but, if they attempt to suppress opinions; they themselves become rioters and should be resisted by the whole community. Unless the Mayor gets his turbulent, imprality," under control he should order himself arrested and locked up, at once.

The Convention will assemble as advertised, and take a collection at the door, as usual. We shall listen to what speakers we choose, and discuss what questions we choose, subject only to enlightened public opinion. If the Mayor intrudes, though we shall regret the annoyance, he will give an electric issue to the labor conflict, and hasten the final retribution which awaits all parties to this great swindle called "government". It is high time that the people knew whether or not their right to peaceably assemble and deliberate is officially denied in Boston.

Friends will notice that the Boston Labor Convention is to be held in Codman Hall and Tremont Temple, not in J. A. Andrew Building.

One number more of The Word will complete the first volume. It will then be enlarged to nearly double its present size, but the price will be increased only one half, to 75 cents; which friends will

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Col., T. W. Higginson, Dear Sir: Noticing that, in the columns of the Woman's Journal, you are the recognized exponent of the culture and good sense of men, especially of man's manliness to woman, I wish to ask why the existing, man-made relations of the sexes, so destructive of Woman's personality and welfare, seem to be regarded by you as exempt from criticism; and why Mrs. Woodhull, and others who have summoned the people to reason on these grave subjects, are classed by you with Fiske, Gould, and other male reprobates of society?

When a girl, bare-footed, I tugged about the streets of Newburyport the child of Rev. Chas. J. Bowen, I learned to love you as the "good man" who, in passing, could notice me; and out of my wages, which were 25 cents a week, my mother paid her honest debt to you, I giving up the much needed shoes, because you were to me a kind of god that walked up and down, Afterward, when woman grown, you honored me with your acquaintance and cofidence, though I am not related to you by ties of consanguinity or legality, and I regarded you as a whole, sincere and entirely trustworthy man a wise and blameless discriminator, indeed, of pathways in the field of love. I have no desire or intention to report your private life, but knowing what your views were, and how free your relations with woman have been, I ask most seriously by what authority you rank those termed "free lovers" on the dark side of life, and claim yourself to dwell in light and purity irreproachable?

You, sir, either taught me, or fooled me, or insulted me; which will you have it? Where does a "good man's" attraction to women end and "free love" begin? It seems to me that the best protection girls can have as to "the limit of safety" in their associations with men, is, first a clear knowledge of what is essentially right in these things; and secondly, a consistent example of rectitude in the men they meet. I wish not to impeach your sincerity, much less to call you a "libertine", but if the epithets which you hurf at Mis . Woodhull are just locetainly must revise my opinions of yon. Believing that an institution which, right or wrong, as sumes to consign the sexes to a given state "for better or for worse", should, in the interest of liberty and sobriety be sternly interrogated; and thinking that if woman is capable of casting a vote intelligently, she is capable of choosing, and revising, if need be, her social relations with men, I most sincerely request you to enlighten me further upon your sayings and doings in mat-ANGELA T. HEYWOOD. ters of love. Princeton, Mass. Feb. 12th 1873.

The double lives men live, in their relations' with women, the 'irresponsible and unscrupulous dealings they indulge in privately, are well illustrated in the following incident:

Hon George Bancroft was promenading one evening on the verandah of the Ocean House at Newport ning on the verandah of the Ocean House at Newport with a gay. New York belle, not yet out of her teens. In course of convers iton she addressed ther companion as "Mr. Bancroft." "Now really,my dear Miss C—" said the ancient beau, "you must not call me that—call me George!" A few moments afterward they returned to the drawing room and mingled with the throng, when, to the amazement and horror of our venerable historian, 'the mischievious girl exclaimed, loud enough for the whole company to hear, "George, I have dropped my glove—please go and look for it." Bancroft went but did not return. Correspondence.

B. R. Tucker, 59 Temple St. Boston: "Tell it not in Gath; publish it not in Askelon! The thristians are awakening. There exists in this city an organization known as The Christian Labor Union, officered by Orthodox ministers, and composed of church-members, which holds monthly meetings to pray for Justice to Labor. There is at least one new thing under the sun. Some good may come out of Nazareth afterall. Think of it, Labor Reformers! Have we not good reason to be encouraged? The millenium must, indeed, be at hand. The question having arisen at one of their recent meetings concerning the conditions of membership, Rev. Jesse II. Jones read a short document, the gist of which was that any one, who was willing to accept and obey the command of Jesus, 'Follow me', was competent to become a member by pledging himself to that effect. Col. Wm. B. Greene, happening to be present, arose and

oke substantially as follows:

'Before any one signs that document, I wish to warn him to be careful that he understands what he is doing. When the young man came to Jesus to ask what he should do to have eternat life, Jesus answered, 'If thou wilt be perfect go and sell that thou hast and give to the poor and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me?. If there are three men in Boston who are willing to do that, I should like to know their names. But any man who signs that document and does not do it, is a hypocrite, a liar and a scoundrel'. Phese remarks caused some excitement, but did not prevent several from signing: whereupon Col. Greene rose and said, I am glad to see that there are so many saints among you. I have full confidence that you will live up to your promise. But remember that we world's people, we wicked ones outside shall keep a close watch over you, and, if you do not toe the mark, shall call you to ac-But if you do fulfill your promise, I for one shall be compelled to go out on the sidewalk, fail upon my knees, and, making the sign of the cross, worship the saints within. I shall not dare to come in among you'. Evidently some difficulties beset the path of Christian Labor Reformers".

N. B. REED. Princeton, Mass. "Rev. Wm. M, Parry says that man is a free agent to do evil; but not to do good; but if man is a free agent and wants to do a good thing how can God prevent? Would not God be a devil if he tried to prevent?" (This Rev. Mr. P. is an orthodox lion who draws crowds and large pay for performing every Sunday in the Old South church theatre of Worcester, using such phrases as "thundering old fool" in the pulpit, and dealing in stale jokes about Irishwomen and others of his superior fellow beings. Worcester must be short of material to make a lion out of such a mountebank. When a San Franciscan is coming East they ask him "Do you go for pleasure or do you take your wife?" This Rev. lion" is an Englishman, over here for "pleasnre" possibly, for it is said he did not bring his wife. Can our English readers tell whether there is any free love "onpleasantness" in the

J. F. Bray, Pontiac, Mich .: "Hoping to see reform journals spring up everywhere, I need

not say that I wish you success: Reforms every where, and by every body, are what we need

LAURA CUPPY SMITH, Mc Lean, N. Y .: "I would give a great deal to meet with you in the Boston Convention; but lack of funds to pay travelling expenses prevents. Am sorry, very sorry, for I am deeply interested in the labor

A. Bridge Davis, Clinton, Mass. 1 "The Brooklyn Eagle says, that Beecher violated the person of Henry C. Bowen's niece five years go and was recently in Bowen's Editorial room pleading for mercy on account of his age and Christian standing!!"

JAMES HARVEY, Liverpool, England: Next month.

When Laura Cuppy Smith asked, in Cooper Institute, "Have we Free Speech?" Als this a Free Country?" the Brooklyn Eagle reporter said she was proposing conundrums. Does Mayor Pierce of Boston give them up? Forward your petitions at once, none will be received by the Massachusetts Legislature

It is a hard look for friends of labor, in the Republican party; but we shall be lucky if some better man than either Boutwell or Dawes gets the senatorship.

after Feb. 22nd.

Henry Ward Beecher is reported to have resigned his position as Editor of The Christian Union .

Mr. Tilton's late letter is reprinted in another column, and also some rhymes which whether poetry or not seem to be history in the author's case. His admission that the true story is a "Sword" a "Thunderbolt" and other savage things indicates strongly that Mrs. Woodhull's statement has a substantial basis of fact.

That ancient hostler Hercules, who worked in the Augean stables should be employed to clean out Congress.

The "Liberal Democracy" through Senator Thurman of Ohio have declared against "any recognition of God in the Constitution."

When Henry Wilson joined the church Parker Pillsbury said he did not know what to make of it; he thought he was bad enough before! The startling perjury of Colfax the stupendous briberies. of Pomeroy and the grand gambling of Ames indicate that a good deal of the "old Adam" is yet to leak out of the pious members of the republican party.

I must positively decline the office of school-committee man which kind friends have repeatedly urged me to take, for business, calling me away from home more and more, makes acceptance of any local trust, of that nature, impossible. Instead, however, I move that the "March Meeting" elect as school-committee woman, Mrs. ABBIE WILDER DAVIS, a citizen well fitted by natural ability, culture, and experience as a teacher, for that position; and who, if she can be induced to accept, will serve, in that capacity, with great credit to herself and the town. Miss Olive G. Davis would also make a very capable and accomplished officer.

## SIR MARMADUKE'S MUSINGS.

are commenced by the co

BY THEODORE TILTON. I won a noble fame, But with a sudden frown, The people anatched my crown, And in the mire trod down My lofty name.

I bore a bounteous purse, And beggars by the way Then blessed me day by day, But I, grown poor as they, Have now their curse .

I gained what men call friends, But now their love is hate, And I have learned too late How mated minds unmate And friendship ends.

I clasped a woman's breast, As if her heart I knew, Or fancied, would be true. Who proved-alas, she too!-False like the rest.

I now am all bereft-As when some tower doth fall, With battlement and wall, And gate and bridge, and all-And nothing left.

But I account it worth All pangs of fair hopes crossed-All loves and honors lost-To gain the heavens at cost · Of losing earth.

So lest I be inclined To render ill for ill,-Henceforth in me instil, O God, a sweet good-will

To all mankind. - Golden Age.

To all mankind. — Golden Age.

My Complaining Friend: Thanks for your good let ther of bad advice. You say, how easy to give the lie to the wicked story, and thus end it forever.

But stop and consider. The story is a whole library of statements—a hundred or more—and it would be strange if some of them are not correct, though I doubt if any are. To give a general denial to such an encyclopedia of assertions would be as vague and irrelevant as to take up the Police Gazette, with its twenty-four pages of items, and say, "this is all a lie." So extensive a libel requires (if answered at all) a special denial of its several parts; and furthermore, it requires, in this particular case, not only a denial of things misstated, but a truthful explanation of other things that remain unstated and in mystery. In other words, the false story (it met at all) should be confronted and confounded by the true one.

the true one.

Now, my friend, you urge me to speak, but when the true one.

Now, my friend, you urge me to speak, but when the truth is a sword, God's mercy sometimes commands it sheathed. If you think I do not burn to defend my wife and little ones, you know not the fiery spirit within me. But my wife's heart is more a fountain of charity, and quenches all resentments. She says "Let there be no suffering, save to ourselves alone," and forbids a vindication to the injury of others. From the beginning she has stood with her hands on my lips saying "Hush." So when you prompt me to speak for her you counteract ter more Christian mandate of silence. Moreover, after all, the chief victim of the public displeasure is myself alone, and so long as this is happily the case I shall try, with patience, to keep my answer within my own breast, lest it shoot forth like a thunderbolt through other hearts. Yours truly,

THEODORE TILTON,

Brooklyn (N. Y.) Eagle.

Sin is about the last thing the church meddles with, when it pays a profit. But, to recover from fire here, if not ocseape sire hereafter, Rev. Park St. Murray actually advises Bostonians to cease sinning for two years! Hear

Visite Business.

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Platy means lending the last dollar one can spare to the neighbor who has more need of it than you. For the next two years selfishness must be thrown one side: This is no time for men to give their minds solely to profit.

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