

WOMAN AND FINANCE.

A LEADING editorial over the initials P. P., in "THE REVOLUTION" of Sept. 3d, says:

O, if the working millions did but comprehend how many of them and their families must drudge and toil life after life, to create one Stewart and his world of wealth, they would loathe his vampire presence.....!

But so long as labor permits capital to MAKE THE LAWS AND THE LAW MAKERS, the curse must and will continue.

If it be true, as is alleged in the said editorial, that A. T. Stewart (and why not Gerrit Smith) is a "prince of devils," because he has massed what the improvident do not want enough to keep, an honest and faithful journal, read almost exclusively by intelligent persons, should make it appear in a more intelligent manner than by rash, vituperative, and actionable declarations.

"THE REVOLUTION," as the special advocate and organ of Woman's Rights, is essentially the exponent of woman's financial and political capacity. Hence, both "THE REVOLUTION" and the cause it advocates must fail, if, failing to comprehend the fundamental principles of finance, trade, and political economy generally, it does not know that the wealth of our millionaires is constantly in use, directly or indirectly benefitting community at large; and does not see that infinite wisdom cannot make human intellect a unit in capacity and desire to make, and to spend money.

Capital is not, nor can it be antagonistic to the interests of labor: they work harmoniously together, and neither can be productive without assistance from the other.

To suppose that producers will employ the money of capitalists and thus make less money themselves, is simply supposing producers to be fools; which they are not: hence, the policy of their honestly paying Mr. A. T. Stewart and everybody else whose capital they employ.

The value of labor is fixed by the demand for that particular article at that time, and if a seller sell for less, or a buyer buy for more than the article demands, then the said seller, or the said buyer, as the case may be, suffers the just penalty of his own folly. Hence, if A. T. Stewart's employees "offer themselves to him at such prices as he will pay," either they know he will pay justly, or they require guardianship for their simplicity.

Production depends on correct proportions of capital, labor and demand, which, if left to themselves, are self-adjusting, for capital and labor create production and demand, and production and demand stimulate capital and labor.

Capital cultivates refined taste, and A. T. Stewart and others having abundant means, capacity and tact, successfully cater to this taste, to the pecuniary benefit of producers, and the pleasure and happiness of consumers.

Again, if it be true that "capital makes the laws and the law-makers," then free suffrage is a failure, and woman's right to the ballot is not worth discussing. If money is more powerful than human wisdom, infinite power must be a huge mass of gold. If not, why not? Will "THE REVOLUTION" answer?

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