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TO
THE LARGEST CLASS
THE MOST DEPENDENT CLASS
THE HARDEST WORKING CLASS
THE POOREST PAID CLASS
OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD
THE FARMERS
I DEDICATE THIS BOOK

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PREFACE

"The World as a World scarcely makes a living."

—Horace Greeley.

If there is a place or corner anywhere in the world where the producers of our food and clothing supplies (commonly called farmers) are not ready to revolt against the absolute domination of non-producing classes in pricing their products, I am not aware of it.

That the old and thoroughly bad system can speedily be changed. The producers regulate the marketing of their products and make their own prices—I am thoroughly convinced.

The farmers own the earth. We may safely claim that farming exists by Divine right. The farmers first possess all the food and clothing supplies which are indispensable for the life and comfort of humans and domestic animals; their products constitute the greater portion of traffic for railroads and ships; nearly all the factories work on raw material produced on the farms and the products of the factories are largely consumed by the farmers, or in equipments to handle farm products. It is clear, the important position of the farmer in his relation to all other industries, and how closely all other industries are interwoven with that of agriculture. It is the same way all over the world, in all civilized countries.

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If any people, any one class, or any one industry is entitled to distinction as the preferred business, or its people "the select of the earth," that business is agriculture and the people are the farmers. If any one class should prosper more than another, this distinction should fall to the farmers. But this is not an attempt to raise one class over others, it is not even an attempt to make all equal, but to equalize conditions so all may have an equal opportunity to secure a fair share of rewards for efforts put forth.

All movements for the benefit of the masses had opposition at the start. An idea may be born and promulgated. The originator of the idea may be stoned to death or hung, but if the idea is good and has vital force, it grows and will not down. An evolution once started never recedes, but develops into the perfect flower or fruit.

This is an age of organization and cooperation. The old saying, "Competition is the life of trade", is changed to "Cooperation is the life of trade."

An individual would be strong enough if he was the only individual in the world. However, if he is one of a large class he is weak and the larger the class the weaker the individual. The farmer class is the most numerous, hence, the individual farmer is the weakest individual when he stands alone. "In union there is strength." The greater the union the greater the strength. The farmers united would be the greatest union—greater than all other unions combined. They would represent a strength and power such as the

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world never knew before. The farmer power is the third power to assert itself, but will be the first power in strength and importance.

The bestirring and awakening of this last and greatest power is the most significant event of the present generation. No individual, no matter what his position—professional, industrial or political—can afford to ignore its birth and make calculations on its rise. For, while it is not a power that will contest for mastery by brute force in the fields economic or politic, it will affect all in its demands for equity and the equal rights of man.

The entrance of the American Society of Equity into the economic problems of the world, through which the Third Power will rise, marks an epoch. The awakening of the agricultural classes, the organization of them into national and international cooperative bodies, which is now being accomplished, will remove agriculture from the list of uncertain industries and place it on a basis of certainty for prices equal to that enjoyed by the best regulated manufacturing or commercial enterprises.

The undertaking is great, but since the correct plan has been evolved, the desirable ends, in the ordinary evolution of the times, will work out as surely as the fruit follows the flower. The revolution that will take place in prevailing customs and laws might appal us if it was not for the fact that, in the working out of this stupendous movement everything will be toward

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betterments—physically, socially, industrially and politically.

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The hope of the author is that the soil owners and workers will be aroused to a sense of the true condition of their industry; that agriculture in America and throughout the world will soon occupy the high position to which it is entitled, when it will stand first of all in importance and power.

A fair, equitable, impartial, unprejudiced consideration of the Third Power is asked and your cooperation to quickly make it a real power is solicited.

THE AUTHOR.

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