

the people are more industrious, and frugal, and quiet, and happy, than they were in our recollection, or in your good Father's time; for the *substantial* happiness of the people is the end of good government. Of this, at least, I am certain, that how good soever the end proposed may be conceived to be, the means employed to attain it by unprincipled men are often bad in the extreme. They have their own base and selfish purposes to serve, and the best that can be said of them is, that they are of those that say, "let us do evil that good may come;" and to such as do so, St. Paul gives a hard blow in Rom. iii. 8. Fair promises are held out of a new and improved political system, bringing smiling peace and plenty in its train. Meanwhile the country is kept in a hubbub, and the working man idle, losing his wages. The doctrines, and principles, and advice, urged upon him in newspapers, political registers, and the low publications of the infidel press, lead him to neglect and despise the important and truly honourable duties of his humble sphere, in the faithful discharge of which consists his own solid happiness and the prosperity of the nation at large. He is flattered and cajoled into the conceit that his chief and proper business is to meddle in politics and elections; in making laws and governing, instead of plying his trade, obeying the laws, and enjoying their protection. The lowest ale house politician who figures in a Bristol riot, is lifted to the same pinnacle with the peer of the realm; and while those necessary and useful distinctions of rank and property which naturally grow with the growth of every well-ordered state are set at naught, so also are differences of character. The wisest and best men are put on the same level with the most ignorant and most profligate. Such are the doctrines industriously spread by the wicked mercenary vendors of treason and blasphemy, and broached in periodicals of a higher grade.

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