

What rights to his share of the wealth of the country is secured to him that cuts, by the sale of it?

He gets the right to cut timber secured to him and the chance of a large profit.

What profits can be secured?

A profit on the work of all the hands he employs, which is now on a satisfactory basis, as the supply of labour was never more plentiful.

I ask you again—What help is this to the man who cuts?

I have told you; he secures the right to cut, which he wouldn't enjoy but for us. I know one man who took out 20,000,000 feet last year.

THE COURT—A wonderfully strong man! I would much like to see a man capable of doing the work of thousands of other men. Most phenomenal!

Oh, rats! he had more than a thousand men working for him. I didn't mean the workers on wages, but the boss.

Now that you understand, how is the worker on wages helped?

Oh! I can't say exactly. He gets work, and has the right to hire himself as dearly as he can. What more does he want?

THE COURT—That will do on that head. We know where to place this witness. Go on with another point.

Why did you pass a law sending beggars to jail?

To prevent them begging.

Why did you repeal it?

Well, we found that it did not abate the trouble.

Did you try to find out what would stop the business?

You did not give us time.

Had you not years to look into it and found that vagrants were on the increase?

It had always been check enough to make them little trouble to us.

Then you only jailed them so as to relieve yourselves of trouble?

Certainly. They were a nuisance and the scum of Alpha; and if they did their begging out of our sight, we would have no right to interfere with the liberty of the subject.

Where did you get the supplies for the jail from?

From a contractor.

With what did you pay him?

With money.

From what source did you get the money?

From the sale of the public franchises under our control, of which I have spoken before.

Then what you spent—

THE COURT—We think you need not follow this line further. The witness has cleared up an important point. The jail is not a self-supporting institution. They sold the rights of all the people to some of the people, and with some of the proceeds fed the paupers in the jails. A clear case of malfeasance in office has been made out. Take up the case of the rebels who made civil war upon peaceful citizens.

Why did you rebel against the peace of the community by making war on citizens?

We did not rebel. The vagrants rebelled in resisting us.

How can you show that?

We were instructed to shoot the vagrants if they resisted us by those who had authority.

How know you that they rightly had authority?

By the majority in their favour having defeated the Opposition.

THE COURT—We think the case is clear. The witness has shown that in this case the military forces are rebels, as they are largely outnumbered by the Vagrants, and have been defeated by them. The rebels shall each be put to hard labour; the surplus, after their own keep is provided, shall be devoted to paying the losses sustained by the Vagrants in the struggle.

*(To be concluded.)*

The magic necklace of Vishnu, imitated by certain initiates among the temple Brahmans, is made of five precious stones, each symbolising one of the five elements of our Round; namely, the pearl, ruby, emerald, sapphire, and diamond, or water, fire, earth, air and ether, called "the aggregate of the five elemental rudiments"—the word "powers" being, perhaps, more correct than "rudiments."—*Theosophical Glossary.*