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Dear Sir

I take the Central Christian Advocate and read your Letter to a King. and have had the Chicago Inter Ocean since last August and have read Bystander's notes. I have read Looking Backward by Bellamy, and read the Nationalist until it ceased to be published and now have the New Nation of Bellamy's and have the Dawn and the Alliance Paper published in St. Louis, National Reformer. In the Dawn and other periodicals is advertised a book *Neurole Eastman Socialist* by yourself. I am a member of the Farmers Alliance and believe in the people owning the R. R. Roads and in the Sub Treasury Plan. And from the title of the book *Neurole Eastman Socialist* I thought possibly you was inclined to believe somewhat in the principles of the above periodicals mentioned and I thought I would ask you if ownership of R. R. Roads and Sub Treasury Plan and \$30<sup>00</sup> per capita and loaning money directly to the people by the government could not come under the head of Bystander's notes in the Inter Ocean. The ownership of R. R.



seems to me to be practicable. If the people had  
to give \$5,000,000,000 in bonds payable in 50 years  
with 2 per cent interest. They could pay 2 per cent  
of the principal each year & 2 per cent interest and  
then save millions every year. 60 per ton per  
100 miles is known to pay the R.R. costs, and the  
average much more than that & of course that  
is taken unnecessarily from the people. Last year  
they charged the farmer \$14 per ton for 100 miles  
for wheat to Chicago & after it was in the hands  
of the speculators took it to New York City  
for 30 per ton per 100 miles. In Austria &  
Hungary passenger fares are very much  
lower than here & the increased amount of  
travel pays for the running of the trains.  
In Australia a passenger can ride 1000  
miles for \$6.30 and P. Bowen says it is  
no more expensive to haul a passenger  
coach from San Francisco to New York  
than a freight car. I cannot see why the  
Inter-Ocean cannot join in with the people and  
advocate the ownership of the R.R. Road by the people.  
I cannot see why any body except the grain  
speculators & bankers should oppose the  
Sub Treasury Plan as it is not class legislation  
as some say who oppose it. When the farmer is  
benefited every body is benefited, as when the  
farmer prospers he gives his money for purchasing



more groceries and manufactured goods.  
I have sold wheat in the fall in Colorado for 51¢  
a bushel and my neighbor who was able to  
hold it till spring got \$1.00 a bushel. The speculator  
made the difference on that bought in the fall.  
I am a Christian and believe in missionary  
work among the heathen & have always paid  
for that purpose according to my ability, and  
I believe the nationalizing our industries would  
advance Christ's kingdom on earth more  
rapidly than anything else. I believe the  
capital invested in R.Roads by individuals  
would be invested in building R.Roads in  
Africa & China & South America and open  
up those countries to civilization much  
faster than by any other means.  
And I believe the negroes in the south would  
go to Africa by <sup>th</sup> thousands if R.Roads  
were being built there by American capital  
and it would take but little under such  
circumstances to get nearly the whole  
race of them in the south to want to go.  
And the Christians among them I think would  
be the first among them to want to go.  
I believe God in his wisdom is moving upon  
the minds of the people of the U.S. today to  
create the our industries. The demand of the  
Farm Alliance for the R.Road & Subsidy  
Plan



is a long step in that direction & then they  
will demand the coal & lumber & then the  
mines of iron, silver & gold &c. and when  
they are ready for the nationalizing of all the  
industries then we would have no use for  
money as represented in looking backward  
and then there would be no poverty or oppression  
of any kind. I hope your Alliance may  
carry this day and start the ball rolling and it  
will not be many years until Bellamy's dream  
will begin to be realized. I am an uneducated  
man & can neither speak in public or write  
for publication. But I do wish there were  
thousands of Christian men who are able to  
do both who would see the good that might be  
near at hand if they would only publicly  
advocate some if not all of the measures demanded  
by the Alliance. I see no way to stop the piling up  
of colossal fortunes only by taking the R.R. roads  
and the government issuing money directly to  
the people & stopping speculation in the products  
of the farm and sooner or later taking all the  
larger industries connected with mining &c.  
under the control of the public.

Hoping you will pardon my troubling you.

I am truly yours,

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