Governments originally formed for protection of individual rights are becoming a menace to these rights. The Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule have been amended by politicians. "Thou shalt not steal" is now interpreted by all powerful parties as though written "thou shalt not steal unless the government allows thee." The Golden Rule has been changed by legislators into "Do as you would be done by, unless a war, a protective tariff or an immigration law appears to be a financial aid to you." And though the churches do much praying for the plundered and murdered victims of such criminal policies it is only in exceptional cases that they utter a word of condemnation of those who authorize them or even mildly protest. The prevailing distress with its many resulting evils is due to this disregard of human rights.

Against such iniquities a small band of enthusiasts are more or less active and of course insist that trade between human beings shall be free. Frank Stephens was a leader among them, making clear to all who would listen the fraudulent as well as predatory character of protectionist policies and the smug hypocrisy of its "tariff for revenue only" twin. Stealing was stealing to him whether perpetrated by government or individual, whether committed for "protection" or "for revenue only." He did not hesitate to apply the right word when President Hoover slandered a righteous principle by mendaciously speaking of the prevailing economic system as "rugged individualism," the same system more correctly branded by one of his predecessors in the White House "communism of pelf."

The plain, unequivocal, impartial speeches and writings of Frank Stephens remain on record to continue helping the world to see clearly and finally accept the truths proclaimed by such great philosophers as Henry George.

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