

the advantages of virtue. These measures eased the tax load on shovels, which rose in value, but they appeared to bring no improvement in the conduct of those at whom they were aimed.

This outcome did not surprise Morgan who claimed that reform by the city council's fiat is practically worthless. Shovels, and jobs for everybody, would reform Dry Lake City much more effectively, he asserted.

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Dry Lake City's intellectuals comprise its well-schooled citizenry—the professional element, teachers, scholars, journalists, leaders of thought. Most of the intellectuals do not take the trouble to question the soundness of Martin's theories and system.

Their unconcern has led to the acceptance of an inverted communism. Everybody is trying to confiscate the product of some one else. Those who have money in their pockets generally have some of some one else's and those who have no money wonder whose pockets their money is in.

This singular state of affairs climaxes in a conflict of reason and principle that has turned people's ideas topsy-