

THE STRUGGLING MIDDLE CLASSES

The organized labor vote of the United States will out a big figure in the campaign this year.

The condition of the employed throughout the country is not what the property shouters would have it to be, and even the Republican organs acknowledge with high praise and unsatisfactory industrial conditions, it is hard to make a living now.

We make room here for these remarks from the Washington Post, and they will be found both edifying and interesting at this time:

The New York Commercial, whose animosity toward organized labor is second only in intensity to that of the cause of the stand-patters, is telling some important truths relative to the situation confronted by many people in New York and other cities.

Part of that is what the Post has been saying for years, and that is why the urban vote, clear across the country, has shown so strong a bias for unusual prosperity in the farming regions, and its natural effect on the voting, the Republicans could not have elected the Fifty-eighth Congress.

The time is ripe for them to array themselves against organized labor, to stand aside and let the law be organized for resistance to the aggressions of the labor unions.

It is not that quer talk for a Republican paper, in view of the fact that the party's Presidential candidate is not nearly a friend of organized labor, but a member of a trades union.

The tendency to reduce wages in many employments is already the natural result of the demand for the articles produced. At the same time the cost of raw materials is being reduced, but rather on the increase.

An investigation was recently made in the case of the leading cities of the tendency as to industrial wages, rents and prices of necessary articles of food and clothing.

Wages were slightly advanced during the last year in some lines, but not sufficient to increase the cost of food and clothing and rents.

There is in some degree, perhaps, due to the war in the East, wheat, flour and other staples are abundant and advanced materials of food have advanced to some extent.

The speculation in cotton has greatly advanced the price of that article, while wool and other articles are under similar influences.

The business situation is not such as to warrant any general reduction in wages. For that reason employers should be careful not to give strikes when they can be avoided.

There is talk in Baltimore of issuing a little booklet containing the poems of the late John R. Morris, in the presence of this John R. Morris is dead, and he is green in the memory of many friends.

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THE M'BEE HEARING.

Receiver for A. & N. C. Road Held for the Criminal Court Under Bond of \$2,000.

INTERESTING ADMISSIONS.

Proceedings Lasted Five Hours Before Judge Lister in Raleigh Yesterday.

President Joe Smith, the Mormon with five wives, intimates his willingness to be dealt with by the courts for his polygamy.

We have been asked to say something about "Beautifying the City." The girls will attend to that some of these fine days.

The Jacksonville Times-Union contains a splendid editorial on "The Triumph of Common Sense." We decline, however, to believe that common sense can boast of any such thing until we see how it behaves itself at the St. Louis convention.

It is now doubted whether Fred Douglass was a negro. If mystification like that can come about in a few years, it will be doubted in a year from now whether Roosevelt was ever a President.

A Mormon named Clam has been prosecuted for having thirteen wives. That unucky Clam might have known that there was no chance for him to keep out of the soup.

The pristine relics of fossilized stamens will please keep quiet till the Democratic ship can claw off the shoals where it got stranded about eight years ago.

It would be quite a turning of the tables, sure, if Receiver McBee is to be the receiver of a sentence before Gov. Aycock gets him loosed up from his new job.

It looks like the Democrats in several States will have to join a "Get Together" correspondence sheet before the campaign goes much further.

The Chicago Woman's Club says "hugging must be divorced from waltzing." Well, if waltzing is not satisfied, let it take its clothes and go.

Senator Tillman's throat is again in good condition but he will continue to refuse to swallow anything thrown at him from the Republican side.

LOCAL DOTS.

Sparks' show is heading this way and will exhibit in Florence on the 25th.

Pay your poll tax before May 1st, or you cannot vote in the State and Presidential elections to be held in November next.

The steamer "City of Fayetteville" was in port yesterday and cleared last night for the return with a large cargo of fertilizers for up-river points.

Fayetteville Observer: No. 32 of the A. C. L. was delayed at Sumter, S. C., and did not arrive until 12:15 last night, owing to a burned trestle at that point.

Mr. Neill S. McLaughlin, who has been at home a few days convalescing from a recent injury at the shops in Florence, returned yesterday. He will, however, not be able to resume his regular duties before next week.

Rockingham Anglo Saxon: Rev. J. N. Cole, presiding elder of the Rockingham District, stepped on a wire nail in a piece of timber a few days ago and it stuck through his shoe into the foot, and he has been suffering from it since.

Dick Wilson, colored, a chronic drunkard, was sent to the roads for 30 days by the Mayor yesterday. Rufino Junquero, the Spaniard arrested for vagrancy, was released, it having been shown that the road will pass into the hands of its regular officers tomorrow.

Dr. and Mrs. George G. Thomas, Miss Bell Thomas, Dr. Fride J. Thomas, Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., and Mr. George G. Thomas, Jr., left yesterday afternoon on A. C. L. trip to Florida. The party will go down the East Coast to Palm Beach and then down the West Coast as far as Tampa.

Governor Russell's Condition. The condition of ex-Governor Russell continued to improve yesterday. Since Saturday his improvement has been steady and comparatively rapid, and Monday his physicians were so much impressed by the progress of their patient that they permitted him to leave his bed and sit in an easy chair for a short while.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County. I, J. C. GIBSON, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said county, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears from the records of said court.

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A Father's Gratitude.

Many a Family in Wilmington will Appreciate the Following.

NEGRO QUESTION IN THE HOUSE.

Discussed by Mr. Speight During Consideration of the Post-office Appropriations.

TO VINDICATE THE SOUTH.

Spoke of Attempt of Certain Persons to Put the Negro on a Social Parity with Themselves—The White House Incident.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—In the House to-day, during the discussion of the Postoffice Appropriation bill, Mr. Speight, of Mississippi, discussed the negro question.

He said he desired to vindicate the South from the charge of barbarism. In the South, he said, the negro had been denied the right to vote and to hold office, but not the right to work for an honest living as had been done in the North.

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THE STATE COMMITTEE.

A great number of State Democratic executive committees are already being organized for the coming year.

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HELD FOR THE FEDERAL COURT.

G. C. Jones, of Goldsboro, Given Preliminary Hearing in Raleigh Yesterday.

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ROBBED BY BURGLARS.

A Farmer Lost His Savings for Over Twenty Years.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., March 10.—Three burglars entered the home of James Picken Paugh, a farmer, living at Chesapeake, near here, early to-day and after looting his victim, secured \$10,000 in cash, silver and gold.

James Picken Paugh had no faith in the stability of the banks and carried the money, which represented his savings for twenty years, strapped about his waist in wallets.

The English Street Names. The English towns have more distinctive and interesting names for their streets than American towns.

The First Glass Caps. The first glass caps were made at Alexandria. Some were colored like Bohemian glass and decorated with glass paste.

Anticipated Him. "I ran across a remarkable Jew 'deput' the other day," said the casual acquaintance who is ambitious to be entertaining.

Thinks Well of Himself. "It's strange," remarked Mrs. Billings, "that I never get a good bargain in shoes."

A Lost Pleasure. Mrs. Noorich—Isn't it grand to ride in your own carriage?

The Modest Carver. "Henry, at our next little dinner we won't have any carving done on the table."

A Cautious Compliment. "How do you like my new hat?" "It is all paid for?" "Yes."

It's perfectly beautiful.—Detroit Free Press.

Attorney General Stratton says he will drop the case of the State of Washington against the Northern Securities Company, because of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the merger case.

Tragedy Averted. "Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins, of Pleasant City, O.

You Know What You Are Taking when you take Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on the wrapper.

CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

Another Pension Grab.

The Extent to Which It Will Augment the Necessity for Further Appropriations Cannot be Told.

THE POSTOFFICE REPORT

Work of the Investigating Committee—New Deals Hinted At.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The special investigating committee of the House on the postoffice report has, it is understood, received the report known as "Exhibit Q."

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