

ous, political or literary, scientific or practical.

"No part up Union contracts its powers."

SYMPATHY WITH LABOR.

There are said to be now published in the United States not less eight hundred papers devoted to the labor interests.

There are hundreds of other papers that are friendly to the laboring classes, would defend their rights and vindicate their wrongs.

They find much to approve of in the movements to elevate and improve the condition of the toilers.

And why not? The tens of thousands of men who labor day and night in the newspaper offices of the country are at all intents and purposes laborers.

They work for wages. Their daily labor is their living. Why should we not sympathize with the millions of men and women who are oppressed by merciless employers or ground down by unfriendly legislation?

There is a large proportion of the newspapers of the United States that is in actual sympathy with all proper efforts to help the laboring classes.

The men who make the money for others deserve and receive the support of the reflecting and fair-dealing portion of the public.

There is no doubt of this. It is only when bad men would substitute dangerous and violent methods for peaceful and just methods; it is only when unjust and ill-informed advisers put in operation a policy that is unwise and hurtful, as in the case of trying to establish social equality between the races, that friendly journals are driven off and silenced, or they raise a protest.

The wrongs of the laboring classes are real and should be recognized and treated as such.

These wrongs should be redressed. It is unwise to bring in politics or parties or to resort to doubtful means, like boycotting, to secure a correction of evils and relief from burdens that oppress. It is well to organize and to pull together in securing such changes as may be deemed necessary, but this should be done without invading the rights of others, or resorting to violence and threats.

We notice that the leading officers in the Knights of Labor have determined to make war on all labor papers that fail to sustain them.

This is unfortunate as only about twenty-two of eight hundred are reported to have endorsed the present officials.

Mr. Powderly is not so wise as he was surely.

THE TRUE INTERESTS OF THE FARMERS.

The farmers of the country must look after their own interests.

All along they have allowed others to attend to their matters or to neglect them.

The Star has again and again urged upon the farmers the necessity of organizing, of combining.

The legislation of the country, or much of it, has been inimical to their interests.

They have toiled and worried, but low prices, bad crops, and high taxes have kept them poor.

This is particularly the case with the South. Add to these causes for failure and distress the unwise way in which most have farmed it and you need not go far for the real cause of the great depression of the farming interests.

The mortgage system is ruinous because it forces the farmer to pay for 12 to perhaps 20 per cent. more for his supplies than he could have bought them with the ready cash.

Then a failure to raise home supplies such as bacon, bread and vegetables has added to his embarrassments and increased his dependency.

Everybody knows this is a true bill. Only the organs of manufacturers and Protection fail to understand it.

How long shall all this continue? Are the North Carolina farmers determined to go on repeating the failures and follies of the past? Will they persistently pursue the same unwise and unremunerative course? Will they still neglect to organize for united action? Money ought to be cheaper in the South. It can be got in the North for 5 or 6 per cent. if the leading farmers of the country would unite and take the proper steps.

Money in private hands, in the North is not worth to-day more than 34 or 4 per cent. If they could lend on good collateral to the Southern people at 5 or 6 per cent. they would gladly do so.

Farm supplies bought at 5 or 6 per cent. interest would be the first step towards independence.

Between supplies at present prices and a mortgage at that, and supplies at cash rates there is a fortune for the industrious and economical farmer.

The Louisville Courier-Journal has recently considered a phase of the "farmer's need" that it is well not to overlook in this view.

It is the failure of the farmers to look after their products after they are ready for market. They do not know the ins and outs of traffic and commerce and what it costs them to realize proper returns for their products.

The Courier-Journal says: "They spend all their work in produc-

ing, and devote too little time, if any at all to studying upon what the law and the politicians are doing for them.

They should be in producing, and more in reading, and discussing the laws which the law-making powers of the country are about. If they should thus lose half a year's crop of corn, wheat, tobacco, cotton, and the rest, they will make money by it, and they will learn what is the matter with the laws, and adopt sensible resolutions to use their irresistible power in correcting the laws, abuses, frauds, and crimes upon them.

The tariff and coinage laws are taking from them and transferring to other more favored classes about one-half the market value of their crops every year."

If they understood the effects of the War Tariff they would throttle it. If they knew how it robbed them they would countenance no politician who favored it.

They have the power and they do not use it. They are robbed openly and every day under the forms of law and they are indifferent, heedless, ignorant. Well says our Louisville contemporary:

"What a shame and disgrace, therefore, if the farmers, with all this power in their hands, continue to be robbed every year of the proceeds of their industry, and to be made the mere slaves of the half their working time for certain privileged classes. Nor should the farmers be asked to furnish the remedies needed to cure the special ills of their class in the most radical and resolute manner."

The proposed Convention at Atlanta is the first step towards emancipation. If that meeting is governed by wisdom it can be the instrument of doing very much good.

It must look at economic questions from an enlightened standing-point and at the same time with reference to their own particular interests.

The Southern dailies are much divided as to the money and tariff questions. About half probably are advocates of a gold standard and a War Tariff.

They are the friends of manufacturers and monopolists in this and not of the great farming interests. They will misteal you if you ignorantly listen to their plausible arguments to show that the royal road to wealth is by heavy taxation.

The Courier-Journal says: "If they should compel the artisan industries to conform to the same bed-rock of production which they themselves occupy, it would be worth five hundred millions a year to the foreign trade of the nation. They should compel a return to the money standards and free mints of the Constitution, it would accomplish more than any other measure possible to human wisdom to distribute prosperity and the blessings of industrial equity among all classes of producers, whether in the shop or the field.

"To farmers, it has become an instant issue between vigorous measures of self-defense and a complete scheme of robbery and confiscation by the hand of their Government. If they neglect their self-defense, all other classes will neglect it. It is therefore not a time for dalliance and dilly-dallying, but concerted action and individual effort are imminently necessary."

Capt. W. P. Fowler, a prominent member of the Episcopal Church at Grenada, Miss., shot and killed Rev. C. P. Stiver, the rector. A dispatch to the N. Y. World says:

"When the young pastor was asked to be 'likely to die very soon he told that he was, and that he should like to die there. He was shot in the back by a bullet that passed through his lungs and lodged in his spine. He died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. One and all speak in the highest terms of the hospital and cordial treatment received from the citizens of that charming little town. The trip was most enjoyable one, only marred by the accident that befell Mr. James, one of the marshals. The Light Infantry and the members of the Corset Concert Club were especially well pleased at their reception and the attentions shown them by the members of the Clinton company and citizens generally.

The ball at night was a brilliant affair. The spacious hall was filled with a gathering of gallant young men and beautiful women, who kept up the dance till morning.

Messrs. John A. Stevens, F. T. Atkins, T. H. Patrick, H. E. Faison and J. H. Royall were the committee of arrangements for the celebration and their good management was evident throughout.

A Young Hero.—A young hero, a colored boy about fourteen years of age, was arrested yesterday and committed to jail charged with stealing a horse from Peter Moore, a store-keeper on Market near Thirteenth street. Daniels took the horse from Mr. Moore's stable at an early hour Thursday morning. Persons who knew the horse, saw the boy riding at a gallop on the old Newbern road about five miles from town, and reported the fact to the owner. An officer was sent out with a warrant for the arrest of Daniels, and found him riding the horse loose, and he was turned the horse loose, and later in the day it came back to the stable.

Daniels has been convicted of larceny at the trial of the Circuit Court, and on the last occasion, on account of his youth, was sentenced to the county jail with authority to the county officials to hire him out for the term of his confinement, which had been hired to Mr. Elder, the jailor.

The Wounded Man at Clinton.—A telegram received from Clinton last night says that Mr. James, the young man so severely wounded in the accident at the celebration on Wednesday last, is improving and his physicians say that the prospects of his recovery are very good.

FROM BRUNSWICK.

WILMINGTON, April 29, 1887.

Editor Star:—I have had a very late and cold spring. The crops planted early had to be replanted and in some instances replanted twice. It seems that the farmers are having an up-hill business financially. All are worse off than at any time since the war. Many have not the means with which to make a full crop and the merchants charge such high prices for supplies that those who are in debt can never get out by making cotton, and a merchant will not advance on anything but cotton. The consequence will be that in a few more years the farming interest will be so low and country people will have nothing, and when the merchants close out the mortgages they will have the lands and no money to pay them. When the country people fall to make supplies which will the town people get anything to live on? They will be obliged to eat the bread of idleness. The all-cotton is the trouble, and unless there is a change from all-cotton to supplies raised at home, as sure as night follows the day, the entire South will become bankrupt.

BRUNSWICK.

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