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THE KEY-NOTE

SOUNDED BY THE NEW YORK HERALD-ORGANIZED LABOR NOT SO DANGEROUS AAS ORGANIZED CAPTIAL.

Under the heading "There is something to think of besides the Knights of Labor," we find the following editorial in the New York Herald:

This Reading strike seems, to have an ominous rumble in it even now. The miners, who are among the hardest workers in the country, are somewhat discontented, or at any rate the bosses er. Trusts are epidemia. There is who are handling them are trying their the lead, the tin, the match, the oil best to make them so, and there are mutterings of complaint at two or three sort places along the road.

Well, the public have been reminded again of this everlasting friction between capital and labor which, like Banque's ghost, will not down at any one's bidding. It is a grave problem, and one in which everybody is interest ed. Like slavery and prohibition and tariff reform, it will onceasingly clam r until it is settled, and settled right. That seems to be the law of progress.

Some of our contemporaries are congratulating their readers that the Knights of Labor are at the end of their tether, and resemble the country ro d which changed into a squirrel shared by a great many others. track and ran up a tree. Exactly why this should be a matter of congratulation, if it is a fact, is not clear.

citizens. Even secret organizations what not, there would be little need join them, as, for example, the Masons and the Odd Fellows. We have noth ing to say against organizations, for that is the way in which democrats, republicans and probabitionists make ti emselves effective. Neither have we anything to complain of in the secrecy report is mainly occupied with the of an organization, for secrecy is no crime. It may be folly to talk with closed doors-that is as you think. At any rate, it does not imply guilt either of action or motive.

But when the members of an organization, either secret or otherwise, commit an overt act, strike with a morderous hand, plunder, the community or Ir ak any law whatever, then and not till then we are up and at them. These Chicago anarchists-an extreme case, mind you-said pretty nearly what they pleased. All right. They were fools, to be sure, and we got very much exasperated, bu we always hesitate to deprive a man of the privilege of even making a fool of 1 m elf. When, however, they lighted the fu e of the bomb and began to shoot the police with pistals the common sense of the country s'it bang them, and they were banged. It is the genius of our institutions to allow alm st unrestricted liberty this side of criminal action, but that line passed we make quick work and punish offenders. In a word, we believe in fair play, but denounce a foul blow.

A popular government, with personal liberty as its corner stone, has its inconveniences, but on the whole it works better than any form of centralization.

Now, it wil do us Americans no harm to look at a certain ten leney at the o her end of society-among capitalists; a tendency which has made the organization of labor apparently necessary, and which is infinitely more dangerous than all the Knights that were misses shoes.

ever horn Pooled capital and sendicate capital are a hornet's sting where labor strikes are only a flea bite.

. If you want to see a real menace to our prosperity look in that direction. Monopoly, grasping and relentless, has thrown the gauntlet down, and labor, thoroughly frightened, rushes to organization for self-protection. The massing of huge sums of money with an unnatural purpose-to corner and control products, fix an artificial price therefor and crush competition by fair means or foul until the syndicate is monarch of all it surveys, with eve y buyer at its feet-that is the startling fact to considtrust, and a hundred more of the same

What is their object? To get a grip on the market, choke every small dealer to death, throw him back into the ranks of the workingmen, pile up enormous fortunes and divide the people into two classes which become everlastingly opposed to each other-that is to say, a financial aristocracy, top heavy, blundering, conceited, and "the lower orders," whose brawn is worth more than their brains.

The Knights may go all to pieces; that is their business. The tear they have-a fear of the tyrrany of monopoly-is not 'confined to them. It is

If the people of the United States could think of nothing else for six menths and find some way to prevent This is a free country, and organiza- the injustice done the Republic by the tion is one of the rights of American devil of " yudicate" or "trust" or have their place, if any one wants to thereafter to worry over the organizations of wage earn as.

> The Pacific Railacad Commissioners have handed in two reports-the result of their investigations into the affairs of these companies. The majority and be led by the nose into slavery. question as to how much of the debt due the national government can be recovered from the companies, and the best way to be pursued to accomplish that desirable end. The minority report, by ex Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, takes up the moral aspect of fice will cease to lead you into ridicuperpetrators be brought to justice. Evffairs of this country tends to prove the wisdom of the Order that advocates the control of the railroads by the government. The Reading embroilment will ciples and objects of organized labor. only serve to strengthen this convicton. rapidly spreading all over the country. - Journal of United Labor.

> Not until the workingman realize that in union there is strenght; that bickering, jealousy and unmanly ambition the are carse of the cause; that the ballot is one of the most sacred rights that pertain to citizenship: that the labor second annual convention of the Amerpress is labor's most faithful friend and should be earnestly and heartily sustained-not until these traths are recognized and heeded, will labor command |chase or use the Milwankee lager beer. succeed in placing itself in position to and labor very generally by refusing to demand its just dues .- Arbitrator.

members of the Knights of Labor is the Co-operative Shoe Company, of wankee heer .- Advocate. Lynn, Mass., which manufactures about thir y cases a week of women's and

STICK TO YOUR PRINCIPLES.

Workingmen should study, under stand and stick to the principles of the r organizations. Those principles shou be their rule of oction in all things; their dealings, in their work, in the voting. If they did this, the labor prolem would soon be solved; for the wor ingmen have the power in the marke and in politics to do it. But how many understand the principles of their organ. izations, and how few regard and follow them? It is this ignorance and disregard of the principles of organized labor that renders it next to impossible to have the workingmen stand together in any effort in their own behalf; that enables apprincipled demagogues an schemers to mislead workingmen into the support of their enemies; that fornish designing and blatant cranks the opportunity to create dissension and trouble in labor ranks; that prevent the unity of sentiment and action essential to success in every movement.

How many thousan sin labor organizations know the principles and objects of their organizations? How many know their laws and legal mode of proceedure? How many know anything of the records of candidates and parties on labor questions? Very few in proportion. How, then, are they to know what to do or how to vote? How can they know whether a question or candidate before their organization or the public is right or wrong, to their benefit or detrinent! Whether the proposed measure is for the good of labor, or th candidate a friend of labor, or the reverse, they dont know, and are just as likely to vote against their own interesisas no . So long as this is the case. the principles of organized labor will never be carried out or its objects attained; but, on the contrary, workingmen will continue to vote against themserves, forge their chairs the stronger.

Study up the principles of your orgarlization, learn its laws, and let these be your guide in forming your opinions, in your dealings, and in casting your votes in the organizations and at the polls. Wuen wo kingmen do this, the blatant schemers after notoriety and ofthe case, declares a great wrong has lone positions, to vote against yourbeen committed, and demands that the selves and for your enemies, for their own personal ends, to their personal ry revelation concerning the railroad gain and your detriment. Apply the test to every member, to every political candidate and party, to every dealer, and decide in accordance with the prin-Then, when workingmen, the overwhelming majority of consumers and voters, make their own principles and objects their platform and rule of action, those principles and objects will soon be attained; until then they will I have just received a first-class lot of never be. - Labor Press.

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