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LABORS WANTS.

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What do we want? Our daily bread:
Leave to earn it by our skill;
Leave to labor freely for it,
Leave to buy it where we will;
For 'tis hard upon the many—
Hard, unnoticed by the few,
To starve and die for want of work,
Or live half-starved with work to do.

What do we want? Our daily bread:
Fair reward for labor done;
Daily bread for wives and children;
All our wants are merged in one.
When the fierce fiend hunger grips us,
Good intentions he restrains,
Vengeance settles on our hearts and
Frenzy gallops through our brains.

What do we want? Our daily bread:
Give us that, all else will come—
Self-respect and self denial,
And the happiness of home;
Kindly feeling, education,
Liberty for act or thought,
And surety that what'er befall,
Our children shall be fed and taught.

THE REAL REMEDY IS INTELLIGENT CO-OPERATION.

The North Carolina Messenger hits the nail on the head in our opinion in stating that the tariff, in its belief, has little to do with the rates of wages paid labor; and points to the fact that while the moneyed class have control of the government little relief can be obtained either from protectionists or from free-traders.

The Messenger we are satisfied is correct. The politicians who are making the country ring with their speeches on both sides care little for the interests of the workingman, although they find it convenient to appeal to him. The real remedy for the evils under which labor suffers is to be found by dividing more equally the profits of production between the capitalist and the laborer. This can best be brought about by intelligent co-operation.

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THE BILL TO ESTABLISH A POSTAL TELEGRAPH SYSTEM

Henry Smith, the labor congressman from Milwaukee, has introduced into the house the Knights of Labor bill to provide for the establishment of a postal telegraphic system. It requires the appointment of a skillful electrician and telegrapher as fourth assistant postmaster-general, who, under the postmaster-general, shall establish telegraphic lines and open offices in the postoffices of towns of four hundred inhabitants and upward. The appropriation proposed for the purpose is \$10,000,000. There is no prospect of the passage of the measure this year, but the telegraph monopoly cannot delay its passage much longer, and as this bill appears to have been intelligently prepared, candidates for congress will lose nothing by making themselves familiar with its provisions.—*The Standard.*

THE TWO RALLIES.

We have attended two rallies thus far this year, one by the Democrats and one by the Republicans. At both meetings the orators sweat great drops of blood for the poor laborer. It made us sweat to see them bleed so. The blood came out on their foreheads in drops as large as mustard seeds, white blood we mean. It was bleached getting through the liars' hides. One of the sweaters said the Democratic party had always been the enemy of progress. We believed him. He also said the Republicans were the champions of the down-trodden and oppressed at all times! We didn't believe him.

Another speaker said the Republican party was buried beneath the weight of its own rottenness! We agreed with him. He said the Democratic party had got the reins of government in their hands, and would protect the rich and poor alike! Then we didn't agree with him.

At the Republican meeting the orators devoted their time to showing up the corruption of the Democratic party. At the Democratic meeting the speakers uncovered corruption enough in the Republican party's history to poison a dozen worlds the size of this one, and when we got home and reviewed the evidence put in on both sides, we came to the conclusion that the stock in trade of both parties was corruption with nothing for a change. But one thing we must not forget to mention; that at both meetings the poor laborer was the only person for whom any sympathy was shown. He was the bean ideal of all speakers. Their very lives seemed bound up in his welfare. The baritone thought of harm coming to the laboring man made the speakers rave like madmen, their eyes shot forth sky rockets, while with their soft palms they clutched his imaginary foe by the throat, and wrenching his windpipe from its socket, dashed it quivering to the floor. Why we verily believe that had a banker, a bondholder, a money-lender, a manufacturer, or an employer of any kind, dared to show his head inside of either hall he would have been torn limb from limb, and his arms and legs used to brush the flies from the countenance of the poor laborer.

At the last meeting we left before it was through, for fear that someone might raise the cry that we were an employer, which would have resulted in there being nothing left of us but a boot heel, a few false teeth, and a second-hand wig, to carry home to our weeping wife and fatherless children.—*Labor Advocate.*

WHY IS THIS?

The congressional committee on emigration in their investigation have developed the fact that the law prohibiting the importation of contract labor is, and has been constantly and persistently violated, and thus the law which was passed by the nation to protect our labor from being forced to compete with the pauper labor of Europe has failed to accomplish the purpose for which it was enacted; and the competition goes steadily on, pauper laborers displacing in our factories our native workmen. We will guarantee that the tariff laws enacted to protect the great manufacturers against competition from foreign dealers are not unenforced. Why is this?—*Southern Mercury.*

INTELLIGENCE OUR SAFEGUARD

The foundation of a republic is the intelligence of its citizens. In this we all agree, and for that reason every laboring man should, if possible, be as well informed politically as the man for whom he votes, and from whom he expects legislation in his interests. If the people of the United States are going to allow themselves to be led by a few political ringsters and submit to their theory that governmental affairs are beyond the comprehension of the masses, we had as well do away with the expense of elections and establish a monarchy at once. It was the policy of the slave-owner to keep the slave as ignorant as possible; the more enlightened the slave, the more he saw the injustice of his master. So long as the old "party bosses" can make the masses believe that overproduction and extravagance are the causes of hard times, so long will they find little interest in investigating reform movements.—*Kingman Voice.*

POLITICAL DON'T'S.

Don't talk politics in a loud tone of voice in public places.

Don't get red and appopleptic over the virtues of your own candidate or the failings of one on the other side.

Don't abuse your opponent when you get to talking politics with him.

Don't fight him—particularly if he looks able to lick you.

Don't think it necessary to hold up a bar every night in your consideration of the affairs of the nation. You don't need any more rum on a presidential year than any other.

Don't kill the man who goes about taking votes on the cars. Pity and spare him. He may vote for your man.

Don't bet. Give your wife the money you think you can afford for wagers and then you will be sure not to lose it.

"Don't you see," said the manufacturer to the workingman, "that a duty on imports protects me, because it enables me to get higher prices from the home consumer than I could otherwise get."

"Yes," replied the workingman, "and I am a home consumer."

"True" responded the manufacturer, "but you can afford to pay the higher prices, because the tariff gives me big profits and I am therefore able to pay you in proportion."

"Why don't you do it, then?" asked the workingman.

"Because I am not in the philanthropy line of business, and I don't have to. Labor comes in free of duty, and the competition of laborers governs the rate of wages."

"I see," said the workingmen. "I never could clearly understand before how the tariff kept up wages, but of course I see it now."—*Toronto Grip.*

A. A. Carlton of the executive board of the Knights of Labor says: "The reason for my saying that the Knights of Labor are in a better condition than ever, is because they are beginning to think intelligently. They begin to see that the proper result cannot be obtained by strikes and boycott. Educate, agitate, and the public will see that the workingmen are treated fairly."

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