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## LABOR TROUBLES.

The end of strikes is not yet—indeed they seem to multiply. In some instances they are ordered by the Association calling themselves Knights of Labor, and in very many are encouraged and supported by that body.

Although in many instances the Knights of Labor do a good work by aiding working men to improve their condition, yet frequently their measures are so arbitrary and so devoid of consideration for the public convenience, as to seem to be wholly indefensible. The strike on the Missouri Pacific and the whole Gould system of railroads, extending over more than 6,000 miles, which has lasted now for more than two weeks, was ordered on account of the refusal of the receiver of the Texas Pacific (a bankrupt road) to concede certain demands of the Knights. The strike was extended to the rest of the system to prevent traffic with the T. P. More than 12,000 hands struck, and freight trains by scores were deserted on the roads, many of them carrying stock and other perishable freight. No trains but those carrying the mails have been allowed to run. The members of a society who, merely because the refusal to reinstate a dismissed man displeased them, could deliberately bring upon the public such incalculable loss and inconvenience, are certainly not always governed by wise or magnanimous motives. A very potent admixture of selfishness, obstinacy and reckless contempt for the interests of others, makes itself only too apparent in cases like the foregoing, and in the boycotting carried to such outrageous lengths by these Knights, and the preventing by force of those willing to work, who belong to no association.

This, and other labor organizations, have professed themselves opposed to strikes as wasteful methods of settling disputes, and have advocated arbitration, but their practice seems scantily to agree with their profession. Strikes grow yearly more numerous, and it seems likely that the States, or even the National government, may have to pass laws enforcing in every instance of dispute where public interests are concerned, an appeal to arbitration. In the New York Assembly, an attempt has already been made to pass a bill creating a "State Board of Arbitration." The New York *Tribune* thinks that "A broad and general enactment, providing a means for the peaceful settlement of all controversies between employers and employed, and requiring resort to those means by all persons engaged in the discharge of public services, making it as much as possible to the interest of all other employees and employed to prefer the same means, and at the same time prohibiting, under severe penalties, any interference whatever with the personal freedom of individual workers or employers, would probably prevent a large share of the contests which now occur."

Very violent thunderstorms occurred in New York State, New Jersey, Connecticut and parts of Illinois on Saturday, 20th inst. In Waterbury, Conn., a house was struck and two young women killed. At Bristol and Farmington, in the same State, the railway stations were struck and destroyed, and the same thing occurred in two other towns. In New York City, hail accompanied the thunder. In Poughkeepsie, a house was struck and burned. In parts of New Jersey the storm was very severe; hail covered the ground to the depth of several inches, and the darkness at four o'clock in the afternoon was intense. At St. Paul, Minnesota, a heavy snow storm set in on the same day.

Dubuque, Iowa, had snow to the depth of four feet, on Saturday and Sunday last.

Farmers are ploughing, and preparing for putting in potatoes, oats and other crops.

At a late moment we learn of the arrival at the Highlands House last evening of a gentleman of the name of Swallow.

R. A. Jacobs, the deputy sheriff of this county, left for Atlanta last week, where he was to be married on the 23rd inst.

The Franklin *Press* records the marriage of Dr. Edwin R. Kinnebrew and Miss Nannie P. Sloan, on the 18th inst.

A prosperous colony of Jewish farmers has been established in Barber County, Kansas.

The work of enlarging the house occupied during the past two seasons by Mrs. Davis as a boarding house, is being actively carried on.

There was mutton in town for sale a day or two since, and beef has been in the market all winter—a great improvement on former years.

We have received the first number of the Franklin *Press*. It is a fine large sheet, very attractive in appearance, and we wish it much success.

Work on the narrow-gauge railroad between Greenville and the coast, was commenced at Cokesbury on Monday last.—*Keowee Courier*.

Mr. Alfred Morgan, of Franklin, purposes soon to begin the publication of a weekly paper at Charleston, Swain county.

The South is to be invaded again. It is proposed to hold a reunion of all the army bands, Union and Confederate, in Richmond.

The fruit industry of Guilford County, North Carolina, amounts in the aggregate to something between \$200,000 and \$250,000 a year, and it is growing every year.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton left Highlands for Seneca on Tuesday morning, after a stay which, intended to include a few weeks, was prolonged to more than nine months.

The State Normal School will, we understand, open at Franklin on the first Monday in July, with Dr. Gooff, of Pennsylvania, as Principal, and a full corps of assistants.—*Franklin Press*.

The *Rural New Yorker* says that if ladies knew how easily roses are raised from seed, there would probably be more seedling roses in their gardens. The seeds may be planted in well prepared beds in the open garden. The same paper recommends every one to plant sweet peas.

At a great flower show in New York, opening this week, among the most interesting features are two huge palm trees, lately brought from Florida. One of these is 40 feet high, and has a spread of 30 feet. The circumference of the trunk is 8 feet, and the diameter of one of the leaves is 10 feet.

The divers sent down to investigate the condition of the steamship Oregon, report her as having broken in two. A few more mail bags have been recovered, but the contents are in so bad a condition that very little can be forwarded. It is thought the captain made a mistake in not trying to run his vessel ashore on Long Island, since in that case the cargo and baggage might have been saved, as well as the steamer herself.

The beautiful spring weather which was ours for a fortnight, was interrupted by heavy rain on the 20th, with a little thunder. This was followed by a cold wind from the north-west, blowing for three days, but now the temperature is again pleasant.

The trouble caused by strikes, lock-outs, &c. &c., affects us in this, as in many other parts of the South, only as we sympathize with those who suffer from them. So do we feel for those living in the probable path of the tornado, or those obliged to "go down to the sea in ships." We have good reason to hope that long before the quiet of these "everlasting hills" is likely to be broken by social disturbances, men will have exchanged these crude methods for others better becoming a free and highly civilized people.

The "express" business of the country is likely to be revolutionized by a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, that each railroad company has the right to operate its own "express" to the exclusion of all others. Already notice has been given to the "Adams" to get off the Missouri Pacific, and to the "Wells-Fargo" to quit the Northern Pacific. The decision reverses the findings of all the lower courts.—*Rural New Yorker*.

The *Murphy Bulletin* describes a large grape vine lately found on Hanging Day Mountain, which measured 43 inches in circumference at the ground, retaining this size only a few inches above the ground, but averaging ten inches in diameter for a distance of 75 to 100 feet around it.

## HIGHLANDS MARKETS.

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Buckwheat	.....	50
Corn	.....	50
Rye	.....	65
Flour, per 100 lbs.	.....	3 50 " 4 00
Western flour	.....	4 50
Butter	.....	15 " 35
Eggs	.....	10
Potatoes	.....	40 " 50
Onions	.....	60 " 80
Apples	.....	50 " 60
Beans, per bushel	.....	1 00 " 1 50
Chickens	.....	10 " 15
Fodder, per 100	.....	1 50 " 2 00
Hay, per 100 lbs.	.....	1 00 " 1 50
Sorghum syrup	.....	40 " 50
Dried apples, per lb.	.....	3 " 8
Dried peaches	.....	4 " 15
Dried blackberries	.....	5 " 10
Pork	.....	6 " 8
Beef	.....	7 " 8
Wood, per load	.....	75
Cabbage, per lb.	.....	1

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I also request all parties indebted to said estate to settle with me at once, and save expense.

CHAS. L. FROST, M.D.,

Administrator of the Estate of Annie C. Dimick.

Highlands, Macon Co., N. C., Mar. 9, 1886

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