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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- NATIONAL President, Grover Cleveland... Vice President, Adlai E. Stevenson... JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT, Christopher Heydrick... CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE, George Allen... COUNTY, CONGRESSMAN, William H. Hines... SENATOR, J. Ridgeway Wright... SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP RECORDER, Michael C. Russell... ELWARDVILLE CORONER, H. W. Trimmer... LAKE TOWNSHIP SURVEYOR, James Crockett... ROSS TOWNSHIP

We denounce protection as a fraud, a robbery of the great majority of the American people for the benefit of the few.—DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Cost of Harrisonism.

The ordinary expenditures of the first three years of the Cleveland administration, says an exchange, were \$627,000,000. For the first three years of the Harrison administration the ordinary expenses have been \$901,000,000.

The three years of Harrison cost the people \$274,000,000 more than the three years of Cleveland.

The average annual cost of the Cleveland administration was \$209,000,000; of the Harrison administration over \$300,000,000.

These figures are for ordinary expenditures exclusive for expenditures for sinking fund, for interest, for premiums and bond purchases and for the postal service.

Harrison costs the country as much for ordinary expenses in three years as Cleveland did in four.

The increase under Harrison is entirely due to the Republican policy of taxing earners for the benefit of non-earners—a policy well illustrated in the case of the exorbitant direct bounty of over \$10,000,000 a year paid to a few corporations in Louisiana and a few saw-mills in Vermont.

The Republican argument for giving these people public money is that they could not earn it; that they were crippled veterans of the tariff system, and that having existed under it until they were utterly incapable of independent self-support they thereby became entitled to a pension direct from the treasury.

Every year, therefore, between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000 is taken from the pockets of the people who have earned it and paid to these incapables on the ground of their incapacity.

There is no metaphor about this. The money is taken directly out of the treasury and put directly into their hands to do as they pleased with, and they are not required to render the least service to the government in exchange for it.

The same policy of bleeding the earner for the non-earner is carried out in every direction—through direct subsidies to steamship corporations and in a general policy of extravagance intended to prevent the lessening of direct subsidies accruing under the high tariff taxes.

The Republican party cannot be economical in administration. Its theories involve the extravagant expenditure of other people's earnings. It grows more extravagant as it grows more radical in the enforcement of its theories, and a vote for Charles Foster for congress is a vote to continue this disgraceful policy to which the Republicans are committed.

The little Republican organs of the state are just now indulging in some assertions which do not reflect much credit upon the parties who edit them. The statement that Governor Pattison and his assistants are the cause of the trouble about the size and delay of the ballot is not gulped down by the average reader without a little investigation as to its veracity. Those whose duty it is to draw up the form and prepare the official ballot have followed the law strictly to the letter, and if the county commissioners will be inconvenienced by the short time allowed to do the printing the blame must be laid where it belongs—upon the framer of the bill and the Republican legislature that passed it, after defeating every amendment proposed by representatives who wished to make it a model act. The governor or the secretary of the state have not gone one step outside their duty so far, and as both are Democrats there is not much likelihood that they will. The intense hatred of Republican newspapers and leaders to a secret ballot was never more bitter than at present. Nothing but a Force bill, with its bayonets and intimidation, would satisfy them.

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THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

UNDER THE IRON HEEL OF A HEARTLESS PLUTOCRACY.

Society Cares for the Criminal, but Drives the Searcher After Work to Starvation or Worse—Questions We Must Not Dodge—Homestead.

From a discourse delivered by the Rev. Alexander Kent, of Washington, the following burning words are extracted:

The employed is a man equally with his employer. As a man he has every right that belongs to the other. He has a right to all that is his by nature, and to all that is his by the law. He has a right to the same privileges for growth in many character, in intelligence, in culture, in all that carry him toward his true goal as a human being. Simply calling attention to a thought which is needed to the attainment of this end. Society, as the guardian of his interests, the natural guardian—and therefore the divinely appointed guardian—in the only sense in which anything ever is divinely appointed—is bound to provide this opportunity and to keep the door of it forever open. Surely the rights of the workman are not less. Yet society treats him as if they were. Everywhere the rights of man as man are being asserted and acknowledged. Even the criminal, who has arrayed himself against human society and declared war against the world, is treated as soon as arrested is treated as a being for whose improvement society is responsible. It provides him with wholesome food, adequate shelter, suitable clothing, such instruction and moral influence as are supposed to have a humanizing tendency.

This is coming to be the demand everywhere and the practice in many places. But the workingman is the only sense in which he is not so treated. He may be starving or freezing. He may tramp from one end of the country to the other in search of work, but so long as he is thought to be industriously inclined—and really anxious for work—so long as he is believed to be honest and above all burglary or theft he may tramp and freeze or starve at will. Society will never interfere. But the moment he is suspected of vagrancy, of unwillingness to work, of readiness to steal or murder, society is all alert. It is ready then to take hold of him and do for him something that will help him better, nobler, more useful.

Our jails and penitentiaries are full because society neglects its duties to the men and women, the boys and girls, who without its aid are perished in the doors of opportunity open.

Unscrupulous greed and avarice on the part of the great manipulators of our industrial activities close these doors in their faces, and they cannot force them open.

The honest labor-saving mechanism, which ought to have lightened the burdens of the masses and improved their conditions, have all been turned to the advantage of the employer, and the doors of opportunity are closed.

More and more machinery is doing the work that formerly required skilled mechanics. As skilled labor gives place to unskilled the average wage is relatively lower, and the purchasing power of the average workman decreases.

This in turn diminishes the market for goods and causes still others to be thrown out of employment. Add to these things the existence of a large class of shrewd, cunning, unscrupulous gamblers in real estate, in grain and stock, in stocks, mines and railroads, who manipulate all these industries simply to make fortunes for themselves, utterly regardless of the interests of the people, and it is easy to see why the progress of invention and discovery has been more than outstripped by the progress of poverty.

All of these things have preyed upon the people organized society has wittingly or unwittingly aided and abetted in their robberies. These people, feeling that their interests are antagonistic to those of their workmen, that their profits would be greatest when the wages of their men were least, have naturally sought by every means in their power to keep wages down and to break the power of all labor organizations through which workmen have striven to force them up.

In this conflict the advantage has, in the very nature of the case, been on the side of the capitalist. He has been able to control the money to which he desired to put it much of the ablest talent of the country. Very much of it, even in our national legislature, has been ready to prostitute itself at his call, and the result has been a vast amount of class legislation.

Doubtless much of this, owing to the bias which men have in favor of their own class, has been done to its advocates wholesome and necessary.

Capitalists have such an exalted notion of their importance to the community, and men generally are so much inclined to their opinion, that we need not suppose that all the legislation which favored them and robbed the people was passed with any clear sense of its wrongfulness. But that legislation of this character about our industries, the work of our professedly republican government needs no proof.

The laboring men of this country have an indisputable right to have all such legislation repealed. They have a right to more than this. They have a right to the reconstruction of our industrial system as will give every man and woman, regardless of ability, training, or age, an opportunity to earn an honest and decent subsistence and to live themselves in respectable and wholesome surroundings. They have a right to this, and they have a right to take whatever action is necessary to enable them to get it.

Have they, then, the right to prohibit other men from working in shops from which they have been locked out, or in which they have struck, for wages they have declined to take? This is the very question with which we are brought face to face in the present trouble. We must not dodge it. My answer is if such action is necessary to secure for our just reward, and for all laborers those higher rights of justice and manhood, the securing and maintaining of which is the end or business of government, then they have that right. If the intelligent, thoughtful, honest laboring men, by a careful study of this question, have reached the conclusion that only organized labor can protect itself from the ravages of organized capital, if they find that the policy of noninterference means a decrease of wages, a falling off in the power of the wage earner to purchase goods, and a consequent inability to secure for our just reward, with further additions to the army of the unemployed, then they will feel obliged to use every means in their power to strengthen their ranks, and present a united and unbroken front to the common foe.

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WORKMEN STARVING.

But the Militia Would Be Called Out if They Asserted the First Law of Nature.

A correspondent of a New York daily paper writing from May's Landing, N. J., under date of Aug. 29, told the following heartrending story:

Representatives of the United Hebrew Trades of New York are at Ziontown, a Hebrew settlement four miles from Malaga, investigating the charges that the people have been induced to go there to invest their money in homes under promise of work, and were left destitute and actually starving by Jacob Zion, a New York manufacturer, who owns all the property of the settlement. The condition of affairs was found to be serious. Two or three families have been saved from starvation only by eating green fruit and what little food they could beg in the neighborhood.

The settlement at present consists of a two story shirt factory, a half dozen small frame dwellings and a half dozen more in different stages of completion, upon which no work has been done for six weeks. There are about thirty Hebrew families, most of whom came directly from Castle Garden and have every cent they own in the world invested either in lots or half finished houses. For six weeks they have had no work. Some of them are only keeping from actual starvation by charity, and two families will be tomorrow thrown out of the houses for which they have given up their last cent because they can't keep up the payments.

The process by which this condition was reached is a peculiar one. Mr. Zion declares that no blame attaches to him, but he would have received a very warm welcome had he visited the settlement yesterday, as was expected. Zion, who is the head of a large New York cloak manufactory, purchased a large tract of land at Zion. He erected a factory and offered steady employment to all who would purchase a lot and build a home.

He arranged with a building association for the erection of the houses, the settlers to pay for them in installments from the wages he guaranteed them. The factory was fitted up, and in February Mr. Zion brought about thirty Hebrew families from New York. A majority of them were newly arrived immigrants, and most of them had about enough money to purchase one of Mr. Zion's lots for twenty dollars, and pay the building association sufficient to justify them in beginning work on the houses.

The settlement was to be conducted on what was virtually a co-operative basis, the men and women having the factory practically placed in their own hands, being allowed to choose their own foreman and being assured good wages. Things went along swimmingly for some time, the settlement prospered and new houses were built. Then the work fell off and wages fell to five dollars and six dollars. Mr. Zion was appealed to, but said it was the dull season and he could do nothing at this time.

Then he leased half the factory to a firm of cloak manufacturers, and they brought most of their work people with them.

Work soon ceased altogether in Zion's part of the factory, and the settlers seeing nothing but starvation ahead, sent one of their number away to secure work. They finally got some cloaks to make, and the goods were sent to them to the factory. Then, they say, Mr. Zion refused to allow them to do the work. They appointed four of their number to try to reach an agreement, the result being a fight in which every one took a hand. The men gained possession of the mill and went to work, but the next day Mr. Zion arrived and attempted to arrest them. Their friends, including the women, came to their assistance, but the sheriff arrived with twenty-two men, and part of them were arrested and sent to jail.

Then Mr. Zion left them upon their own resources. They had no work and no money. The carpenters and builders ceased work on their houses, and the building associations demanded the payment of assessments, with the alternative of foreclosing the mortgages on the houses. This is how things have stood for six weeks, and now the settlers' fortunes are at their lowest ebb.

Those working in the new factories live well and divide their food as far as possible. Five children of the settlers are fed regularly every day. The men cannot go away because they have no money, and for the same reason they can't stay there much longer. Almost all of them are in the same plight, and those who are destitute have been living on apples and pears gathered from the neighboring farms.

Early Disturbances. Those who think that strikes in America are of recent origin are much mistaken. The first strike of which there is any record occurred in New York in 1741, when the journeymen bakers demanded an increase of wages. As this was refused the men left their work in a body. Their action aroused public indignation, and the leaders were arrested and tried for conspiracy. No other strike occurred till 1796, when the makers of fine boots and shoes in Philadelphia demanded more pay and were refused. After remaining idle a few days they went back to work at the old prices. Two years afterward, however, they started another strike and succeeded. From that time to this strikes have constantly increased.—Bethlehem Times.

Street Car Employees. In a communication to the New York Advertiser Mr. John Henry makes the charge that on some of the lines of street cars in New York city the drivers and conductors are compelled to work fifteen hours a day. He calls attention to another outrage put upon the employees by the street car syndicate. It is the practice of compelling the employees to pay full fare when riding over the lines from their homes to the point where they go to work and from their work back to their homes. Both of the charges are fully proved.

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