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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President, GROVER CLEVELAND, Of New York.

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WITH a duty of fifty cents per ton on iron and of seventy cents per ton on steel, Mr. Andrew Carnegie finds it necessary to reduce wages forty per cent. And yet there are men who claim that a high tariff keeps wages high.

WE have seen few papers or persons, so far, make the statement that the strikers were in the wrong at Homestead. True they carried things too far, notably when they maltreated the Pinkertons while the latter were being taken to prison under guard, but this was not the work of the strikers as such: it was the escape of the pent-up frenzy aroused in the hearts of men and women who saw those most near and dear to them murdered in cold blood by an armed body of assassins who had not the remotest shadow of authority for their acts.

THE New York Typographical Union is much incensed over the nomination of Whitelaw Reid for the presidency by the Republicans. At a recent meeting resolutions were adopted by a vote of 575 to eight against that no power was ever given the Minneapolis committee to indorse any person for political preferment, but that the committee only had power to inform the national Republican convention that the union was no longer hostile to that party. The fact that the committee exceeded its authority greatly angered the members of the union. The union printers of the country will vote against Harrison and Reid regard less of party.

WHEN a political party nominates a man for the office of vice-president of the United States who is notoriously opposed to trades unions; who time and again has advocated in his paper that the way to meet committees of strikers is with Gatling guns; who has always conducted his office with "scab" labor; who always has paid lower wages than his competitors in the same business; who has always considered a workingman as of less consequence than a beast of burden; it is high time that such a party was buried beyond hope of resurrection by the votes of a self-respecting people. Such a man is Whitelaw Reid, Republican nominee for vice-president.

THE Oregonian says that the wages paid in the rolling mills in Alabama are much lower than are paid in the rolling mills in Pittsburgh, because a large part of the work is done by cheap negro labor. We always supposed those beneficent tariff laws Mr. Scott is so fond of praising were no respecters of persons; but we see we were wrong, for we have the Oregonian's word for it that while the tariff kept wages comparatively high in the northern part of the United States, in the Southern part it had no effect, at least so far as the colored people were concerned. The only explanation we can imagine for such a strange effect of a law is, that, like the Oregonian editor's brain, the law is fearfully and wonderfully made.

THE RIOT AT HOMESTEAD.

EDITOR WEST SIDE: That the signs of the times are portentous of an impending conflict between capital and labor, can no longer be doubted. These two elements being the chief factors in the development and prosperity of any country, should, by reason of their mutual dependence, operate in perfect harmony, sharing equally in the benefit of their combined employment. But instead of this harmonious co-operation and division of benefits, we find them estranged, and capital "aggregated in a few hands," becoming extremely antagonistic towards labor and its interests, and arrogantly demanding an unjust share of its earnings.

These demands have become oppressive, and passive submission to them means absolute enslavement of the laboring classes.

That we celebrate the fourth day of July in commemoration of our liberties, is evidence that the spirit of Americanism still exists in the hearts of our people; and Americans never submit to tyranny. The battle for liberty that was fought at Homestead, Pennsylvania, on the 6th instant, is a hopeful sign that the love of freedom and the determination to resist oppression is yet strong in the heart of all true Americans. That battle was precipitated by an effort on the part of a foreign aristocrat, to reduce American workmen to the condition of slaves. Andrew Carnegie, a many times millionaire, (made so by the damnable policy of the money power of the country and forced upon the people by the corruption, treason, and treachery of the Republican party,) attempted to inaugurate a system of wage robbery, for no other reason than to show to organized labor that any attempt from the working classes to demand fair treatment from their employers, would be resisted in a most forcible manner. This detestable action of American nobility knows too well what the word "union" means in the United States. He knows that African slavery was crushed out by the union of American patriots; that the American union dictated terms to British tyrants. He knows that a union or federation of the laboring classes of the United States would compel him to pay a fair price for a day's work; hence his determination to forcibly oppose any attempt of his workmen to organize for their own protection.

H. C. Frick, manager of the works at Homestead, says that but 325 out of 3,800 men now employed would have been affected by the proposed reduction of wages, so I suppose the other 3,475 belong to the class of laborers that were found by the late census enumerator to be known by numbers instead of names, on Carnegie's books. These are Huns, Poles, and Italians, and belong to the most degraded class of their respective countries, imported here by Carnegie to supplant American workmen, and to vote the Republican ticket by order of their owner. These Carnegie slaves know nothing about wages; they were bred in the lowest state of human degradation, and have no more idea of what an American workman calls a home, than they have of the fundamental principles of our government, (now in great danger of destruction.) They willingly accept whatever pittance this Satanic production of Republicanism sees fit to give them, and accommodate themselves to whatever support it affords; and whatever such beasts are willing to submit to, this robber of toil claims is good enough for any workingman; and by reducing the wages of Americans, he proposes to either drive them out of employment or reduce them to the condition of his imported slaves. Except that the bloated beneficiary of protection and builder of libraries (with money stolen from his employes) expected to be called upon for a liberal donation to the Republican campaign corruption fund, there was no possible excuse for the reduction of wages at the Carnegie works, only that cheaper labor could readily be secured.

Carnegie has almost a monopoly in his line of manufacture, and the products of his plant are contracted for a long time to come, and this reduction of wages confirms the tendency of capital to rob labor of a fair share of the wealth it produces and to reduce the laboring classes to the lowest possible condition of human existence.

Home-owning and home-loving American workmen will not submit to such a condition, and the shooting down at Homestead of the mob of hired assassins, owned by those arch enemies of labor (the Pinkertons) and backed by powerful syndicates of wealth, is evidence that Americans are ever ready to fight for their rights, and will not be trampled down to a level with imported menials.

The gradual but sure reduction of wages made possible by the constant importation of foreign serfs for the exclusive benefit of our protected industries and railroad companies, is reducing the intelligent working classes to a condition

ALTERNATING CURRENTS.

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are fixed on the roof and walls of a room and connected with a current of this kind, and a glass globe from which the air has been partially exhausted is then brought into the room, the globe, without any connections whatever, will glow and throw with a powerful light. Mr. Tesla is still conducting his experiments, and we may look with confidence for some remarkable discoveries in the near future.

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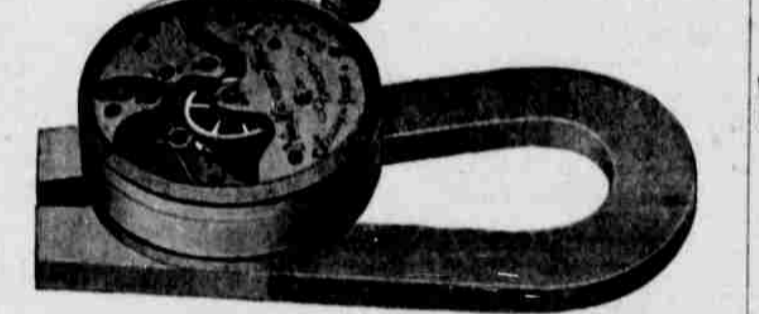
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