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FOREIGN LABOR.

There has been no time in the history of this country when the labor question was in need of such careful and immediate attention as at present. Thousands of very poor and incompetent laborers are already saving their scanty earnings in order to come to America in 1893, if not before. Chicago is already overrun with a horde of lazy and ignorant Hungarians, Italians and Poles, who have not come in search of an opportunity to earn a living, but to prey upon the visitors at the great fair. The time has passed when the United States can be the asylum for the blind and deformed, and still worse the morally deficient, who are cast out by their parent country. The natural effect of this clamorous horde that is daily pouring into our midst and mingling with our respectable labor, is to lower and degrade our own citizens and deprive them of their rights, inoculate them with the spirit of anarchy and lawlessness. The time has come for the bars to be made higher and the gates more closely examined.

On account of the weight of this easily handled mass that this nation gives the ballot, it is becoming next to impossible for an American workman in the large cities to obtain labor. And for a government to allow, not to say invite, this element to our shores to the impoverishment and degradation of its citizens is almost criminal. It is a breach of the implied contract a nation makes with every one of its citizens. A nation, as well as an individual must be just before it attempts to be generous. And no government can claim to be just so long as honest and competent labor is unemployed, and unprotected from such contamination as must result from the assimilation of this lazy, vermin-infested, anarchy-breeding scum from the scrofulous and leprous nations of the earth. It is time to awake and act or the day is near at hand when labor in Free America will not be respectable.—Globe-Republican.

M. MASPERO, the eminent Egyptologist, claims that the workmen of Egypt were in the habit of striking for higher wages before Moses was born. In his "Historic Readings" he has recently given an account of a strike made by masons in building a temple 3000 years ago in which the details are not widely different from those of a strike of to-day.

COULD the mental suffering, the poverty and wretchedness of wives and children, debauchery and crime, the little ragged and dirty forms, the red eyes and crazed brains, the haggard faces, the open graves to be filled with drunkards, all be placed before our vision at once, what an appalling sight it would be.—Ex.

THE New York Sun pronounces Blaine's reciprocity treaty one of the boldest, most independent and individual moves in the history of American statesmanship, and predicts that the most beneficent results will flow from it.

Pio Pico, once governor of California, and a Spanish grandee of great wealth in the old days, is penniless without relatives at 90 years of age, and appeals to the California legislature for relief.

THE suit in the United States circuit court at New York, to test the constitutionality of the McKinley tariff law, ended in the decision upholding it, as everybody supposed it would.

HIS NAME IS DENNIS.

Sylvester Pennoyer, the governor of the state of Oregon, is indeed a curious conglomeration of ideas. He has exercised his power to veto bills right and left, but has not been consistent. Two years ago he approved the district fair bill with an appropriation of \$3000 each, annually. This year when a bill of the same nature appears repealing the old law and creating a western district composed of the counties west of the Willamette he vetoes it. His veto does not effect the districts already created, as the old law is still in effect regarding them. His veto simply kills the western district. He vetoes the bill because of "local reasons." We would like to know by what process of reasoning he conciliates his conscience to vetoing this bill and approving the portage railway bill. In both instances the state funds are appropriated for local purposes. While we all acknowledge the fact that the portage railway will be of benefit directly to the section of the state tributary to the river, why won't the district fair be of benefit to the state in the same proportion as the amount appropriated. He also vetoes the free road to Tillamook across the Coast range of mountains. From the mouth of the Columbia to Yaquina bay there are many roads, but all are toll roads, and in the building of some of them the state has appropriated as high as \$10,000, and still allows the roads to remain in the hands of the people who built them, and the people who travel to and from over them are taxed so much per mile for their pleasure. But when this section desires to open a land way of commerce—not a water way—and asks for an appropriation for \$7500 to build it with and thus make a free road to everyone, at all times of the year, and by far the most practical route across the mountains, this crank which we, as democrats, supported for the position which he now holds, vetoes this bill and thus pays into the hands of a monopoly thousands of the hard earned dollars of the honest and law-abiding farmers and business men of Tillamook and Yamhill counties, as well as the other indirectly benefited counties of the state. If Pennoyer objects to the appropriation of state funds for local purposes, why does he support the portage railway? If the opening of the Columbia river and the opening of the free road to Tillamook are not both local matters to the sections of country directly benefited we would be pleased to have the astute and abstract Pennoyer explain why the free road is and the portage railway is not. The handwriting has appeared on the wall, dear governor, and in letters of Roman, "Your name is Dennis."—Telephone-Register.

APPROPRIATIONS by various states for the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893 are as follows: Vermont, \$5000; Maine, \$15,000; the two Dakotas and New Mexico, \$25,000 each; Alabama, \$30,000; Massachusetts, \$50,000; Iowa, \$50,000; Ohio and West Virginia, \$100,000 each; Tennessee, New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota, \$250,000 each; California, \$300,000; Illinois, \$1,000,000.

THE man who observed that the large rivers generally happened to run close to the large cities has now discovered that the firms which do the largest amount of business generally happen to have the largest advertisements in the papers.

IN the manufacture of gold thread for embroidery, a cylinder of silver is covered with gold, and afterwards drawn out into wire. In this way six ounces of gold have been made to yield over 200 miles of gilt wire.

SINCE the Puget Sound customs district was organized in 1851, no prepared opium has ever paid duty.

PRICE OR CHEAPNESS.

It is becoming generally known that low prices and cheapness are not synonymous terms. The difference between the standards of the democratic and republican parties is well marked. The democratic policy is that everything should be cheap; cheap labor, cheap goods, cheap schools, cheap men, cheap talk. The republican plan is to give the laborer pay for his work sufficient to enable the purchase of good goods. Not the dollars and cents expended, but the amount of time and labor needed to purchase an article is that upon which its cheapness should be judged.

The facts are that Americans buy and use more woolen clothing, meat, wheat bread, etc., per capita than the citizens of any other nation. They do not do this because things are so much cheaper here, but because they have the recompense of their labor with which to buy. More American citizens have a little saving for the time of need that is liable to come to all humanity; more men have a competency saved before they are past their prime than those of any other nation. In no other nation is it impossible to distinguish the laboring men from the wealthy by their dress, when not actually at work. The American, as a rule, is a well dressed prosperous appearing man.

It has ever been the policy of the democratic party to bear a false standard, and at present that standard is cheapness. In every time of great and unusual competition, prices fall, and those who must sell are the losers. The working man must sell his labor, and at what is offered by the purchaser. He is farthest from market who has nothing to sell, hence the necessity of a market for all labor, as it is the sole capital of the working man.—Globe-Republican.

ARE THEY UNAVOIDABLE?

The number of accidents causing the death of scores and hundreds of human beings in a single moment have been so great that one cannot fail to wonder if there is not some general cause for these oft repeated disasters in every sphere of active life. Accounts of mine horrors, railway collisions, destructive floods, loss of life by fire and falling buildings form a large portion of the matter in our daily papers. Is science failing to provide a way to guard against the new and constantly increasing dangers of life and property that arise with every great invention, or are we, as a people, becoming careless of our lives in our struggle for wealth and position; are we failing to recognize the natural laws known to all, and growing more ready to take the chances of paying a heavy penalty for their violation?

Towering structures in our large cities now count their stories by the dozens, and one has hardly removed the debris caused by the fall of one before another of still greater height is building upon the same spot. Year after year come the same heartrending reports of loss and destruction by floods and broken dikes, and scarcely has the flood subsided ere the remnants of families are repairing or rebuilding their destroyed residences and factories, striving hard to complete them in time for the next flood to complete the work of the first. There is an undoubted error somewhere, and natural causes are not willing to take the blame.

It costs five cents to swear in a certain Grand Rapids factory, and the box which contains the fines, and which is now nearly full is soon to be sent to the heathen. It is strange that it has not occurred to the home missionaries to devote the contents of the box to the work of converting the profane employees of the Grand Rapids factory, so that there may be no need for such a receptacle hereafter.—Ex.

Two Iowa drunks fought a duel with a hatchet and a knife, and both will die. Thus the evidence accumulates regarding the disastrous effects of Iowa prohibition.

It is a remarkable fact that the three greatest generals of the rebellion, Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan, were born within a radius of 100 miles in the southern part of Ohio.

WHILE Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska are trying to tie all the railroads up to stumps, Oregon offers to exempt all lines built in the next two years from taxation while building and for five years thereafter.—Statesman.

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