

In its investigation of the subject of "assisted emigration," the labor committee of the house of representatives has developed information of no small importance to those interested in the cause of the American laborer.

There is a general demand for legislation in the interests of the workingmen. Politicians are in favor of it, because of the fact that their various constituencies are composed largely of workingmen.

There is no doubt that in certain localities American laborers have suffered from competition with imported labor; but the difficulty in the case is to frame such laws as will work a just discrimination between voluntary emigrants who will work to better their condition, and the assisted emigrants who are little better than slaves.

It is evident that the importation of large companies of pauper laborers, placed under contract before leaving the old country to work for a given number of years at wages but little or nothing in advance of what they have been accustomed to receive, must be injurious to free labor in America.

And yet this is just what has been done, and is now doing. Corporations in this country have their agents in Europe who make it a business to search out laborers out of employment, and place them under contract for a term of years to work in America.

The wages paid are so small that a very long time is required even to work out the passage money. In the majority of instances the men who accept such contracts are those who are too indolent to keep out of the poor house at home, and are consequently willing to sign articles by the terms of which they can at least be assured a living.

They are, as a class, weak morally and intellectually and possessed of but very little of that stamina and ambition that characterize the wide-awake, pushing emigrant who comes to this country with the intention and determination of bettering his condition and building up a comfortable home for himself and his family.

It is hardly probable that a class of men who are thus wholly unfit for the duties of citizenship will ever become desirable acquisitions to our population. Certain it is that their presence has a strong tendency to reduce the wages of working men and keep them as nearly as possible on a level with the starvation wages of Europe.

SECRETARY OF STATE KELSEY, of New Jersey, was blown from the platform of a train moving at the rate of twenty miles an hour, but he was only slightly injured.

SENATOR-ELECT PAYNE, of Ohio, says he has no presidential aspirations. And all other candidates join in the chorus: "And we all do say the same."

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