

From the Pennsylvania coal mines, the Texas railroad depots, the New York car shops, the Pittsburg iron mills, wherever in the east great bodies of men are massed in work, come daily reports of strikes, refusal to work unless certain conditions differing from the present are conceded by the employers.

In this they are justifiable just so far as their rights and privileges are infringed.

The causes that underlie this universal movement are too many, too far-reaching, too complex to be discussed in the limits of a short newspaper article.

It must be borne in mind that the men who work with their hands, who are made by force of necessity to toil for twelve, fourteen, sixteen hours a day for a mere pittance are not chiefly responsible for the unrest, disturbance and revolt now arising everywhere, which threaten society with the prospect of a long period of anxiety and uncertainty. Until very recently they have had little to do with making laws. Our legislation has been shaped in accordance with the judgment and the wishes of the people of wealth and culture, and they are rightly to be credited with its results. If our present economic system is good or bad it is not the creation of workingmen. If the laborers are ignorant they have not been taught. They have hitherto attempted but little beyond their daily toil, and it is not strange if their language is often crude, or if their thought lacks the coherence and symmetry imparted by training and practice in the art of expression. But the honesty and healthfulness of hard work are favorable to wisdom within a limited sphere. When people attend to their own business they are likely to learn something about it, and the thought of men who work with their hands for wages is likely to be as worthy of patient and sympathetic attention as that of other people. Men have studied the life and thought of ancient Greece and Rome with infinite patience, picking it up scrap by scrap, tracking faint hints and suggestions in all directions, till they really know something about it, and can reconstruct it fairly well, and everybody may read and know what caused strikes and riots and popular discontents in those countries thousands of years ago. And multitudes of Americans know more of all this than they do of the living history of their own country and time.

They think the ancient lessons the more instructive and valuable. The psychology of the serfs of the mine and the mill of the present day is an unexplored region, a terra incognita to them. They cannot speak its language. Mr. Powderly's perception of the injury to American workmen resulting from unrestricted European emigration is probably the most valuable contribution which the order of the Knights of Labor has made to the thought of the time. It is cautiously brought forward, but it suggests ideas which should receive attention and development. Our country should strictly fulfill all the obligations it assumes in treaties with other nations, but there is now no good reason for our inviting "the poor and oppressed of other lands" to come here to live. In earlier times we thought we needed a larger population. It is plain that no such need afflicts us to-day. This country should belong to the people who are already here, and to their children. Such convictions have been developed in the minds of many workingmen by experience, and, in his treatment of this subject, Mr. Powderly has expressed what is felt by myriads. The people who work with their hands constitute the most

important element and factor in the national character and welfare. The moral soundness, the social health and the intellectual vision and sanity of the nation depend principally upon the character of working people, and if maintained permanently, must be perpetually recruited and reinforced from their vitality. The only effective criticism of the teaching or action of the Knights of Labor must be the presentation of something wiser and better.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says: There is much indignation at the Chinese legation over the president's recent message on the question of the Rock Springs indemnity demand. The Chinese minister is said to be particularly offended with the president's conclusion that he will bring the Rock Springs incident to the benevolent consideration of congress, so that the bounty of the government may be directed in aid of innocent and peaceful strangers, with the understanding that such action shall not be held as a precedent, and is resorted to in a spirit of pure generosity. The minister cannot comprehend the American idea that the courts are a forum to which the aggrieved may resort for relief. His note is imbued with the idea that the government should seize alien rioters and cut their heads off, according to the traditional policy of China. German and English diplomatic representatives here, who are on the best of terms with the Chinese minister, are throwing their influence to create dissension and the British and German legations are hoping that this event will cause a breach between the United States and China.

There is more in the old expression "don't know beans," than most people think. In 1884 they were placed by a decision of the United States court in the category of garden seeds, on which twenty per cent duty is payable. Subsequently they took position as vegetables dutiable at ten per cent, and an attorney successfully argued against the assistant district attorney that they should be admitted free of duty under the classification of "beans, drugs not edible in a crude state."

The Northern Pacific road will build several important feeders in Montana and Washington territory this summer. Butte City is to be connected by a branch, and two branches are contemplated from Spokane Falls, W. T.—one into the Cœur d'Alene gold fields, and the other southward into the great wheat-growing fields of the Snake river.

INDIANS may make homestead entries, but cannot commute the same to cash entries, nor can they incumber or transfer their claims by their own act or through judgment of court. The land is theirs absolutely and inalienably, for twenty years after issue of patent.

BIRMINGHAM, England still makes flint-lock muskets for use in the interior of Africa, where percussion caps or any form of fixed ammunition would often be impossible to obtain, while powder can always be made and flints picked up in the desert.

GEN. JOHN F. MILLER, U. S. senator from California, died in Washington last Monday. His term of office would have expired on the 4th of next March. Gov. Stoneman will probably appoint Judge Wallace to fill the vacancy.

NEW TO-DAY.

Eggs for Hatching!

Wyandottes and S. C. B. Leghorns. My birds are of the best strains, and all first class. I am now prepared to furnish a limited number of eggs for setting from either yard at \$2 and \$3 per 13.

Notice. ALL PERSONS KNOWING THEMSELVES indebted to the late Edward N. Murphy will please make immediate settlement to the undersigned, administratrix of the estate.

NEW TO-DAY. Summons. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON for Clatsop county. John E. Palmquist, plaintiff, vs. Aurora Palmquist, defendant. To Aurora Palmquist, the above named defendant: You are hereby notified and required to be and appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court in the above entitled suit, on or before the first day of the next regular term of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Clatsop county, to-wit: on Monday the 17th day of May, A. D. 1886, and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief in said complaint prayed, which is in substance for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant and for the costs and disbursements of this suit, and you will please take notice that this summons is published by virtue as it is in pursuance with an order made by Hon. Frank J. Taylor, judge of the above entitled court, on the 8th day of March, 1886. FULTON BROS., Atty's. for Plaintiff.

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