

STRAIGHT TALK

All the I. W. W.'s aren't in the I. W. W.

This is a time when the city commission should be doing something. It should employ some secret detectives, real detectives, to do some special work. Some most sinister work is going on here which is at once a scandal and a menace to the peace and property of the people of this city. This is a fact that is perfectly well known, but cannot be proven. To get the proof is what is needed.

The knowledge that it had been obtained would cause the sudden departure of some well-dressed individuals, but they could be spared.

When Chief Grant decides to dismiss a member of his force, he gives for his act the reason that "it is for the good of the service." If the commission will order a little effective work, it may decide in a few days to dismiss Chief Grant for that same reason.

The argument that low duties give foreign producers the advantage in our domestic market, because of cheapened labor, has never been refuted. But the effect of the Democratic free trade policy is rapidly developing a condition even more to be feared.

The commerce reports, and information from other sources, go to show that many Americans are finding it profitable to invest capital in foreign countries with a view to marketing their product in the United States. The erection of dried egg plants in China is an example. The establishment of purchasing and shipping agencies in Canada for cattle is another. Agricultural implements, placed on the free list by the Democrats, in an attempt to fool the farmer, are being manufactured in Canada with American capital

and sent across the border. The farmer is not getting his farm machinery any cheaper. The American meat packers operating in Argentina, are finding good pickings in our market, now that meat is on the free list. Many other instances are at hand.

So we learn that free trade not only develops foreign competition, but it beckons American capital to foreign climes which, under a protective tariff would find ready investment at home and give employment to American labor, which, in turn, would enhance the power of the American workingman to purchase the products of the farmer.

The baseball lottery, tickets for which have been sold here right along, is still operating in the city, though the venders of the tickets have transferred their activities to new locations. However, there is no trouble in purchasing the little slips at thirty cents a throw, and think what a chance there is for those who buy them to win \$1,500. Naturally nothing is being done by the officials here, though elsewhere wholesale arrests and convictions are being made.

Two neighbors had a long litigation about a small spring, which they both claimed. The judge, wearied out with the case, at last said:

"What is the use of making so much fuss about a little water?"

"Your honor will see the serious nature of the case," replied one of the lawyers, "when I inform you that the parties are both milkmen."—Philadelphia Record.

"De Lawd loveth a churful giver!" solemnly said Parson Bagster, after the collection had been taken up. "But"—the good old man darted a glance at the well-nigh empty plate—"I dunno whuh He finds any of 'em!"—Chicago Herald.

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