

A LABOR EXCHANGE STARTED.

It Was Organized at Federated Trades Hall Yesterday.

State Organizer J. B. Rigdon Gives His Novel Views as a Financier.

Just thirty-three men assembled at Federated Trades Hall on Ninth street yesterday afternoon to listen to J. B. Rigdon, State Organizer of the Labor Exchange movement, explain the aims of and the benefits to be derived from branches of the organization throughout the land.

Dr. Wagner was chosen Chairman for the occasion. After having thanked those assembled for the honor, he stated that the meeting had been called to devise ways and means to get out of the present financial crisis, and in order to do this some feasible plan should be adopted and persisted in.

Labor exchanges, continued the speaker, are not a new departure, by any means, having been in existence for six years. In almost every instance they had proved entirely successful in procuring labor for all, and satisfactory in keeping up the circulating medium.

The speaker then went into a long discussion of the labor question in connection with his ideas of what capital should or should not do.

Major J. B. Rigdon, the State Organizer, was introduced and explained the object of labor exchanges clearly and concisely. The question, he said, is whether labor should grovel in the dirt while capital remained exalted.

It had been stated in high places that the present ruinous prices had been caused by over-production. This was not the case, Cleveland and Harrison had agreed that the cause of the financial depression was due to over-production, but they were divided on the matter of the tariff—Harrison wanted more and Cleveland not so much.

J. B. S. Mills once said if you increase the currency one-half you increase the price of produce one-half. The President of Harvard College took the same stand with Mr. Mills, contending that the volume of currency in actual circulation always had and always would regulate the price of labor and of the products of the same.

That high tariff could not regulate prices, the speaker said, was shown by the panic of 1873, when the tariff was stiffened in order to meet the contraction of currency caused by the demonetization of silver.

At this point the speaker took up the question of Labor Exchanges, and dwelt upon the aims and objects of such organizations. Briefly stated his explanations were as follows:

First — To provide employment for idle labor by facilitating the inter-

change of commodities and services among the associates and the public.

Second — To alleviate the sufferings incident to, and avert the social dangers which may arise from a constantly increasing class of unemployed, by furnishing to this class useful occupation, and saving the wealth thus produced for the use and benefit of the actual producers and their dependents.

Third — To lighten the burden of charitable institutions, by establishing one self-sustaining.

By and through such employment of idle labor as aforesaid, this association aims to furnish food, clothing and the comforts of a home to those thus unemployed; establish depots for mutual exchange; operate boarding-houses for the same purpose; and also provide for education, the elevation of character and the amenities of life, by maintaining schools and other places of instruction.

The plan contemplates the issue of "labor certificates," which will be received by merchants signing the roll in return for goods, and these checks will then be received by the association in return for articles which its manufacturers, and produce which is left with it by its members to be sold.

The organization, the speaker continued, acted the part of a clearance-house between producer and consumer, and the Supreme Court of the United States had decided that labor exchanges had the right to issue checks for the purpose of balancing accounts, without paying the 2 1/2 per cent tax usually charged banking institutions of clearance-houses.

Again the speaker referred to the money question, taking the stand maintained twenty centuries ago by Aristotle, that there is no such thing as "natural money," and quoting Benjamin Franklin to prove that iron has more intrinsic value than either gold or silver.

Throughout the speaker contended that labor exchanges had been universally successful. All that can be done with money is to square accounts, and wherever labor exchanges are established, labor exchange checks answer the same purpose as money.

It was not the intention of the organization, the speaker said, to rob any man of his money, but independence went hand in hand with labor exchanges. Under that system the producer could say to the banker, "Get your old gold, we don't want it."

He ended with an appeal for those present to organize, and opened the rolls for membership. While there was some hazy talk, the audience at length began to respond, and when the meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock to meet on Tuesday evening for the purpose of perfecting the organization, the rolls bore the following names: George T. Boyd, D. Power, Frank Cooke, L. D. Wilgus, Dr. Wagner, E. B. Taylor, E. Balls, H. W. Baumann, C. L. Hunt, G. W. Wilderman, Dr. Powers, W. J. Boyd and George M. Birch.

A GIRL'S ROMANCE.

A Little City Experience Has Knocked It Out of Her Head.

Officer Naghel yesterday arrested a young woman 18 or 19 years of age on a charge of vagrancy. The girl ran away with some fellow from her home in a neighboring county on the preceding day. He is a thrifty scoundrel, and at once set about making some money.

The girl's father followed the pair to this city and yesterday she was returned to her parent in a wretchedly dilapidated condition, but the fiend who brought her here managed to escape.

She is a good-looking country girl, and her one-night experience in Chinatown has dissipated all the desire she formerly had of seeing something of the world outside her humble home. Now she wants to back again.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Samuel Storm Found Dead in His Bed Yesterday.

Samuel Storm, who for some time past has been in the employ of one of the contracting firms in this city, was found dead in his bed at 1315 Fourth street yesterday morning. Storm had complained of pains across his abdomen on Saturday, but they were not severe enough to cause him to quit work. He retired about 12 o'clock Saturday night, and as he did not arise at the usual time yesterday his landlady sent her husband to call him, with the result that he was found dead, as stated.

PARALYZED.

Foreman Morris A. Baxter in a Critical Condition.

Morris A. Baxter, the well-known foreman of the Southern Pacific Company's foundry in this city, was stricken with paralysis early yesterday morning and his recovery seems to be extremely doubtful.

A Deserter Surrenders.

Henry Brown, who claims to have deserted from the United States navy at Mare Island, yesterday gave himself up to the officers of this city and is now locked up waiting advice from the naval authorities.

THE FUND INCREASING.

A Pleasing Prospect for the Salvation Army's Christmas Charity.

Steadily goes on the good work of the Salvation Army in its aim to provide good cheer for the poor on Christmas.

The following contributions have been received since the list was published: Baker & Hamilton, \$5; Mohr & Yoerk, \$10; Hale Bros. & Co.'s clerks, \$20 10; Woodmen of the World, Lodge, \$10; Knights of Pythias Lodge, \$5; Foresters' Lodge, \$5; "1014 Fourth street," \$1; Captain Hiddan, \$5; Gus Lavenson, \$5; Eureka Lodge, No. 4, \$5; "Soda Water Works," \$2; Unity Lodge, 2088, \$5; Dierrsen & Co., \$5; Mrs. A. F. Foye, \$2 50; S. H. Davis, \$2 50; Richards & Knox, \$5; Friend & Terry, \$5; Weber & Co., \$5; "Lumber Yard," \$2; Pioneer Lumber Co., \$2 50; M. T. Doherty, \$1; Bishop Grace, \$10; Captain Ruhstaller, \$10; People's Savings Bank, \$5; Jacob Olsen, \$5; E. W. Bruening, \$2; total—\$329 10.

Bicycles at Auction.

At 10 o'clock this forenoon and again at 2 and 7 o'clock p. m., R. E. Greer & Co. will offer at auction at their sales-room, 1004-1006 J street, a consignment of 150 bicycles, claimed to be strictly high grade machines. The sale will continue to-morrow at the same hours.

It is announced that the sale is a peremptory one, and that the wheels will be sold to the highest bidders.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Priceless Vision.

The eye is one of the organs most liable to render life a miserable failure and a loathsome burden. Loss of sight is the very king of terrors, while any impairment of vision is a source of ghastly anxiety, of constant dread, of sickening mental worry, to say never a word of acute physical anguish. Again, think of what a delicate organ the eye is, and how essential it is to have glasses fitted correctly. There is just as much science required in fitting glasses as there is in prescribing medicine.

Aluminum Goods.

Combs, brushes, mirrors beautifully ornamented, very appropriate for holiday gifts; very reasonable in price. New line of holiday perfumery and toilet waters. J. A. Green's pharmacy, Seventh and K streets.

Fine Perfumeries.

People who want something exquisite in the perfumery line will find it at McMorris', Sixth and K.

Another Drop in Price.

On our sweet, mild, sugar-cured hams, Eureka and Columbus, Mohr & Yoerk Packing Co.

See Show-Windows.

The only place to find men's all silk hose is at Wm. M. Petrie, 622 J street, between Sixth and Seventh.

At A. Ross & Co.'s poolrooms, Washington, Yolo county, horses, jockeys and weights of the San Francisco races are posted daily. A minute description of each race is given at the Union Hotel, Second street, between J and K.

Fancy chairs, clocks, albums, rugs, pictures, mirrors, sewing machines on installments. A. J. Pommer, 827 J street.

Christmas mixed candy four pounds for 25 cents at C. C. C.

An elegant line of perfumery, atomizers and toilet articles for Christmas presents, very cheap, at Tuff's drug store, Tenth and J streets.

Don't fail to attend the great auction sale of high grade bicycles on Monday, December 21st, at 10 a. m., 2 and 7 p. m., at 1004 J street. R. E. Greer & Co., auctioneers.

It will pay you to read "The Model" ad. on last page.

We have it. What? Second-hand furniture at Sherburn's, 323 K.

Dr. T. Wah Hing has removed to 707 J street. Capital Tel., 28.

At the Sacramento Delicatessen, 814 K, Eastern oysters opened fresh daily; served at table or for home use.

Dr. Veldon, 806 J street, extracts teeth without pain; local anaesthetic.

Some more of that fine California lard at 30c for a 5-pound can at C. C. C.

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Honey cakes and genuine cream bread at New Model Bakery, 722 J.

For the finest home-made bread and cakes in the city, go to The Pacific Grove Bakery, 823 J street.

Buy your heating stoves and ranges from Miller Bros., 1116 J street.

Alex. Holmes Photo Studio, 1308 10th.

Pasteur germ proof filter, 821 K.

The best way to buy anything is to borrow it first.

Get a package of Schilling's Best tea of your grocer. He pays you your money back if you don't like it.

That's our way of lending.

A Schilling & Company San Francisco 413

MARRIED.

DAILY-CULLEN—in this city, December 20th, by Rev. Father Walsh, at the Cathedral, James R. Daily to Miss Josephine Cullen.

Chilblains.

A SIMPLE REMEDY. RELIEVES INSTANTLY.

Price, 25c.

FRANCIS S. OTT, Druggist, 200 K STREET, South side Second and K.

WEINSTOCK, LUBIN & CO. MONDAY. SPECIAL SALE. Fine Clothing for Little Fellows. Jardinieres, Cups and Saucers, China Sets. Plush Capes, Neck Scarfs, Warm Wrappers. Reduced to \$1.90. Weinstock, Lubin & Co., 400-412 K St.

Just Arrived, Large Assortment of PARKER, L. C. Smith and LeFevre SHOTGUNS. W. H. ECKHARDT, - - 609-611 K Street. "WELL BRED, SOON WED." GIRLS WHO USE SAPOLIO ARE QUICKLY MARRIED. Try it in Your Next House Cleaning.

Portrait Frames. Do not cost much if purchased to the best advantage. Our stock of FRAMES and MOLDINGS is composed of latest designs and it COSTS NOTHING TO SEE THEM. W. P. FULLER & CO., 1016 SECOND STREET.

TREES! Fruit, Shade and Ornamental Trees. Ever seen in Sacramento. FANCY PALMS A SPECIALTY. CALIFORNIA NURSERY COMPANY, M. N. WILLIAMSON, Agent, Second st., next to passenger depot.

FRIEND & TERRY LUMBER CO. LUMBER Doors, Sash, Screens. Office and Main Yard, 1310 Second Street. Branch Yard, Twelfth and J.

Baltimore Printing Presses, two sizes (with type) \$1 50 and \$4. CROKINOLE, the great game of skill, \$4. BY EXPRESS—I have just received another supply of those very popular and low price Silver-mounted Combination Purse.

DRIVEN TO DRINK. This has brought him to water. Have you seen the new designs in FRAMED NOVELTIES? Our MOLDINGS, too, are doubly worth attention. Open during evenings of December.

HEVENER, MIER & CO., 615 J STREET. Business Houses, Contractors and Public Men furnished with NEWSPAPER INFORMATION OF ALL KINDS BY THE PRESS CLIPPING BUREAU, No Montgomery street, San Francisco.

SEND THE WEEKLY UNION TO YOUR Friends in the East. THE WEEKLY UNION—THE BEST weekly on the coast.

Syrup of Figs. Gladness Comes. With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes.

WELCH BROS., NINTH AND J. CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES. In the shape of DOGS, CATS, BEARS, HORSES, etc. CHOICE CANDIES of all kinds. DECORATIONS FOR XMAS TREES. All the latest in the above line can be had at REDUCED PRICES at WELCH BROS., NINTH AND J.

EMIL STEINMANN, Gold and Silversmith, 62 J street, bet. Sixth and Seventh. TONS OF IT! Broken Candy, 10c pound. Christmas Cream mixed, 25c. Christmas Tree Decorations at cost to close. Vanilla and Strawberry Ice Cream Chocolates.

W. F. PURNELL, Bookseller and Stationer, 609-611 J Street. They are just a little better in style, finish and quality than you can get elsewhere. Names stamped in silver or gold on all kinds of leather goods, 20c per line.

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