

ORGANIZED LABOR.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF ITS WORK AND AIMS, BY ITS LEADERS.

THE LABOR MOVEMENT: The Problem of To-Day. Edited by GEORGE F. MCNULTY. Pp. 615. New York: The M. W. Hazen Co.

No human or just person can close this book without a feeling of profound sadness. What weary struggles, what countless sacrifices, what heroic and devoted efforts the workmen of this country have made to secure the ends of justice...

This work is a most inadequate account of a struggle which concerns the welfare of every citizen. Could that struggle be rightly understood, could its lessons of success or failure in the past be justly appreciated, that alone would do more to enlighten the cause of labor than all the strikes ever inaugurated.

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announce its birth as a "new declaration of war" against the monarchical system of labor; there is no clear indication that the organization makes any effort to raise the quality of labor or the character of employes, as the basis of its endeavors to improve their condition and to secure higher wages, though passages of Grand Master Powderly's addresses point in that direction.

It was hoped when this volume was opened that it would present in clear light what the organized workmen of this country seek to attain. Thoughtful men everywhere realize that the condition of the working people is not what it ought to be, and that great reforms ought to be effected.

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of bloodlessness in the brain; in the other hand, the head being overheated, the relation produces congestion of the nervous centres; in both cases the animal, kept in a continual whirl for some time, dies. It appears from these experiments that death takes place much sooner in the case of withdrawal of blood from the brain than in the case of brain congestion.

Mr. John Burroughs has given the seemingly modest title of "Mere Egotism" to his forthcoming sketch of his own career.

The editors of "Casell's Magazine" have offered the sum of \$25 for the best practical paper on "The Domestic Science Difficulty in America," this paper to contain not less than 2,000 words. This is a vast and formidable subject with ramifications extending into every system of government and our political methods; truly twenty-five dollars' worth of wisdom will not do much for it.

The fourth centenary of the birth of Goethe's Berg Plant is to be celebrated soon in the Wartburg village of Kuitlingen. The first popular history of the famous sorcerer was published at Frankfurt in 1857, and for the coming celebration a magnificent edition of the book will be prepared.

Mr. Justin McCarthy, in his lecture on "Modern Fiction" the other evening, strongly objected to the "scientific" theory declaring that the highest works of fiction must be produced by a successful blending of the real and the ideal; and that to describe the lowest and most realistic side, without tinging it with pictures that inspire to the ideal is neither good realism nor good art; it is telling only half the truth about humanity.

A writer for "The Boston Advertiser" says in the course of an interesting paper on novels that "Realism means in the mind of its devotees, telling the truth about the world and the men in it. But such an ideal of fiction as this cannot be wrong; how, therefore, can we regard it with fear? It is not wrong. If this ideal were actually carried out by the 'realists,' but the radical defect of this school lies in imagining that the truth about men and women strikes but skin deep; in supposing that a science of human nature is possible; in believing that the art of fiction is the art of imitation; and that in carrying out this art it is necessary to imitate merely the outside and shows of things.

Mr. Andrew Lang, who writes, it is understood, the "Syllabus Leaves" of "The London Daily News," says some deserved compliments to Mr. Stockton, but spoils most of them by adding "I confess that I only got one very small grin out of Mr. Leeks and Mrs. Aleshaire." Mr. Lang complains that these rural households "never refer to the consolation of religion," which shows that Mr. Lang has a lamentable ignorance of the particular American type whose practical-mindedness Mr. Stockton has burlesqued to the life.

"The Resignatory Legatee," the story which Mr. Stimson (J. S. Dale) has contributed to "Scribner's Magazine," will be begun in the February number. It is stated that 140,000 copies of the first number of the magazine have been sold.

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Proposals. TO BID or proposals for constructing Section No. 15 of the new street in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York.

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Business at the Exchange.

There was a fair attendance at the Real Estate Exchange yesterday and an increasing demand for property is reported in all parts of the city.

By Richard V. Harrel & Co. Sale of a 4-story building with lot No. 2,074 24 Ave. and lot No. 2,075 24 Ave. was advertised for January 1, 1887.

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