

enable us to see straight. The first phase of the question we will see with our scientific spectacles is that the facts alone in any problem constitute the truth. It is then very probable that we will not be misled by professional and dilettante leaders (?) in economic science, who claim present-day standards as final, right, true, eternal and changeless. When in doubt regarding any economic problem make a visit to the economic oculist, who will show you how to find the least common denominator in any given problem. He will guide you along the economic ocean with the sure compass of "facts."

The oculist speaks: "If the increase in the intensity of labor or the mass of labor keeps some fair proportion to the decrease in the extent of the working day, the working man will still be the winner. If this limit is overshot he loses in one form what he has gained in another, and ten hours of labor may then become as ruinous as twelve hours were before. In checking this tendency of capital, by struggling for a rise of wages corresponding to the rising intensity of labor, the working man only resists the depreciation of his labor and the deterioration of his race."

The hodge-podge of stupidity and sham solemnity indulged in by the "Paul Reveres" of our glorious system in solicitude for the sacred (?) principle of arbitration would be laughable were it not a tragic fact that they (railroads) have times without number rejected and canned, both overtly and secretly, the principle of arbitration when it suited their needs and purposes. But when for once it has become retroactive and boomeranged in favor of labor, it is a sure (capitalist) sign of the collapse of civilization. As J. T. Vaughn says, "the railroads are hiding their bitter and galling defeat behind the curtain of the so-called fake (?) 8-hour day."

Oh! for a 20th century Fourier to word-paint and amplify with biting

sarcasm the reversible and contradictory emotions suffered by our dear rulers in their own rose-colored phraseology. What a masterpiece? What a historic treat for posterity? — Ben Goldstone.

FORUM WRITERS. — Being a steady and, I might add, a "thinking reader" of your paper, I take the liberty of writing to your Public Forum.

During lunchtime at the factory where I am employed we have quite a number of men who gather together and discuss various topics. A tip to others, its better than playing cards or gossiping and more beneficial.

At one of our noonday "meetings" if you please, the writers of The Public Forum were discussed. Among other things, it was noticed that so many writers are continually criticized and some severely roasted. Readers are always kicking about the silly things that find space in The Forum, but it seems to do no good. There is always a repetition of the same thing.

Now we decided to do some boosting and let the writers know about the articles we like, too. The article Scheck to Cochran was the cause for discussion of the writers. We have not seen an article by H. E. Scheck since the time he complained about his articles not being published. I was asked to write an article along those lines by the men. I have tried to do so.

Mr. Scheck has always written articles which were of interest to a workman and we would like to hear from him again. — Henry Hoover.

GRANDPA ALMOST CRACKS UNDER THE STRAIN

The stork visited Irvin Trinkle Monday morning and presented him with a new son, all getting along fine except Grandpa Sorrels, and he was able to hobble around on crutches this a. m.—News from Paoli, Ind.