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LABOR'S DUTY TO ITSELF.

The disastrous strikes in the coal regions and the cotton-mill districts of New England, and that among the engineers of England, must not be allowed to pass without calling attention to their warning.

If sympathy for the drudging masses will not prompt consideration of the subject by the employing class, perhaps the great body of the people will be aroused to the need of some ameliorating measure if they can be brought to realize that their welfare is enormously involved in the subject.

It is not an easy problem to deal with. For centuries public opinion has accepted the condition of the laborer as a necessary evil. The laborer has been regarded as fortunate if he got work to do which would keep him from starving.

Any improvement in the condition of labor must come from itself. It must be secured first by co-operation and then by legislation. The eight-hour law is one of the means; trades unionism must become the cause.

Another point which labor unions should direct their attention to is the right of contract. The ideal condition is that every American citizen should hold unalloyed the personal right of contract.

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pretty well what he could depend upon. It would forbid one manufacturer underbidding another in the expectation of reducing wages. If this method were adopted, with some discretionary power to the officers of unions, employers could command the higher prices necessary, contracts could be undertaken with more certainty, and if the contracting employer made a bad bargain the loss would fall upon him in the same way as if he failed to make due allowance for the price of materials.

These are only a few suggestions of a practical character which would make labor more independent, more of a factor in all industrial transactions, and less liable to the loss involved in prolonged and too often unsuccessful strikes.

A SPARK WILL START WAR.

Not since the fleets of the powers assembled before Constantinople have the war clouds been so dark as they are today. Within a very short time all the great powers, including the United States, may be embroiled in a conflict, and the singular part of it is that for the first time in the history of the world will the whole campaign be fought out upon the seas.

The United States has most patiently forbore to be tempted into a conflict with Spain, but it may be forced upon in sheer defense of the rights of Americans in Cuba. The condition there is most ominous. While many of the Cubans are said to be accepting autonomy and surrendering their weapons the Spanish army is manifesting a spirit of disloyalty.

At the first sign of danger it would be necessary for our fleet to enter the harbor and turn the guns upon the city. Spanish public opinion would compel the government to resist this, a popular wave would sweep this country in favor of resistance, and only a miracle could save us from being involved in war.

THE CHINAMAN AS AN EXAMPLE.

Wo Chang has written a book entitled, "England Seen Through Chinese Spectacles," in which he scathes the great Christian nation by contrasting it with his own. Some of the faults of English social life are to be found in other countries, and there are lessons to be learned from the Chinaman's criticism elsewhere than in England.

In the main, however, these faults and vices have been as unparagonably satirized by English poets and philosophers. It has been done with far greater literary skill and keener wit. The chief interest lies in the nationality of the critic and in the claims of superiority made by him for his own people.

Wo Chang is very severe upon the English children, who show no respect for their parents. The father is nicknamed "guy'nor," and the mother is called "the mater." He declares that English social life is honeycombed with corruption, and that it is due to the total lack of reverence for the institution of the family and the lack of wise domestic management.

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In China there the mother is the first and most fondly earnest teacher of her children. Her ambition is to cherish them and prepare them for the usefulness and obedience in a contented, peaceful and happy life, devoted to the family and to citizenship.

Another conclusion is that Wo Chang lived among the same class of Englishmen as that of the Chinamen we have with us; and either the types met are not criterions by which to form a general opinion or we have been grievously mistaken. The common sense of the average reader may be relied upon to select the correct hypothesis.

The same talent which achieved distinction in the great Bryan speech of 1896 is about to back another grand spectacular production, which shall be strictly moral and which shall be designed to teach a deluded people a few reliable lessons about silver that they have so far totally failed to learn. The "Curse of Gold" will be a marvel in its way.

We shall withhold our applause from the Lincoln county Populists who take their stand against the immoral policy of fusion until we learn whether the forthcoming conventions shall consider it their duty to follow in the path thus outlined.

SNAPSHOTS BY THE WAY.

Mr. Hicks is now willing to order olive branches for two.

Speaking of snow, all true Klondikers ought now to feel at home.

It would seem that Mr. Fay is simply a victim of misplaced confidence.

The great need of the day appears to be a fusion majority candidate with a rubber leg.

The harmony among the fusionists continues to carry its load of Kilkenny embellishments.

The fusionist objection to some candidates is that their promises to furnish a barrel are based only on a bang-hole capital.

There are signs that some of the fusionists are preparing to have something unpleasant happen to Dr. Jordan if he runs for mayor.

Mr. Fay is fast acquiring an education on the ingratitude of sundry statesmen who go to make up this luminous Populist administration.

A careful survey of the situation now convinces Attorney General McKenna that it is at last safe to release that death-like grip on the attorney general's chair.

PEOPLE WILL TALK.

You may go through the world, but 'twill seem very slow. You listen to all that is said as you go; you are carried and fretted, and kept in a stew.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed. That your humble position is only assumed. You're a wolf in sheep's clothing, or else you're a fool.

And then if you show the least boldness of heart. Or a slight inclination to take your own part. They will call you an upstart, connected and vain.

If threathere your dress, or old-fashioned your hat. Some one will surely take notice of that. And hint rather strong that you can't pay your way.

Now the best way to do, is to do as you please. For your mind, if you have one, will then be at ease. Of course you will meet with all sorts of abuse. But don't think to stop them-it ain't any use.

FROM REV. J. F. DAMON'S BROTHER. Lynn, Mass., Item. It is six months today that I left the union station, Boston, to seek health and rest in the West. I have found both, and am so much improved in health that I shall stay through this winter.

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A favorite hiding-place for death, where women are concerned, is in the very happiness and rapture of wifehood.

Is death in the embrace of love, and the first touch of baby-fingers is succeeded by the chilly grasp of the grim destroyer.

If wives and mothers would only resort to the right remedy when they suffer from weakness and disease of the delicate and important feminine organs that are baby's threshold to life, there would be fewer husbands bereft, and fewer homes saddened by an infant's loss.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes the feminine organs strong, healthy and vigorous. It fits for wifehood and motherhood. It banishes the malices of the period of suspense, and makes baby's entry to the world easy and comparatively painless.

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6 Days More. Think of it. Only six days more, but those full of overflowing with honest goods at bargain prices, offerings that would pay to come a hundred miles to see.

Be wise and anticipate your near future needs in Dry, Fancy or Milling Goods. We have disposed of stacks of Black and Colored Wool Dress Goods this month, but it is to be wondered at when from the best to the cheapest they go under regular worth prices?

Dress Goods. We have disposed of stacks of Black and Colored Wool Dress Goods this month, but it is to be wondered at when from the best to the cheapest they go under regular worth prices? For instance, we offer: All-wool, fresh, clean, up-to-date pretty mixtures, in dark colors, at 1/2 yard.

Snaps in... COATS and CAPES. Not the cheap goods at cheap goods prices, but the best goods at market prices. HERE ARE SOME SPECIAL OFFERS FOR THIS WEEK. Among them are many long ones, especially adapted to Alaska wear. All, however, are strictly new, stylish and desirable.

JUST LISTEN. A Green Kersey Coat, was \$7.50, is \$5.00. A Long Black Kersey Coat, was \$12.50, is \$8.00. A Long Black Kersey and Cheviot Coat, was \$15.00, is \$10.00. A Long Black Kersey and Cheviot Coat, was \$20.00, is \$12.00.

A Handsome Brown Kersey Cape, was \$17.00, now \$12.00. A Black Velour Novelty Cape, was \$17.50, now \$12.50. A Black Fur Astrachan Cape, was \$16.50, now \$12.00. A Green Kersey Cape, the very best, was \$25.00, now \$18.00. A Black Kersey Cape, a beauty, was \$18.50, now \$12.50.

IF YOU WANT A GOOD ONE CHEAP, BUY IT NOW! CHILDREN'S LONG COATS-4, 6 TO 8 YEARS. Novelty Style Red Boucle Coats, were \$7.00, are \$4.50. Green and Blue Broadcloth Coats, fur-trimmed, were \$8.00, are \$5.00. Handsome Red Broadcloth Coats, were \$5.00, are \$3.00.

Do You or Will You Need These? 56-inch Table Linen, all linen damask, unbleached, pretty patterns, at 35c a yard. Black Kid Gloves, Ladies' long loose-wrist Biarritz Gloves, also \$1.00 pair.

Muslin Drawers, for ladies, with embroidery or ruffle and tucks, at 10c a pair. Muslin Skirts, for ladies, with embroidery or hemstitched cambric, at 3 inches wide, now 35c each. Bicycle Hose, for boys, black, long and strong, double knee and heel, now 12c pair.

Elderdown Flannel, pretty stripes, dark and medium colors, good quality, now 32c a yard. Novelty Neck Ribbons, worth 45c, 50c, 60c a yard, new stripes, plaid, etc., now 35c a yard. White Bed Spreads, a \$1.00 grade, full size, Marseilles design, made in U.S., use, now 75c each.

\$1.75 Mackintoshes, of tan covert cloth, double texture, double button, cape, now \$1.75 each. \$6.00 Mackintoshes, of tan covert cloth, Argyle capes or blue button, cloth, now \$5.00 each.

Ladies' Wool Hose, black, long, full shaped and seamless, now \$1.00 a pair. All Linen Handkerchiefs, ladies' size, hemstitched, full bleached, now 10c each.

Friday Next Is Remnant Day. Don't forget the day. Many 2 to 4-yard pieces, accumulations of a month's business, will be placed on sale "regardless."

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