

SAINT PAUL.

THE EIGHT-HOUR SYSTEM.

Farmers Show the Lyceum How It Could Work With Them.

A mixed assembly of wage workers, farmers and business men met in the Lyceum hall yesterday afternoon to hear the arguments, pro and con, upon the eight-hour question.

In view of the several bills upon this question now pending before the legislature, the interest of the audience, which listened to the varied views that were advanced upon different phases of the short-hour day theory, was keen.

Mr. B. Martin read a paper in which he took a stand in favor of legislation to reduce the working hours. He spoke as follows: "The eight-hour day everywhere demanded by organizations of laboring men. Since laborers move and it is but fair that they should decide how many hours the employees of the state and city shall work."

It is illogical for laborers to demand that workmen be opposed to the eight-hour day, because if such incidents really occur it is only through fear and intimidation that men will oppose the reduction of hours.

There is no more need for making men work ten or twelve hours than there is for making women and children work in factories and mines. The great economic problem of the times is not how to produce more wealth, but how to distribute it so that it is already produced.

The solution of this question can only come through the intelligence of the common people. There are a vast number of people who, in discussing the eight-hour question, assume that the application of the eight-hour day to agricultural industry is an utter impossibility.

All opponents of the movement are loud in giving voice to this assertion, and many people who profess to favor the short-hour cause are in the habit of declaring that the eight-hour day is not intended to apply to the farming districts. They say it is impossible to carry on the business of farming on the eight-hour plan.

Now there is nothing in reason, logic or experience that should lead us to doubt the justice or expediency of applying the eight-hour rule to the farming class. The man who overworks in the city is just as overworked in the mine or shop.

The highest health and intelligence are crushed out of the girls and women who work long hours in the farmers' dairy and kitchen, just as surely as they are crushed out of the girls of the women workers in stores and factories.

But, says some one, the farmers can't possibly get their crops sown and planted in season by working only eight hours a day. Let us look at this statement and see how much truth there is in it.

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A PRELATE'S POINT.

Archbishop Ireland's Argument Answered by Rev. W. S. Vail.

Thought Urged by a Church Which Does the Thinking Itself.

The Preacher Thinks This Argument Would Wreck Catholicism.

Style of Newman Contrasted With That of Ireland and Gibbons.

Not Prepared to Accept.

This, I believe, to be the exact result that will come from the archbishop's sermon. The archbishop and Cardinal Gibbons are to-day planting ideas that they will do a great deal of good. The Catholic church to hold its own must become a new institution.

I will be allowed, on my own part, to say that of opinion that the idea of a universal religion lies in the teachings of Christianity. Humanity, no matter whether you find it in the women who gather round the sick in the streets of the wilds of Africa, or in the Eskimo women who surrounded and relieved Ledyard, stifling among the snows of the north, simply humanity, and is the same as that of the church dignitary. The love of the poor pioneer who asks that his name be placed in his hand, while looking away at the distant mountain, the river and the prairie, is exactly like the love of the most devout saint who rests under the clouds of heaven. The command, What does the Lord require of thee? to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly before thy God, is not confined to any church; it is universal. More and more we shall come to look to purity, and reverence, and humanity in its institutions, more and more we shall come to believe in right living as the one thing needful, and those who do not lead to such a conclusion will be obliged to follow.

ST. PAUL NOT BANKRUPT.

"Citizen" Gives a List of Her Assets Worth Perusing.

To the Editor of the Globe.

St. Paul to-day is blessed with a surplus of smart men, and I might add, of good growers. Even our wise Solons, selected as the embodiment of the wisdom of the state, they, too, have called on one of those smart experts to find out how much our city owed.

Why, Mr. Editor, I could get a cash boy in any of our stores to make a list of our assets. I suppose, \$10 a day to tell us that the city of St. Paul owes \$1,000,000.

But, unbusiness-like, he doesn't give any assets. This report would convey the idea to outsiders that we were in debt, and that we were in debt.

Whereas, if he were a fair and diligent worker, he would find assets as follows: Our waterworks to-day can be sold to any firm for the sum of \$5,000,000. Our court house is an asset worth \$1,000,000; if you did not have such a building you would have to build one. It must be counted as an asset. Your fire department is at least worth another million, because you need it, and, if you did not have it, you would have to build one.

Your schools are at least worth \$2,000,000, because, if we did not have them, we should pay rent, therefore it is an asset in favor of the city. Machinery, tools, etc., for use of keeping the city clean and walks in repair must be counted for as assets.

Should all assets be properly credited? I don't believe we owe one cent that cannot be honestly accounted for. The city owes nothing to the people, and improvements for the next few years ago to-day the most vigorous in finding fault with what they themselves urged. The city owes nothing to the people, and improvements for the next few years ago to-day the most vigorous in finding fault with what they themselves urged.

TOO MUCH TALKING.

A Protest Entered Against Indiscriminate Reduction of Salaries.

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Since the early sessions of the Board of Public Safety, there has been indulged a good deal of indiscriminate talk and a great many extravagant recommendations concerning a modification of the city charter, and a general or partial reduction of salaries of officers and clerks, and the creating of new ones under various circumstances and names. This has never been done, and has never been done, and has never been done.

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