

ASSOCIATED LABOR PRESS.

AUTHENTIC ADVICES FROM RELIABLE CORRESPONDENTS IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

RICHMOND.
Business in this city is somewhat improving, and it is probable that all trades will be in a somewhat healthy condition as soon as the weather fairly opens.

The hod-carriers employed on the new union depot in this city struck last week for an increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day. The demand was refused by the bosses, and the men are out on a strike. All the brickmasons employed on this building are members of the Stonemasons' Union, yet they refused to sustain these poor laborers in their just demand. This action on the part of the brickmasons has created much dissatisfaction in labor circles, and is the main topic of conversation at present. The matter has been referred to our D. A. Executive Board, and it is pretty certain that the end is not yet. No trade union in this city would be able to maintain itself but for the protection extended to them by the K. of L.

The hod-carriers are members of the Knights of Labor, and it is not proposed to allow the tail to wag the kite.

The boycotted firm of Baughman Bros. is having a hard time to keep their heads above water, and it is evident that this office will be a union of lice in the near future, or have a red flag hung at the front door.

Local option is the topic now discussed by Richmonders. A long list of citizens—those who have large amounts of money invested in business—was published in the *State Saturday* with their opinions as to how the adoption of a local option law would affect business, and they were unanimous in the expression that it would be paralyzing.

WASHINGTON.
Special to The Labor Herald.

As the list of May draws near the different unions and the master builders are preparing for a test of strength on the eight-hour question. The builders having declared that they would engage in no work on the eight-hour basis, the journeymen organized co-operative companies to do the work on their own account. The builders became alarmed thereat, and have endeavored to form a coalition with the supply dealers and induce the latter to furnish no material to union men or those employing union men. To this scheme the carpenters have responded that they will not work on any building or job where the material is furnished by dealers belonging to this combination. The ranks of the journeymen are fast closing up and the number of non-union men is rapidly decreasing. The next few days will develop an element of strength in our ranks that will make the master builders stop and think before the final contest commences. We have a certain victory for eight hours if the city is not flooded with non-union men from other sections. We earnestly request union men of other cities belonging to the building trades to keep away from Washington until victory is announced.

Next week there will be an open meeting of the Federation of Trades to discuss the eight-hour question in its relations to local building operations. The following is an extract from Mr. Norwood's speech in the House on the silver bill:

"The wrecker is the man who gives as his reason for opposing silver that his heart's desire is for the wage earner to get an honest dollar. He descends from his sanctuary in Wall street as the high priest came from the sacrifice of doves in the Holy of Holies, and with garments dripping with the blood of a thousand 'lambes' just sacrificed to Mammon beseeches the people to share with him an honest dollar. His philanthropy and beseeching face as he pleads with his victims to receive honest money beggars Webster's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Burke exhausted his almost boundless resources in the 'Beautiful and Sublime'; Shakespeare portrays his ideal of a friend in the noble character of Iago, as he strove by every meanly appeal to allay the jealousy of Othello; he has given his best conception of a Christian creditor in the measured justice and mercy of Shylock; Dickens touched the limit of descriptive power in the pious sincerity of Mr. Pecksniff and the stammering posing of Mr. Turveydrop; Bret Harte has aroused the sympathy of millions by his tearful pathos in illustrating the gentle, the chivalric and bland, the celestial heathen Chino, but when anyone shall come another Burke, another Shakespeare, Dickens, or Harte, who can rise to the height of his great argument and do justice to the beauty and sublimity, the disinterested, the self-sacrificing friendship, the Christian justice, the unmitigated sincerity, the exquisite poise, and the celestial innocence of the wrecker as he implores the people to 'come without money and without price' and accept from his hands an honest dollar?"

"They are the men who have conspired and combined their hundreds of millions to oppress the laborer, and they are responsible for the counter combinations of laborers to resist that oppression and to maintain the dignity of labor. The 'strikes' are a protest against the heartless oppression of combined capital. They are the only hopeful sign of deliverance from the wreckers, and I shall hail it with a feeling of relief. The issue is at last joined and the contest is between the wreckers and the strikers. My sympathies are with the strikers when they are within the law. Public sympathy will support them so long as they are prudent and peaceful and respect the law, and within the law I bid them Godspeed in their struggle with the wreckers.

"They should not feel discouraged. They are gaining ground. Public sympathy for them is stronger than in 1876 during the strikes at Pittsburg. They should not appeal to Congress for assistance. This is not the place to seek relief, even if Congress had the power to give it. It is to be found in

the big heart of this mighty people; in lawful combinations and the use of lawful measures to oppose the tyranny of this vast aggregation of money in a few hands; by educating the people to heap scorn and contempt on the men who, through gluttonous greed for millions more, are grinding the poor to death; by taking care to be represented in every legislature by pure, just, and able men; by retiring to private life every representative and office holder who, with no income but his salary, acquires wealth while in office; by cultivating a patriotism that embraces all sections in a common brotherhood and destroys forever all unkind feeling and sentiment engendered by the war, and by refusing at all times to make wealth the test of qualification for office, or to permit it to buy its way to office and to power.

HONOLULU.
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Typographical Union No. 78 will hold its election for delegate to the International Union to-morrow. There are few candidates for the position. The largest mass meeting of the Knights of Labor ever held in this city was called to order in Union Hall last Sunday to listen to the able address of General Master Workman, Powderly. The sentiments contained in the able documents received the warmest commendation of the Order here.

The smoke of the Honolulu battle has cleared away and the Knights of Labor have the satisfaction of seeing the man whose candidacy received their support elected as Mayor.

Building is pretty brisk in all parts of the city.

Tramps are disappearing as the warm weather approaches.

Applications to join the Knights of Labor continue to pour in despite the fact that monopolists and their organs are doing their utmost to make the Order unpopular.

It is generally reported that work on the Southern Pacific shops will be shortly commenced and pushed with vigor. When completed the shops will give employment to at least 600 mechanics.

PITTSBURGH.
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The difficulties between the officials and the street car men will be settled by arbitration before the first of next month.

The bakers of this city are thoroughly organized, and want shorter hours more pay and less apprentices.

Quite a number of our manufacturers have voluntarily increased the wages of their employees. This is certainly a healthy sign.

Last Sunday the new scale of prices was discussed by the Union printers of Pittsburg, and a special meeting held Monday, when it was adopted.

Only one boycott is now on the official boycott bulletin in K. of L. Hall, and that is Will Price, the Sixth street furrier, who refuses to close at 6 P. M.

The Tailors' Assembly, No. 1620, now control every first-class merchant tailoring shop in town, and consequently, are perfectly satisfied with things.

The Committee of Arrangements of Typographical Union, No. 7, are hustling around making preparations for the entertainment of International delegates next June. As we predicted several months ago, the convention will meet in a "solid Union town."

Ground is now being broken at Homestead for a new plate mill.

All our Labor Unions are booming. The cabinet makers want their working hours reduced from ten to eight.

The eight-hour movement is gaining ground fast hereabouts, but there will be no concerted action taken for its adoption on the first of May. The cooler heads of the organization think the time has not yet come.

K. of L. Hall can no longer accommodate the Assemblies, and new halls are in demand. It is about the proper time for the Knights to agitate the erection of their own building.

NEW YORK.
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All the news of this vicinity pales before the warlike reports of the Western railroad strike, which is absorbing our interest to the exclusion of local affairs. The most notable item here is the promptitude with which the Assemblies and Unions have begun to raise assistance for the striking railroaders. The printers were the first in the field, and they acted through their District Assembly, No. 64, of the Knights of Labor. They have been followed by the other trade assemblies as rapidly as meetings could be called, and you need have no fear about New York making a good record on this occasion.

It is not only the K. of L. who are opening their treasures, but also the Unions outside of that Order, and the Socialist organizations are not behind hand. It seems as though the city, in case of emergency, could be relied upon for a large weekly sum.

At yesterday's meeting of the Central Labor Union a committee was appointed to "prepare the way for executing a general boycott upon Jay Gould in this and other cities." Some of the papers are disposed to sneer at this, but the resources of the Order are large, and the committee may yet make life very rough for the big-nosed shark of Wall street.

The first public mass meeting in this city for the eight-hour system is to be held to-night.

The poor working women of the jute mills have been reduced so low that they are offering to surrender. The feather trimming girls are in the same plight. The girls of the Embroiderers Union still retain their boycott upon the striking firm against which they are starvation.

A Union has just been formed by the scab carpenters, scene-shifters and other mechanics of our forty theatres. They are willing to admit the actors, both high tragedy and low comedy.

BALTIMORE.
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Mr. Charles Stieff, a piano manufacturer here, has gained in the past few weeks some practical, as well as costly, experience in the boycotting business. The conduct of one of his foremen, one Wilkinger, in attempting to have reduced the wages of the pianomakers under him, and his other oppressive acts, endorsed by Stieff, led to a strike. Every attempt on the part of the Pianomakers Union since the strike to bring about a settlement of difficulties has failed, and now that employer has begun to realize what there is in the boycott, as several of his pianos, which had been in use under rent at public halls, have been returned to him within the past week. So much for boycott. It is the general impression that Mr. Stieff is at the point of surrendering at discretion.

The most notable event in labor circles in this section is the great outpouring of employees at Mount Clare, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad shops into the fold of the Knights of Labor. The Mount Clare Iron Workers' Assembly alone now numbers 1,300 members.

Midnight Assembly, car drivers and conductors, added forty new members to its roll on Friday night. Many of the street-car men are much dissatisfied with the situation of things at present. They are enjoying the benefit of the recent law, which gives them but twelve hours on duty, but the managers of the street car lines are putting the screws to these employees in the way of curtailing the number of former trips whereby their \$2 at least were daily earned. There is trouble brewing and a general tie up may be looked for at any moment, unless in the meantime a better feeling is brought about between the companies and employees.

Preparations are being made here by the labor organizations generally for a big eight-hour demonstration on the first of May.

Twenty-five probationary Assemblies are waiting to be fully organized into the Order of K. of L.

PETERSBURG.
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The Knights seem to be in earnest here, about securing for themselves a hall. The various Assemblies have appointed committees to act jointly in the matter, and we may expect soon to see a hall in our city that will do credit to any Order. We also hear a good deal of talk about co-operation. Among the industries mentioned in this connection is the granite business and a cigarette factory. As to the former business, we doubt not it could be made a grand success with a small capital. We have quite a number of first-class granite cutters in our city, and the raw material lies in inexhaustible quantities at our very doors.

The striking tag-boys at Venable's tobacco works have returned to work, with a few exceptions.

We hear that the bakers here are soon to organize a union. So mote it be.

Another cotton mill will be put in operation here on the 15th inst. This makes the fifth one of these mills that are in full operation in and around our city. They have agreed to pay their hands off every two weeks instead of monthly, as heretofore. This little is a great convenience to the operatives, but the great thing they need is fewer working hours to the day. They are worked too long. It is inhuman.

Now that the spring has fairly opened, we hope soon to see the carpenters and bricklayers busy.

There is no room for rat printers in this city. The town is thoroughly union.

TRENTON.
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The Knight of Labor Temple in this city, which thus far has loomed up only in the imagination of their committee, will soon begin to assume tangible shape. By the recent bazaar a fund of nearly \$9,000 was raised to start with, and the building committee are now arranging for a grand two days picnic to still further swell the fund. It is expected that by August \$25,000 will be secured, when a site will be selected, stock will be issued to members of the Order to the amount of \$50,000, and the temple will be erected. There seems at present no question but that the Knights of Labor will soon own one of the finest buildings in this city.

The Gould strike is having a good effect here. The Order is strongly in sympathy with the strikers and will soon make their sympathies manifest in a substantial manner. The railroaders Assemblies are particularly indignant at the outrages their brethren in the Southwest have been subjected to, and a vote of the freemen and engineers in this section would be almost unanimous in favor of sustaining the strikers.

Business of all kinds is improving, and the workmen are receiving through committees concessions which have hitherto been denied them.

An effort by some local politicians to rope the K. of L. into politics this spring has been emphatically squelched, and the work of education goes peacefully on. But a little longer and Trenton will be able to teach its sister cities of Organized Labor lessons in how to emancipate the wage-slaves.

WHEELING.
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Conrad Long, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio, who had been placed on the boycott list for handling scab nails, pledged himself to handle Union nails only in

future and pay \$5 per pound if any scab nails are ever found in his place. His pledge was accepted and the boycott raised.

The Miners Union have succeeded in winning the largest coal firm to accept their terms. They will modify their screen, increase the price, discharge all blacklegs who are not acceptable to the Union and run a strictly Union coal bank. The name of this firm, Kasey & Brooks, has been taken from the boycott list.

The conference between the United Nailers, Heaters and Rollers, and the Western Nail Association ended with the two organizations wider apart than ever. The manufacturers would not recognize the heaters and rollers, and to the nailers they offered the 17 cent scale. The proposals were indignantly rejected, and the ten month's strike continues.

The nailers issued an appeal to organized labor to vigorously boycott the product of scab nail mills. This appeal they ask all labor papers to publish, and all Unionists and sympathizers with Unionism to read and act upon. If this is done the Western Nail Manufacturers Association can be brought to terms, as they have already felt the boycott.

The employees of the lithographic firm of Johns & Co., were granted an increase of from 15 to 25 per cent. in their pay roll on April 1st.

It is rumored that the collapsed Buckeye stove company is about to start up again under a new management, and that said management propose to run it on a non-union basis. They will find it expensive.

A well attended meeting of the association of Stationary Engineers was held Saturday evening in Grunling's Hall, 144 Ontario street. Subjects of interest were freely discussed by J. P. Jennings, A. Lamont, W. W. Burke, James Ibert and others.

The Grocers Association held a meeting in Frothing Hall Sunday evening. After the election of the officers of a permanent organization the following resolution was adopted: "That on and after April 19, our places of business be closed promptly at 8 P. M., on all week days, except Saturday, and that the same shall remain closed from Saturday evening until Monday morning."

Besides considerable agitation on account of the trouble on the Gould railroad system in the Southwest and preparation for the inauguration of the eight-hour workday, there is nothing new in the labor movement at this point.

The harness makers of Graf, Morsbach & Co., had another little squabble with the firm, a strike of two days duration—ending in a victory for the men—being the result.

The boycott against the Atlantic Garden, for employing scab musicians; against the Eclipse Sewing Machine Company, for employing convict labor—work-house inmates—and the Windish, Mulhauser Brewing Company, on account of the latter partner's connection with the Eclipse company are vigorously pushed.

The dry-goods and notion house of Papenbrock & Jarchew is being boycotted for patronizing the scab *Folk's Friend*.

Richard F. Trevellick, will lecture at Music Hall Saturday evening, and will according to the arrangements made be greeted by a tremendous crowd.

IN MEMORIAM.
WHEREAS, in view of the loss that we have sustained by the decease of our friend and Brother, FRANK MILLER, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him, therefore be it

Resolved, by Onward Assembly, No. 3471, K. of L., That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say, that in regretting his removal from our midst we mourn for one who was, in every way, worthy of our respect and regard.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the relatives of the deceased, and while we bow with submission to this affliction which it has pleased Divine Providence to send upon them, we at the same time commend them for consolation to Him, "who doeth all things well."

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in *The Labor Herald* and a copy forwarded to the family of the deceased.

J. W. GAINES,
WM. J. WHITLOCK,
J. W. JOHNSON,
Committee.

At a meeting of the committee appointed by Lee Lodge, B. of L. E., No. 275, the following was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst through death by typhoid fever, our dear Brother, F. L. MILLER, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, That on the death of Brother Miller this lodge is deficient of a good and most worthy member, and the community a most worthy and esteemed citizen.

Resolved, 2d, That a vote of thanks of this Lodge be extended to Brothers Condit and Mays of Hinton Lodge, No. 239, B. of L. E., Hinton, West Virginia, for their kind services rendered at the funeral of our worthy Brother; also to Mr. C. S. Petrick, M. M., and Mr. W. P. Hentley, round house foreman, for many favors shown us.

Resolved, 3d, That our charter be draped in mourning for sixty days, and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the editor of the *Magazine* for publication, be printed in *The Labor Herald*, a copy sent to his parents, and be spread on the minutes of this Lodge.

D. W. CLOVES,
T. J. AVERY,
Committee.

EVERY PERSON MAKING A CASH purchase of ONE DOLLAR'S worth of goods from the old-established house of JOHN E. ROSE & CO., before July 1st, 1886, will secure a ticket entitling them to one chance at the elegant IRON KING STOVE to be drawn for on that day.

Are You in Want

Of a Parasol? Our line is now complete, and you will do well to call on us when you are ready to purchase. Our goods are all new; none carried over from former seasons, and we show special styles, such as you will not see elsewhere in the city, and, lastly, we guarantee the lowest prices in the State of Virginia, at the One-Price store.

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