

**THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.**  
Their Aim and Object, as Expressed by General Master Workman, T. V. Powderly.

In answer to numerous inquiries in regard to the political status of the Knights of Labor, General Master Workman Powderly says:

"As an order we have a higher mission to serve than the forming of a mere political party. Any one reading our declaration of principles will see that, while we are seeking reforms that in some instances come through the ballot-box, yet by far the highest motive that concerns us is the education of the masses to that point where they will fully see and know not only their own wrongs and degradation, but see a full and final solution of the labor problem; and when this is attained, each will see clearly for himself in his own way the only path that leads to liberty and equality. When this advanced point is once attained, then will the party that is to carry the desired measure to success be evolved. It will be evolved slowly and almost imperceptibly. But that such will be the final outcome of organization and education is the silver lining of the cloud that now lowers so threateningly above us. When such a party does come, its name will not be the laboring man's party, or the bondholder's party, but the party of the people, for the people, and by the people.

A party refusing to receive special privileges or grant them.

A party that will not sit idly by and do nothing, or worse than nothing, when thousands and hundreds of thousands of honest men are tramping our streets wanting work, willing to work, and nothing to be had at any price—without employment at home and a "tramp act" threatening them if they dare seek it at a distance.

A party that will not permit a set of politicians to so manipulate the finances of the country that ten thousand four hundred and seventy-eight business men in one year are thrown upon the streets penniless and without a home, at a loss to the country of \$234,383, 132, involving 693,420 traders, or, in other words, catching one business man out of every sixty-four.

A party that will declare in tones of thunder just what kind of metal or paper shall constitute the money of this country, and thereby prevent a lot of shysters and sharpers of all descriptions from declaring that one kind of money is worth \$2.60, and another almost worthless, yet all the money of the people.

A party that will demand and establish labor bureaus.

A party that will declare and enforce a law declaring that not another foot of public lands shall be given to railroads and corporations.

A party that will insist upon exact equality before the law.

A party that will be humane enough to believe that pure air should and must be found in our mines and factories, if scientific research can devise ways and means for providing it, that all buildings where men are employed are well supplied with fire escapes and other means of safety.

A party that will abolish the contract system on all work done for the people for the use of the public.

A party that believes if we are to have a free country, that it can only exist by reason of intelligence of citizens, and if intelligence is to be the base of our continued existence, the child must be educated and fitted for the position he is to occupy in the future. This can only be done by prohibiting children from going into our workshops and mills before attaining their fourteenth year.

A party that will not confine a person in prison because he is unfit to associate with his fellow man, and then take the community to task and lodge the criminal free, and sell his labor so as to enter into competition with the same labor of the law-abiding citizen.

A party that will make it fashionable to be honest, and pay an equal price for equal labor regardless of color, creed, country or sex.—Ez.

**Practical Politics.**

The evils from which the wage workers suffer could not have grown to their present proportions without either the shelter of bad legislation or the defiance of good. In either case the remedy seems to be participation by both parties to the controversy in the making and execution of the laws.

Workingmen are not properly represented. Their cause in Congress and in the Legislatures has been left to the championship of men not identified with labor interests. Everybody, from a liquor-seller to a preacher, has reached legislative office, and then tinkered like a plumber's apprentice at labor questions, while the wage-workers have been digging and delving and scurrying and saving to keep the wolf from the door, and wondering why he howled so persistently and so near. We must change all this. Before the issue reaches the pitch of frenzy and fanaticism, before either a Cromwell or a Robespierre comes to the front, and must consider a settlement along the lines congenial to our form of government.

wage-workers of sufficient education and intelligence cannot be found, but there is not a congressional district in the Union that does not contain at least a dozen workmen suitable for Congressmen.

We believe in practical politics, but not as the phrase is commonly used and understood, for it points to partisan activity, with a rascal or a loafer at its end and an office waiting for him at the other. We mean politics that bears upon the practical interests of all men, and so secure the rights of each as not to limit the rights of others. It is idle to say that the ballot-box has failed to right the wrongs of labor. It has not been tried.—News Letter.

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I remain, as of old, your friend, B. F. DERRIN.

**The Great Strike.**

We regret to see the continuation of the great strike and we deprecate the outrages committed by the strikers and their friends. Such outrages are as far removed from the principles of the Knights of Labor as they are from the principles of the Grange. The Order of K. of L., not only discommences all kinds of disorder and disagreement between labor and capital but particularly their antipathy to strikes and advise arbitration. Of the beginning of the present conflict we are unable to say upon whom the blame lies; but when Master Workman Powderly left his sick bed to urge the vandal Gould to stop the trouble and submit to arbitration the differences between the men and the company, he as chief of the Order did all that he could. The railroad magnate tried to bluff of the mechanic and almost insulted him and his associates, but the remarkable letter of Mr. Powderly, (a secret letter to the Order) getting its way into the press, at the time, so attracted the public that their commendation forced Gould to recede from his high flown position.—The Master Workman ordered the strike to cease at once. The western members although reluctant to obey (being on the ground knowing the character of the men they had to deal with) did prepare to do so. The magnate thinking to exasperate the cool, clear headed mechanic, made a public denial of his part of the contract.

What did Master Workman Powderly do? Get mad and fly off and order the strike continue? Nothing of the kind. He the mechanic, like a gentleman says to the gentleman? "Let no technicalities prevent our settling this matter."

Could the railroad robber wished to appear to the world as having consented to arbitration and threw the odium of the strike upon the K. of L. But Mr. Powderly was too cool and deliberate for him. Mr. Powderly was in earnest; Gould was lying.

One was trying to prevent the strike; the stock jobber only wished to continue it.

He and his kind were at their lives' work sucking the blood of the road, and pleased were they to throw the odium upon their employees.

Patience, patience western sufferers under the cruel oppression of the eastern tyrants. Keep calm, refrain from acts of bloodshed. Refrain from acts of violence and flame. There is a just God and the American people are watching you. Your cause is just. Do not in God's name drive the people from you by such rash acts. Steady, be calm, be cool. Watch and obey your great leader and you will have the whole people fighting your battles. Do not let your rash acts apparently verify the mouthings of your enemies—keep cool, be confident and yep, and your cause will gain more than it will if blood reddens the streets of your city and flame light its nights.

Patience, patience, yet a little while, and justice will triumph.

[The above is taken from the Farm and Fireside, the official organ of the Grangers, and, we doubt not, heralds the sentiments of a large majority of the farmers. It is gratifying to know that the laboring classes and the farmers are coming closer together. Our interests are identical, and the closer we get together the better it will be for both classes, and the sooner we will get legislation for the benefit of the people.]

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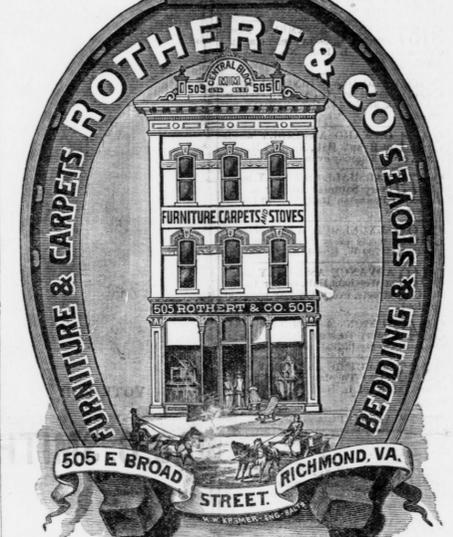
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