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AGITATE co-operation. AGITATE shorter hours. DEBY prejudice and conceal. SUPPORT your labor papers. ORGANIZE, educate, cooperate.

Join the K. of L. Building Association. Put the best informed men in your Assembly in the chairs. Spend no money with those who are the avowed enemies of labor. Let rat printing offices quietly alone. They will hang themselves. BELIEVE all men to be honest until you find them to be dishonest. BUY Knights of Labor Co operative Soap, manufactured in our own factory. STRIVE to comfort and encourage a brother rather than wound his feelings. If a brother be overtaken in a fault, expostulate with him and encourage him to do better. MR. PHILLIPS, the newly nominated police justice, arbitrated with Mr. Ches-terman of the Dispatch. The broom was started in motion Tuesday week and did some pretty clean sweeping. DEMAND that the law forbidding the importation of foreign labor under contract shall be enforced. JOHN SWINTON wants to find an honest lawyer. He will be more likely to discover perpetual motion first. The sweethearts at the theatre this week were nothing to compare to those at Progress fair all the week. If you have no desire to improve the condition of the toiling masses you are the tool of monopoly and oppression. The reward of those who are honestly laboring for the betterment of the toiling millions may be set at naught. LET the members who attend the meetings and do the work of the Order have preference in the securing of work. THERE are some of the poorest prospects connected with the Richmond press that ever cursed a decent community. PARTIES making up clubs of subscribers for this paper will receive ten per cent. commission. Nothing but cash subscriptions taken. T. V. POWERS says that one man who reads labor papers is worth a hundred that get their information in bar-rooms. Right. HOUSE rent is a parasite that is eternally gnawing at the vitals of every laboring man. Join a co-operative building association. SIXTEEN of the presidents of the United States have been selected from among the lawyers. No wonder the country is no better off. If there be those who joined the Knights of Labor for the purpose of getting office we would advise them to pull up their stakes and leave. APPOINT an intelligent member of your Assembly to prepare an essay on some clause of our declaration of principles each meeting night. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is a harsher demand than that made by those who claim a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. WE may expect some interesting developments when the monopolists stop furnishing rations to the daily press. Money makes this matter.

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"This way, freemen," there are some friends of the old officers waiting to treat us for bolting the caucus.

If the "biggest" man should carry the heaviest end of the log, an income tax should be adopted, that those who own the wealth should pay for the privilege of owning it.

Knights of Labor are required to live with the other Knights of the Order in union, love and perfect confidence, without deceit and falsehood, and to assist them in their emergencies and necessities, and to render relief to the poor and oppressed.

Purchasers of labor claim that they have a right to say what they shall pay for it. This is the only thing sold in the world where the purchaser sets the price. The same party that claims the right to name the price in purchasing labor would not think of pursuing this course in buying a horse or a house.

Messrs. Walthall & Bowles have been awarded the printing of the records at 50 cents per page. There are 1500 pages to the page, and the price of composition would be sixty cents. The work is not "fat," and no advantage can be gained by working men by the day. This work will have to be done by the workmen.

"The power of the Log was passed away. The power of wealth is passing away. The evening shadows are closing in on the day when immense private fortunes can be acquired. The new power dawning upon the world is that of the workmen to rule his own destinies. That power can no longer be kept from him."—Ponderly.

When you desire to ventilate your sentiments, attend your Assembly meetings and do so, and you will do more good for the cause and yourself than you will by making your speeches on street corners in the presence of enemies and spies.

We hope those who are predicting the going to pieces of the Knights of Labor may live until that event takes place. We do this in all charity, as we know a majority of the people of the world would like to live to a good ripe old age. If no one was taken sick until the K. of L. went to pieces it might be fearful on our doctors and druggists.

The Knights of Labor demand the adoption of measures providing for the health and safety of those engaged in mining, manufacturing and building industries, and for the indemnification of those engaged therein for injuries received through the lack of necessary safeguards. What fault do you find with this?

The new City Council is the most independent body of men that ever sat in the Council Chamber. They are free and independent, and unaltered by any clique, party or ring. They have opinions of their own and are not afraid to express them.

The membership of the International Typographical Union has increased during the year 1885, and but for the Knights of Labor they would have been 15,000 short. We rejoice that our Order has done so much good. All labor organizations are half-brothers, and should rejoice in his brother's good luck.

After our Council Committees are appointed we hope they will make a thorough investigation of all the branches of our city government, and report to the people what has been done these years past. Examine all the pay rolls and then examine the employees and see if what they received tallies with what they are charged with receiving.

The Harrisonburg State Republican asks this question, "Wonder if ex-Judge Christian & Co. have got acquainted with the editor of the Richmond Labor Herald?" Yes; we took a glass of soda water with the Judge the other evening; that is, at the same counter; but he paid for his and we for ours. We are mutual friends.

The members of Hose Company, No. 1, R. F. D., are under lasting obligations to Mr. George Levy for the splendid "set up" sent them last Saturday night after the fire on Cary street.

The nomination of Capt. Fuqua by the Reform caucus is one that will receive the hearty endorsement of a large majority of our citizens. If the nomination had been submitted to the people the result would not have been changed. Capt. Fuqua is the right man in the right place.

When was T. Mitchell, of 517, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Miss Mamie Larkin, in Washington city, on Monday the 28th. Thus our boys are engaging in co-operation.

Mr. MONTGOMERY gives the whole game away when he admits that he went into the caucus under the impression that the two-thirds rule would save the old office-holders. But in this any excuse to violate your pledge to the gentlemen with whom you were associated and will honorably acquiesce, whatever may be their politics, countenance such deception?

The Schuyler Electric Light Company recently furnished Progress Fair with three of their excellent lights during the Fair. The lights are beautiful, and it is a great pity that we have not two or three on every square.

Motto of the Democratic party of Richmond: "We claim the right to put as many white or colored Republicans in office as we choose. We are the gods of creation. But if you Reformers dare put a Republican in office we and our journals will cry you down. Remember we are the bosses, and we intend to boss or ruin."

The people must and shall rule.

Go to Progress Fair to-night and buy some of the bargains that will be offered.

Send us the name and address of your Assembly Recording Secretary that we may send some papers for distribution.

The picnic given by Active Assembly to Maiden's Adventure last Monday, was a success.

Miss FANNIE ALLYN did not forget the friends she made in Richmond during her short stay here, but sent a handsome contribution to Progress Fair.

"This way, freemen," or the old boys will be turned out and the Reformers will get hold of the books and show up the rottenness of the clique and ring.

One of the bolters remarked when leaving the caucus, "This way freemen!" To Murphy's dining room to be "dined and wined" by the Ring. Think of this, workmen!

We are having a handsome cut of a tomb-stone engraved which we intend to erect in our columns for one year to the memory of those who bolted the caucus. Their epitaph shall be the article of agreement they signed with their own hands.

Mr. Ammons says he did not vote the two hold-over Aldermen were in the caucus. Now Mr. Ammons has been associated with these two Aldermen as city officials for two years and yet did not recognize them when he saw them. Bad glasses he is wearing, to say the least.

The Superintendent of the Almshouse is sending letters to the Reform members of the Council whom he considers weak-kneed, begging that his scalp may be spared. This is a lean way of begging as well as an insult to those whom he is trying to buy over.

The press of Richmond are trying to create a rupture in the coming congressional election by driving men in disgust from the Democratic party by their abuse of all who oppose the city ring and clique. Load your guns heavy and shoot loud.

The bolters can hardly absolve themselves from the caucus pledge on the grounds that they were not aware of the fact that the two hold-over Aldermen from Jackson Ward were present. They were not blind. The whole truth is that the majority of them had some old office-holder they wanted to save, and failing to do so, they bolted.

How about Mr. Garnett being elected a school principal by a Democratic administration? Is not Mr. Garnett a Republican? How about a colored Republican also being elected by a Democratic administration? Why not give the citizens this news with bloody-shirt headlines? Is it any more important to have a Democratic Superintendent of the Almshouse than it is a Democratic school principal? Or do you wish to keep the people in the dark?

The daily papers of this city blowed their horn pretty loud at the close of the first Reform caucus because some two or three gentlemen, who have been affiliating with the Republican party in National politics, were nominated for office. At the second caucus, when nothing but Democrats were nominated, they cry out "split." There is one fact that cannot be denied, that party politics has nothing to do with this fight. The gentlemen who left the caucus, after having agreed to abide its decision, were weak kneed, and sore because some chosen pet of their own selection had been slaughtered at the first caucus.

They allowed party men and a party press to bulldoze them. They will have the mark of condemnation put upon them by those who elected them, and it will follow them to their graves. The power that creates can destroy. They like the partisan press, may imagine they are doing the Democratic party a service, but we say in all earnestness that they are doing more to drive votes from the Democratic party in coming elections than all the efforts of the Republican press and party, and if the Democratic party is not successful in this State in coming elections, none will have a better right to boast of having contributed to that end more than the daily press of this city. This fight we have passed through is purely a local matter, and the false reports and misrepresentations of some of the daily papers was unequalled for and injudicious. Snort and snore as much as they will, the ring and clique party in this city, which was as deeply penetrated by fraud and corruption as Boss Tweed ever was, has been broken, and it will be difficult to bridge the gap. The people are tired of it and will have no more of it. This election is but the starting point. In future city elections the people will have a better understanding from those whom they nominate, and the week-need milk and water kind will be put upon the shelf to season. It is evident that in the gathering made this time some of the men were pulled before they got ripe.

It has been pointed out to us from the beginning that many of the newly-elected Councilmen simply agreed to go into the Reform caucus for the purpose of securing the re-election of the Ring office-holders, and failing in that case discussion and bring about a bolt.

The first move was the adoption of the two-thirds rule. By this rule, with the support of Jackson ward, they proposed to prevent the nomination of any Reformers and cause a deadlock. Things worked well at first, and it seemed as if their desire would be fully realized. At the first caucus it was utterly im-

possible for anyone to secure the two-thirds vote, and of course the obstructionists were jubilant. The Jackson ward delegation voted for Mr. August and the disguised Ring politicians in the caucus patted them on the shoulders and called them "bully boys." The question of the right to allow the two hold-over Aldermen from that ward to participate in the caucus was never thought of then. Oh, no! It was all right for them to be members of the caucus so long as they were voting for Mr. August and the other Ring candidates. If any of Mr. Shelton's friends had raised the question that night you would have heard a howl from the very men who now use it as a pretext to serve the Ring, which the people defeated at the last municipal election.

The Reformers expressed great dissatisfaction at the result of this caucus, and the men elected on the Reform ticket were given to understand that they were not carrying out the wishes of their constituents.

At the second caucus there seemed to be a disposition to break the deadlock, and many who had been voting with the obstructionists heretofore came out squarely on the side of the people who had elected them. Among the number were six of the Jackson ward delegates.

The necessary two-thirds vote and the deadlock was virtually at an end. Then followed several other nominations. The disguised Ringsters had been beat at their own game and immediately they put on a pious look and cried, "Combinations," "Cliques," "Rings," and "Republicanism." They saw plainly that their apparently well-concocted scheme had been broken up and that it was necessary to make another move to save the old office-holders. They never do for new men to get possession of the books and expose the little jobs of the Ring. Prominent Ring leaders were seen moving about among the people's representatives, and it was rumored that the people's representatives were caucusing with men whom the workmen of this city had strained every nerve to defeat. Just before the meeting of the caucus Tuesday night they were seen in groups receiving orders from their new-found masters, and it was soon known that an entirely new scheme was on foot to defeat the will of the people.

The first move they made was a failure. It made them appear ridiculous and showed a want of political sagacity. They expressed ignorance of the fact that they had been sitting in caucus with the two hold-over Aldermen from Jackson ward. We are asked to believe that eleven men, none of whom are blind, have been caucused for four nights from four to five hours each night with seven colored men and were ignorant of the fact that they were ignorant of the fact that Mr. Baben made the eighth representative from Jackson Ward in the caucus, that he had never seen it stated in the papers that all the representatives from Jackson ward were in the caucus; that they did not know that these eight men prevented the break of the deadlock on the city clerk at the first caucus. However sincere these gentlemen may be in this declaration we are unwilling to cast such a reflection on their intelligence as to believe it. They demanded that the two hold-over Aldermen from Jackson ward should be excluded from the caucus, hoping that the caucus would refuse to exclude them and they would use it as a pretext to do what they came in to do—bolt. But, to their great surprise, these Aldermen gracefully retired, completely taking the wind out of their sails and leaving them in the pitiful condition of having to obey the orders of the Ring masters without any excuse whatever to cover up their movements. Would to God that all the workmen in this city who stood around the polls on the 27th of May from sunrise to sunset working for the election of these men could have been present and witnessed the scene that followed. Here were men leaving the Reform caucus without the slightest excuse—leaving the men with whom they had pledged themselves to stand when they accepted their nomination—to go where! To go into caucus with men who did everything in their power to defeat the Reform movement, and who are the recognized enemies of the workmen.

After failing to successfully work the hold-over Aldermen dodge the bolters made several other attempts to cover up their movements. One was to call up the Jackson ward resolution asking for a caucus. Again the representatives from that ward were equal to the occasion and immediately withdrew the resolution. Then they raised the howl about nominating Republicans and pointed questions were asked about the politics of those nominated. They charged that Capt. John S. Wise had controlled the caucus and caused the nomination of four Republicans, and it was while crying Republicanism that they bolted to the Council. Let us look into this last excuse advanced by the bolters for their unprecedented action. In the first place, the charge that Mr. Wise dictated the nomination of Messrs. Hubbard, Masurier, Phillips, and Eaves, which it is claimed by the Ring are Republicans, is fully refuted by the facts in the case. There never was any conference between Mr. Wise and the Jackson ward delegation, and they did not advance the names of either one of the candidates and were divided on all of them. Mr. Hubbard was elected on the first ballot, three Republicans voting against him, and at least one of the bolters—Mr. Hughes, who seems now to be afflicted with a Democratic spasm—voting for him. Mr. Masurier's strongest supporter

was a staunch Democrat and he certainly received at least two votes from the bolters, if not more—Messrs. Bowden and Hughes. Mr. Eaves received his support from the very ward which bolted almost to a man Tuesday night. Mr. Phillips' warmest friend in this contest and who worked hard for his election was Mr. Griffith, who was one of those who left the caucus. We would say that we don't believe Mr. Griffith knew anything about the scheme to break up the Reform caucus, and he was the last to leave the room. Possibly there may be a few others who left under the spur of the moment and who were not aware of the fact that the whole plan for breaking up the caucus had been arranged by the enemies of the workmen and agreed to by a majority of those who bolted. Mr. Paylor, the first man in the caucus to bolt, voted for this so-called Republican against Mr. Richardson. Mr. Hudnall, who was about the first man to follow in Mr. Ferriter's track, nominated a man, who was as much of a Republican as Mr. Phillips for Superintendent of the Almshouse. While he did not nominate Mr. Henry Hudnall for Police Justice he asked another gentleman to nominate him, and of course voted for him. These are the men who pretend to be Democrats.

Mr. Hughes spoke of rings. It may be generally known that this young man was driving around the city in a buggy last week trying to form a ring of fifteen to break up the caucus. He also took particular pains to parade his Democracy, when the fact is he voted for the only straight Republican nominated in the caucus. He claims to be a Knight of Labor, yet we are informed he would vote for Mr. G. Watt Taylor, who did all he could to crush out the Order, against that peerless brother, Arthur Fuqua. He was elected on a workingman's ticket, yet his every action and every vote has been against those who elected him. He had not been on the ticket three days before he got frightened and wanted to retire. But the true and over-zealous workmen of Jefferson ward elected him and this is the thanks they receive for their services—deserting their cause and walking into the camp of the enemy.

It is impossible for us to do justice to the noble and manly speeches of Messrs. Connor, Kaufman, Murphy, Lange, Bethel, Owen, Hill, Pearce, Hayes, Adams, Molloy, Bland, Chappell and others. They all had the true ring and were of a conservative nature. Those gentlemen recognized the fact that they knew who elected them, and they would sooner sacrifice their lives than prove false to their constituents. They knew that they were not sent there to be the tools of the enemies of labor. In a party fight they would stand by their respective parties. But when they were proclaimed from the beginning to the end that the contest on the part of the party question would be raised in the election of city officers. They had two much honor and self-respect to isolate their caucus pledges and would stand by their nominees of the caucus. They believed in electing men to positions according to their ability to fill them regardless of party. Mr. Hays said Jackson ward was all right so long as it stood solid for the Ring office-holders, but it was all wrong when it voted for a Reformer. The true man who stood firm in the caucus Tuesday night will ever be honored and respected not only by the men who elected them, but by those who opposed the election.

The gentlemen who bolted this caucus left it had completed its work here and there and serious burden. Of course they will be flattered by the lip for awhile; that is, until after the election of the city officers, but they will find in due time that the men who stood around the polls on the 27th of May from sunrise to sunset working for the election of these men could have been present and witnessed the scene that followed. Here were men leaving the Reform caucus without the slightest excuse—leaving the men with whom they had pledged themselves to stand when they accepted their nomination—to go where! To go into caucus with men who did everything in their power to defeat the Reform movement, and who are the recognized enemies of the workmen.

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was a staunch Democrat and he certainly received at least two votes from the bolters, if not more—Messrs. Bowden and Hughes. Mr. Eaves received his support from the very ward which bolted almost to a man Tuesday night. Mr. Phillips' warmest friend in this contest and who worked hard for his election was Mr. Griffith, who was one of those who left the caucus. We would say that we don't believe Mr. Griffith knew anything about the scheme to break up the Reform caucus, and he was the last to leave the room. Possibly there may be a few others who left under the spur of the moment and who were not aware of the fact that the whole plan for breaking up the caucus had been arranged by the enemies of the workmen and agreed to by a majority of those who bolted. Mr. Paylor, the first man in the caucus to bolt, voted for this so-called Republican against Mr. Richardson. Mr. Hudnall, who was about the first man to follow in Mr. Ferriter's track, nominated a man, who was as much of a Republican as Mr. Phillips for Superintendent of the Almshouse. While he did not nominate Mr. Henry Hudnall for Police Justice he asked another gentleman to nominate him, and of course voted for him. These are the men who pretend to be Democrats.

Mr. Hughes spoke of rings. It may be generally known that this young man was driving around the city in a buggy last week trying to form a ring of fifteen to break up the caucus. He also took particular pains to parade his Democracy, when the fact is he voted for the only straight Republican nominated in the caucus. He claims to be a Knight of Labor, yet we are informed he would vote for Mr. G. Watt Taylor, who did all he could to crush out the Order, against that peerless brother, Arthur Fuqua. He was elected on a workingman's ticket, yet his every action and every vote has been against those who elected him. He had not been on the ticket three days before he got frightened and wanted to retire. But the true and over-zealous workmen of Jefferson ward elected him and this is the thanks they receive for their services—deserting their cause and walking into the camp of the enemy.