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GOMPERS, FOSTER, AND THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION.

The reply of the Central Labor Federation of New York to Mr. Samuel Gompers, together with the synopsis of the debate that preceded its adoption...

WHEREAS, Political action is a subject which has in the past been a prolific source of discussion and trouble in the ranks of the workmen...

WHEREAS, The necessity of this is apparent from the submission of the pence powers to the interests of corporate capital in enforcing upon their employees conditions repulsive to free labor and liberty...

In the face of this declaration how could Mr. Gompers' "Special Committee", through Mr. Gompers' "Special Foster," state on the floor of the Detroit Convention that the American Federation of Labor was committed against political action of any kind?

But Mr. Gompers and Mr. Foster will probably object that what they actually said was that the Federation was committed against "partisan politics", and that they did not mean to include under that term any bona fide independent labor movement...

THE QUESTION OF A DAILY.

One of our Connecticut subscribers, whose letter is published in another column, offers to pay \$15 a year for a daily copy of the WORKMEN'S ADVOCATE. This is substantial evidence of sympathy.

port for the conversion of our little weekly into a good daily have lately been received at this office from various parts of the country...

Since the discussion of this matter has been initiated by our correspondents, let it now go on. No rash steps should be taken. That a daily newspaper such as they contemplate is a necessity, cannot be questioned.

In many other States the proportion of socialistic thought and inclination cannot be less than here, while in some it must even be greater.

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SOUTHERN INDUSTRY.

In a review of Southern industry during the year just ended the Chattanooga Tradesman gives some interesting figures. The capitalist progress of the South in the last ten years surpasses any similar phenomenon recorded in the history of economic development.

From these figures it is seen that the industry has more than tripled in machinery and value of product. The ratio of increase in the consumption of raw material is somewhat less, which is readily explained by the fact that the South is now going into the manufacture of finer goods...

Southern States is placed at 1,083,000, showing an increase of 180 per cent, as compared with 1880. Alabama leads with a population of 2,192,225, which is only exceeded by two other States...

In the meantime the degradation of labor, black and white, throughout the South, is growing to be a potent factor in the further degradation of Northern labor. As the difference in the level of skill and in the perfection of products becomes less in the two Sections...

We may be greatly mistaken; but it seems to us that this growing prosperity of capitalism in the Southern States is ominous of disaster to the laboring class of the whole country.

MR. GOMPERS' COMPANY.

It is quite evident that Mr. Gompers' opposition to the Socialists has not made him the most popular of men among the glass workers of America.

"In a circular justifying the recent removal of the syndicat of the Rheinisch-Westphalen, manufacturers of window glass, some very good reasons for such combinations are set forth.

"That the industries be provided with a solid foundation, and enabled to secure an economical value for all products, and through such secured basis become enabled to provide steady employment for the workman, and to provide in manufacturers as far as possible against loss of firm and money, which trade depression always bring with them...

"Now, that at least is frank and honest. Provide the workmen with lots of hard work; keep him from idleness—hold his head down on his task, and keep his nose on the grindstone...

"The teacher of the academy above, the agitator in the middle, and the toiler below, are giving the fine-gentlemen in all lands a deal of trouble.

"The Anti Poverty Society is reported, to be up in arms against increased taxes on real estate, and to be preparing to counteract the effect of such increased and increasing taxation. The Anti

Poverty Society was what might be called the left wing of the now defunct United Labor Party, the right wing of which was held by George and his crew.

One wing, that headed by George, has some time ago walked off into the Free Trade camp, whence, avowedly, an increased rent was to accrue to the labled landlord.

Left without a single wing on which to flutter, the Single Tax will henceforth have to crawl.

OUR RAILROADS.

The length of new track laid during 1890 in the United States reached about 6,000 miles, as against 5,695 in 1889, 6,679 in 1888, and 12,667 in 1887.

COMMUNICATION.

Fifteen Dollars for a Daily.

Editor WORKMEN'S ADVOCATE:—In the struggle for freedom and at the close of my fifty-fourth year I am with you in the grand march to true civilization.

I do not believe all that has been written concerning this eminent Jew; but I learned to love him who sacrificed his life in the defense of human brotherhood.

George L. Hart, Unioville, Conn. Dec. 31, 1890.

THE SINGLE TAX PLUCKED.

The Anti Poverty Society is reported, to be up in arms against increased taxes on real estate, and to be preparing to counteract the effect of such increased and increasing taxation.

Meanwhile please send me your excellent paper for I do not want to do without it. The wage system and the money power are the bodyguards of oppression...

J. M. GLENN, Sherwood, Tenn., Dec. 29.

The Beer Boycott and the Passaic Trades' Assembly.

Editor WORKMEN'S ADVOCATE:—Through a courtesy of our local Union No. 55 and also by a notice appearing in the Paterson evening paper The Guardian of December 27, 1890...

Personally I deem it my duty to publicly declare that the action of Rudolph and Co., who are known officially as the "Committee on Breweries," is identical with that of Archibald & Co., of New York, who schemed to raise the boycott on all pool beer.

Ernst Kuzenknabe, National Secretary, New York, Jan. 5, 1891.

Third American Section of South Brooklyn.

A well attended meeting of the Third American Section of South Brooklyn was held on Friday evening, January 2.

A. Klein, Sec'y.

An Open Letter to Professor Walker.

Professor Walker:—In the last issue of the WORKMEN'S ADVOCATE attention is called to your recent address before the "American Economic Association."

As to your opinion that Nationalists are such because they have not yet learned by a careful study of history, and of the material conditions of human existence...

But, by the way, Professor, when did you commence to admire the idea of drawing the people up in armies. Mr. Bellamy's "Industrial Army" was very obnoxious to you.

HARRY GLEY.

THE FARMERS.

Daniel DeLeon Discussed their Sub-Treasury Bill at Nationalist Club No. 3.

At DeLeon's meeting of Nationalist Club No. 3, DeLeon delivered an address on the Farmers' Alliance Sub-Treasury Bill.

At this point the lecturer read the passage from "Capital" where the downfall of the exemplary agriculture of Japan was prophesied through the introduction of the European system of money payments...

As to the chances of success of such a movement, the lecturer believed they were slim. Some shun him, very different from the present one, and whose effect would be to leave the farmer class in exactly the same condition...

The principal critic was Charles Sotheran, who claimed that the farmer was moving on Nationalist lines; that not the Sub-Treasury bill but the nationalization of the railroads etc. was the principal farmer demand...

The lecturer closed, however, with an expression of the hope that, in view of our present state of civilization, the farmer may evolve rapidly, and that, once on the wagon against the oppressor and poverty which he feels, he may learn what indeed it is that produces human misery...