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One-Sided Reform.

Of all the difficult and perplexing questions which puzzle the minds of legislators, philosophers, and social economists, the labor question is one of the most difficult and perplexing. Constantly forcing itself on our attention, it cannot, and ought not to be ignored, yet its satisfactory solution seems to be reserved for a distant future; at least, the remedy has yet to be found through which the evils of the present system will be cured without inflicting new wrongs in the place of the old ones, on one or the other of the contending parties.

Mr. Horace H. Day, to whom all honor is due, offered a resolution, declaring that the labor reformer of to-day knows no difference between race, color, sex, or nationality; and we believe in equal rights and equal suffrage for all.

Free Trade Against Labor.

We fear a discussion upon the question of free trade with an advocate of that doctrine who denies what does not suit his notions, and asserts what suits his statements, our Cincinnati correspondent will prove but unprofitable and un satisfactory.

State of Affairs in the French.

For the last two weeks most of the time of the Senate has been occupied in the discussion of a preamble and resolutions presented by Mr. Sumner, charging the Administration with violating our neutrality laws by the sale of arms to the French during the Franco-German war, and with fraudulently withholding from the Treasury a portion of the money received for them.

The Republicans of the District of Columbia.

The Republicans of the District of Columbia met in Convention in this city last week for the purpose of choosing delegates to the Presidential Convention to be held in Philadelphia.

Fifteenth Street Sabbath School Concert.

One of the instrumentalities in successful operation in this city aiding in the grand work of the cultivation and elevation of the colored youth is the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Sabbath School.

Howard University Law Commencement.

The exercises of the class graduating in law from Howard University took place on the evening of the 27th instant, at the Congressional Church in this city.

Defining His Position.

Mr. TRUMBULL has reversed the tactics of the Massachusetts stump orator, who declared, during the last campaign in that State, that he was in favor of the prohibitory temperance law, but opposed to executing it.

Colored Children in Public Schools at Newark, New Jersey.

On Friday evening the Newark board of education decided to admit colored children into public schools, by a vote of 21 to 1.

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