VISION OF THE DARK DAYS OF 1893-1896.

Extracts from The Omaha Bee Recalling that Period of Business Stagnation, Industrial Paralysis and Financial Distress...Do You Want to Bring Back Those Conditions?...Facts Presented Relate Largely to the Gloom Which Pervaded This Section -- To Cover a Wider Scope Would Require Volumes--Genuine Calamity.

manity during the hard times.

At this time, when the people of the United States are enjoying unprecedented dissatisfaction with present conditions it may be well to give publicity again to the ployed men and women report that a large news of 1893-6.

On this page is reproduced news matter necessaries of life, and thus during the next from the columns of The Omaha Bee for thirty days the number will steadily in-1894. It suffices to recall to mind the gento reprint items from the lifes of subse-

The news of the winter of 1893-4, as retute home of the workingman at that time. work, and with idle factories and workshops throughout the land, the picture is evening at 5 a clock. Yours respectfully,

not a pleasing one to look upon. But the well is drawn for a moment - Lest

Files for December, 1893, and January, 1894.

Stretched without bedding on the battle-

less men from street to shelter.

Blankets and bedding were an unknown years, were out of employment and their are denied the right to the necessities of Newspapers agreed upon the families were on the verge of starvation existence. I tell you, my friends, the substitutes for mattresses. All and freezing. present aspect of the business affairs of floor were substitutes for mattresses. All and freezing.

the other stove, another large bunch of tion, sleepers rectined in various positions on On the stage a number of bunks had been fixed up. They were double-decked cofs Hungry Men at Rescue Hall Actually with scanty bedding. These beds sold for 12 cents per night to men who are fortunate enough to earn a pittance at odd jobs during the day. Soup and bread are given to all twice a day, but this is barely sufficient to stay the pangs of hunger.

contains the name, age, nativity, occupation, address and religion of all applicants for relief. A perusal of this record disweeks. The bulk of the applicants are deserving men who are out of employment. It includes machinists, railroad men, carall branches of mechanic life. Tramps are scarce. The unemployed come mostly from of railroad laborers from the west. Colorado miners and wage-earners are largely

Among the penniless men bowed with aid age whose names join the record of hardship is William Stout of Topeka, Kan, aged bread and bed. 66 years; Patrick Flaherty of Omaha, who has seen sixty-five winters, and a hard one Des Moines, Ia., a painter by trade, has passed his 61st birthday. The youngest on the list is W. K. Fellows of Clinton, Ia., who gives his age as 17 years. One of the saddest cases was that of John Moore of Wilsonville, Neb. He is a deaf mute, Some of the stories of suffering and want told by the men are pitegus. They would

ALARM OF POVERTY SOUNDED

Citizens' Meeting Cailed to Provide Mr Clark announced in the presence of the been adopted by the party in power.

day, the indelthis record of suffering hu- it is the moment for action and nothing else. JOSEPH T DURYEA.

> Mayor Bemis and Dr. Duryea yesterday at the council chamber last night. All the visitors in the homes of memnumber of persons are destitute of the

the months of December, 1891 and January, greage, and with it the amount and degree of privation and suffering. Had it not been eral business depression of the four years for the activity of the visitors during the immediately preceding the inauguration of past two lays there would have been ex-President McKinley and it is unnocessary posure of death from hunger and year There is immediate and imperative necessiproduced here, brings before the people & vising and conducting measures which shall Deployable Condition of the Unemlear vision of the soup house and the desti- commend themselves to the common judgment as systematical economical and bene-With thousands of willing men out of em- ficial alike to the persons to be relieved and ployment, with the charitable institutions, the community as a whole. Every citizen public officials and laner organizations who has one regard for the honor of the straining every nerve to afford relief to the city a heart of compassion for the multi- spoke yesterday for the workingman in the county roads at once, if it rould pushungry and homeless, with weak women tude of men, women and children who are reply to What have you to be thankful sibly be done. and little initiated on the verge of starvation scenity suffering, and a disposition to do for?" He said and freezing, with able-bodied men appeal- his equitable part as a member of somety. ing to charity and begging pircounty for should respond to the call for a public which described the general festival, also ple were displaying in this time of widemeeting in the city council chamber this contained in obscure corners of inside stread distress. Such a meeting as the

> In response to these appeals a large he said, was to provide for the poor people

Hungry, homeless, without work, maney than in the community which needed prompt head hursed in his hands, the very picture, gatious that the prime cause of many cases. or friends, in fact, without shothing ox-relief. He advocated prompt charity, fol- of abject despair! His little 'hildren of destitution in this city is the same that owpt appetites, these unfortunates appealed lowed by the adoption of some plan for their faces pinched with cold and scanty has afflicted every metropolitan center of for shelter in the half. The request was the relief of the unemployed during the fare, its buddled at his feet, their mixery the United States, namely, the aftermath granted and the men seemed to feel grain- winter months to keep the wolves of famine intensified by recollections of the happy of the timidity of capital caused by the names a homes visited by the reporter. As ful for the privilege of sleeping on the from the doors of the deserving poor. If Thanksgiving of a year ago, while the monal depression last summer. The hard the story relates the names of the unforhard floor or in chairs in proximity to two the people did not come to the rescue when brave, patient wife and mother stands sit times have been couched in polite vernacu-The wolf of poverty, with a double row of imperiled ite was willing to place his search for work in this broad city from prostration" and "monetary decreptfule. teeth, is also at the door of the institution autograph on any city council measure dawn to dusk for three long, weary months but the poor of Omaha this winter are abwhich affords these starving, sleepless un- passed for relief, even if it was necessary has brought no success with it, and there breviating it and calling it "famine, employed their only resting place. Unless to strain a point or two. He hoped how he sits, utterly crushed with the thought and simple, without any embellishment, relief comes quickly the Christmas carols ever that the people of Omnha who were that through no fault of his own he is Three-fourths of the present destitute were of these men will be ories for bread and blessed with homes and means would come deprived not only of the means to provide found to be men whose names have adorned they will be turned upon the streets with to the front and adopt a systematic plan the little extra comforts that would make the pay rolls of honest labor. The size of

In the rear of the hall, behind a thin cases of powerty which exist in this city, has no work for that unfortunate man, not- rent, coal and bread soon absorbed the surpartition, 128 men were reclining on the He drew several pathetic pictures from life withstanding the fact that he is a sober. partition, 128 men were rechning on the He frew several partners from the free several partne floor, while thirty or torty more were sit. and cited cases of gray-named women and privation and pr All were endeavoring to aleep, rogardless fuel, with the thermometer II degrees he- by the sweat of his brow. My friends, there of personal discomfort. One young man, low zero. He said that there were too are thousands of men in his position today. stretched upon a plain pine table without many theoretical philanthropists in Omalia. Think of it! Nineteen centuries of Chrisbedding, was suffering with sickness, who were ever eager to sit upon a bench tianity, and jet millions of men in this while another unfortunate lay on the floor of judgment during this freezing weather country have nothing more to be thankful near the stove groaning with an attack of and challenge the worthiness of unfortunate for than the bare fact that they are alive. la grippo. An old white-haired man doout wage earners who were out of work. Our Almighty Father has blessed this pied a chair and vainty woodd the god of Women, overcome with the cries of their matter with bountiful crops far beyond the sleep. His thin sank on his breast. Tears shivering children, left their hovels of pay-needs of the population it contains, with were in his eyes. This was only one of the erry and breasted the blasts of the storm entire immunity from plague and warfare many living pictures of despair that greated last Tuesday to gather coal and wood in and with a wealth of natural resources inbaskets. Deserving workingmen, who had exhaustible, the development of which in-Not a pillow was visible in the room, always provided for their families in former creases each year, and yet one-half of us

nativities, including an Afre-American. Mr. Edward Rosewater followed with a this country is a most distressing one. were huddled together in close quarters, brief appeal for immediate action and less Very few of the men enjoyed the luxury of talk. He said an emergency confronted as overcoat. They possibly had pawned the people and there was no time for red them for bread. Those who were left tape or frivolous formality of any kind. with overcoats utilized them for pillow. Some people were without fuel and they while others rested their bones upon these should be taken care of at once. A conimprovised "springs." The windows in dition and not a theory confronted the peothe room were all tightly closed, in order pie of Omaha, and in view of the crisis he to keep out the spray of the cold wave, believed that the county commissioners This gave the disagreeable odor full pee- should order 1,000 tons of coal at once and session and the aroma was burdened with have it distributed among poor people who "steerage fragance" when the men dis- were freezing and needed immediate ascharged their boots for the evening. Many sistance. He furthermore believed that the city council should follow suit: In the main portion of the hall, around greatest law was the law of self-preserva-

PITEOUS PLEAS FUR WORK

tio on Their Knees to Plead for Beggariy Jobs.

idle men continue to appeal for shelter A register is kept at Rescue half and it at Rescue half every night. Yesterday the coal supply of the institution was exhausted and had it not been for the rustling abilities of Superintendent Clark his pau- guage, by hands unfamiliar with the pen, in which they are now placed. They have Omaha, as well as our public officials, are losed the fact that 438 men had applied per guests would have shivered with cold for food and shelter within the last lew on a hard floor last night. Pending definite arrangements for relief the superintendent has rented the ball on his own responsibility for fifteen days. He has held sion that better times would come, and and prejudices to interfere with the castpentern laborers, cooks, clerks and in fact a conference with the city and county offcials, but finds that no funds are avail- them, and they are without work and with- class of people, so long must they remain able for the consummation of his plan to out bread. They beg their friends in erect temporary sheds and start a workhouse, where the labor test would soon taken, on the Wilson bill, but demonstrate that the men who are now on against it on its final passage and to save the verge of starvation, and whose heads have not rested on pillows for weeks, and

The appeals for shelter are not confined to the masculine gender. Women in rage. this year, is on the list. H. E. Wilke of with little children crying piteously for food, often ask for a howl of soup and a bed. In most cases they are deserving cases of destitute widows and deserted wives, who self the scanty furniture of their hovels, piece by piece, to buy bread. until at last the chair or bed is parted with and the unfortunate woman is thrust into If definite arrangements for relief are perfeeted cors for homeless women and chil-

iren will be erected in the hall. An illustration of the willingness of the men to work was demonstrated yesterday. Is laid at the door of the policy which has Belief for Thousands of Unem- men at the hall that he had a job for some one to shovel coal. It meant 75 cents to

tance to Cut Off lake yesterday in hopes existed at the present time. shape of hotel straps.

that all of our citizens who are able to aid DRAWS PICTURE OF DESPAIR

ployed Workingmen is the 5uhject of an Eloquent Sermon.

The daily papers on Thankagiving day, of Omaha, many of whom were without Thanksgiving has been to the millions of dollars and loan it out to deserving people food and fuel-a condition of bitter nov- workingmen in this land " * * Leave to be repaid when better times come. fields of life, seeking to benumb the miss erry which confronted every metropolitan your own personality behind and imagine cries of destitution with smatches of sleep, center of the United States. Omaha was yourself in the position that the workingidle men passed last night at Rescue better off than most cities, but, neverthe- man in yonder cottage is in. See him sitless, there was a vast amount of destitu- ting in his scantily furnished home, his everty in its worst stage. The helping county building for the shelterless at night, ones with the smallest necessaries of ev-

National Congress Being Flooded by Petitions from Workingmen Opposing Passage of Wilson Bill.

There is no doubt that a most profound impression is being made upon even the the flood of petitions coming in from the farmers and wage earners in the country against the passage of the Wilson tartiff

or the laboring man. in simplicity of statement and sentiment. tell of how the writers supported the democratic ticket last year under the impreshow instead their employment has left congress to hasten action, if action is to be the industries of the country. Other prohandwriting of the hard working man. Many of the signatures have been attested by the cross which signifies that the man bearing the name, although unable to write, is intelligent enough to know why he is out of employment, why his family is suffering for bread and that he desires the defeat of a bill which proposes to transfer

his employment to British hands. Some of the introductory remarks upon petitions are enough to melt the heart of the most insane free trader who has any patrictism about him. They depict the deplorable commercial conditions, tell of the large army out of employment and of the suffering which abounds. All of this

WORKINGMEN IN DISTRESS

of any newspaper for the years 1891 to lives now in danger while this cold lasts, and u mean of sufficient magnitude or of providing labor for the unemployed dis-of any newspaper for the years 1891 to lives now in danger while this cold lasts, and u mean of sufficient magnitude or of providing labor for the unemployed dis-fined action throws several humanest men 1896 and you will find chronicled, day by There is no time for debate of the matter, smooth the wrinkles of fine meeting of the needs men who have seen drawing these extra men have are enough to drive seh. "For God's sake, give it to me, sir" to order and introduced flow John Wil- supplies from the county warehouse. A a man crary, I know of several of the it is said that thousands of the onem feebly gasped the old man from Shour hand, who spoke briefly. He referred to chavas of the situation has been made by extra men who hang around headquarters throughout the first editions of the onem true were in the best made by every fay, week in and week out, to datch a read the first editions of the papers in the papers. ash. "For God's sake, give it to me, str." to order and introduced Her. John Wil- supplies from the county warellouse. A a man grary, I know of several of the feebly gasped the old man from Short hams, who spoke briefly. He referred to canvass of the situation has been made by extra men who hang around headquarters held his punched hands bign in the air with refusing to expend the \$150,000 road fund and those gentlemen have ascertained that run whenever they can. They will average prosperity and when they are called upon issued the following call for a mass meeting an imploring clutch. He get the job and this winter on the ground that the work at the present time there are 100 able- from about \$8 to \$12 per month on the extra slept that night on a mattress. His gray could be done only by contract, and ex- bodied men who are being assisted to fuel list. hairs rested on a nillow for the first time pressed the opinion that if ever there was and food by the county. Most of the men walked the entire dis- tion that was out of the usual order it inities are if the unimon that they would

> for a large number of the unemployed. where the Board of Park Commissioners had a considerable amount of m ner on hand. He also endorsed the opinion of the previous speaker that the present emer. ployed, gency was enough to justify the county commissioners in departing from the letter of Rector Mackay of All Saints church the law far enough to begin the work on

The speaker also those occasion to sail attention to the indifference which many necpages dispatches telling of the further ces. one in progress should have been held in sation of industries in different parts of the largest half in the city and the and were regarded by many with a symical application have been assisted. the country. Three small paragraphs told churches and the city and county officials, as is that \$,000 more workingmen are to be well as the millionaires who met in secret added to the ranks of the unemployed and conviave at the Paxton betel to device HARD ON THE LABOR UNIONS number of citizens assembled in the city will have to face a struggle for existence means to stop improvements, should air council chamber last evening. Mayor this winter that will be almost beyond have been represented. A church com-A Few Items Taken from The Bee Bemis called the meeting to order and human endurance. In the midst of your posed of wealthy members should be able stated that it was one for action and not praises to Ged for the bounty you have to assist to a large extent in this work. for idle words. The object of the meeting, empoyed did you stop to think, that is, to its members, if they were not willing to deliberately consider, what this day of give anything, might false a few thousand

Famine, Plata and Simple.

Comana Bee, January E. 1894. It is evident from the results of investithe lives of impoverished citizens were lently by almost heartbroken. His ardent lar as "financial depression," commercial to sustain the destitute during the winter his little family joyous in their praises to their families, with a dash of sickness in carnestly recommend that our people Last evening a Hee reporter visited months. If necessary, he would favor God on this bright Thanksgiving morning, many instances, precluded many of them assemble in mass convention at Dohany s Rescue hall. It was a pitiable picture of throwing open the churches, city hall and but even of the power to supply his dear from saving money for the emergency Dr. Duryes then recited experiences en- intence. We pride ourselves on our pro- however, managed to put aside a few doi- fecting an organization and to devise ways that town who had beretofore been receivcountered in a personal investigation of gressive city of Omaha, and yet this city lars, but continued ideness and drain for and means to aid the suffering poor of our log first per day were now any receiving discovered by a house-te-house canvass. An investigation disclosed the fact that the suffering was not confined to hovels. There are many poor women crying with poverty themselves in food in order to meet their rent. It was found that notwithstanding many industrial plants the price of as oractically the same as usual for a wag !earner on a retrenched income.

John Heartz of Denver, president of the

pretty bad condition, owing to the de- they can at home. (Washington Correspondence in Omaha Bee presed condition of all business, but they are holding their unions together all light Forty-Five State Banks Suspended. and waiting patiently for the coming of better times, when, no doubt, they will be rabid free trade democrats in constess by in as good condition as heretofore and rethe best organized cities in the country. "As to the Bricklayers and Masons in-

the merchant or banker or other person still, very few of our subordinate unions way wield as much influence as the farmer have from 150 to 100 delegates in the convention, but owing to the depression into voluntary liquidation. Some of the petitions which are arriving throughout the country we do not expect in opposition to the Wilson bill are pitiful more than eighty delegates at this meeting. "The working people can, to a great ex-They are written in the most simple lan- tent, blame themselves for the condition upon postal cards or little slips of paper the power, through the ballot, to modify or taken from the fly leaves of books. They repeal a great many of the laws that have been enacted to their detriment. But as long as they continue to allow jealoustes

ing of their ballots in favor of their own

Omaha Hee, December 38, 1882. tests against the Wilson bill come in the less men at Rescue hall and the threatened The sufferings of the breadless and hedform of long petitions, signed in the plain abandonment of that institution on account yesterday, aroused public sympathy. It is of books for the last two years, but was let probable that prompt action for the relief out in October, said: "I have tried to get of the homeless and hungry will now be work of any kind, but have not earned ever taken. At a meeting of the executive com- \$5 since the middle of October. I had about mittee of the Commercial club held yester. The saved up when I lost my position, but it day the subject as gublished in The See is now nearly all gone and my board is only was thoroughly discussed. The minb is not a paid to January. Just let them offer me a charitable organization, but from a business job at pounding rock or anything else and standpoint concluded not to let idle working see how quick I will take it. I have got to men starve to death in a city of this size. Live some way and I won't beg either, if I Superintendent Clark and Prof. Gillespie ad- know myseif. dressed the meeting in behalf of reiter for the distressed, as a safeguard against an increase in crime—as the desperation of hunger might drive the unemployed to commit unlawful acts. Investigation proved that most of the applicants for food and shelter were deserving wage earners out of poor of the city with such help as they may

"Lest we forget." Turn back to the files peril with my own eyes. You may save job. It meant enough extra men on the list to man the indefinitely and assign as a reason their an emergency that justified a course of at- these men the members of the charity comrather earn their living than to be objects of getting work on the ice, but returned in Mayor Semis said that he was roady to of charity. In view of this fact the com-With weary feet they scrambled assist in any feasible plan that could be unsatoners have about concluded to set into the hall and received their second daily devised to provide work for these who were uside a sum of money from the county road installment of soup, with an unexpected in need of it. He mentioned the fact that and bridge fund and expend it in paying surprise purry for their stomachs in the in Cincinnati \$30,000 had been appropriated. Wages to the men who are willing to work. to beautify the parks and thus furnish work. The idea is to go outside of the city limits and put a force of men ut work grading This, he thought, might be done in Omaira, roads and cutting down embankments along he public highways, paying the men be the hour and at the rate of 15 cents per hour for the time they are actually em-

Seven Thousand People Destitute.

When Dr. Duryea, after a personal in vestigation of many cases recently, issued at appeal to the citizens of Comaha to rescue men, women and children who were in some instances linked arms with desti- have signed to go out and labor. ntien and the hideous skeleton of despair was perched upon empty coal scuttles and pointing his bony index finger at crumbless suphoards in many cheerless cottages. Adevestigation proved that but of a population of 150,000 people bully 7,000 were in actual want, according to statistics obtained at the various charitable institutions and the county supply room.

Following this introduction is a twocolumn story describing the povertymen a homes visited by the reporter. As tunate sufferers, it is not deemed proper to reproduce it at this time !

To Aid Suffering Poor.

Omaha Bee, December 19, 1800. Mayor Lawrence of Council Bluffs has issued the following cail: "Upon the request of the worthy pustors of our churches Opera house Thursday evening, the 21st community. Winter approaches with uneven largely alleviate the suffering of the poor in our midst "

Half a Union Out of Work "Omana Bee: December 21, 1893.

Knights of Labor assembly No. 374, composed of upholaterers and mattress makers, the fact that wages had been reduced in held a regular meeting last night. It developed at the meeting that about one-half and commodities, except flour, has not de- of the membership is at present without creased to meet the cut. The cost of living anything to do and unable to find work in their line in Omaha. One of the members, in speaking of the situation, said that their semajoyers would only be too glad to give them work if they could get orders to fill, but on account of being unable to make sales they had been forced to reduce the number of employes. It has been the practice of trades the provents many from making repairs that need to be made. A year ago at this time a man could easily find something to to Officago when work was slack in Omaha, but their fellow workers in Chicago inform them that it is even worse there, so there is nothing for them to do but do the best.

Work at the building trades in Omaha is indeed very scarce, considering the number of members, in died devery scarce, considering the number of the days a week. But is improve the Riverside drive in New York may be introduced in the New York may be introduced in the New York and Riverside drive in New York may be introduced in the New York and the scarcity of money prevents many from making repairs that need to be made. A year ago at this time a man could easily find something to do Chicago when work was slack in Omaha, but their fellow workers in Chicago inform them that it is even worse there, so there is nothing for them to do but do the best. Bricklayers and Masons Feet Depres- them work if they could get orders to fill. DEPICT DIRE DEPRESSION Bricklayers and Musous International time of tradesmen in this line of work to go union, who is in the city to attend the an- to Chicago when work was slack in Omaha, nual convention of that organization, said but their fellow workers in Chicago inform The building trades in Denver are in is nothing for them to do but do the best

(Lincoln Correspondence In Omaha Bee, January 17, 1804.) The last year has been a particularly trytain for Denver the name of being one of ing one upon the state and private banks of Nebraska. The causes which affected so It is true that a man in congress ternational union, I may say that the de- same causes operated in every state in the many of them were not, however, local. The has immense reverence for the politician, pression has been felt to a great extent; union, and Nebraska was no worse off, and perhaps a great deal better, than many of with capital and labor at command, but have had to succumb, and I may may that her sister states. During the year the bank when it comes right down to the fine we have lost less unions by shandonment suspensions numbered forty-five. Of this point of influence there is no person in than we anticipated from the trade depres- number but fifteen were placed in the hands this wide world who can in a humble ston throughout the country. Usually we of consisers, the rest either being sold or consolidated with other banks or they went Omana.

Relief Forces Inadequate.

Cmana Bee, December 12, 1890.) puzziing their brains as to how the 2,000 idle and destitute people in our midst can be taken care of during the next three months. Private charity and the various object of the meeting is to try to arracharitable societies will to a great deal to-seems method whereby worthy persons ward meeting the immediate wants of a to beg, steal or starve. large number of deserving poor. But this source of relief is entirely inadequate when we come to provide food and raiment dur-For Relief of Homeless and Hungry. ing a long and severe winter for several thousand persons.

Would Even Pound Rock.

Cimaha Bee, December 26, 1993 A young man who has been keeping a set

Need Necessuries of Life. Omalia Res. December 15, 1893.)

A movement la on foot to organize an association of charitable people of Council Bluffs for the purpose of supplying the worthy.

Labor Men Talk About Chartry.

At the meeting of the Knights of Labor last night the unemployed were talked of more than anything else. One of the members thought that the council should be to asked to appropriate a few thousand dollars to provide work for the upemployed, but said be could not suggest what kind of work. The nity employees of Indianapolis will could be done. Mr. A. A. Perry, the past sive 3 per cent of their wages to the unmaster workman, advocated the idea of try-

The severe weather of the last few days The lain without food and fuel and in fanger of has driven any number of new applicants to made a cut in wages of he per control starvation and freezing, his utterances the county store for clothes and provisions were somewhat in the nature of a surprise and so far all of those who could pass the count of the clothing diven of one of the county and were regarded by many with a cynical sphileation have been assisted. Theselay count of the cheing diven of one of the shall of the new names were added to the making a house-to-house canvars at the city heads of families and willing to a truckle and affect Trenerry of the associated Charities. The result disclosed a sund at this date there are involved as and at this date there are involved as the country agent. The officer is a manufactured goods in hand in supply to find for six morths of manufactured goods in hand in supply to find for six morths of the country agent. The officer are sold of six morths of the cheing diven of one of the cheing diven of one at the country agent. The officer are sold of six morths of the cheing diven of one at the country agent.

representing all trades. Many of them are dait be made.

The miners at Slope roal mines in Saitor married man and the salary element is married men and the saloon element is a ville, scarcity among them. Of this number, Mr. per Cohen reports the following in need of im-

Hundreds of Homeless and Hungry Men. Who Are Unable to Find Work, Seek Shelter and Food.

The Omaha Central Labor union held a neeting last night. One of the South L

At a meeting Monday night of the Brick At a meeting Monday right of was found from it that a large proportion of their member- the

Members of the Tin, Sheet Iron and D

very little work going on in their trade. Work at the building trades in Omaha is bus further beduced the days of lab

Carbenters' union No. 885 meets tonight in Wolf's hall corner of Twenty-second and uming streets. Many of the members of his union are unable to find employment and the principal business of the meeting onight will be the discussion of methods o provide work of some kind to enable the employer of previde work of some kind to enable the thembers to keep from asking chartt

Painters' and Decorators' union No. 189 will hold a regular meeting tonight in Arlington hall, ISH Dodge street. One of the members said today that unless some-thing happened to put new life into busi-cess he did not know what some of their members would be dull in Omaha those without work could always go to other cities and secure em-ployment, but this winter the unions in other cities are other cities report work fully as dull as in

The members of the Carriage and Wagon

STAGNATION OF INDUSTRIES Items from Omaha Bee Files for Winter of 1893-4 Show Thou-

read the first editions of the papers in order to be among the first to answer advertisements offering work. The pressentimates that there are about 135.00 idle people in New York Cliv who would work I they had an opportunity.

The digarmakors of St. Paul gave a benefit for the unemployed digarmakers.

Ten thousand digarmakers are out of employment in New York.

A but of wages has been amounced in the A cut of wages has been announced in the arnegic mile at Beaver Falls Pa.
The Monongahela Amaigamares association is furnishing coal and food to the poor Tacuma's Labor day celebration surplus. The given to the unemployed of that its

master workman, advocated the idea of trying to attract the attention of the public more generally to charitable organizations, and opined that the charity organizations were not being supported this year like hey had been in the past. One of the reasons, he thought, was the inability of the former generous givers to give at this time.

Apply to County for Aid.

Omaha Bee January E. 1884.

The severe weather of the last few days about fourteen hours per due for 20 to 51 to 51. Limoin Street Railway company has

Thousands of Idle Workmen.

Omaha Bee, January 77 1894.

Henry Cohen of the Knights of Labor is chairman of a committee which has completed a canvass of the unemployed workmen of the city. He reports 2,500 unemployed wage earners in Omaha at present representing all trades. Many of them are

Cohen reports the following in need of immediate relief. Then follow the names and addresses of several hundred workingmen, many of whom are today among the best citizens of Omaha.

HARD BEDS FOR UNEMPLOYED

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The Empire Woolen mill at Clayville, Now thousand are tide and Loop are workshing on short time at Harrisburg, Pa.

The Clinion Bulling mill at Pittsburg has given notice of a reduction in wages of 10 per cent.

at the Hunter Machine company's works of North Adams, Mass. An article in the Journal of the Knights of Labor announces that nearly all of the

meeting last night. One of the South Comaha delegates announced that men in that town who had beretofore been receiving 51.5 per day were now only receiving 51.5 per day were now only receiving 51.5 per day. He also reported that a large number of persons who had come to South Omaha expecting to get work were tale and many of them without money or credit.

At a meeting Monday ment of the Besse of cont.

A general reduction in wages, cangling om 10 to 20 per cent went into affect at to Nonantown Worsted company's mills (Newton, Mass., where 70 hamis are Members of the Tin. Sheet Iron and ornice Workers compiain that there is early little work going on in their trade.

Members ago reduced in the United States.

The Elsin watch factors which five months ago reduced its force from 1.09 to 1.50 and not then on the days a week.

The Thayer Woolen company. North Oxford, Mass, will make a cut down in wages. Three hundred men will be effected. Wages of all climite men have been reduced from \$2.50 to \$2.25 at the King cost mines at Coma. Colo. to \$2 a day.

The funds obtained for relief purposes at San Francisco are to be expended for improvements at Golden Gate park. The committee decided that \$1 a day should be the rate of wages for all employed our of the reflecting the committee decided that \$1 a day should be the rate of wages for all employed our of the reflecting the committee.

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Mich., have been out to ber cent.
The Pittsburg, Shenange & Lake Erie rail-road has out wages to per cent.
The employes of the Miller Plane factory, at Wakefeld, Mass. refused to accept a cut of 20 per cent and the works have closed down. chased down.

The mechanics at Mare Island navy yard have had their wages reduced from E to 50 cents per fay.

The Victory Cotton mills at Schuyler-tille.

N. T. have made a second results. made a second reduction of 10 T. have made a second reduction of 10 er cent in wages.
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The poor of Cleveland, O. are being fed on beans and bean soup.

The weavers at Lawrence, Kan., have accepted a cut in wages.

A large knitting mill at Troy, N. Y. closed down indefinitely last week.

The inemployed at Minneapolis are being fed soup at the police station.

The boys working in the Homestead Glass Works struck before they would accept to cents a day.

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the one was severed it. No sooner had the control of the cutty with such help as they may ower to let the siture of the Pease do all in your power to let used imperative duty before them to save some of our people from perishing. I say when I put it see strongly, I was out in the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm when the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm when the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm when the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm when the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm when the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm when the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm yesterday and saw the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm yesterday and saw the storm yesterday and saw the out of the storm yesterday and saw the stor