

**PROTECTED LABOR.**

Thousands of laborers, under the guise of bunco protection, are being deprived of their bread and butter, and exposed to the unlawful encroachments of a gang of slaughtering Pinkertons, and yet we are told that American labor is being protected by the very people who have brought about the present deplorable condition between capital and labor. Thousands of honest, industrious, skilled laborers are forced to relinquish their daily vocation to satisfy the worldly greed of nabob millionaires, and their places filled by cheap labor, and as a matter of course this system comes under the head of protection to American labor? The formidable preparations that were made by the Carnegie officials for the reception of skilled labor at Homestead, and their arbitrary action in sending a disreputable band of armed mercenaries to shoot down an outraged populace will sufficiently demonstrate to what extent American labor is protected. This infamous system of sham protection, as it has been justly styled by some of the people's ablest representatives, has been designed to give the maximum of benefit to the few, to the great detriment of the majority. There is a remedy for all these evils near at hand. Only three more months when the people should register their disapproval of the duplicity of ring politicians by casting a solid vote in the interest of the people. Do not again be deceived by false promises; for the first consideration of a knave is to help himself, and at the same time make it appear that he is helping others, like Dionysius when he stripped the statue of Jupiter Olympus of a robe of massy gold, and substituted a cloak of wool, saying: "Gold is too cold in winter and too heavy in summer—it behooves us to take care of Jupiter." This is how the people's interests are cared for today by sham protection. There is ample assurance that the Colorado voters will stand by candid silver candidates next November, and cast their lot with the party that is pledged to the interests of the masses. They are tired of the duplicity of tinhorn politicians and sham protectors of American labor and products.—Herald.

**OUR COUNTY TICKET.**

The independents of Lancaster county have an important task on their hand in the selection of a legislative ticket. With a wise selection there is a chance to win. There is every indication that the legislature will be independent by a good working majority and it will be far better for Lancaster county to be represented by members who will work with the dominant party than to have its representatives located with the minority.

The republican ticket already nominated in this country is not a strong one. Of the nine nominees but one is a farmer. This is certainly a great source of weakness with the rural voters. And of the eight attorneys and business men there are few if any that can be considered personally strong. Some are entirely out of harmony with the doctrines of their party and are therefore open to the suspicion of being republicans for office only. Some have "records" that they would be greatly relieved to dispose of; and, all things considered, the republican county ticket may be put down as a very weak ticket.

Further than this, the republican

unfavorable influences. Railroad attorneys and officers, corporation managers and their hirelings, saloon keepers and their state officer patrons controlled the convention with a high hand and forced the country delegates to accept every feature of the plan which had been prepared for them before their arrival in the city. The farmers were sat upon; honest, respectable, candidates were forced aside and ring rule prevailed to an extent seldom seen even in Lincoln and Lancaster county.

All these circumstances combine to make it very important that the independents put up a strong ticket. A fair, equitable number of farmers should be put up for the legislature; the number should be completed with such business men as know the needs of the county and of the state; and an attorney should be nominated for county prosecutor whose legal ability will give him entire fitness for his duties, and whose moral and social standing is not subject to common criticism. Independents of Lancaster, let us be wise. Wisdom at the out-set means victory at the end.

**HOALLY SETHMOAKE!!** What an oversight! The republicans failed to endorse the action of their state board of transportation in that sweeping reduction of freight on apples. The party can never afford to lose all the campaign thunder that is bottled up in cheap green apples. Let the convention be re-convened.

LET no voter be caught by the old chaff about throwing away his vote. A vote for Harrison is thrown away and a vote for Cleveland is thrown away. Why? Because it makes not a particle of difference to the masses which one of these wins. In either case Wall street and Europe will rule the country and the people will take the consequences. The only votes not thrown away are those cast for Weaver and Field.

THE State Journal will fall very naturally into a stereotyped fight on General Van Wyck. It has been so fearful that he would be nominated that it has been pounding him with all its might for the past three months and will therefore be in good training to continue the battle. But a good many of the Journal's readers will wonder why the paper was so anxious to prevent the independents from putting the old war horse at the head of their ticket. And it is hard to explain, too.

**KNOWN ONLY BY NUMBER.**

One night this week a shanty in which the Chicago National Gas Pipe Line company hived its men was blown down in a storm of wind. Two men were killed and fifteen injured, some of whom have since died. The place of the accident was near Logansport, Ind., and a dispatch to a Chicago paper says: "The names of the killed are not known, as they were Italians and were known only by their number."

To this condition of slavery have come hordes of laborers in this country, many more than the unthinking imagine. These are men imported under contract, in violation of the law of the United States. By whom? By representatives of trusts, syndicates and great corporations. And why? Because they will stand conditions of labor and accept of wages which the American born and Americanized laborer spurns.

The wage-earner who respects himself will force from his employer respectable terms in mutual contract. He will live in decency. He will surround himself with wife and family. He will have good clothes, good reading and good food for himself and his. He will have good wages to secure these things and in securing them he keeps up the market for the produce of the farmer and gives work to other laborers. This wage-earner is organized. If he were not, he could not get the good wages. It behooves the farmer and all others who sell to him, though ever so indirectly, to rejoice in his good wages and in his organization that secures them.

But the few for whom the many toil object to the American workman's standard of living. They want men in gangs, men "known only by their number," men wifeless and childless, men who will live in hovels and on offal. They are getting this kind, too, more and more of them, and they gather up their added profits as between the decent standard of living and the Italian's standard, and they hie with it to Europe, or elsewhere abroad, to spend it. And the money which the American workmen would spend in healthy circulation through the avenues of home industries, congests in these thieves' fingers, and all classes of American producers suffer corresponding loss.

In the condition of the labor market today, the laborer without an organization is at the mercy of an organized capital that knows no mercy. And capital's combines have issued the edict that labor organizations must be destroyed. They have begun the war

on them at Homestead, at Coalinga, at Alene—where not?

And the war means that they purpose firmly riveting the chains of industrial slavery on every man and woman whose life and daily bread depends upon a daily wage.

Thank God, it is not now as it might have been but a few years ago. In the war they have begun the plutocratic lords must stand alone save for their meager following of hirelings and sycophants. The people are not with them. The farmer who feeds the city laborer is no longer on the side of the man who would reduce the purchasing power of the laborer by reducing his wages. Not in vain have the workers of town and country touched hands in fraternal greeting. At last they know one another. At last they recognize their common interests.

The war on labor organizations means further robbery of the many for the aggrandizement of the few, further despoliation of the productive industries of the country; further imperilment of that country's institutions by degradation of its citizenship.

The people understand what it means, and, because they understand, it will not succeed. A. P. S.

**WHAT'S** the matter with General Van Wyck?  
He's all right!

THE morning Journal inadvertently admits that Van Wyck's nomination "means a lot of fun."

"TRUTH crushed to earth shall rise again.

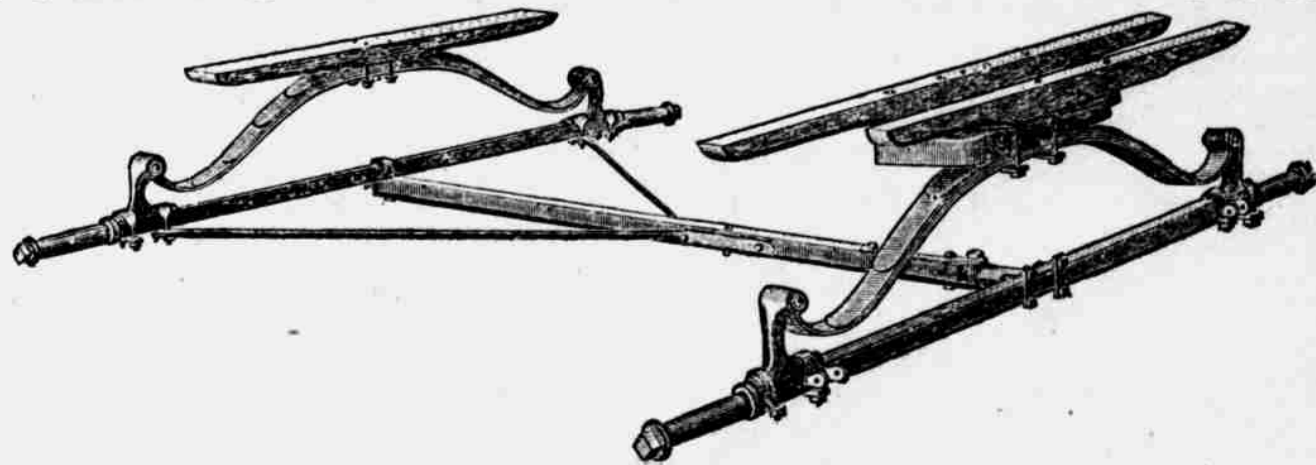
The eternal years of God are hers.  
But error wounded writhes in pain,  
And lies among her worshippers.

THE question as to whether or not Mr. Rosewater shall reign supreme over Nebraska, has to be twice settled. The republicans settle it in a preliminary manner today and the people settle it permanently in November.

THE independents of Washington state have nominated C. P. Twist for lieutenant governor. When the next state legislature convenes the people propose to have a Twist on the state senate at least.

OUR republican morning contemporary prints a vigorous editorial in favor of caution and discretion just now when the party is "on the eve of the most critical campaign ever fought in Nebraska." We like to see the honest admissions of the political situation.

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