

A FEW MORE QUERIES

Should the Laboring Classes go into Politics?

QUESTIONS NEEDING AN ANSWER.

Shall the Element that is the Strongest in Number Be Longer U c as a Tool for a Cunning Rul-less Foe?

Speaking on the question of woman's suffrage recently a gentleman (a member of a trade union) remarked that "woman must first be educated before she could be safely entrusted with the ballot."

His remark met with the most heartfelt response from me, for at this crisis none should wield that all powerful weapon without careful thought and judicious preparation. Bouyed by a hope that some day women may attain a state of mental development necessary to cast an intelligent ballot I determined to fit myself for that responsible duty.

First. Why is it that organized capital advises organized labor to stick to work and "keep out of politics" and many trades unions obey the mandate yet seek to contend with capital which does not "keep out of politics" only to find themselves beaten nine cases out of ten by the powers that "keep in politics," and formulates law on purpose to meet every uprising on the part of labor?

Second. Why is it that after one of these oft recurring contests between the two extremes that the workingman retires beaten, chagrined and vowing eternal vengeance against the relentless power; yet at the next election you will find him eagerly supporting the very men or parties that have brought him to this hopeless condition?

Third. Why is it that Union men during a strike or contest of any kind denounce the non-union men as scabs and minions of capital, but at the polls he casts his vote for the same man that the hated scab does and has the same battle to fight over again because for the time being he has become a political scab himself and voted in the interests of capital?

Fourth. If political issues do not form a part of the educational course of the labor unions, why is it that the workingmen do not learn some lessons from the tutitions they have received from the two old parties where, although the teachers have been changed, the lessons have ever been the same, neither help nor redress from either side for the masses?

Fifth. Why is it that while the platforms of principles of both the old parties have ignored the struggles of the labor element and paid no heed to the demands of the masses for justice, though the present administration has ushered in amid a tumult of disruption and discontent among the common people to which no heed has been paid yet at our spring elections, there has been as pronounced a feeling of partisanship as if the great common people had been a factor in politics in either party?

Sixth. Why is it that in communities where labor has been forced to combine for mutual protection that the labor element instead of following the example of capital and uniting and supporting men and principles that would have bettered their conditions, have reported as large majorities for the republican and democratic parties as can be found in communities where labor is untrammelled though it looks like madness for them to expect benefits where nothing is pledged or promised?

These are questions that perplex many persons who view the contest from afar, and although the World is non-political perhaps it would not be amiss to discuss the question in open session. "Shall that element which is strongest in point of numbers be longer used as a tool for a cunning ruthless foe?"—MRS. FRANCES F. ALLEN in Workingman's World.

Where the Difference Comes In.

Not every man who has been a member of the independent party has been a true and honest man. We have had our Taylors, and Burrows and Holdens. But the rank and file in the state have not upheld them. They hold a place of dishonor. They are not of us. Their misdeeds are upbraided, and they themselves are despised for their acts of treason to the independent cause. Not so the republican hoodlums in state offices. Scarcely a republican paper or is so much as a clam shell. The people of this state have the power in their own hands to cast from the offices the gang who have carried on this unscrupulous raid on the state treasury. If at the election this fall they do not overthrow and utterly rout them, they will have themselves only to blame. We predict, however, that the "stand up for Nebraska" racket won't work this fall.—Lexington Clipper.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

Interesting Items Gleaned from People's Party Exchanges.

Twelve million free dinners were given to London's poor children last year.

An earthquake wave once crossed the Pacific in 12 hours or over six miles a minute.

Charles Francis Adams is a recent convert to Henry George's single tax theories.

The average Kentuckian is not bothered about the reports of bad water at Chicago.

The populists carried six prominent cities in the late municipal elections in Wisconsin.

A Louisville barber cuts hair with a razor more artistically than his rivals with shears.

The Northwestern Bank at Sibley, Iowa, closed its doors on the 7th. Great prosperity.

An American flag made entirely of acorns is a curiosity exhibited by a Baltimore man.

Exclusive of postoffices, there are over 74,000 offices under the Federal government.

Cleveland has a new carriage built to order and it cost \$1,800. More "Jeffersonian simplicity."

Wheat taken from a mummy vase in Egypt 2,000 years old was planted and some of it grew.

Heavy shipments of corn are being made to Mexico since the removal of the Mexican import duty.

The Patrons of Industry at Detroit elected officers and declared themselves for a better government.

In a New York store 250 clerks, men and women, were arrested because a cash box had disappeared.

McLuckie, the burgess (mayor) of Homestead, Pa., is going to lecture. His subject is "Frickism in America."

The greatest living strong man is Sullivan, of London. One of his daily feats is to lift an elephant with his teeth.

Carnegie is twisting the screws. Machinery in the Pittsburg mills must work ten hours a day hereafter instead of nine.

"Omnibus Signs of the Dissolution of the Republic," was the title of a sermon not long since delivered by a Chicago minister.

Measles broke out in the Esquimaux village on the fair grounds, and these queer people at once proceeded to drive out the "evil spirits."

It is time for everybody else to wake up when the Century Magazine solemnly inquires: "How can we secure better United States senators?"

The southern governors held what would seem to have been a profitable meeting for the purpose of encouraging immigration to the south.

A pair of mounted horns measuring nine feet have been sent from Texas to Chicago. They are expected to be the biggest horns at the fair.

A bible which has been in the family of Mrs. James Pierce, of Wanatha, Ind., for many years is said to have been used at the marriage of Pocahontas.

The Missouri legislature has created the office of "State Beer Inspector," and now the Missourians are tumbling over each other to secure the position.

A dollar of the coinage of 1804 sold the other day for \$1,300. That dollar seems to be able to hold its own, if it is made out of silver, says the Wilmington Star.

Still the prosperity goes on. The Mechanics' Savings Bank, of Nashville, assigned on the 16th. This is the fourth bank that has gone under there in the past three weeks.

The Governor of South Carolina is now in Kentucky laying in a supply of "snake bite medicine." When he gets home again, he will say to the Governor of North Carolina: "It is a long time etc."

Lizzie Borden, the young woman who is accused of having murdered her father and mother at Fall River, Mass., has been in jail, waiting trial, for eight months, and still there is no prospect of a trial.

It is reported that Georgia hens are laying eggs with necks or handles like gourds, and this is said to be an indication that the Georgians are expecting another visit from Gen. Weaver and Mrs. Lease.

The largest peach orchard in the world is that of the Ohio Fruit Land Company, situated near Fort Valley, Ga. The orchard at present contains 150,000 trees and is being enlarged every year.

The weather has been favorable for wheat in Michigan, but the prospects are not encouraging. In the southwestern part of the State wheat fields are being plowed up and planted to other crops.

It seems that about all that John Sherman's anti-trust act is good for, says the St. Louis Republic, is to serve as an excuse for federal judges who want an excuse for locking up members of labor unions.

The sentiment in favor of the free coinage is growing even in England. In a recent test vote in the House of Commons, the silver vote amounted to 148, an increase since 1890 of more than 200 per cent.

In a square political fight between the three parties in the late municipal elections in La Crosse, Wis., the vote for mayor was as follows: Populist 2,633; Democrat, 1,851; Republicans, 1,267. Majority for Populists, 75.

The Social Democrats of Germany are carrying on a successful agitation among the peasants of that country. In Saxony particularly the number of Social Democrats elected to public offices by peasants is constantly increasing.

A Minnesota Judge has decided that a dentist cannot legally take a mortgage on false teeth that he makes for a patient. He says as long as they are in your mouth they are a part of your carcass and cannot be seized as chattel.

property. Now mortgage your teeth and cheat your creditor.

The railroad men of Wisconsin are trying to push the following bills through the legislature: A co-employees Liability Bill; a weekly-payment bill; and an eight-hour bill for yard men, providing double pay for overtime.

It is said that there are over 100,000 women in New York city that support their husbands. This is the red man's idea of man, but we did not suppose that in the very center of business in the United States this idea had taken root.

The irrepressible Tom Watson is to be nominated for governor of Georgia. His party polled 40,000 votes at the late election, and if silver is not remonetized before next year's election Watson will probably be Georgia's next executive.

An Australian bank failed the other day with liabilities amounting to \$10,000,000. Great prosperity must be getting in its work over there. Yet the daily papers declare that no reform is needed. "Nero fiddled while Rome burned."

In preparing for the inaugural ball in the pension building the business in the bureau was interrupted for eight days at an expense of \$8,000 a day, or a total expense of \$64,000. "On with the dance let joy be unconfined." The people are paying the fiddlers.

A meeting of the Republican National committee is to be held at Louisville, Ky., May 10. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat thinks that will be a good time for Tom Carter to resign the chairmanship. It might be a good time to appoint a receiver.

The 17-year-old heir to the throne of Austria invited the Regents to a banquet, had them all arrested and proclaimed himself king. His mother, Queen Natalie, whom the boy's father, King Milan, treated shamefully, will likely now be recalled from exile.

Tom Watson says it is reported that Senators Vest and Vorhees, of the Senate Finance Committee, have been converted over to Cleveland's side of the question, and that Henry Waterson has also made up his mind that there need be no remonetization of silver.

Some persons profess to be able to guess approximately what part of Italy a woman comes from by the length of her earrings. Italian earrings lengthen as one goes southward, and in the extreme south of Italy the earrings of the women reach almost to the shoulders.

The editor of the Edinburgh Scotsman not long ago received an envelope which bore in addition to his address a request that the inclosed letter should be handed to any bookseller in Edinburgh. The letter ran: "The kind of book that I want is a courting book—a book that will tell me how to talk to the lass that I love, a book that will tell me the words to say to her and the words to ask her when I be courting her, is the sort of book that I want. No matter how few or how little the words may be."

Was it Accident or Design?

The legislature appropriated \$15,000 to defray the expenses of the impeachment trial and prosecution of men charged with cheating the state. When the appropriation bill reached the governor it was found that the amount had been raised to \$25,000. The blunder was laid at the door of the engrossing clerks. Since the governor approved the bill, however, many persons have dropped in upon Auditor Moore to tell him in a purely interested way that the law may be void by reason of the error, and that if he honored any drafts upon the appropriation he might have to eventually pay them out of his own pocket. Friends of the impeached officials became exceedingly solicitous lest any part of the money should be drawn out of the treasury. The accused officials were to be tried for illegal raids on the state funds and they trembled for the fate of the auditor in case he disbursed any of the money provided by law for the trial.

These self-constituted watch dogs of the state money vaults have brought suspicion upon themselves by their petty interference. It begins to look as if the blunder they charge upon the engrossing clerk was of their own making, and that they sought to prevent a prosecution of the impeached officials by cutting off the source of supplies. If so they have reckoned without their host. Eminent attorneys express the opinion that the appropriation of the \$15,000 originally voted by the legislature is valid and available and at the immediate disposal of the managers of impeachment. State Auditor Moore, however, will not honor further drafts on the appropriation until the supreme court shall have made his way clear in the premises.

Whatever may be the ruling of the court, the attorneys employed by the state to prosecute the accused officials will not hesitate in the performance of their duty to the people. The matter of compensation will not worry them in the least.—Omaha Bee.

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