

American mechanic's wages are six or eight times more than the wages of a Chinaman, but at the same time the American does thirty or forty times more work. We contend that measured by what he produces the American wage earner is the lowest paid producer in the world. He gets less than 12 per cent of what he produces.

Eleswhere in this issue appears an article from the pen of Laurie J. Quinby of Omaha, "The Relation of Taxation to Wages." This is a question that should not only be studied by wage earners, but by the professional man and the business man, especially the small dealer. Mr. Quinby has stated the case in plain terms, and no one should experience a bit of difficulty in grasping the fundamental principle.

The newspapers lacking anything of real news value, are filling up with "dope" about how the vacancy in the Third district is to be filled. It will be filled by special election, of course. The governor may appoint a senator to fill a vacancy during a recess of congress, the appointee to serve until the legislature meets. But the governor may not appoint a congressman. In the Third district case the special election will fall upon the same date as the regular election. That is all there is to it. The primary date having gone by the nominations must be either by petition or by the state central committees. The state committees will, of course, accept the recommendations of the congressional committees.

There is every reason to believe that Dan V. Stephens of Fremont will be the democratic candidate for the Latta succession. He is entitled to the honor, but more than that he is fitted in every way to represent fully the people of the Third district and the people of the whole state. He has taken a foremost part in every move calculated to advance the public welfare. As a good roads advocate, as an advocate of intensive farming methods, as an educator—in every line of profitable human endeavor Dan V. Stephens has been at the front. Such men should be sent to represent a live, progressive state in the halls of congress.

A GOOD TAFT STORY.

The near approach of the date for President Taft's visit to Nebraska offers good excuse for telling a story that will doubtless be appreciated more by the "progressives" than by the "standpatters."

One of the prominent merchants of a northern Oklahoma town is a negro, who will be called Wilson because that is not his name. Of course Wilson is a stalwart republican. In 1902 the editor of Will Maupin's Weekly visited this Oklahoma town and became acquainted with Wilson. During the visit quite an argument sprang up, Wilson advocating Taft and

this editor advocating Bryan. A year or so later the editor was again in this Oklahoma town, and again called on Wilson. After a few preliminary remarks the editor asked:

"Well, Mr. Wilson, what do you think of your man Taft by this time?"

"What do I think about Taft?" repeated Wilson. "Why, that man Taft ain't filling the presidential chair. He's merely occupying it."

PRESIDENT SIZER.

It is now President E. R. Sizer of the National Association of First Class Postmasters. President Sizer is of Lincoln, if you please, where he has officiated with such ability that the Lincoln post office is considered the model first-class office of the country. There are those of narrow mind and biased partisanship who intimate that President Sizer is a "politician," meaning thereby to belittle his ability as a man of progressive ideas. They fail in their intent, because Lincoln people, and thousands of others who often visit with us, know from experience that President Sizer is a man of progressive business ideas, a capable executive and an energetic official. Being a large patron of the Lincoln post office Will Maupin's Weekly is in a position to know something concerning its status. And this status, due in largest measure to the splendid administration of President Sizer, is such that it is pointed to as a sample of the best management. We are not congratulating President Sizer upon his election; our congratulations are extended to the National Association of First Class Postmasters. Its members do not know President Sizer as we of Lincoln know him, therefore they do not yet realize how fortunate they were when they secured his services as chief executive of their association.

YET WE WONDER WHY!

There are those who express wonder that the average poor man holds to the opinion that the laws are not the same for

the rich as for the poor; at least, that the laws are not administered alike for the rich and the poor.

Down in Missouri a man sold a side of beef a few weeks ago. He was speedily apprehended and arrested. Three days later he was put on trial. The trial lasted one day and the man was found guilty and sentenced to a year in the penitentiary. In just two weeks from the day of the theft the man was on his way to the penitentiary at Jefferson City.

He was a poor man.

The beef trust has been stealing beef from the people for many years. Nine years ago the trust was indicted. Did the rich and influential managers of the trust have to take their medicine like the poor Missourian who stole a single side of beef? Not so that you could notice it. The trust magnates have managed to stave off their trial for nine years, and just the other day entered their plea of "not guilty." Perhaps in another nine years the case will have progressed far enough to permit of the lawyers asking for a change of venue, or something like that.

We therefore wonder why there are people who wonder why some men hold that the laws are not administered for the rich and poor alike.

ROSEBUD LAND OPENING.

During October the U. S. Government is going to open up to settlement one-half million acres of land in Nellette and Bennett Counties, South Dakota, in the celebrated Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations. A sectional map of Nellette Co., S. D. has just been issued showing all the land open to homestead entry, gives the names of Indians allotted and the numbers of their allotments; shows all streams and gives a good topography of the country in general. I will furnish this map and full information regarding the opening, homestead laws, etc., upon receipt of fifty cents.

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