

has gone a-slumming I wish to speak a word of sympathy for the man who succeeds—the man who, against great odds, has directed the efforts of others, and having succeeded, finds there's nothing in it: nothing but bare board and clothes.

Rags Not Necessarily a Recommendation.

I have carried a dinner pail and worked for day's wages, and I have also been an employer of labor, and I know there is something to be said on both sides. There is no excellence, per se, in poverty; rags are no recommendation; and all employers are not rapacious and high-handed, any more than all poor men are virtuous.

Good Men are Always Needed.

My heart goes out to the man who does his work when the "boss" is away, as well as when he is at home. And the man, who, when given a letter for Garcia, quietly takes the missive, without asking any idiotic questions, and with no lurking intention of chucking it into the nearest sewer, or of doing aught else but deliver it, never gets "laid off," nor has to go on a strike for higher wages. Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted; his kind is so rare that no employer can afford to let him go. He is wanted in every city, town and village—in every office, shop, store and factory.

Needed Today and Needed Badly—a Man!

The world cries out for such: he is needed, and needed badly—the man who can carry a message to Garcia.

EVIDENTLY CORNED. The Atchison Globe of September 7th contains the

following from a former resident of this propinquity which may be of interest to the readers of THE CONSERVATIVE:

In accepting an invitation to attend the Corn Carnival, Paul Morton says: "What a glorious thing it would be for Kansas and Nebraska, and other corn producing states, if we had the ingenuity to work up a demand in the Orient for our corn, substituting American maize for rice in the stomachs of four or five hundred million Celestials. A few years ago, the wise men—especially the U. S. consuls who wrote reports on the subject—said it was of no use for the United States to try to export flour to China and Japan, but a trade in this product has already developed that amounts to over \$6,000,000 per year. Why don't you organize a campaign among the leading Missouri river newspapers for the purpose of agitating an introduction of American corn foods in Asia? It would be a grand thing for Kansas and Nebraska, and, indirectly, I do not see that any evil could come to the transcontinental railroads, in one of which I am quite interested. Yours for corn, Paul Morton."

JONES OF TOLEDO.

There are several Joneses in the country who have become more or less notorious. There is "old Bill Jones" who never told a lie, Sam Jones, the revivalist, who cannot lie; J. K. Jones of Arkansas, tender to Bryanarchy locomotive; Jones of Binghamton who "always pays the freight," and Jones of Toledo who has the political bee in his bonnet. This Jones is the most interesting in the lot. Like Artemus Ward's coon he is a "korus kind of a kuss." He has a platform of his own, a sort of automobile machine. Among other things he demands:

Equality of Opportunity for All

as if there was a shortage in the opportunity market. Jones and his socialistic ilk do not seem aware that it is not opportunity that is lacking, but rather opportunity has a poor chance with so many ill-fits and misfits. There is a vast difference between a country of thirty or forty million people and one of seventy or eighty. Opportunity multiplies fast but cannot compete in proficuity with the unfits and misfits. What Jones and the socialists are trying to do is to increase the overflowing army of unfits and misfits at the cost of the fits. There is no lack of opportunity for the fits. There is a crying demand for them everywhere. It is the unfits and misfits only who are crying for opportunity. Politicians do most of the bawling.

Jones Cries for Self-Government

totally blind to the fact that self-government begins at home. He says:

"The right of self government through the abolition of political parties, by direct nomination of candidates by the people, and by direct making of laws by the people."

CORN. Prime's crop report, issued on September 2, says of this cereal:

"Fourteen days now of high temperature accompanied by total absence of rain in the central and southern portions of the corn belt have dried up the crop, reduced the quality, and shortened the yield. These conditions are today apparent over a much wider area of the country than I have yet reported. Early corn out of the way of frost from the tenth to the fifteenth of September, late corn about the first of October. Reserves of the 1898 crop have been very largely reduced during August."

SCHOOL FURNITURE.

It seems, if one may believe the newspapers, that there is a school furniture trust doing business in Nebraska and that the vigilant attorney-general is about to bring an action to make it quit the state.

When the first sod school-houses were constructed on these prairies the

money power and the wicked combines for making desks and benches had not materialized. Then slab seats and plain board desks, manufactured by indigenous furniture-makers, adorned every district. That, however, may have been because "the crime of 1873" had not then been perpetrated. In any event the school furniture trust is not more pronouncedly in favor of higher prices than is the silver smelter trust. And when will proceedings begin against the latter doing business in Omaha?

PIONEER DAY.

The following explains itself:

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 11, 1899.

EDITOR THE CONSERVATIVE:

Arrangements have been made with Doctor Miller, president of the Exposition Association, for Territorial Pioneer Days on October fourth and fifth, thus giving those in attendance upon the meeting an opportunity of seeing the Exposition at reduced rates. The meeting will open at 11 o'clock a. m., October the fourth in the Auditorium building on the grounds. I have published a notice in the "Pioneer" at Lincoln stating that Governor Furnas, J. Sterling Morton, Doctor Miller, Orlando Teft and others would address the association. It is hoped that we will secure a number of the old pioneers to make short addresses and thus create new interest in the State Historical Society. Shall be glad to hear from you upon the subject.

Very truly yours,
DANIEL H. WHEELER,
Acting Secretary.

This is the last opportunity of the century for the pioneers of Nebraska to have a reunion. Every one of them should endeavor to be present for an interchange of experiences and reminiscences.

(The Nebraska Territorial Pioneers is an organization composed of Classes A and B. Class A consists of those who located in, or were born in, Nebraska prior to March 1, 1867. Class B consists of the children and grand-children of members in Class A. Deceased persons may be registered if eligible when living. In each case the register-card must be filed, and the register-fee of one dollar paid, to secure membership. There are no dues and no salaries).

"If McLean is not beaten at the polls by a tremendous majority Ohio should emblazon the scarlet letter upon her shield and border it with muck rakes," says the Memphis Scimitar (dem.). "Ohio politics has never been of the highest order, but it never before reached the depth of malodorous fame to which this nomination forces it to descend."