

TOIL FOR BREAD AND BUTTER.

Reduction of Working Hours Demanded Around the World.

A LEADER OF THE GREAT MOVEMENT

The Shoe Clerks Have Applied to the Knights of Labor and a Boycott Has Been Suggested.

Evolution in Hours.

At the last regular meeting of the central labor union of the city...

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States...

See 3. That any officer of the government of the United States...

Eight Hours All Over. There are but few people outside of the bread winners...

The agitation now going on throughout the country is evidently not the result of a week's discussion...

This year the American Federation of Labor, following the instructions received at the annual convention...

The plan adopted by the Knights of Labor to shorten the day...

The Father of Shorter Hours. On the 14th of May stands the centenary of the birth of Robert Owen...

Standing on a hill overlooking his factories, this rich and powerful manufacturer reflected that they were filled with wretched men, women and children...

Yet the movement went on, and a campaign of education gradually succeeded in winning over other manufacturers...

In the debates in parliament all the arguments of conservatism were exhausted to show that twelve or fourteen hours was the proper thing for the highest moral welfare of labor...

Will It Be a Boycott? Although little is said, the movement on the part of the clerks in the retail shoe stores of the city for a reduction of hours of labor is by no means dead.

The Haverhill, Mass., plumbers and carpenters struck for nine hours and their demands were granted.

In New York city 170 Italian marble cutters went out for nine hours and their places were filled by other workmen.

The Consolidated pavers of New York city have fixed the scale at \$1.50, nine hours and no sub-contracting.

At Youngstown, O., last week all painters, made, now \$3.85, regular price \$5.

which is to boycott the houses refusing to come to terms.

Yesterday a prominent worker in the central labor union said:

"The shoe clerks have asked us to add them and its co-workers in the same cause, we are in duty bound, by the obligations of our order, to give them the assistance we can in the way of affording relief."

"How will you go about it?" he was asked. "There are various ways," he replied, "but the most effective is the boycott."

"In Omaha we have from 10,000 to 15,000 men belonging to societies organized to further the interests of the laboring classes, and should we order a boycott, there is no doubt all, or at least nearly all of these men and their families would give these stores a most severe letting alone."

"The shoe clerks have just cause for complaint, as it is a most notorious fact that, under the present system, they are compelled to labor from twelve to fifteen hours each day, while men in other lines work only from nine to ten hours, and receive as good, if not better, wages."

"We don't care to go before the public just at present upon this proposition, as the clerks have not yet entered into full fellowship, but when they do, and then come to us, they can make their demand, and rest assured it will be met, with no half-way ground."

"I feel safe in saying that not a merchant in Omaha has any desire to see a firm boycotted, because it means the loss of business; but, if the occasion demands, and the boys want our help, the manifesto will go forth."

The clerks fully understand what course the central labor union will expect them to pursue and will act accordingly. There is now no doubt but that within the next ten days or two weeks they will perfect an organization and apply for the protection which the Knights of Labor are only too willing to grant, if the application comes through the proper channels.

A number of the larger stores in the city have already agreed to meet the demands of the clerks and are only waiting until they shall ask for shorter hours, while others are holding out, claiming it would be ruinous to their business if their clerks were allowed to do so.

The next ten days will settle the matter in one way or the other, as a point has now been reached where, if the clerks do not win, they will be forced to go to the wall, and continue to labor as heretofore.

Men's fine kangaroo sewed shoes now \$2.20, regular price \$2.75, in congress and bala.

Men's fine russet calf shoes now \$2, regular price \$2.75.

Men's fine B calf shoes, regular price \$2, now \$1.60, in bala and congress.

Men's best quality hand made patent leather shoes, regular price \$7, now \$5.

Men's best quality hand made shoes in cordial, kangaroo and calf at \$5, regular prices \$6.50 and \$7; in bala, button or congress.

Men's fine French calf shoe, hand made, now \$3.85, regular price \$5.

Men's 2-buckle plow shoes now \$1.10, regular price \$1.35.

Men's calf boots of all kinds at less than cost.

Men's kip boots at 1/2 price to close.

Our men's shoes are all the latest styles. We have them in all widths and sizes. They were all made to order for us and include many of the best makes. Come early and get first choice.

Our stock of ladies', misses' and children's shoes is large. We have great bargains in oxford ties of all kinds.

Every Pair of Our Men's Shoes to be CLOSED OUT AT COST. We have Decided not to Keep Men's Shoes.

And will close out at cost, our large stock bought this spring direct from the eastern manufacturers.

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WICKEDNESS IN WASHINGTON.

The Slums and Plague Spots at the National Capital.

Given over to the Loughs Soires of the Hell's Bottom Club Bako Association—President Washington and Davy Burns—Inflexible Social Customs.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—[Special to the Bee.]—Spooks and scenes of rivalry, foot-pads, highwaymen, African midnight picnics, and blood-curdling familiarity with the razor.

Decadence and retrogression seem to have centralized in one spot in Washington, and the story of it all can be related in a few thrilling paragraphs.

Although but a century old Washington is able to turn a retrospective glance on a past that is rich in romance and story, a past beginning in the troubled times of the new country just succeeding the great struggle from which it had emerged after casting off the bonds that trammelled freedom, and embracing in its chronicles the history of a nation.

Washington is of all other American cities a city of strong and at times discrepant contrasts. A city of magnificent distances it certainly is, and the visitor to the capital city who confines himself to the wide spaces of perfect avenues and beautiful parks loses sight of the

Slums and Plague Spots with which Washington like all other cities is infested.

Of all the dangerous localities there is none in this city so noted for desperate and outrageous acts as the now neglected house and grounds of the old Van Ness mansion, a princely home but a short century ago, and now the resort of the lowest and vilest of Washington's tough population.

The handsome old building, of the architecture of the colonial period, though built long after the colonies had ceased to exist, stands in a beautiful though neglected park just to the southwest of the white house grounds.

It is a building that bears upon every line and angle the imprint of the genius of the Architect Latrobe, to whose individuality and skill is due much of the beauty of the stately domed building that shelters our law makers.

From his hands came the plans and designs of the princely edifice, and under his personal supervision the structure was reared. In its time it has sheltered the highest dignitaries in the land, and its walls have witnessed the stately revelry of the old-fashioned minuet with presidents and premiers among the dancers.

Now it is given over to the wild orgies held under the auspices of the "Hell's Bottom Club" Bako Association, or the "Foggy Bottom Hell's Bottom Club."

Where the coy glance of the artless maiden in the quaint, picturesque costume of the time glances at the mistress of some gallant in court dress and powdered wig, now is seen only the black face and gleaming teeth of some negro belle engaged in the task of disporting over his wife he had overlooked the fact that she had an excellent set of teeth.

The tradesman, well satisfied with his bargain, would not budge a single penny from the original mark until the husband went into court, the wife was ordered to return to her lord and master.

Bleached Damask 10 pieces bleached damask at 45c; worth 60c. 10 pieces bleached damask at 75c; worth 90c. 10 pieces bleached damask, 68 and 72 in wide, at \$1; would be cheap at \$1.25. 10 pieces 72 in bleached damask, in very choice patterns, at \$1.25; well worth \$1.65. 3-4 napkins to match, at \$3.75; worth \$4.50.

Cream Damask 15 pieces extra cream damask at 50c; worth 65c. This damask is very suitable for boarding houses and restaurants. Half bleached damask, extra fine, at 65c; good value for 85c.

Odd Cloths We have a small lot of odd cloths that we have no napkins to match, in sizes 8-4 and 8-4 by 10-4, this little lot will be sold out regardless of cost, anyone that can use these sizes will do well to come early as the lot is small and they are very cheap.

Napkins Extra large 5-8 bleached napkins \$1.95; worth \$2.25. Special—Extra fine 3-4 double damask napkins at \$5.50; reduced from \$7. 3-4 fine damask napkins at \$2.75; well worth \$3.25. 3-4 extra damask napkins at \$3.50; good value at \$4.

Towels Fine huck, size 17x33, at \$1.50 per dozen; would be cheap at \$2. Fine huck towels, size 19x28, at \$2 doz. This towel is very cheap and is well worth \$2.75. At \$2 we show an elegant assortment of fine damask and huck towels, they are worth \$2.50. At \$2.50 we show the finest line of damask and huck towels that can be found in the city, many of the towels in this lot are worth as much as \$3.

Bed Spreads 10-4 crocheted bed spreads at 75c; worth 90c. 10-4 crocheted bed spreads, in new creoles patterns, at \$1; good value at \$1.25. 10-4 Marcellines at \$1.25; reduced from \$2.25. Special—At \$2.50 we show a Marcelline spread that is worth \$3.25. At \$3.25, extra fine Marcelline spreads that are worth \$4.50. We call attention to these marcelline special, as they are the best value we have ever offered.

Raw Silk Table Covers 6-4 raw silk covers at \$2; worth \$2.50. 8-4 tapestry cover at \$15; worth \$18. Extra fine silk covers, at \$15 and \$18. These covers in extra fine colorings.

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