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Hon. S. W. T. Lanham has our thanks for many valuable books and other documents.

If commerce was interfered with on the high seas as it has been by the strikers it would be called piracy.

Our people have two extremes to watch, the arrogance and greed of a few capitalists and the tyranny of leaders among labor organizations.

All the Farmers' Alliances that have spoken out on the subject, except in Dallas and Montague counties are decidedly opposed to Alliances taking part with the Knights of Labor in their strikes or boycotts.

If the strike continues much longer, the times will be harder in Texas than for years. Business is prostrated, and there will be no market for any kind of produce.

We call the attention of Dist. Supt. Baker to the negligence of managers in allowing the Telephone to remain out of repair three or four days at one time.

Texas needs more money, and capitalists were looking to our State as a safe place for profitable investments.

When you see a big stout healthy man running around bawling the condition of the strikers and the poor working man, ask him about how much work he does at home.

The government has no contract with the employees of the railroads, but with the roads and corporations.

DeSota Alliance in Dallas county has ordered us to stop sending the CITIZEN to their address because we oppose the boycott.

These who wish communications published strictly in the interest of the Knights of Labor should send them to their organ at Ft. Worth and not the CITIZEN.

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be the wealthy manufacturer of the next. The possibility of this change makes the American idea of the relations between capital and laborance store from the English idea, and he has no call for the importation Our Alliance form of organization. Our Alliance form of organization. Our Alliance form of organization.

The Western Rural one of the best agricultural and one of the most faithful papers to the farmer and laborer, in the last issue, in speaking of the demands of labor says:

"The darkest outlook for labor to-day comes from its own unreasonable demands. The great mass of the American people are on the side of labor and against capital."

The workers in the McCormick reaper factory did it a few weeks ago. They demanded more wages. That was their right. McCormick complied as we understand, with one or two other demands which the workmen made.

"The strike on the Gould roads is still worse. A foreman and one of his men had a misunderstanding and the latter was discharged. That is affirmed to have been the beginning of this great strike and the inconvenience to the public it has entailed. Now it is unreasonable. It is not business like. The game is not worth the powder judged from any standpoint, and men who will go into such a movement lose respect. It would be far more sensible for the unions to support the discharged man all his life than to enter upon such folly; and the Western Rural sincerely deprecates such tomfoolery, for labor needs all the sympathy and moral support it can get."

Much has been said and written concerning the strike and boycott, and labor and capital. We ask our farmers to stop and consider why they should sympathize with the strikers. About one-half of the American people, and much more than half the number who earn their bread by the sweat of their faces, belong to the agricultural classes. The farmers, planters, gardeners and stock-growers—that is, those who enormously outnumber the Knights of Labor and their dependents. A vast majority of the population of Texas are agricultural people and not only do not propose to join the strikes for higher wages and shorter number of hours, but are utterly unable to do so. They and their brethren and sisters of other states of the year, may not work more than eight hours in some seasons of the year, but there are times when they must toil nearly twice as long, and average at least twelve hours all the year round. And they not only work a greater number of hours, but toil harder while they do work than strikers who live in cities, yes a few in the country, too, profess to be unable to comprehend the coldness of these toiling millions who cultivate the soil, towards the cause of the workmen of the cities that are striving to force up their wages and reduce their hours of labor. But one has not to look far to find the reason of this lack of sympathy and support. They are actuated by self-interest like other human beings.

The situation of the farming classes would, however, be made much worse by a successful strike by all the city workers. Even if the latter only gained the point of a shorter day for the same pay per hour, the price of commodities must rise by the non-employment of capital during 20 per cent of the time that it is now earning money, which enables it to sell goods at less prices than it could otherwise do. But the general rise in wages which is about to be pressed for by the Knights in cities would form an additional burden on the farmer, as he sees, and that a very heavy one. It would mean an inevitable addition of 20 or 30 per cent to the price which the farmer must pay for his clothing, boots and shoes, sugars, coffee, wagons, harness, leather, nails, plows, harrows, harvesting machines, household furniture and books, with the many other things that he can now afford to buy, but with many of which he would be obliged to dispense under the new order of things. Certainly this prospective change of conditions forms the strongest possible reason why one-half of our population have thus far not only failed to sympathize with the city Knights of Labor in the pending struggle, but furnishes a powerful inducement to them to wish that the strike may not succeed. By that result, and that alone, could the farmer hope to avoid being placed at a great disadvantage as compared with his present position.

And the disadvantage would be all the greater, as the farmer is really the only one who is utterly debarred from a recouping of his losses by the change. The merchants of all classes the railroad company would compel to pay higher charges, and all others affected by a general rise in prices would be able, more or less, to compensate it by increasing their charges for goods sold or services rendered. They might be injured or embarrassed for a time, but would ere long see their way clear to "get even," in part at least; but no such recovery apparently awaits the farmer, obliged to pay more for all that he buys from the men who pay the higher wages for labor in the cities. He must still be dependent upon the foreign market to fix the prices at which he can dispose of his produce, with the decidedly unpleasant probability staring him in the face that the foreign market will be more and more to his disadvantage as the years roll by.

These are some of the reasons why we and the great toiling class who earn their bread as farmers are not anxious for the success of any higher-wages movement in the cities, whose effect will be to enhance the cost of all goods and articles which agriculturists must buy, while at the same time they are unable to protect their own labor by raising the price of their own products on the consumers.

A Word to Workers. If your vocations are mentally or physically laborious, if they subject you to exposure in inclement weather, if they confine you to the desk, and are of a nature to involve wear and tear of brain, and nervous strain, you may occasionally require some renovating tonic. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the article for you, it stimulates the failing energies, invigorates the body and cheers the mind. It enables the system to throw off the debilitating effects of undue fatigue, gives renewed vigor to the organs of digestion, arouses the liver when inactive, which it very often is with people whose pursuits are sedentary, renews the jaded appetite, and encourages healthful repose. Its ingredients are safe, and its credentials, which consist in the hearty endorsements of persons of every class of society, are most convincing. Admirably it is adapted to the medical wants of workers.

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The twenty-five millions of toilers on the land feel they are at another great disadvantage as compared with the city Knights of Labor. The man who raises grain or cotton or pork or garden truck, or who feeds cattle either on the farm or prairie, has almost no control over the price he shall receive for his products. That is determined by the "market" in Chicago, New York, London and Liverpool, the prices at those and other points being lessened by the cost of transportation thither from the farm and the other expenses of handling by middlemen, as well as the profits of the speculator. The only voice the farmer has in the matter is the right to withhold his produce for sale at a more favorable opportunity, provided he is able to do so—which he often is not, and is often fully as likely to lose as to gain by his conservatism, because the speculator is on the lookout and generally beats down the price so long as he thinks there is a considerable quantity yet to be placed on the market. And the prices received by the farmer for his produce determine the rate of wages he can pay to his help, so that the latter are equally with himself powerless to strike for higher wages, or what is the same thing to the farmer, an enhanced rate of pay for work performed per hour.

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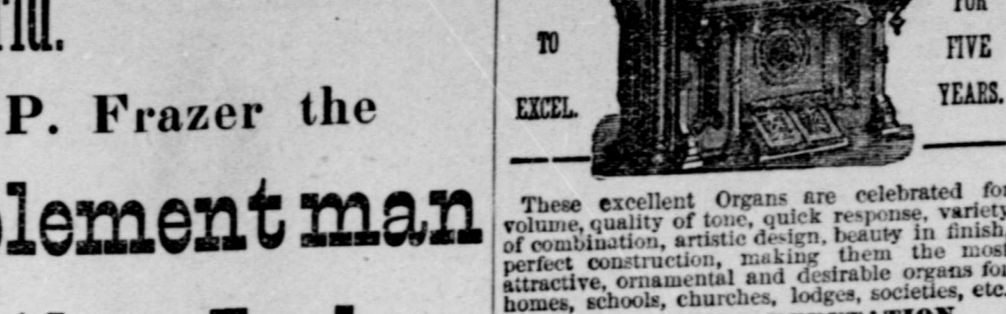
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