

Anderson Intelligence.

Objects and Aims of the Labor Reform Association.

Rev. A. W. Moore, of Laurens, was invited to attend a meeting at Hodges, in Abbeville County, but was unable to meet the engagement, and sent the following letter to the meeting, which explains so fully and satisfactorily the aims and objects of the Labor Reform Association that we transfer it to our columns, with the hope that every farmer in Anderson County will give it a careful perusal.

PIKEVILLE, S. C., July 20, 1876.

Gentlemen: I regret that pressing engagements in Laurens will prevent my being with you next Saturday at Hodges. When we can, we will meet with the citizens of Abbeville and urge upon them the absolute necessity of thorough organization in every township of the county. Such an organization is indispensable to the industries of the county. No kind of government will help us unless we can make our industries productive and profitable. If we can introduce a change in the results of business all over the State, this very change will have a decided effect upon the government.

The fundamental principle of "Labor Reform" is the union of employers upon just and humane principles to control labor, so that it shall be more efficient and productive. Our laboring class generally is the poorest laboring class in the world. It is generally poorly fed and poorly clad. It is poor because it is not productive, and it is not productive because it is not controlled by superior energy and skill. In Republican governments a poor, ignorant, uneducated, unskilled class is an exceedingly dangerous element. Our policy should look not to the alienation of the negro from us, but to the winning of him to us. In subordination to the Anglo-Saxon, when this superior race is animated by a humane, liberal spirit, the negro will contribute to the South not only an important industrial factor, but a positive element of political strength. Labor Reform is a revelation of power to him; indeed it is simply the embodied and organized power of intelligence and capital, asserting their supremacy, first upon the farm and then upon the government; asserting their rightful prerogative in both spheres, without ignoring or destroying or even abridging the rights of any class, not even of the ignorant, debased negro.—Labor Reform throws around him safeguards in the way of protection, which a class government could not possibly bestow upon the negro in his present, wretchedly degraded condition. Labor Reform will work a revolution in the industries of the State, and therefore in the politics of the State. It will finally effect an economic, efficient, equitable, as well as a broad and humane administration of public affairs. It will effect this peacefully and legitimately, without tumult or violence. It may not do this in one year, yet it certainly will do it and that speedily, if the business element of the State will unite upon it, and therefore make it successful. All classes will eventually rejoice in the fruits of its beneficent principles.

In our constitution, which was dictated in a very liberal spirit, no distinction is made between the white and the black laborer, and no distinction ought to be made in the organic law of system. The white laborer has no reason to fear the negro as a competitor, when his industry and reliability are made indispensable elements in the selection and remuneration of labor. The great difficulty with which the negro race have to contend is that they have been judged and remunerated more by the standard which the great mass of negro laborers has created than by their individual merits, energy or exertion. The great enemy of energetic white labor in South Carolina has been cheap, unreliable negro labor. The tendency has been not only to class all labor alike, but to pay it according to their classification. We were especially impressed with these difficulties in our efforts to induce immigration, especially of the plodding, tireless German element into our State.

The honest, capable white laborer will therefore welcome most gratefully any system which calls forth and rewards their prime elements of labor—efficiency and productivity. The policy hitherto adopted, which has placed the white laborer at the level of the negro laborer, has been most fatal; and that better policy which magnifies efficiency and productivity in all labor, whichever produces their qualities and which seeks to reward them, will not only stimulate the better class of negro laborers to still greater exertion, but it will encourage and help our own white laborers, and also finally induce to the South by our superior advantages of soil and climate, a larger influx of white immigration. Our land is capable of sustaining a much larger population than it now sustains, and it is in a rude state; it is destined, however, to make rapid strides towards perfection. We have also this pre-eminent advantage: while our agricultural resources are abundant and have not been utilized because they have been so very abundant, our manufacturing facilities are unutilized in the nation.—The South should not only grow to be a great agricultural country, it should also become a busy manufacturing mart. The cotton that is made in our own fields should be spun and printed in our own factories.

We never can induce the necessary capital from abroad until we establish a government of permanency and simple honesty of which shall be known and read of all men. We cannot have such a government in South Carolina until the business element, ramifying every vocation, trade and profession, shall "lay its might hand" and say it shall be. Labor Reform is among the elemental agencies contemplating results so vast and beneficent.

All classes in Laurens recognize the prominent place of Labor Reform in the great work of the "Rehabilitation" of the State; all classes, farmers, mechanics, laborers, lawyers, merchants, doctors, ministers of the Gospel; all the classes whose work and skill make up the grand total of the State, are united now in making Labor Reform what it is designed to be and what it certainly will be—a great, unspokeable good to all classes of the State. The excessively hot weather prevents a longer communication; the subject in itself and in its relations is boundless.

In your effort to make Labor Reform successful in Abbeville, do not overlook the wonderful power of the press. We are mainly indebted to the Laurensville press for the unprecedented success of the movement in Laurens county. Its columns have teemed with this great subject for the last few months. Both its editors are in profound sympathy with us. Your very able conducted press can make Labor Reform in Abbeville what it has been in Laurens. It has already become a fixed institution in Laurens county. The people are all relying on it as a powerful auxiliary in their efforts of recuperation; and they are relying upon it with a strength of devotion which is simply wonderful.

You have our sympathy and the sympathy of all the people in your effort to make Labor Reform a success in your county, and you can depend upon our active aid and co-operation.

Very truly,
A. W. MOORE.

—A manufacturing firm in Massachusetts has secured the patent right of a noiseless shoe. A shoe that doesn't creak like a barn door, and makes up a whole family when a man goes home at night, should be worth millions.

An Important Witness.

It was a peace-warrant case, between a couple of colored gentlemen, before a Georgia justice of the peace. I sauntered into the court-room just in time to hear Uncle Zip, the grizzled-headed old darkey from the witness-stand.

In response to a question from the Court, Old Zip gave his trousers an extra hitch and turned loose.

"Ye see," said he, "I was a-settin' wid Tilda, an' she war a-settin' wid me, an' de trufe mus' be told, we uns war bofe us a-settin' tergedder."

"Go on," said the Court.

"Yassur," replied Zip. "Well, Marso Judge, it war at Tilda's house. I war a-settin'—in de do' do' do'—an' I war a-settin' in de do' do' do'—an' I war a-settin' in de do' do' do'—"

"What happened next?" asked His Honor.

"Way nuffin' neber happened nary time," said Zip.

"Ye see we uns war bofe settin' tergedder."

"Oh! better!" interrupted the Court. "Go ahead and make out your case.—Confine yourself to the question."

"Yassur, Well, de yer mus' hab it, I war a-settin' betwixt 'em, an' de trufe mus' be told, we uns war bofe us a-settin' tergedder."

"Between who?" interrogated the Court.

"Between who? Oh yassur," continued the exasperating witness. "I got um now. Ye wants ter know jes' who I war a-settin' wid?"

"Bless your soul, yes!" said the Justice, very emphatically.

"Well, Marso Court, dat sorter mixes up tingz. Unnerstan' me now, I se a-tellin' yer de troof. Deacon ob de Baptist chutch I is, an' I coudn't tell a lie ef I wanted ter. Well, den, Tilda war a-settin'—"

"Hold up!" cried His Honor, seizing a ponderous law book. "Ye've got to stop dat everlasting 'settin', or I'll settle you. Tell me at once how many of you were at this woman's house."

"Dat's jes' what I'm a-comin' at," said Old Zip, very calmly. "Ye see, in de do' do' do' place, dar war Tilda."

"An' Tilda, yer an' dar war me next. I war in de do' do' do'—an' we war bofe—"

"Dry up!" said the Court. "Now tell us where the defendant was."

"Dunno whar," said Zip, scratching his head dumbly.

"Do you mean to say," asked the Court, with a rising inflection, "that the defendant wasn't present?"

"Sartinly," replied Zip. "Ain't got ter dat pint yit awhile. Ise takin' yer back ter de beginnin', more'n two year ago;—"

"An', as I war a-settin', an' a-settin'—"

"Mr. Justice," said the Court, "I've heard His Honor's purple with indignation. And make these parties settle their difficulty out in the back yard."

The investigation came to an abrupt close, and the last I saw of Old Zip he was complaining loudly because he couldn't tell the entire history of his case. It was a pity.

MARK TWAIN ON THE INDIANS.

When Mark Twain, in 1867, resigned his Clerkship to the United States Senate Committee on Conchology, it was partly caused by his tender of the following address concerning the treatment of the Indians of the West: "I next went to the Secretary of War, who was not inclined to see me at all, and I was that I was connected with the Government. If I had not been on important business I suppose I would not have got in. I asked for a light (he was smoking at the time) and then told him I had no fault to find with his defending the parole stipulations of Gen. Lee and his command in arms. He could not approve of his method of fighting with the Indians on the plains. I said he fought too scattering—He ought to get them more together—get them together in some convenient place, where he should have provisions enough for both parties, and then have a general massacre. I said there was nothing so convincing to an Indian as a general massacre. If he could not approve of the massacre, I said the next surest thing for an Indian was soap and education. Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are deadly in the long run, because a half-massacre Indian never recovers; but if you educate him and wash him it is bound to finish him some time or other. It undermines his constitution; it strikes at the foundation of his being. 'Sir,' I said, 'the time has come when blood-curdling cruelty has become unnecessary. In fact soap and a spelling book on every Indian that ravages the plains, and let them die!'"

BEH-RAISING.—Bees as useful as chickens, and as easily raised. They afford us a luxurious food; healthy, and might be cheap. Bees need little feeding, little expense and attention. They want only a comfortable home, covered from the storm and sun, and protected from the annoying miller. They will make their own living and do considerable toward the living of the farmer. Not many swarms can be kept prosperously in one place, but every farmer may raise honey for home use and a little to spare. Every simple swarm of bees, well attended to, will soon produce as many swarms as can be successfully kept in one place. All that bees make is clear gain. They get their treasure from the flowers. We should have been sipping at every flower to have all the time producing honey. The flower is all the time producing honey. It is if we had a bee all the time at every flower, honey enough would be procured to supply the world. It is a means of health, wealth, and pleasure. Bees are cultivated; let every farmer have them. They are as useful as cows, and far less troublesome. A little attention will teach one to manage them.—Rural Star.

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