

# SIXTH WARD WORKMEN.

## ANOTHER NIGHT ON THE SACRED SLOPES OF NOB HILL.

**Ford's Ideas of Shoddy Architecture - Knight's Denunciation of Modern Feudalism - Kearney's Point.**

There was last night another large gathering of the workmen at the corner of Pine and Powell streets to organize a branch of the Sixth Ward Club of the party. Dennis Kearney presided. The meeting was addressed by him, Ford, Knight, Koster and Wellock. After the opening speech by Kearney, which was enthusiastically applauded, and in which he reported the progress of the work, and said that even the Rev. Otis Gibson was already half converted to their principles. Ford said that heretofore it had been principally speech, but hereafter it was to be action. He looked across the street at the lofty and gloomy stone wall that shuts out from the *hoi polloi* the paradise of Stanford, and he looked up the street at the imposing redwood medieval castles that rise one above the other to the pinnacle of Nob Hill, and said: "I think we have come into a rather ticklish neighborhood. But these men who build colossal houses with sky-scraper tops, in vulgar imitation of the

### CASTLES OF THE OLD WORLD

That have for centuries outlived their use, if they ever had any; and who fill them with works of art that in their hearts they cannot appreciate as well as the pictures in the *Police Gazette*, which were their former delight; and with French-made furniture and beds, in which they are not half as comfortable as under the blankets they used to pack on their shoulders—these men do not frighten us. These men may leave white laborers to starve on Berry street, but the new Workingmen's Party are not afraid to come even to the thresholds of their patent imitation palaces and speak, even in this atmosphere. These men are ashamed to be seen in attendance here, but we all know they manage to hear everything that is said, and I guess there are some of them now prowling around behind their walls listening to us. I call the laboring man the only real nobleman. We have been imposed upon for years, but we are now getting our eyes opened good and wide, and we will be imposed upon no more. You are the real noblemen because you do, when you can get it, an honest day's labor, and after a temperate meal retire to an honest sleep, and awake with a clear head and a sound stomach. These fellows go to bed at midnight, soaked from the oesophagus to their underclothing with Oregon cider labeled champagne and with stomachs distended with boned turkey, and they would awake the next day with a headache if there was anything in the head to ache. Mr. Ford then paid his compliments to the Chinese, especially as cooks of dainty dishes and as a substitute for ladies' maids.

### H. L. KNIGHT.

Kearney introduced H. L. Knight, and petitioned the listeners not to steal jackknives from each other, as according to the opinion of a calcium light of the laws such an act would be a riot. Knight said that in the audience before him there must be many who had come from England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany and other European countries. They had seen there the turreted castles built by the feudal barons of old whence they issued to rob and slaughter the poor and lay their villages waste. They had heard of the far-off America as a place where there was a home and a competence for all, and with none so rich and powerful and unscrupulous as to oppress his neighbor. They had come here and come to a cruel disappointment. It was infinitely worse here than in the monarchies they had left, worse than it had been in the cruel dark ages, when iron-clad robbers rode forth from their keeps and speared and robbed their victims. How is this here that in half a dozen years half a dozen Sacramento shopkeepers can accumulate twenty million dollars each, and thousands and thousands of workmen, more able in body and brains and common morality, have not to-day, after a lifetime of toil, a crust of bread to eat? Mr. Knight then discussed in a humorous way the Rev. Otis Gibson and his Chinese.

Mr. Koster made a short speech, urging thorough organization and the elimination of every question of creed, nationality, politics or personal precedence from the movement, so that it should be harmonious.

### AN INTERRUPTION.

While Koster was speaking two roughs swaggered up the opposite side of the street and jeered at the assemblage. No notice being taken of them they passed up the hill until they had reached a good running-away distance, when they shouted back abuse until some persons got angry and started after them. But the cooler heads called them back, and the two men gracefully took the hint and ran away.

William Wellock again explained his new patent for gunning for light game. He is very anxious that most of it shall be done on Billy Carr's desert lands, which he prophetically announces will be remanded back to the public domain, out of which it was stolen. He says there is a very nice kind of game called pheasants, with long tails, which, if they don't take flight before the shooting season, may be bagged in considerable numbers.

Kearney closed the meeting by submitting the usual resolution denouncing the *Call*, which was carried unanimously. He then said that besides the Central Pacific Railroad, the Pacific Mail Company, the Rev. Otis Gibson, Colonel Bec and all others who favor the fastening of Coolie slavery upon California, there are also to be reckoned

### THE BROTHER SCOUNDRELS

Already convicted and now wearing the striped clothes and the iron shackles of the State Prison. It will be seen by reference to the State Prison reports that even the cheap labor of convicts is underbid by the Chinese. Now, the felons at San Quentin are not workmen, and when the Chinese underbid them they do them a favor for which they can never be sufficiently thankful. So every night, with only a stone wall separating them, the murderers inside that wall and the monopolists outside of it conjointly send up their morning and evening petitions to their own peculiar God to confound the counsels of the Workingmen's party of California and the continent.

The meeting gave three cheers for Kearney and then quietly adjourned.

### Eighth Ward Club.

The Eighth Ward Workingmen's Club held a meeting last night at Charter Oak Hall. After disposing of the routine business of the Club, H. L. Knight addressed the meeting, urging unity and concord. During his speech Kearney and Wellock entered and were received with tremendous applause. Mr. Wellock followed Mr. Knight with one of his characteristic speeches, and was followed by Kearney, Lenahan, John McCormick, Mr. Logan and Mr. Bates. At the conclusion of the latter's address the meeting adjourned.

### Cabinetmakers' Union.

The Cabinetmakers' and Carpenters' Union met last night in Nucleus Hall, John Walsh in the chair. The report of the Committee on Permanent Organization recommending officers for the Union was accepted. It was decided by the meeting to elect no permanent President for the present. The names suggested by the Committee for other positions were adopted and the following elected: Recording Secretary, John Quilty; Corresponding Secretary, H. Reichler; Financial Secretary, G. Wagoner; Treasurer, H. Raker; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. Frik.

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