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FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

BY JOHN A. MORRIS.

A king sat in his royal toga Upon a royal throne, For him the people work'd like dogs For a mere scrap or bone!

The nymphs of fashion, dames of wealth, Our world's creme de la creme, While robbing Hercules of health And making strength a dream

The courts are plague-spots of the earth Bought with the highest price—"How much is Justice to you worth?"

That others may like gods surround Themselves with loveliness! Head they nor hear the undergorn!

These ones of uncommon clay Have preach'd a fallen creed And live in a crumbling day

Is none too good for him who made The marble palaces, the stately halls, The wide verandas, the masquerade,

Min'd in the earth for coal to burn; Dux in the depths for wealth Yet freezes he at ev'ry turn

Though he may work and strive and cry, Deep from his breast a groan, He'll never solve Life's how and why

NOTES AND COMMENT.

ACCORDING to statistics obtained by Rev. Edgar G. Murphy, who has investigated the subject, and published by the committee of which he is chairman, there is reason to believe that there are at present 195,000 operatives in the textile establishments of the South, and that 30,000 of them are children under 14 years of age.

SOME of our "best citizenesses" have formed what they call the "Health Protective Association," says the Cleveland Citizen. The other day they got together and unanimously and enthusiastically resolved in favor of 3-cent street car fare.

hibited from attending school does not matter to the board of health. The doctors must have their rake off, in spite of all laws.

THAT "public spirited" corporation, the Terre Haute Electric Co., which the city government has just made a present of a franchise worth several million dollars, was cussed in all different languages this week.

THE session of the Indiana legislature is drawing to a close, and the record made by the members is an unenviable one. Not a single law favorable to labor has been passed, or is likely to be.

BECAUSE the governor of Indiana is interested in prison labor contracts, the law governing the Michigan City prison was amended to extend the contract system six years, instead of providing means for adopting the state account system.

THE miners "shooting bill," for which the workingmen of the state and the state federation has fought for several years, and which promised to carry this year, was withdrawn by an agreement between the miners and operators.

YES, the Central Labor Union will give another fair next year. All of the unions are well satisfied with this year's success. The printers and cigar-makers declare that it is the best "boost" for their union labor that ever happened.

SCHOOLS in this city are depopulated this week because a great many parents refuse to have their children poisoned by vaccination.

When John D. Rockefeller, Baer, Armour and the rest of who have cornered the necessary wax fat in prosperity the million on the husks of adversity man who is comparatively a have no identity of interest in a crat who revels in the opulent lions. The more wealth that is in the hands of the few, the less comes the army who are being cr with the pleasant prospect of lo missions between meals.

BORROWED OPINION

THE following has been going the rounds of the labor press, and tells a true story: How is it with a labor paper? Does labor support its paper so it can afford to fight against capital, as capital can against labor when occasion comes?

ALTHOUGH the scab Gazette for several weeks has devoted its energies to abusing the union men most actively connected with the management of the industrial fair, last week's entertainment was so successful that the scab organ of "Jeffersonian democracy" tried to get on the band wagon by saying all kinds of nice things about us.

THE lady (?) who yesterday called the attention of another to our patched breeches, wherewith both laughed heartily, is informed that a new pair will be purchased when her husband's bill is settled.

Sometimes a man has to work so hard to get into the United States Senate that he seems too tired to do very much when he arrives.—W

The coal operators are here to the number of a hundred or two. They are principally quartered at the New Hotel. They are representative businessmen, most of them extensive manufacturers; some of them bankers; coal issue with some of them. They sent wealth and all of its environment At the Occidental Hotel, at the \$1.50 per day, several hundred men registered. Hundreds more of the men are stopping at restaurant boarding houses. The average rates paid by the operators are \$4. The capitalists have a bath attached to their rooms, but have none of the coal bur into their skin.

Sexual prostitution is what is usually called prostitution; physical prostitution is the overworking of the physical body; intellectual and moral prostitution is what is generally termed hypocrisy. The intellectual prostitutes are the journalists, college professors and persons of intellect who sell their brains for hire to the advocacy of an economic superstition which damns and enslaves the people.

To live on the labor of others, either by force which enslaves, or by cunning which robs, or by borrowing or begging, is wholly dishonorable.—Ingersoll.

