

Therefore we have formed the Order of the Knights of Labor, for the purpose of organizing and directing the flower of the industrial masses, not as a political party, for it more : in it are crystalized sentiments and measures for the benefit of the whole people ; but it should be borne in mind, when exercising the right of suffrage, that most of the objects herein set forth can only be obtained through legislation, and that it is the duty of all to assist in nominating and supporting with their votes only such candidates as will pledge their support to these measures, regardless of party. But no one shall, however be compelled to vote with the majority, and calling upon all who believe in securing "the greatest good of the greatest number," to join and assist us, we declare to the world that our aims are :—

1. To make industrial and moral worth, not wealth, the true standard of individual and national greatness.

2. To secure for the workers the full enjoyment of the wealth they create ; sufficient leisure in which to develop their intellectual, moral, and social faculties ; all of the benefits, recreation, and pleasure of association ; in a word, to enable them to share in the gains and honors of advancing civilization.

In order to secure these results, we demand at the hands of the State :

3. The establishment of Bureaus of Labor statistics, that we may arrive at a correct knowledge of the educational, moral and financial condition of the laboring masses.

4. That the public lands, the heritage of the people, be reserved for actual settlers ; not another acre for railroads or speculators ; and that all lands now held for speculative purposes be taxed to their full value.

5. The abrogation of all laws which do not bear equally upon capital and labor, and the removal of unjust technicalities, delays and discriminations in the administration of justice.