

He has spoken on the labor question in most of the principal cities. For the past six years he has been engaged as a newspaper writer. Mr. Beaumont is a married man, and the father of four children. He is strictly temperate, using neither liquor nor tobacco in any form.

HOMER L. MCGAW,

GENERAL INSURANCE SECRETARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

Homer L. McGaw, the General Insurance Secretary of the Knights of Labor, was born in Bethlehem, Stark County, Ohio, on April 8, 1848, of Scotch-Irish parentage. When only seven years of age he entered a country printing-office as devil. He afterward served in the War of the Rebellion as a drummer-boy. He paid his way through college with the money saved while in the army, and graduated with honors. He has lived in Pittsburgh for twenty-one years, and has held many positions of trust and responsibility, being cashier of a bank before he was twenty-one years old.



HOMER L. MCGAW,
Gen. Ins. Secretary.

For many years he has conducted a printing-office. He organized one of the first Assemblies of the Knights of Labor west of the Allegheny Mountains, in his printing-office, also assisting in organizing District Assembly No. 3, the first District in the West, whose limits at one time included Iowa.

At the session of the General Assembly of the Order held at Cincinnati in 1883, Mr. McGaw was elected to the office of General Insurance Secretary, and at each succeeding session he has been re-elected by acclamation. He has succeeded in building up within the Order a system of life insurance, which, for \$500 indemnity, costs but the trifle of one cent per day. Great good has already been accomplished by the insurance feature of the Order—the widows and orphans of its members have been relieved, and the desolate hearthstones made bright and happy. At last reports the fund was getting 300 members a month.

THOMAS B. BARRY.

The Hon. Thomas B. Barry, member of the General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, was born on July 17, 1852, in Cohoes, Albany County, N. Y. He went to work in a cotton-mill when eight years of age, and