

OFFICE OF

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, No. 4, KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

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*St. Louis, March 16th, 1891.*

To Organized Labor Everywhere, Greeting:

*Brothers and Fellow Workmen:*

At our last regular meeting a circular was read issued by the St. Louis Beer Monopoly and signed by Wm. J. Lemp and Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'ns which was so full of malicious lies regards the Boycott placed on their beer and so dastardly misrepresented the treatment of their employees, that District Assembly No. 4, K. of L., unanimously resolved to forthwith notify all brothers of the true facts and nail those lies before they have done any harm.

Upon our word as true Knights of Labor, this Boycott was only declared after all efforts to settle the difficulty had failed, the Brewery Bosses absolutely refused to recognize any committee from Organized Labor.

Three years ago Gambrinus Assembly No. 7503 Brewery Workers, with the assistance of Organized Labor throughout the country, succeeded to reduce the hours of labor from 16 and 14 to 10 hours per day, and an agreement was made and frequently violated by the bosses as long as it was in force.

After the agreement expired on May 1st, 1888, the Boss Association presented a resolution which they had adopted declaring, that in the future they would recognize no Labor Organization anymore. Since that the General Executive Board after a close examination of the facts endorsed the boycott against Anheuser Busch's and Wm. J. Lemp's beers and now the product of those two breweries is too sour for any member of Organized Labor living up to his principles.

Brothers, this boycott is felt very hard by these labor hating beer monopolists and no means are spared by them and their agents to hoodwink Organized Labor and weaken the boycott; they even have went so far as to try to bribe representatives of Organized Labor. They also have used labels of other breweries to seal their bottled beer under another firm's name.

The bosses, without allowing their employees any say, got up a set of rules for the regulation of brewery workers. The bosses have paraded those rules before the public; but discharge every employee who asks for their enforcement. Nothing is too base for them to break the force of the boycott; no dark lantern scheme too dirty to destroy Labor Organization; but, thanks to the watchfulness of our friends, we have been able to defeat their tricky moves.

Let us ask you brothers now to double your efforts to drive out Anheuser-Busch's and Wm. J. Lemp's beer wherever you find it, do by no means pay any attention to the cry that the boycott has been settled, we shall notify you of any settlement.

We thank you for past favors and assure you our help if ever you get any bones to pick with an oppressive employer.

With brotherly Greeting,

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