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Evans Drive Star carries a nice
line of Socialist books.

Socialists and others are invited
to inspect same.

Socialism is being discussed more
generally today in every civilized
country in the world than at any
other question and we should all be
informed on this important question.

MANUFACTURERS
THREAT TO CLOSE
RILES PRESIDENT

Wilson says "Let Them Shut Down,
But The People Will Be Given an
Object Lesson For the Reason."

Washington.—Threats by American
manufacturers that they will
close down their factories where they
will find labor becomes a law, because
they "cannot longer operate profitably,"
were sharply answered today
from administration, morning edition.

"Let them shut down if they want to,"
was the attitude taken by the
administration, "but the rank and file
of the American people will be
given an object lesson for the reason."

The lesson will come from the
department of commerce. It already
has started acting under a section of
last year's commerce act which
investigate the cost of living,
living conditions and the cost of pro-
duction and report to the department
of justice.

The president is greatly angered
over reports which have reached him
that certain lines of endeavor
are already an understanding
to close down factories in a spec-
ular manner so soon as the new
law is in effect and balance the Democrats.
This action he will be sure to
influence next fall's election of con-
gressmen.

Will Find Real Reason.

Leads Underneath, author of the
tariff bill, made the advertisement of
the act very plain last night, before
the final passage of the measure
through the house.

"I give you notice now that any
more attempts are made in the in-
terest of the Republican party to threat-
en labor, there is a bureau in the
government, the bureau of foreign
and domestic commerce, created by
the Democratic party, that will go
into the factory, make a thorough in-
vestigation and ascertain the reason why."

Secretary Redfield explained the
plan today as follows:

"I have asked President Wilson
that he make available an appropriation
of \$100,000 to cover the ex-
pense of the investigation. It is a quick
action is needed and if any
company with a large working force
shuts down we will get into the factory
and if it is charged to the tariff, we
will immediately go over the books
and take what action is necessary
to get at the bottom of the case."

Money Appropriated.

"This investigation, the law pro-
vides, shall be conducted when re-
quired to make either by the pres-
ident or congress. I pleaded with
the president to order it now. This
money is appropriated and it will be
a good idea to bring it into play in the
present's work."

The policy manager was the
initial step in the general pro-
p. P. Sheridan, former editor of the
tariff board, has been sent to New
York to begin work and will leave
for Europe shortly. The day pro-
ceeds action of the bureau of stand-
ards, at Pittsburgh, under direction
of Prof. A. B. Blinnigman, was today
directed by the secretary to co-oper-
ate in the policy manager's plan
plans for investigation of other in-
dustries under way and will be
taken up at once as soon as the re-
ports are given together.

STRONG EXECUTIVE
BODY OR PARTY

Oscar Ameringer, Oklahoma, is Elec-
tor National Chairman Over City
Ohio—Landersdorf, Kentucky
Secretary.

By J. L. Engman.

Chicago.—What is recognized to be
the strongest executive committee
ever chosen by the national Socialist
party was chosen here after eight
months of hard labor.

The committee was elected to con-
sist of Adolph Germer, Illinois, I.
Berlitz, New Jersey, Victor I. Ber-
litz, Wisconsin, ex-congressman;
James H. Maurer, president Pennsylv-
ania State Federation of Labor and
ex-state legislator; George H. Good, New
Jersey; J. Bill Wilson, California,
former mayor of Berkeley.

The final struggle came between
Wilson and Lewis J. Dixon, mayor
of Buffalo, N. York, won by a
roll call vote of 39 to 13.

Oscar Ameringer, Oklahoma, was
elected national chairman over Tom
Clifford, Ohio, by vote of 43 to 13.

Walter Landersdorf, Kentucky, was
chosen national secretary, the vote
being as follows: Landersdorf, Ken-
tucky, 39; Dixon, New York, 13; New
York, 13; New York, 13.

Winn E. Branstetter was elected
general correspondent of the May
man's national committee over Wm
Clifford, Ohio, by vote of 43 to 13.

The Woman's National Committee
was voted to consist of the following:
Mrs. Woodhouse, New York; Mrs.
O'Connell, New York; Mrs. O'Connell,
New York; Mrs. O'Connell, New York.

A resolution was adopted calling
for national agitation against spread
of the Pennsylvania state constabulary
idea.

The committee has received a tele-
gram from Eugene V. Debs, appoint-
ing to West Virginia committee, as
follows:

"I am glad to hear that you are
ready to go to West Virginia."

The telegram was sent to Adolph
Germer, member of the committee.
It is expected that the committee will
start for West Virginia immediately
after the committee here adjourns.

Don't get discouraged if you can't
make your fellow workers understand
at once. Remember there was a
time when you didn't know.

He's bound to see in time—if you'll
stick it out with him—there's no
doubt he'll get around Socialism
than the laws of gravitation can be
defied.

THE TOURIST

"I know if I should try to ride
that machine I'd break my neck!"
said a yawning-looking fellow, as he
looked at the bicycle against the
lamp-post.

"No, you wouldn't," replied the
bicyclist, smiling at the bystander.
"It's the easiest thing in the world to
do. Anybody can ride one of these
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'TILL THE WORKER'S UNITE.

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WE ARE FOR PUBLIC
OWNERSHIP OF
ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES

THE SKIN GAME.
PAYS R. A. DAGUE
HIGH COMPLIMENT

By C. N. Anderson.
Say, Brother Farmer, did you ever
notice how capitalism will make a
cowhide shrug or stretch?

Under the present divide up sys-
tem on tanning your hide, it takes
days of your hide to make a
pound of cowhide. It takes
pounds of leather: yet \$4.00 worth
of cowhide will make \$4.00 worth
of leather.

This is how it works out. The
other day, I sold the tanner a large
cow-hide weighing 80 pounds for
only \$1.00. That is at the rate
of \$4.00 per pound.

I then went to the harness shop
and bought 8 pounds of plain leather
for which I paid 50 cents per
pound or \$4.00. That is at the rate
of \$4.00 per pound.

The poor harness maker could
hardly keep his wife and family
from starving.

And the farmer who raised the
hide?

One-tenth for the butcher who
put it on the freight.

One-tenth for the railroad com-
pany that hauled it.

One-tenth for the man who tanned
the hide.

One-tenth for the harness maker
who measured it.

And one-tenth for the capitalist
owner of the tannery who attended
the society functions.

On my way back from town I talked
of socialization to a Tory who had
been down to sell a hide.

He said he would be glad to have
to divide up what little he produced
with some lazy leecher. He did
not think it was his business to
divide up for that purpose even if the
poor man.

But then that was the most
of his hide. The farmer who raised the
hide was not to be depended on for
the hide.

Independent of ninety per cent of
what he produces.

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