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If you do not write us how many copies you wish, we send the number that was shipped the week before.

Evans Drug Store 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 any other question and we should all be informed on this important question.

A bill granting suffrage to women has been reported out of the United States Senate to a committee and it is up to us to bring all possible pressure to bear on that committee. Get signatures of everyone you can who is in favor of equal suffrage and send them to headquarters. They will be forwarded to this committee.

Young Mr. Rockefeller is still leading the wild crusade. That's it. Young Mr. Rockefeller won't be a crusade against some people for his fortunes by robbing the people who produce. That's wrong.

Everybody seems very busy but they all are beginning to look long faced over the dry weather. Well it is sure dry, dry dry.

It is expected, even by the anarchist Coal Barons, that the report of the Senate Committee will be a terrible exposure of lawlessness and overriding of all American ideals. We must try and get all the copies possible and give them the widest circulation. They are the very best propaganda material.

It is said that the meek shall inherit the earth, but few that are meek ride in automobiles to church.

ONE LAW FOR THE POOR, ANOTHER FOR THE RICH.

Continually, striking workmen are beaten up by the police and thrown into police station calls, often sent to jail for three months and finally when brought before a magistrate or judge, are "dismissed."

Suppose they try that on the rich, what would happen. First they would be bailed out. But supposing they had been clubbed by the legal thugs called police? The state or municipality would have a nice bill of damages to pay. Fact is the police wouldn't do it. Why? Yet they say there are no classes.

The grafters don't like the theory of Socialism for the reason that they would be compelled to work for their living and would be compelled to stop stealing. They would be useful citizens and not thieves and a just system and they can't bear the thought of that. Oh, no it would ruin their incentive to hustle (steal) and they don't think they could stand that. Oh! ye hypocrites why strain at a gnat and swallow a republicrate.

The Supreme Court of California has decided that the proposed Municipal Theatre in San Francisco cannot be, its illegal. Its curious how Judges and Supreme Courts always decide against anything favorable to the people, and decide for anything favoring the corporations. Its legal all over Europe, but then Europe is farther advanced than we are.

An applicant for a Post office wrote a United States Senator and offered to pay him for his influence. The account says he was a working man. Now he's indicted as a briber by the Federal Court. If he hadn't been a working man, and been able to offer a big fee, and had followed the "usual methods," we wouldn't have known, anything about it. It all depends on WHO DOES IT. The formula is thus: When is a law-breaker not a lawbreaker? When he's one of the "better class." (?) or when he's a corporation with no personality to imprison nor soul to damn.

## LIGHTS FOR SMALLEST TOWN IN STATE

**Cedar Point, Kas., Will Operate Its Own Electricity Plant.**

Cottonwood Falls, Kan.—Cedar Point, in the west part of this county said to be the smallest incorporated town in the state with a population of only 182 residents, has just let a contract with a Milwaukee company for the building of an electric light plant, which will be owned and operated by the town.

The cost of the plant is practically $3,000 and it is to be completed and ready for operation within ninety days. Then street lights will form a "great white way" through the little town's main thoroughfare, which it is said will make it the best lighted town in the state.—Kansas City Times.

## THE NEW REBELLION

We have received a copy of a 64 page illustrated pamphlet with the above title from its author Dr. Karl F. H. Sanberg, of Chicago, Ill.

It's full of statistics and figures that show what a stupendous system of plunder our banking and financial system is, and gives an enormous amount of information that the "deer people" ought to know, but strangely don't, and deserve to be read by those who want or know not how we are skinned. It proposes a remedy which he calls "the new rebellion."

Like Tom Lawson's remedy it's a good thought provoker, but while Socialistic, as it calls for mass action.—It's not Socialism.

The doctor proposes a mass action of the workers in a financial way, but with the Money Trust in full control, it is so much like patching the bird by putting salt on its tail, most of us tried that out when we were kids, and know that it won't work as the bird wouldn't stay for us to salt it. We are on the right road let's keep going. We always thought that if we could salt the bird's tail, we could catch it. No doubt. And so with the doctor's plan. When we can organize and act together as he says, why not capture the government while we are about it? There's a big IF in the way of the new rebellion, organization and education only will remove the IF, and we are on that job now and don't propose to change doctors nor treatment especially as the patient is making so rapid a recovery of good health.

Unity and not division is our motto. Beware of anything that divides. That's the plan of the enemy. "Workers of the world UNITE."

## U. S. CONSTITUTION AND FREE SPEECH

Constantly we read and hear that the Federal Constitution guarantees free speech, press assemblage, conscience, etc., but to point of face it does not. It does say that CONGRESS shall pass no law abridging any of these rights, but it does not PROHIBIT the states separately from doing so, the in all the State Constitutions there are clauses that cover the subject. The Federal Constitution only prohibits Congress from passing any Federal law abridging these rights, the States are free to act as they like; nevertheless under the clause that makes the U. S. Constitution "the Supreme law of the land" any provision in a State Constitution or law that abridges these rights, would be of doubtful validity.

## RUSSIAN METHODS USED IN CHICAGO

**Freedom of the Press Suppressed by Order of General Superintendent of Police.**

The following order was issued by the General Superintendent of Police of Chicago.

Office of the General Superintendent of Police,

Chicago, June 12,1913.

TO COMMANDING OFFICERS:

You are hereby instructed to notify all persons having newspaper stands in the City of Chicago that the they will be permitted to sell daily papers printed in Chicago only on said stands and that if they persist in selling weekly or other periodicals on such stands their permits will be revoked.

Where daily newspapers printed in other cities in foreign languages are sold from stands in the outlying section of the city you will not enforce this order for 30 days from date in order to give the holders of these stands an opportunity to have the ordinance amended so far as the sale of such papers is concerned.

JOHN McWEENY,

Gen. Superintendent of Police.

Remember this is not in Russia, but in Illinois, where the State Constitution says every person may freely speak, write, and publish on any subject.

This order is in direct conflict with the State Constitution. Why was this order issued? Did Gen. Supt. McWeeny act under instructions from others? When it is known that the political machine that controls Illinois, and Chicago, from the Governor down to Gen. Supt. McWeeny, have sworn their allegiance to the Holy Roman Empire, with headquarters on the Tiber river in Italy, and have foreworn their allegiance to any other governments, and that this Empire is opposed to the whole idea of free government, free speech, press, schools, or liberty, of conscience, and that this organization has the absurd and impossible idea of making this county an appendage to the temporal power of that visionary Empire, you have the whole secret of the source from which this order comes.

It is the monstrous pipe dream of the 15th century, reaching out its dead hand in the crazy hope of turning back the wheels of progress and re-establishing the Holy Office of the Inquisition in this 20th Century. It would be laughable were it not so really serious an affair.

If it were not that its conspirators swarm from the White House, Conrress, and in all the Civil Service and State and Municipal governments in the Army( Navy and State Militia, it would be not worth anything but laughter, but it is a threat aimed at our American ideals, and we MUST WATCH IT, and rouse ourselves to this "serpent"in our midst.

## THE CONVENTION.

Again we would remind the editors and secretaries of the Socialist Co-Operative Pub. Co., Convention in Iola, July 22, 23, 24th.

Notify us of who is coming and give the comrade a letter as a credential. If we know just how many to expect we can arrange accommodations and things can go smoother. We not only want to arrange our business matters, but we want to get personally acquainted. We are Comrades and brothers in the largest family and the greatest and most noble cause the world has yet seen and we want to have a face to face, and heart to heart talk. It will do us all good. Those not delegates will be helped by attending.

## WOMEN VOTERS HELD PARADE

Chicago.—Chicago women celebrated their political independence, when two thousand women, representing a score or more societies active in obtaining the passage of a woman's suffrage bill, paraded Michigan Avenue in gaily decorated motor cars. The bill granting equal suffrage to women for all offices not specially forbidden by the state constitution became a law July 1.

The line of parade was indicated by young women bearing yellow pennants, and the cars were all gay with yellow banners and yellow balloons. Fifty thousand persons, it is estimated, lined the streets on which the parade took place.

## MORAL GRANDEUR OF SOCIALISM

The moral grandeur of Socialism is demonstrated by the recent Japan—war scare. Like the Krupps in Germany, the Steel Trust tells the country of our need of battleships etc., to meet Japan, and Japanese capitalists foment war demonstrations in Japan, J. P. Morgan & Co., negotiate a 60 millions loan to Japan, and S. Katayama, former editor of a Socialist paper, (suppressed by the authorities of Tokio,) in an address to the American Comrades, tells us that the Japanese working class have no quarrel with their American brothers, but rather love and sympathy, and assures us that like here in the United States, it is the people who will gain business advantage by war, or preparation for war, who are back of all the war talk. When the Armies of Norway and Sweden were drawn up to murder one another, the sign and signal of the Socialist brotherhood was given and they threw down their arms and fraternized like brothers, and the Capitalists who had hoped to further their schemes by the wholesale murder of the workers were obliged to go without a war. France and Germany were held back from war by the Socialists of each country, Japanese and Russian Socialists, and Turkish and Italian Socialists, exchanged brotherly and loving messages while their governments were at war, and the working people of each nation were murdering each other.

Yet the thing calling itself christianity is the bitter enemy of this movement that is again declaring to the world the message of the angels at the birth of Jesus. "PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO MEN."

The spirit of Socialism is the coming again of the spirit of Jesus. And as He then rose in moral grandeur far above the time serving and hypocrite Church of his day, so does the spirit of Socialism rise above the sordid war excusing and mammon worshipping Church of today. They knew him not then, can we expect they will know him today.

## THE ECONOMIC FOUNDATION

The J. D. Rockefeller Vice Report contains these words: "The prostitutes come in very large proportion from the ranks of those in unskilled occupations."

That statement shows that economic pressure is the cause of this great social sore. Socialism says remove the pressure—or the cause.

## PUBLIC PAWN SHOP

Having come to the conclusion that laws will not prevent the loan shark from skinning his needy victims, some prominent men in Kansas City have organized a "public" pawnshop that will loan money on any kind of security at a very low rate of interest, as the only means to protect the victims from usury. Paris, France, has a real public pawn shop, that has been operating for years, for which the city furnishes the capital and it has never lost a cent, though it loans immense sums in the aggregate. The principal involved in this action of the Kansas City men is one that they deny exists. When we Socialists insist that the elimination of profits is the only cure for the graft and crime and swindling they deny the static. But they adopt it when they desire to eliminate the graft of the loan shark. Suppose that the nations should embark in the coal business and produce and sell coal at the cost—how could the private coal dealers raise the price in cold or any other kind of weather? If the gov. its sold coal or oil or sugar at cost, how could the corporations sell their products for more? Would the people pay them a big profit if they could get it for less? But when the people can buy these things nowhere else but from the trust, what good will laws do? They must buy from the sharks of trade, just as the needy must borrow money from the loan sharks if there is no other place to get it. Collective or common ownership of the industries would protect the people from extortion — nothing else will. Will the people always remain blind to their own interests? Socialism will make the need of any kind of pawn shops unnecessary. People can then have employment that will bring them an income so large that they will need to borrow no money on chattels or any other property. Then the loan sharks and other sharks will have to go to honest, productive work or starve. How would that suit you?

## FAMOUS SAYINGS.

A pamphlet issued by the "World Peace Foundation," entitled "Washington, Jefferson and Franklin on War," recalls to many of us the utterances of these great Americans. Washington wrote in his "Farewell Address:" "My first wish is to see this plague to mankind banished from the earth, and the sons and daughters of this world employed in more pleasing and innocent amusements than in preparing implements and exercising them for the destruction of mankind." In the same year Jefferson in a letter to Sir John Sinclair, said: "I recoil with horror at the ferociousness of man. Will nations never devise a more rational umpire of differences than the force? Are there no means of coercing justice more gratifying to our nature than a waste of the blood of thousands and of the labor of millions of our fellow-creatures?" In 1783 Franklin gave utterance to the following in correspondence with Sir Joseph Banks: "I join with you most cordially in rejoicing at the return of peace. I hope it will be lasting, and that mankind will at length, as they call themselves reasonable creatures, have reason enough to settle their differences without cutting throats; for, in my opinion, there never was a good war or a bad peace."—P. H. B. in "Our Dumb Animals."

Mrs. E. L. Moore has returned from an extended visit at the old home in Tennessee. The Judge says that home sweet home is all right if they better half is there. It also is not then it is a hotel.

## LIQUOR'S BIG YEAR.

**AMERICANS DRANK MORE AND SMOKED MORE THAN EVER BEFORE.**

**Internal Revenue Receipts Show? Record Broken by 16½ Million— Uncle Sam Has a Bigger Surplus Than Last Year.**

Washington.—American people drank more and smoked more in the fiscal year which ended July 1st than in any other year since the Nation was founded. And the record was broken by a big margin, internal revenue receipts for the year showing that the collections exceeded all others by 16½ million dollars.

The total of internal revenue receipts for the last twelve months—$305,475,000—is enormous, government offic' say.

Uncle Sam closed the fiscal year with a surplus of $40,083,229.—K. C. Times.

There are 3,216 girls and women studying docestic science and art, that is learning to cook, sew and keep house in the sixty-seven agricultural colleges of this country, and remarkable to relate, one-fourth of them are enrolled in the Kansas institution at Manhattan.

## DON'T MIND THE HEAT

In the hot weather most Locals suspend work. DON'T DO IT COMRADES.

Capitalism, while its masters go to the sea shore etc., and the lazy preachers close their churches and go yachting etc., the system, through its slaves, continues its exploitation.

If we, the people, ever get a chance to recreate, it will be by being "on the job" now, all the time, hot or cold, and never letting up until the Co-operative Commonwealth is established. When capitalism is put where it belongs, then Comrades, it will be our turn to have a well deserved vacation. Until then persist, hang to it, keep it up, don't mind the heat.

Now is the time to have picnics, camp meetings and rallys, and now is the time to see to it that more subscribers are added to the list and more literature is put "where it will do the most good." You've started in to swat the system, so don't be a quitter.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelation 2:10.

"He that shall endure unto the end the same shall be saved."

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Two youngsters shambled presently into the classroom long after the school had opened for the morning session.

"Boys, come to my desk immediately," said the teacher.

The meek little lads walked to the teacher's desk and stood looking helplessly at their feet.

"Tommy, why are you late this morning?" asked the teacher.

"I overslept myself, ma'am," began Tommy, "You see, teacher, I dreamed I was going to take a railroad trip, I just got to the station when I woke up an' found it was way past school time."

"Freddy, why are you late?" inquired the teacher, turning to the other boy.

"Please, ma'am," replied the trembling Freddy, "I went to the train to see Tommy off."

"Workers of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain."

## THE ICONOCLAST OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

It does good to anyone with a good Socialist rebel spirit to read the Iconoclast of Birmingham, Ala..

It stands all alone, as the two big dailies, and all the press of the state are prostitutes to the "big business" Political Machine, yet the Iconoclast has no respect for all the political tin gods, but exposes their graft and conspiracy without mercy.

What will please Socialists is the bold stand the Iconoclast has made in urging the Relectric Railroad employes to organize, and standing by them in their strike and the "I'll Walk Clubs."

As an example, the Iconoclast satirizes the Electric Co's. pledge it exacts from its employees, as follows:

"We suggest the following oath as aptly fitting at this time (placing his right hand upon the book):

"Know ye this, my lord, that I shall be faithful and true unto you, and faith to you shall bear for the exalted job you have so condescendingly granted me, that I shall lawfully do to you the customs and services which I ought to do at the terms assigned, that I shall not speak, breathe or think except for thy monetary good; that I shall strive day and night, mentally and physically, to fill your coffers, waiving my constitutional rights as a freeman to do homage for you; that I shall serve faithfully for seven years for the maximum scale which shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hour, there being no limit to the consecutive hours I work, holding faithful watch so long as mind and body bear the strain, adhering by these covenants and relinquishing all former ties, I become your slave and vassal, so help me God." (Kissing his Book and sealing his doom.)

It is not to be wondered at that the Iconoclast's circulation is rapidly growing.

If combination is good for the rich why is it not good for the poor?

## WOMEN OFFICERS.

The Socialist party can never be properly appreciated until it gives any intelligent, brainy woman a preference in voting over man. We are selfish, sneaklant, cowardly, narrow and in every sense reactionary when we do not. A number of men running for office and one woman their superior in all probability, and a man elected. Shame on such a constitution..

And in the Socialist party, too! We are unbelievably selfish if we think that we discriminate in favor of men versus women solely for places of honor, justice and executive force. The record of such a vote measures our manhood we made. It should never occur in the Socialist party and will not when we develop into genuine manhood not a pretense.

The inheritance and environment women are our greatest developers, then why should we not give them preference in honor and support. It it plain as day how splendidly we would grow from the act. It is a beastly discredit to the men that women should from brains and duty force themselves to the front. Genuine manhood should solicit them to take their proper place in position of appreciation and trust.

It will give us a broader, more profound and better balanced citizenship in our offspring than we have ever had, and the Socialist party should set the example for the balance of the world to follow. It does it, other things, why not this! Governing power alone makes queens and the Socialist party can and should make every woman a queen. Give motherhood her place and power and you give the world freedom and happiness. Ignorance can never have the proper regard for feminine power and blessings. And ignorance begets ignorance—"pity 'tis true."

I am dumfounded that the manhood and progressiveness of the Socialist men are so slow in making women office holders the paramount issue in their propaganda. It is a paramount basis for progress, the greatest we can consider. Record vote ballot so that it will not mean a cowardly defeat for women—our greatest appreciation and most sacred incentive to life. When we do this the rule of heaven will be with us.

Fraternally yours,

J. R. GAY,
Columbus, Texas.

# COLLEGE STUDENTS TO TRAIN FOR WAR

By R. A. Dague

The following announcement was recently sent out by the Associated Press:

"Washington, D. C.—College man, under the latest scheme devised by the War Department, will be organized into a reserve corps of officers available for the command of volunteer troops in case of war. Secretary Garrison and Major General Leonard Wood, chief of Staff, would establish two camps of instruction, one at Gettysburg, and the other at the Presidio at Monterey, Calif., where these students would be sent to be placed under direct instruction of regular army officers who will be detailed to the two posts.

"Under the plans, students volunteering for instruction and drawn from the Eastern and Southern Universities would be transported to Gettysburg, while those from other sections of the country would go to the Pacific coast. The plan has been carefully worked out and able-bodied students over seventeen years of age will be given an opportunity to learn the duties of an officer in command of men."

Only a few weeks ago the announcement was made that "an Army League of the United States" had been organized, the object of which is to secure legislation authorizing the creating of an immense federal army, and now we are informed that college boys are to be given military training.

It is very evident that David Starr Jordon was correct in the statement he recently made that "a very great effort is being made the world over to fill the air with war talk."

I warn innocent college students and all t ys against the efforts to inoculate with the virus of war—of murder! Bright uniforms, glistening bayonets, waving flags, martial strains of music from the military bands, the gold lace and prancing steeds are inspiring—but these things are not war—so, no!

My pen is too feeble to tell you of the awful realities of war. I can only say that the soldier is expected to obey his officers. But now look: Over there, beyond the rivers, are thousands of other boys, not one of whom you have ever seen, or who has ever done you harm. They are nearly all working boys.

Now you are ordered by an officer to rush at them like demons and to run your bayonets through their hearts to slash open their skulls with your sabres, and with the butt ends of your guns beat out their brains! The battle is on! Oh, God! What a spectacle! It is a sight to make angels weep. Now the cannons roar, the bullets hiss, the shells, scream, riderless horses, mutilated and bleeding, gallop madly over the field; the yells and curses and groans of men rend the air. Here in one place, where a shell has exploded, are hundreds of boys. Many are headless; some have had their limbs torn off. Many are seen with internal organs protruding from multilated bodies; blood and brains are bespattered on trees and rocks and ground. Everywhere are crawling, wriggling youths, crying, moaning, dying; with limbs shattered or shot away. Some have had their eyes shot out, while the faces of others were torn away. All are blood-bespattered and some have suddenly gone insane. Over there is a poor boy, one leg gone, part of his face shot away, totally blind. See; he is clutching the earth with his bloody stiffening fingers and he is crying, "Mother! mother! moth—" There, he is dead.

Now, why is all this fiendishness? Who is responsible for this greatest of all curses that makes a literal hell in this world?

Is there any good reason why these kind-hearted farmer boys and college students should suddenly become such inhuman murderers—such veritable fiends?

No; there is no reason. They are deluded by kings and czars and gredy plutocrats who lust for more territory or larger markets or bigger profits, or who want to steal something from a neighboring nation. They are the stock-watering brand of Christian statesmen. They are the coal barons, the enslavers of children and other exploiters of working people who want boys trained as soldiers so that, when ordered, they will shoot to death other workers who strike for an increase of wages or to better their conditions.

There are also the professional warriors who love war for war's sake—men who enjoy the hell of carnage and death and whose highest ambition is to become Colonels and Generals. What do such men care for the simple-minded youths butchered on the bloody battlefields? What do they care for the tears of anguish of the mother of these boys? Nothing. What care they for the waste of war? Everytime a modern dreadnaught discharges a broadside it costs the people $10,000.

A poet truly says:

"Whether your shell hits the target or not.
Your cost is six hundred dollars at shot!
You thing of noise and flame and power,
We feed you a hundred barrels of flour
Each time you roar. Your flame is fed
With twenty thousand loaves of bread.
Silence! A million hungry men
Seek bread to fill their mouths again."

A magazine writer says that the official reports show that the cost of militarism in the United States for the fifteen months ending June 30, 1908, was greater than the total value of all the books, libraries lands, grounds, buildings, furniture, scientific apparatus, machinery and all the endowments, all the investments and all productive funds of all kinds belonging to all our universities and higher institutions of learning. About seventy per cent. of the nation's aggragate income is being spent for past wars and the preparations for war.

Now, let me say to the man who proposes to go to my boy in college, to poison his mind by inoculating him with the war virus, that I look upon him as my implacable enemy. Rather would I that he lett loose upon me a mad dog or a venomous viper or makes a murderous assault upon my person. I would prefer that he stabs me in the heart or crushes my skull till the brains ooze out and I am dead, than to have him by deceptive sophistry, persuade my boy that it is a gallant, a glorious thing to be a profaneless soldier, and, at the command of some officer, go forth to assault, shoot, stab and kill other human beings and fill the earth with the lamentations of mothers, the cries of orphans and the hospital and homes with cripples—fellow-mortals, too, against whom he has no grievance.

There is no necessity for the leading nations of the earth to expend seventy-two per cent of the national income for war materials. The time has come for disarmament. The world has had the teachings of Jesus 1,900 years. This filling the air with war talk by the jingoes should be shut off. The politicians and heartless grafters who are trying to keep alive the war spirit should be sent into oblivion. The military men who are forming an "Army League of the United States" with a view to building up a great federal army, the colleges, presidents and professors who are encouraging militarism among the students, the Y. M. C. A. officers and deluded if not hypocritical pastors of churches who are promoting the Boies-Powell Boy Scout movement—these must be met by peace-loving people and defeated in their adroitly-concocted schemes to plant the seeds of war and murder in the tender minds of the boys of America.

There are many problems of great interest before the statesmen and philanthropists of the world today. The most important of them all is: Shall we have peace or shall war with all its unspeakable, hellish, atrocioueness, continue to curse the world?

Reader, what do you say? Are you for universal peace and a universal brotherhood, or do you want war, and carnage, and bloodshed, and to make this otherwise happy world a veritable hell?

Creston, Iowa.

## A FABLE.

The hen remarked to the muley cow,
As she cackled her daily bay
(That is, the hen cackled). "It's funny how
I grow
I'm good for an egg a day.
I'm a fool to do it, for what do I get?
My food and my lodging. My!
But the poodle gets that—he's the house hold pet.
And he never laid a single egg yet—
Not even when eggs were high."

The muley cow remarked to the hen,
As she masticated her cud
(That is, the cow did), "Well what then?
You quit and your name is mud.
I'm good for eight gallons of milk each day,
And I'm given my stable and grub;
But the parrot gets that much anyway—
All she can gobble—and what does she pay?
Not a dribble of milk, the dub!"

But the hired man remarked to the pair,
"You get all that's coming to you;
Don't do nothin' but jes produce—
What them fellows does is Art."

## INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Carl D. Thompson, Mgr.

### SOCIALISTS AND CLEVELAND CHURCHES.

The Socialists of Cleveland, Ohio, have taken a very active part in the work of charter-making.

As usual, a number of reform forces and certain labor elements began the agitation for a new charter. The fact that the Socialists had mustered ten thousand votes or more at the last election naturally gave weight to their influence. They took an active part in the work of drafting the proposed charter, urging introduction of principles that would be consistent with the Socialist ideal. They were not successful, of course, in getting all of their proposals incorporated. In spite of a fine fight against the non-partisan idea and against other objectionable elements and features, they were incorporated in the final draft.

In spite of the objectional features however, the party delegates, after a long debate, decided by a vote of 52 to 36, to approve the charter. In doing so, they point out a very interesting and significant feature of the situation. They say:

"The Supreme Court of Ohio has recently overriden the will of the people by declaring that the provisions of the state constitution guaranteeing home rule to cities is not effective until a charter is adopted by a municipality. Under this decision a city cannot engage in public enterprises, such as the operation of a street railway system and similar activities, without having first adopted a new charter.

"In view of this decision, and in consideration of the fact that the charter provides for its amendment through the initiative, we declare ourselves in favor of its adoption as a whole, but pledge ourselves to a campaign of education against the features to which ye have declared our opposition."

While the provisions of the charter are not altogether acceptable, the outcome of the charter and campaign, in case of its adoption, will win for the city at least this much, that it may then go forward with whatever Socialist principles the people could secure in support. We cannot but feel that this gain is a long step in the right direction in the matter of the attitude of the Socialist party in charter-making.

### IRRIGATION FACTS WANTED.

One of the great public questions, especially in all of the Western states, is that of irrigation. Sooner or later the Socialist party will have to meet this special problem and give it careful consideration.

Only this week the department has received a letter from a comrade in Montana, who has been put up against the problem in a very practical way. He suggests that the party should prepare some special propaganda material to be used among the farmers who are under dam irrigation projects. The comrade indicates that the government is not rendering satisfactory service in the management of these projects, and that the farmers are in a very precarious that it is universally felt among the farmers.. This fact is then used against Socialism, on the ground that if the government cannot make a success of an irrigating system, the government certainly could not make a success of Socialism—the usual kind of argument.

Then follow a number of questions that show the need of information upon the subject of irrigation, among them the following:

1. Ought not the farmers under the irrigation propects to elect the officials who have charge of the operation of the plant?

2. Should not these officials be subject to recall by the patrons of the system?

3. Should not the government bear the entire expense of the installation of the irrigation system, instead of charging the expense back upon the people, thus making it hard for the farmers under the projects to get ahead?

These questions and others that the suggested by them, together with other complaints received by this department and suggestions received from comrades in the states where there are irrigation problems, make it clear that the Socialist party will have to give special attention to this subject.

We call upon the comrades, especially those in the irrigation regions, to help us in this study. Facts and information and ideas as to the proper attitude of the party upon this practical question are invited. We offer the services of the department for the collection and classification of all material of this kind that the comrades may send. We shall classify and index it and make it available for the use of the party and its committees, and thus give the whole party the benefit of the work of each comrade who has something to contribute to the subject.

## NATIONAL NOTES

### PROPOSED NATIONAL REFERENDUM.

The State Committee of the Socialist party of Ohio indorses the following resolution and motion of Local Toledo and hereby initiates a call for a national referendum of the party membership on same:

"Be it resolved by Local Toledo of the Socialist party, with 251 members in good standing, that we hereby initiate a referendum to annul the motion made by National Committeeman Goebel and indorsed by 41 members of the National Committee."

[Note by Executive Secretary: The National Committee motion referred to in the above proposed referendum is as follows: "That from the date of the adoption of this provision, all National referendum ballots shall be submitted without preamble or comment." Adopted by the National Committee March 24, 1913.]

### National Committee.

The National Committee motion by White of Massachusetts, to levy on assessment of twenty-five cents per capita upon the membership to pay on the debts of the National Office, has been seconded by Berger and Gaylord of Wisconsin, Chase of Nebraska, Duncan of Montana, Irish of Maine, and Wilson of Iowa.

Having received sufficient seconds the motion has gone to the National Committee for a vote.

### COMRADE RICKER WITH US.

Comrade A. W. Ricker has taken charge of the circulation of The Party Builder and the literature Department of the National Office. He was asked to take charge of this work because of his experience on the selling side of our propaganda. His long connection with the "Appeal" and "Coming Nation" makes an introduction unnecessary.

The National Office should be the literature supply house of the American Socialist movement—this is thoroughly in accord with our philosophy.

It is a delight to visit "Little Europe" in the National Office. Ten different nationalities are here represented, and it is more of a "Melting Pot" than any similar spot of its size in the United States. Their space is only 20 by 40 feet in size, and they are all crowded in it together.

The strange thing about this department is that it is the weaker European nations that are represented. We are impressed now the difference between the South Slavic and the Slovak? Yet there is a translator for each. Where is Bohemia? Bet you don't know. But they are important enough to have a translator. These language federations are doing a great work, and these men form the connecting link with the American Socialist party.

Every time a check is sent in to the National Office we must pay ten cents exchange change. In the year 1912 this item amounted to over $100.

Many comrades could send drafts on Chicago or New York as well as personal checks. A check for one dollar costs us ten cents for exchange whereas it would have cost the sender only three cents for a money order. Watch the party's money and save where you can.

### SOCIALISM, NOT APPLIED CHRISTIANITY.

By Chas. F. Randall.

It is often asserted by Socialists that "Socialism is Christianity applied." This is not true. Christianity deals with a preparation for death in this world, and life after death in another. Socialism teaches how to make the most of this life from an economic and materialistic standpoint. Christianity teaches the existence of a God, and that we are rewarded or punished according to the way we observe certain rules laid down by Him for our guidance while on earth. Socialism teaches nothing concerning spiritual things, but confines itself to matters material. It neither affirms or denies the existance of a Deity or a life beyond the grave.

"But," says some one, "the Ethical Teachings of Christianity and Socialism are identical." But this is a mistake. SOME of the ethical teachings of Christianity and Socialism are the same. And this is true of every other religion and Socialism. Socialism is NOT A RELIGION and teaches nothing concerning one.

### SOCIALISM IN FAR AWAY INDIA.

Just to think. In far away India Socialism is spreading. All educated Hindoos read English, the following is from the "Calcuat Capital of India":

All the Socialist pigs have the same kind of a snout.

## IOWA STATE NOTES.

### STATE COMMITTEE MOTION OF IOWA.

Moved that the State of Iowa call for a referendum of the party membership, whether the membership wants the National Bulletin sent to them free in bundles once a month or not, so that they can be distributed among the different locals. If so, that the National Committee be instructed to issue same and send out as has been the custom before the last National Committee meeting.

Voting yes, E. G. Popejoy, L. A. Hanson, Bud Houchin, C. J. Peelstrom.

Voting no, J. F. Schulman, P. L. Christensen, J. S. Mott.

Not voting, Michael Kennedy, Andrew Engle, J. B. Godwin, M. M. Curtis.

Motion has been sent to National Office for publication in Party Builder.

Comrade McCrillis commences his second organization trip on July 8th at Woodward and up to the 20th as follows:

Perry, Dayton, Stratford, Elsworth, open-Eldorado, Iowa Falls, Clarion, Garner, Mason City, Marble Rock, open.

The Mason City comrades are trying to get up a picnic at Clear Lake and have all of the neighboring locale come and enjoy the lake, become acquainted and listen to some good speaker.

The ballots are now in the hands of the local secretaries and members are urged for the prompt return of ments to the National Constitution and should be voted and returned by August 22.

Extract from Nebraska State Bulletin sent out by John C. Chase, Secretary-Organizer to locals and members in Nebraska:

"To Socialist of Nebraska, Comrades:

"Local Paxon in Keith County has accepted the National Lyceum Course for the season of 1913-14. This local is a new one, only organized last March. Population of town about 300.

"If a local like this and in a town of that size can handle the course, certainly any other local in the State can make good with it.

"The course of this year comes for selling at the rate of six subscriptions or without subscriptions for $50"

Let wisdom guide our action and the National Lyecum department will become one of the strongest and most efficient arrmes of the Socialist Party for educating the working class to Socialist ideas.

Fraternally,

M. F. WILTSE,
State Secretary.

### UNSEEKING MEN AND WOMEN.

The story of how the Capitalist Class has passed laws in nine states to UNSEE, by operation, victims of the capitalist system, paupers, violators of capitalist laws, drunkards and those who are incapable of supporting themselves, will be told in the July International Socialist Review. The latest atrocity of the master class against its own victims.

Socialists Convicted in Paterson, and the News on the Strike.

Jack London's Pessimism.

The Difference Between Syndicalism and Industrial Unionism.

The Truth About West Virginia.

The Meaning of Industrial Socialism.

The new 300,000 Industrial Union in England.

The Hopelessness of Pure-and-Simple Politican Action in Germany.

The Development of the Farm Corporation, illustrated, are a few of the good things that will appear in the July Review.

If you are not a subscriber to the Review, we want you on our list. The Review belongs to the Socialist, that is on the job to help in every struggle of the working class against the exploiting class. It keeps you in touch with the army at the front. It shows where and when to send help.

We want you in our relief squad. We want a group of REDS in your city that may be depended upon to carry the War into the Enemy's country with literature and propaganda.

These are Socialists in and out of the Party who are getting out of touch with the movement. We want you to get them to subscribe for the Review. To put the Review into the reach of Everybody, we make this proposition.

Three and many other good things compose a part of the contents for the July International Socialist Review. The Review is $1.00 a year. The price of this periodical is 10c a year. We will send you both periodicals for one year each, upon receipt of $1.00 sent to this office.

## ARKANSAS NOTES.

Ida Callery, State Secretary.
646 N. 12th. Ft. Smith Ark.

20,000 votes for Webber on the 23rd.

Every Socialist owes the party a duty. He can discharge that duty on the 23rd, by going to the polls and voting.

Comrade Jeff Fowler is again in the work. He will help organize the northern part of the state this year.

Five new members were taken in at Argenta, seven at Ft. Smith and ten at Van Buren during last week.

Local Mulberry had doubled its membership since the last report.

Foreman will hold an encampment August 15 and 16.

Locals Van Buren and Ft. Smith held a picnic at Picnic Park on July 4th.

Local St. Joe organized last week with eight charter members.

Comrade C. Cobb, of Oklahoma, has taken up work with us. Locals desiring a date with a first class speaker should get in communication with headquarters at once.

Comrade Bessie Bartholomew who delivers illustrated lectures on farming will begin a tour of the state in the near future. Let us all pull together and make her trip a success. Write for terms.

490 members reported for June. Let each of us bring in at least one new member during July and put our organization back at the head of the organizations in the southern states.

Some inquiries have come to headquarters relative to reports. I want to say that so far it has been impossible for either the committee or the Local Quorum to devise any means by which we would be able to reach the membership month after month with our reports. The financial report is sent to the press each month and a condensed report of the work goes forth each week and until we are stronger, we cannot support a report to each member though this should be and must be done as soon as it can be arranged. So far much of our income has been squandered in referendums and party dickerings, that have proven quite useless to the party but as soon as we learn to conduct our work in a business like systematic way the necessary things to the work of the party can be in installed and we can get down to doing the work that is necessary to bring Socialism.

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### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE.

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| Cash received, dues stamps | $45.10 |
| Cash received, for Sec. Salary | 49.35 |
| Cash received for supplies | 3.05 |
| Cash received on campaign fund | 56.55 |
| Deficit, July 1, | 48.48 |
| Total | $196.48 |
| **Disbursements.** | |
| Dues Stamps | $21.50 |
| Printing | 20.00 |
| Multigraphing | 2.50 |
| Telephone | 1.00 |
| Postage | 18.50 |
| Express | .60 |
| Filing Nominee for Gov. | 37.50 |
| Rent | 7.00 |
| Office Supplies | 2.00 |
| Secretary's salary | 49.25 |
| Deficit | 36.63 |
| Total | $196.48 |

### SPEAKERS' DATES.

D. Cobb.
July 8, Booneville.
July 9, Argenta..
July 10, Pine Bluff.
July 11, Stuttgart.
July 13, Palestine.
July 13, Forrest City.
July 14, Pine Tree.
July 15, Biedsville.
July 16, Tupalo.
July 17-19, White County.

### LOCALS ORGANIZED DURING JUNE.

Mulberry, 8 members, David R. Rogers, Secretary; self organized.

Dyer, 7 members, Rome Peavy, Secretary, self organized.

Gentry, 8 members, W. V. Gentry, Secretary, J. Lancaster, organizer.

Williford, 6 members, B. F. Street Secretary, self organized.

Ridge, 10 members, Chas. Johnson, Secretary, self organized.

ElDorado, 13 members, G. R. Magee, Secretary, self organized.

South Sterke Branch, 10 members, Frank Senger, Secretary, self organized.

Huntington.

Hustle Bube. We need the men.

## NOTES FROM OUR LOCAL PAPERS.

Our local is surely prospering greatly as evidenced by the good attendance and the deep interest that the members take in Local matters.

### OUR PROSPECTS FOR THE 4TH.

The committees for a basket picnic on the glorious 4th of July, report all the arrangements about completed and if they have left out anything to make it a grand success, they are not aware of it. We anticipate a large crowd and have done everything for their convenience, comfort and pleasure. Now don't fail to spend the day with us at the park and you will say you never spent a pleasanter day in your life, unless it was your wedding day (bachelors don't count) or the first day you took your best girl out.

—The Chanute Leader, Chanute, Kansas.

So the red flag is the banner of brotherhood. It is the International Banner of the World's Class, and has been, for thousands of years, in the struggle for liberty, myriads of heroic working men have fought and died beneath its folds. Is it any wonder that we love it?

The Stars and Stripes is a National Banner and I know of no reason why it will not fly at the National Capitol under Socialism. But it will fly besides the blood Red Flag of Brotherhood.

—Floyd County Socialist, Charles City, Ia.

Give every man an opportunity to earn a decent living and eliminate the necessity to steal, bribe or lie.

Quit speculating on God's Foot Stool, just because you happen to be here first. New formed generations have the same right to this earth as you have. Your ownership notwithstanding.

Ask the city why they don't buy the great with a bond issue, or build their own pavements to sneak the present generation get to sneaked grandparents.

Swat the city council and the health department if they don't clean up. Don't wait until you are stricken with fever to howl, better howl while your lungs are good.

—The Searchlight, Taylor, Tex.

### THE GREAT INVENTION.

John—"The man who invented the telephone was the greatest inventor the world ever saw."

Pat—"Faith, and he's not in the same class with the man who invented the steam enjine."

Isaac—"Mine gracious, wot are either of dem fellers to the man that invented the wheel?"

—The Searchlight, Grinell, Ia.

Owing to the intense heat there was no quorum present at the local meeting last Sunday. This is the first time in a long while that we have missed a meeting for lack of a quorum. There are always a few faithful comrades who can be depended upon to turn out to the meetings in spite of the weather.

—The Ottumwa Referendum, Ottumwa, Ia.

Workers, what a lot of suckers you are! You lead the dryopds and other stores with riches, and then stand outside and wish you could buy some of them back.

—San Antonio Searchlight, San Antonio, Tex.

We have added two new members to our local. It does my soul good to see them coming in.

—Hot Springs Clarion, Hot Springs, Ark.

In some places the Court House is being used, and in others the School house, for the purpose of holding meetings.

We cannot see any reason why a room in one of these places cannot be allowed us to conduct a night school as referred to in a former issue.

—Crawford County Star, Van Buren, Ark.

Let us have a Municipal Ice Plant, Cerro Gorde Leader, Mason City, Ia.

### INTEREST GROWING.

The program rendered by the members of Local Chickasha on their last regular meeting brought to light the fact that it is more than necessary to get out of the old rut of regular routine. There was a good turn out and great intelect manifested.

—Grady County Socialist, Chickasha, Okla.

The School Book Trust, the Doctors' Trust and the Bankers Won't Trust combine a hardship on the average family.

# THE NATIONAL LYCEUM BUREAU

By Patrick S. Nagle.

The Lyceum Bureau has been in existence for two years and there is a deficit of approximately $15,000.

A brief summary of the work of the Lyceum for the two years is as follows:

Meetings addressed by organizers and lecturers, 5,096.

Total audiences certificates redeemed, 1,000,000.

Subscription certificates redeemed, 118,726.

Total literature sold by subscriptions and at meetings, $175,000.

Propaganda leaflets sold and distributed 2,000,000.

Free publicity secured for Socialism in capitalist press about 1,500 columns.

Increased party membership approximately 15,000.

The deficit is large but it must be remembered that the initial expense to launch a movement of this character and magnitude is always great.

Is it worth to our movement one cent and a half for the opportunity given to one of our lecturers to speak to an individual one hour and forty minutes on the issue of Socialism?

If the total audiences were but one half million instead of one million is it worth three cents?

What is it worth to the Socialist movement to have $175,000 worth of literature sold?

What is it worth to the movement to have 2,000,000 propaganda leaflets sold and distributed?

When we consider the deficit we should also consider the other side of the ledger.

And this must not be forgotten. The Lyceum Bureau is an institution in the interest of the agricultural states. At the May meeting of the National Committee the members from large cities came to Chicago fully determined to strangle the Lyceum Bureau, on account of this deficit.

Speakers and lecturers ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN THE LARGE CITIES—THE LYCEUM IS NOT A NECESSITY WITH THEM.

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Two years ago locals had to guarantee $300 and last year $200 to secure the course.

Many weak locals throughout the agricultural states were unable to pay out in full and hence a deficit.

This year the course is cut down from FIVE lectures to THREE and it can be had for $100 WITH subscriptions, or $50 WITHOUT subscriptions.

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At Chicago a compromise was finally worked out whereby this bureau can be saved providing six hundred locals agree to take the course by October 1st. My recollection is however, that four hundred must agree to take by September 1st.

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In my judgment under existing prop conditions in this state the best proposition is the $50 cash. You pay one-fifth of this or $10 when booked that a minimum of six hundred Lyceum contracts are secured and one-fifth each month thereafter until the requirement had been met.

Under this contract the local is to have all collections and literature sales at the lectures.

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Every county seat town in Oklahoma should take this course. Any five or six Socialists can meet informally in any county seat town, and after discussing the matter ten minutes can separate and walk up and down the street and sell $25.00 worth of tickets to the business men with whom they trade.

Take a Socialist farmer and have him standing by when you ask a business man to buy a ticket. The county seat politician of both the old parties have an undefined dread of Socialism. They feel that it is coming but they don't know what it is. As a matter of safety to themselves they are anxious to learn something about it.

Go to the Court House and "tackle" every officer and every deputy.

These shape are all individualists folking out for themselves and anxious to be considered "good fellows" by Socialists. They are "seeing things"—few of them will refuse to buy a ticket.

It is perfectly legitimate to give the business men and politicians value received for their money.

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Under the contract the local must furnish the hall. Before hiring an opera house or hall have some well known Socialist go and interview the clerk of the District Court and endeavor to get the court house. The clerk of the court is generally the best party to see for this purpose and tell him that you will pay the janitor $1.00 for "lighting up, etc."

Ordinarily the court house

never open to lectures and entertainments where an admission fee is charged. If you throw the court room open to the public this objection may not be urged. In fact whether the court room can be secured or not the local after the tickets are sold, should send an admission card, to every working man in the town inviting him and his wife and children to attend.

If possible the court house should be secured, as the non-Socialist of the working class will go to the court house to hear "a speech" when they will not go anywhere else.

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Every county seat town in Oklahoma has its "Lyceum Court." They are promoted by preachers, lawyers, doctors and business men. The lectures are attended almost solely by the middle class. The lecturers are all individualists and hand out the "good man," "great man," "room at the top" bunk. The lectures are behind closed doors, paid for, and "exclusive."

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In every town in this state with a population of five hundred and upwards, we should have a working class lecture course,—paid for,—but wide open and Democratic. It is within our reach,—$50.00.

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We have an able corps of speakers in this state, and they are doing splendid work applying the Socialist Philosophy to state and local conditions, and the membership and people generally are calling for speeches of this character.

We must not forget however that Socialism is a National and International movement and the Lyceum will keep us in touch with the movement in its National and International aspects. It will make us less provincial and better able to grasp the world wide questions that must be answered by the working class.

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The Socialist in the Oklahoma town through whose initiative the working class will be given a lecture course every year, will be remembered when the bankers, lawyers, preachers and doctors will be forgotten. It is INHERITA that kills.


**THE STORY OF THE GIANTS AND THEIR TOOLS.**

This little volume fills the Proverbial "long felt want" in providing an interesting story from the facts of economic evolution, briefly and truthfully stated in a way to be long remembered.

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## SEN. KERN'S PRIVATE SECS. OPINION OF MOTHER JONES.

Claude G. Bowers, Sec. to Senator Kern, gives this opinion of Mother Jones:

It was early in the winter that I had my first opportunity to see and hear that unique and marvelous woman. She had left the "war of wealth on poverty in the American Siberia" to address a mass meeting in Washington in the hope of arousing Congress to action. I was unprepared for the woman I saw.

Old, feeble, but full of the divine fire of humanity, eloquent, militant, looking the part of a "mother" of her, she stood for almost two hours and related a tale of anarchy, savagery, infamy, that cannot be matched in Darkest Russia, and has probably never been equalled in the Mexico that we know today. These are strong words, used deliberately, every word weighed and every one meant.

**Driven Like Wild Beasts.**

She told of men being driven like wild beasts over the hills by hired gunsters, recognized as "deputies" by a State government that must be putrid; of wholesale murders that have gone unnoticed; of the assassination of miners who were conducting her—an old woman of eighty—over the mountains; of poverty and misery ineffable.

The story she related did not merely arouse indignation, it startled it! The husband or father outraged of wives and daughters, who would not kill under such circumstances would be a base counterfeit upon human nature. The juror who would not promptly acquit the man who killed under such circumstances would be a fit subject for a cost of tar.

She has done more than an army of men to minimize the danger of the murder of men in the mines. She has protested against the murder of her boys! In the West Virginia mountains by the hired thugs who shoot and kill them under the protection of authority. Her own report of miners were murdered under her eyes.

And yet they charged HER with murder!

If monopoly is bad, why do capitalists strive for it?

## OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES

Local Marlow will hold a two days engagement on July 28th and 29th. Comrade Richards O'Hare, H. H. Stallard, W. E. Wilson and other good speakers will be present. Comrade T. N. Pritchard, Secretary.

### OSAGE COUNTY CONVENTION.

There will be a Mass County Convention of the Socialists of Osage County at Melsgoney on Saturday, July 19th, at 2 p. m. The purpose is to perfect a political organization. All Socialists in the County should participate in this important matter.

### NOWATA COUNTY CONVENTION.

Nowata County Convention at Nowata, Tuesday July 15th, 2 p. m. Comrade E. L. M. Moore of Wagoner and other good speakers address the convention. All Socialists in this County are urgently requested to be present as there are very important things to be settled.

### H. H. STALLARD AT COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Custer County, at Arapho, Friday, July 18th, 2 p. m.

Washita County, at Cordell, Saturday, July 19th, 2 p. m.

Kiowa County, at Hobart, Sunday, July 20, 2 p. m.

Greer County, at Mangum, Monday July 21st, at 2 p. m.

Harmon County, at Hollis, Wednesday, July 23rd, 2 p. m.

All Socialists living in the above counties should be present as there is some very important business to be transacted. Comrade H. H. Stallard will address all the above conventions.

Additional dates for Stallard are as follows:

Bessie, July 15th, 8 p. m.
Cloud Cliff, July 19th, 8 p. m.
Lugert, July 20th, 8 p. m.
Reed, July 21st, 8 p. m.
Carl, July 22nd, 8 p. m.
Bitter Creek, July 23rd, 8 p. m.

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**McLESTER'S DATES.**

Pawnee County.
Keystone, July 14th.
Terlton, July 16th.
Hallett, July 17th.
Jennings, July 18th.
Valley R, July 19th.
Pawnee, July 20th.
Skedee, July 21st.
Ralston, July 22nd.
Merimac, July 23rd.
Cleveland, July 24th.

Pittsburg County.
Indianola, August, 1st, 8 p. m.
Canadian, August 2nd, 2:30 p. m.
Fairview, August 2nd, 8 p. m.
Haywood, August 3rd, 8:30 p. m.
Savanna, August 4th, 8:30 p. m.
Pittsburg, August, 5th, 8:30 p. m.
Blanco, August ,6th 8:30 p. m.
Hartshorne, August 7th, 8:30 p. m.
Haileyville, August 8th, 8:30 p. m.
Dow, August 9th, 8:30 p. m.
Quinton, August 10th, 8:30 p. m.
Bower, August 11, 8:30 p. m.
Cowder, August 12th, 8:30 p. m.
McAlester, August 13th, 8:30 p.m.

McLester says the debate at Kowona was too one sided in his favor to make report of it and from what the Comrade writes this office we are forced to believe that "am the truth."

### NEW LOCALS LAST WEEK.

Stilwell, in Adair County, 7 members, Harry R. Homans, Stilwell is Secretary.

Grove in Deleware County, 6 members, J. J. Losh, Grove, is Secretary.

Paden in Okfuskee County, 8 members, W. M. Marsters, Paden, is Secretary.

New members at Large: D. A. Henley, Jay; C. B. Schugart, Berniece; E. H. Stinesipher, Berniece; J. E. Jordon, Fairland; J. A. Schuyler, Needmore; J. T. Thompson, Boswell; J. M. Coonce, Monroe, C. H. Weathers, Lenapah; Abe Brady, Lenapah; W. H. Andrus, W. H. Clark, Payne; F. B. Eddy, Edmond.

### THE COMING ELECTION.

The Special Election to be held in this State on August 5th is one of vital importance to the Working Class, as measures will be submitted that are materially detrimental to their class.

Two of these measures are being backed by a group of Capitalists who have personal gains at stake They are doing it for the love of humanity and the workers but because it means more dividends and dirty dollars for them.

The measures is to have Section 18 of the new miners laws passed by the last legislature to stand as it is. It would force more work on the miner and cut down the wages. In many cases to undercut coal before shooting it off would force the miner to sly down in the water sac fifth and contract rheumatism and other diseases.

The miners know what they want and as they are the ones who do the work we are for them.

The Santa Fe Railroad and other capitalists want Section 9, Article 9, of the State Constitution repealed because they will profit by it. The State Federation of Labor have passed two resolutions against the repeal of same which is enough to satisfy us that we should be against it.

The capitalists know more know what they want and so do the workers. It is a class fight and the lines are too closely drawn to leave any doubt on this point.

The Socialist Party is for the working class first, last and all the time. We receive our support from the workers and are under no obligations to any individual capitalist or group of them.

It is the duty of every Socialist to help these workers all he can and this can be done by getting them to vote right. Get your precinct organized into a working force, see that every one votes, have your committee from each precinct the ballots and your watcher see that they tote fair. These are very important things to do and should be attended to now and not wait until the last minute.

Vote "YES" for the repeal of Section 18 of the Miners Law.

Vote "NO" for the repeal of Section 9, Article 9.

Having done this and protected your ballot you will have done your full duty to the workers.

### THE CONFESSION OF COL. M. M. MULHALL.

The American people have become so morally calloused that the published confession of Col. Mulhall, backed as it is by the surrender of more than 20,000 letters, telegrams, expense accounts, and other document, yet beyond being a fleeting piece of news for a few days, will soon be forgotten.

Why is it that such a terrible confession of duplicity, briberies, and congressional corruption does not produce more effect. For the simple reason that all kinds of meanness and crime can be committed in the United States by use of money, who are of "respectability, and social standing" and nothing is done. The law in this country is only for poor people and "undesirables."

Of all single measures, the confession enumerates as being corrupted by the most honorable National Association of Manufacturers, there is none more particularly interests us, and that is Representative James T. McDermott of Chicago. McDermott was one of the union card men, one of the militia of Christ men, one of the men the Federation of labor endorsed as a "friend of labor," yet the Beef and Harvester Trusts financed his campaigns, and he sold himself out lock, stock, and barrel to the N. A. M. and let lobbyists use his franking mail privilege. In fact he was a labor Judas and there are still many of them as officers in the unions.

Right now the most of the exposures are of the naughty Republic s, but to the N. A. M. and the Standard Oil, and the Sugar Trust, Democrats and Republicans look alike. Bailey of Texas and Foraker of Ohio were all the same color. One thing Col. Mullholand was wise about, and that was to have over 20,000 letters to back up his confession, else he would be quickly faced with a "cloud of witnesses" to swear him to be a liar etc., but he forestalled that usual game, yet with all his securing the evidence in such a shape, one does not need to be a profit to know that nothing will come of it.

Already we see that there is a stir among the accused, and they are preparing to "perjure themselves like gentlemen," or like holy Jawn D. Rockefeller did, as the records of the court in the Southern Improvement Company show.

The general manager of the N. A. M. says Mulhall's charges are "a tissue of lies," and Philip ness Post of Battle Creek, Michigan, said he had wired an offer of $10,000 to a New York newspaper, (probably one he has a fat advertisement with,) "for substantiated evidence." Peanut shell Post."fret not thy gizzard," unless a big lot of the 20,000 letters are destroyed. you'll get what you don't want, save your money. We remember the terrible Teddy denied signing the bill that helped "Dear Harriman" loot the Chicago and Alton, when faced by a phot-halftone, of his signature, he acknowledged the corn and plead the baby act, said he didn't know it was leaked.

If the charges are not true, what's the use of this unseemingly wherefordness and excitement!

Remember Schyler (smiler) Colfax and the Credit Mobilier scandal and his three consecutive perjuries before the committee, a Presidential possibility to an unhonored retirement and obscurity. Let's benefit by experience and not accept bluffs, wind pudding, and other political dishes.

Experience is our safest guide, therefore, don't be in so big a hurry Peanut Post.

## YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

### SENATOR DAGUE STORIES ABOUT LAWYERS.

It may interest some of my boy and girl readers of "Our Young Folks" to know that I was once a lawyer. I sometimes say that many years ago I reformed and took a step up higher when I became an editor. In this contribution I will repeat a few jokes I have heard about lawyers. Some of the funny occurances I have a personal knowledge of.

A young lawyer who had recently hung out his shingle was retained by a criminal with $5 and a very poor defense.

"Well, you got a case, son," said his proud father.

"Yes, dad."

"And what advice did you give your client?"

"After listening to his story I collected what money he had and advised him to retain a more experienced lawyer."

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Judge: "The evidence that you called this gentleman a donkey is overwhelming. Had you better not admit the fact?"

Accused: "Maybe I had. The longer I look at him, the more probable it seems to me."

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"Your honor," said the attorney, "this man! insanity takes the form of a belief that everyone wants to rob him. He won't allow even me, his attorney, to approach him."

"Maybe he's not crazy, after all," murmured the court in a judicial whisper.

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A good many years ago a man in Nebraska was indicted to me on a note. I wrote to a prominent lawyer in Hastings to try and locate the man and bring suit for the collection of the debt. The lawyer wrote me he had located my man and for me to rest easy that he could hardly escape as he was serving a ten years' term in the penitentiary at Lincoln.

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A colored man was brought before a police judge, charged with stealing chickens. He pleaded guilty, and received sentence, when the judge asked how it was he managed to lift those chickens right under the window of their owner's house when there was a dog in the yard.

"Well, yuh wouldn't be so mu, judge," said the culprit, "to try to 'splain dis thing to you all. Af you was to try it, like as not you would git yer hide full 'o shot, an' git no chickens, neither. Ef you want to engage in any rascality, judge, yo' bettar stick to de bench, whar you am familiar."

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A lawyer in Hampton's Magazine says:

Shortly before his death the late Chief Justice Fuller presided at a church conference during the progress of a heated debate a member rose and began a tirade against universities and education , thanking God he had never been corrupted by contact with a college.

"Do I understand the speaker thanks God for his ignorance?" interrupted the chief justice.

"Well, yes," was the answer, "you can put it that way if you want to."

"All I have to say, then," said the chief justice, in his sweetest musical tone, "is that the member has a good deal to thank God for."

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A certain "down south" Judge is acknowledged a good man and a good fellow by all who know him. Even his tiny niece, Alice loves him dearly. Yet the other day, when Uncle Stewart got back from a political meeting, Alice, sitting on his lap, convulsed the other occupants of the veranda.

"Oh, uncle, how funny and bad your voice smells."

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One time an old lawyer was giving instructions to a law student. He said:

"I will now give you a good rule to follow in court trials. If you have the law on your side, insist strenuously on the case being decided according to law. If the law is against you, but have justice on your side, claim the verdict on the ground of justice."

"But," said the student, "suppose both the law and justice are against my client, what course shall I take?"

"In that event," said the old lawyer, "pour out the vials of your wrath on the witnesses against your client, and accuse the lawyer on the other side of being a pettyfogger and a villian, and vehemently charge that the court is prejudiced against your client and that you demand a change of venue."

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Old farmer Brown of Kansas had three sons. A friend asked him what he was going to make of the boys. Mr. Brown said:

"Now thar is Jim; he is bright and patient and steady. I will make a doctor out of him. There is Sam; he is lazy, too lazy to think—has a heap of cheek—likes the girls and good things to eat. Me and the old woman think he yould make a midwife' good preacher.

"Last is Tom. he is smart and tricky and fine on a harse trade, has a big gift of gab and we think he will make a rattlin' good lawyer.

## HOW SOME ANIMALS EAT.

From early childhood I have been a lover of animals, and birds, and fond of listening to stories about them, and I think that most people enjoy such stories. In this short contribution I mention some of the peculiar methods by which some animals take food.

For instance, the squirrel carries its food to its mouth by means of its paws, while the elephant uses its trunk. The giraffe, ant-eater and toad employ their tongues, but spiders masticate their food with horny jaws.

The caterpillar is provided with sawedged jaws, and uses them so well that every day he consumes at least three times his own weight in food. Toads, turtles and tortoises do not possess teeth.

Frogs have only an upper row of teeth, and lobsters and crabs have a set of teeth in their stomachs. The tiger and the lion do not grind their food as we humans do, as a matter of fact, their teeth only work with an up-and-down movement much like chopping knives.

Nature has given each animal and bird—in fact, all living creatures—an aptitude or superior equipment for obtaining the food it requires. Cranes, storks and many other fowls are provided with long bare legs and slender bills to enable them to wade about in shallow waters and catch fish and frogs and other water animals for food. In these instances nature seems very kind to the fowls, but cruel to the fish and frogs. That is a subject worthy of serious study, and I will not discuss it now, but will take up another time.

As this contribution is about how animals eat, I will close it by a description of the sagacity of the rat, according to an article in McClure's, regarding the way in which it eats an egg. It bites through the shell and chips off small fragments as neatly as a squirrel opens a nut, consumes the entire contents without spilling a drop, and then sits up and licks itself clean like a cat. Rats will steal the eggs from under a setting hen. In one case they carried off seventy-five dozen eggs which a commission merchant had incautiously stored in a wooden tub.—R. A. Dague.

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Knockers in the Socialist Party who complain of active Comrades as "trying to be the whole thing," are generally those who are themselves nothing, or they are the "cranks" of the masters trying to earn their Judas money.

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Dig up that red card and see if there are any vacant spaces in recent months.

## WOMAN'S COLUMN.

### DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

Water flowed and fire burned before this globe took shape. Lightning flashed across the sky ere the human race evolved. The sun pumped moisture from the sea, and rivers carried it back again for millions of years. But it was not until science tackled the job that the forces of nature became the servants of men.

Some one put water in a pot and fire under the pot. This produced steam. Then along came science, directed the steam into some kind of kicker box. The kicker kicked a wheel around and now Tim Riley, by working a lever on a steam locomotive can hand more freight in an hour than a mule can in a lifetime.

What's lightning good for, except to scare people who never had done any harm to it or to furnish a job for the lightning rod agent. Lightning was the most useless thing on earth till science got hold of it. Old man science grabbed it by the tail, wound it around drums poked it into bottles, chased it through wires and now lightning pulls street cars, illuminates homes, cooks food and heats flatirons.

Science watched the sun pump water. It watched the clouds, the rain in the rushing river. Aha! said science, "here is perpetual motion. The sun will always pump, the rains will always fall, the rivers always rush. Let's put a wheel in the river." So it was done and now sun, rain and river work day and night for the New York widows and orphans who hornswoggled the legislature out of the waterpower rights.

Anybody can work hard. A fool can work like a mule and a mule can work like a fool, but it takes a wise man to make the wheels go round without elbow grease and perspiration.

Of late years, science has sneaked into the homes. I say sneaked because if some women had known it was science that entered they would have opened the screen door and shooed it out like flies. Women are the worst standpatters that ever happened. But science sneaked in and now some women are cooking without fire and others are sweeping without brooms. Domestic science is the utilization of gray matter in housekeeping in place of brute force.

The thing in scientific housekeeping is the vacuum clothes washer. This appliance will relegate the washboard to the scrap pile because it does in five minutes what the washboard does in one hour.

If you are an up-to-date, and not a standpatter-let-well-enough-alone-the-way-that- mother-dane-is- good-enough-for -me-kind- of-a- woman, come to Brisbane hall, Thursday afternoon and watch the vacuum washer make the dirt fly.

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THE
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"HOW ARE YOU
GOING TO DO IT?"

"How re you going to acquire the corporate industries," is the question often asked and supposed to be a settler.

Once the people possess the government, IT IS FOR THEM TO SAY HOW. All the time we see corporations with heavily watered stock get so tangled up that the government steps in as a receiver and when the government gets the tangle unravelled and things running smoothly it turns the properties back into the management of the private owners, to be again used as a menas to exploit the public for private gain.

The government demonstrates itself a better manager than the private owners, and then we are asked: "How are you going to do it?" Say John Henry, just look in the looking glass and see a goldarned natural born darn fool.

Supposing the government purchases, say a railroad. Would it not be natural that an inventory of the property be made and the physical value of the property be ascertained?

There are railroads whose stocks and bonds will make a sum from 7 to 10 times the actual value of the property, and on these watered values they are paying from 6 to 7 per cent. Is it not a simple proposition that the government paying the physical value in bonds, and charging the present freight and passenger rates for 18 months, will have paid the purchase price and interest on the purchase bonds, and from that time reduce rates, increase salaries, shorten hours, give better service, and have the road paid for? Remember this is not a theory, BUT WHAT HAS ACTUALLY HAPPENED, IN AUSTRIA, ITALY, SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, and in fact THE UNITED STATES IT NOT A CIVILIZED COUNTRY if we put government management as against private exploitation as a sign of civilization. In Europe the United States is not classed as a highly civilized country. We are deemed as foolish, exploited, half savages that need progress.

We have the experience of these countries to answer this question we do not need to originate a new plan, and all the old shell backs, stand patters, and cowardly conservatives need not tremble at a new idea. But can sheepishly follow where men of more sense and courage have shown the way.

In Germany when the government had acquired a line and another had refused to sell at the government offered price, the government line, instead of making with them "a gentlemen's agreement" to hold up the public, simply cut rates to "cost prices," and the private line came begging to be bought.

There was no coercion, but simply the government put business on a cost, and not a plunder, basis, and private ownership collapsed, and died a natural death.

"How are you going to do it?" Why timid sandy goose, we'll do it JUST AS IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DONE. No theorizing, but just plain EXPERIENCE.

## THE GUERNSEY MARKET HOUSE.

Any visitor to the city of Guernsey, will notice the fine stone Public Market House, and if he asks a resident how much it will cost, will be surprised to hear him say "It never cost us a penny." "Who gave it then," he will naturally ask. He is more astonished when he is told: "Nobody gave it. We built it." An explanation will develop the facts, as follows:

The city of Gurnsey wanted a new Public Market. The plan drawn and accepted would cost a good sum, but bankers were ready to take bonds to run for years at 5 per cent. The City Council saw that meant double the price of the Market. The Mayor advised postponement of action, for thought.

At the next meeting the Mayor asked if there was stone, lime, lumber and labor available, and was told there was material in abundance, and masons and workmen anxious to work.

"What's lacking then," asked the Mayor. "Only money to buy the material and pay the labor," he was told. He replied, "I figured it out just the same and have a plan to propose. Authorize me to issue notes, receivable for all taxes, to pay for the material and labor, and when the roofs of stalls and offices amount to a balance of the cost of the Market, we will call the notes in, burn them and deliver the Market to the City.

This was done, and one day a holiday was proclaimed and the Mayor in his robes of office burned the notes, and delivered the keys of the Market to the Council and the City; and so the word was true, "It cost the City nothing."

This is no theory, fairy tale, or dream, for anyone who visits the city of Guernsey can see the finished Market House, a post-itive material fact, and will be told by the citizens it did not cost us one penny. I have seen it, AND I HAVE SEEN WHAT IT TEACHES, that we are sheep whom a foolish system gives to the bankers to shear.

## WHEREFORE THIS WHEREFORENESS?

When the I. W. W. had hired a hall, etc., in Hazelton, Penn., for a MEETING on Sunday, the authorities were induced BY THE CLERGY to prevent the meeting on the plea that it would be a desecration of the Sabbath, but at the same time the Steel and Iron Works WORKED their slaves on the Sabbath and the clergy were silent. The commandment was "Thou shall do no WORK on the Sabbath," but the clergy say thou shall not have any MEETINGS but if you pay the Church liberally you can WORK all you like. Now that the I. W. W. has made a move to close all the Barber Shops on Sunday the clergy are again silent. WHEREFORE THIS WHEREFORENESS? Plainly it is that the clergy are opposed to the workers BECAUSE THEY ARE WORKERS, and in favor of the masters BECAUSE THEY ARE MASTERS. Its the same old story that Jesus the Carpenter met in his day. The clergy are the same as then, that is, on the side of the money bags and prostituted to the masters.

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## OMAHA OFFICIALS SUPPRESS FREE SPEECH.

Comrade W. H. Tanner, of **Little Rock, Ark., Writes of The "Class Struggle" Being Waged in That District.**

Quite a number of citizens, accompanied by the writer, visited the city "Bastile" (Omaha) Saturday night, after the police had raided the hall of the I. W. W's. in a vain effort to get the men out on bond, the bond being $50.00 cash or $100.00 real estate for each of the twenty-one men.

Sunday morning the battle was renewed but at 10:30 it was announced that the "Boss," as the officials in charge call Chief Dunn, had gone to church, another said the Chief had gone to lunch and would be back in the afternoon. Several ladies were present, all of whom were much interested in seeing justice done.

Requests were made to see the men in their filthy cells but to no avail.

James White, had been sick throughout the night. The warden, in answer to an inquiry, stated that the doctor said there was nothing the matter with White. White seemed very weak and pale.

The men stated, in the presence of the officer, that they were confined ten to the cell, without windows, while there are cells with windows that could be used.

They also stated that they were being denied fresh drinking water, and that they were suffering terribly from the heat and lack of ventilation.

One gentleman of the party finally got the "Boss" on the phone and demanded the opportunity of making the bond for all the men—seventeen—four having been bailed out Saturday night by the People's Ice Co., to "KEEP YOU COOL," you "cool headed," "cool blooded" reader; while their "fellow workers" sweltered in a vile hell hole, without a sight of ice water.

The "Boss" asked this gentleman about his financial standing and, upon being assured by him that it was $20,000.00, said he would investigate. So the party ordered a big chicken dinner for the workers, saw it go in the door and saw the empty basket return, but not even the ladies were permitted to accompany the basket. That keeping honest American citizens, any one of whom is the peer of, if not the superior to the gang of packers in South Omaha, and Big Business behind these officers, who must do their bidding, in order,—probably they think—to hold their jobs.

The police commissioner should be recalled and a man of the caliber of Judge Foster elected to succeed him and this crime against humanity cleaned from the skirts of Omaha, the "Gateway" to where?

Worker of America, lighten spoke to a large and very orderly crowd for one and one-half hours last Sunday, without interference.

Try this for what aifs your parties:

"My country, Thou shalt be,
Sweet land of liberty,
When freedom reigns.
Let the oppressed to light,
When wrongs are changed to right,
When truth asserts her might,
And breaks our chains.

Then poverty shall cease,
Peace, comfort, joys increase,
On every hand.
None shall know want or care?
Each day will be a bounties share,
Rejoicing everywhere,
O Blessed Land.

Works we cry to thee,
Love, wisdom, liberty
To all be given.
Help all to see the right,
The people unite,
On with the glorious fight,
Till the earth be taken."

The writer was pinched, when on Sunday evening, at 9 o'clock, in passing Jefferson Square Park, and seeing the speakers taken off one at a time, began to sing the above song; being arrested before the first verse was finished.

To make my speech, however, while awaiting the workingman's automobile telling the audience that I was a Socialist but believed in the principle of free speech and peaceful assembly and that I was for the fight of all the people who stand for the right to organize to enforce better conditions and ultimately to own the entire industrial machinery of production and distribution and receive the full social value of their labor.

All were acquitted in Judge Foster's court next morning. In rendering his decision he said that there was not enough evidence to convict for the charges of vagrancy, obstructing the streets or resisting officers.

The I. W. W. Hall at 1120 Jackson Street was raided by twelve policemen and about 15 men taken on the 25th, next morning. These officers did not appear and the Judge was asked to continue the case.

The Judge refused to do so, after a very weak prosecution they were acquitted. I. W. W. were coming in pretty strong from various points as far as New Orleans and held two rousing meetings that evening on streets.

Saturday evening the 28th the police raided the hall again after the men all of whom were working except a few—had just got in town, taking 11 men and various papers, also cards which were on the wall. These men were tried in court this Monday morning, after being in jail so long and were prosecuted by one Judge Baker, a corporation tool; as the case seemed probably to be getting too large for the prosecuting attorney, who is reading the Appeal to Reason.

The men had a lawyer of their own in the jail bunch, who is named Engle, and who with Secretary McEvoy made ringing court speeches in defense. The four men who are helping keep the city cool are by paid organizer were released while Judge Foster said he would hold the others till he could get them work.

The men declared that the next trust is behind the prosecution; which was not denied by "learned council" for prosecution.

## SOCIALISM MORE THAN ALL

By Charles Edward Russell.

Suppose today we have a few plain, kind words about the Socialist movement.

The cause is the greatest that ever animated the heart of man. We are accustomed in a general, easy way to admit this and to accept it as a thing known to all of us, but I am not sure we realize it as we should. It is a pondering and careful thought that it deserves as a purely practical proposition.

A million men have gone cheerfully to their deaths as self-sacrificed to causes that compared with this were ignoble.

Men have been burned at the stake, pierced by the Iron Maiden, torn apart on the rack, tortured to death by ingenious devices to cause to every nerve the most exquisite agony, and gone through all with fortitude and exaltation for the sake of religious faiths far inferior to this.

Martyrs have testified in the midst of flames to their belief in Christ and their sect would be saved here after. We bring to all mankind the gospel of salvation while we are here.

Men have thrown themselves upon spears, or thrust their hands into fire, or starved, or been thrown to wild beasts as protests against one form of oppression, wrong, injustice or force. We have a cause that protests incessantly against all forms of oppression, wrong ,injustice or force.

Or take the commonest form of sacrifice—take patriotism. A man like Winkelreid or Nathan Hale throws away his life for the good of a single generation of his small part of the human race that is embraced within its own country and the world applauds the heroism of the act, But the cause embraced all conceivable good for all the children of the earth everywhere( without regard to what is called race or what it called nation.

Or in the civil war many a man fought off the chill fear of death with the exaltation of the thought of a sacrifice for liberty, and here in this movement we sacrifice daily for the liberty of hosts of four millions but of all mankind.

Or the Abolutionists in their long, dreary fight, endured persecution, injury, hatred, calumny, contempt, and infinite wrong. They were hunted into swamps and tarred and feathered and shot at and killed. And they suffered all, because they were bound up with the cause of those who were striving to abolish chattel slavery. But we have a cause that will abolish all kinds of slavery, here and wherever men live.

Slavery of the mind as well as slavery of the body, slavery to fear and ignorance as well as wage slavery.

Wonderful thought! Here the human race goes, as shown in Art Young's great cartoon, bowed to the earth with an infinity of fears,—the slaves of industry, slaves of darkness, expressed with the fearful thought of want, driven by it into all excesses and cruelties, grabbing and snatching, tearing and rending each with his fellow, and all the time upon clawing from his neighbor something that will ensure his own safety against penury, driven into unscrupulous and inscrutable brutalism, robbing the cradle, torturing old age and weakness, living upon the agonies of one another, compelled in spite of the divine spark within to be beasts of prey, practicing to be callous and indifferent to the sufferings of others and thereby drying up the springs of righteousness within. In, savage, grasping, unjust, untruthful because they cannot be otherwise; and over all this scene of savage horror, Socialism comes and sets men free, and they walk upright and cast off all the shackles that have held them in the earth so long.

Not a good idea in all the world that is not embraced in this, and not a hope nor an effort for the betterment of human life.

The other day a woman in England cast herself to death for the sake of the woman suffrage cause. But this is woman suffrage and all other democracy.

In Congress in these days men are denouncing the slums and suggesting ways of improving them. But this is the abolition of all slums.

We have in the country a large organization to agitate against child labor. But this is the end of child labor.

Seven states are now carrying on investigations of the social evil. This would abolish the social evil.

For many years kind-hearted men have protested and agitated against war. This would abolish war.

Far-seeing educators continually point to the fact that the vast majority of the children are growing up have no chance at anything that can be called education. This would provide the best education for all.

A league of national proportions has been formed to combat the evils of congestion of population. This would put an end to the congestion of population.

From time to time the country is shocked by revelations of increasing crime or by the bloody deeds of so-called criminals. This would abolish the crime and this right has created opportunities for the miners compared with which all the differences between them sink into utter insignificance.

The paramount requirement is organization. This takes precedence over all else.

Unorganized, or but weakly organized, the differences and grievances not complained of are aggravated and multiplied. Organized, these disagreements for the most part disappear and the grievances that are real are adjusted.

There are REAL GRIEVANCES in West Virginia, even after all that is written in the "settlement" is conceded and all the labors of the senate committee are completed.

To grapple with these and to right the wrongs accomplished only organization and the spirit of critical hour when so much is at stake and when all may be lost or much that is vital gained, every local minister, every Socialist editor and Socialist will bend all his energies to build up the organization and multiply and strengthen the locals until the entire mining regions are covered, and education and organization have triumphed over guerilla warfare and demoralization.

Anyone who is now attempting to stab the United Mine Workers in West Virginia under the pretense that some official is weak or crooked or that it is not the right kind of organization and ought to be disrupted in this crisis when all depends upon unity, until at least the present investigation is concluded, thus dashing the opportunity purchased at the price of the blood of comrades to the earth and beating their slowly reviving hope—such a man, whatever may be his motive, is a foe to the miners and a traitor to the working class.

And now a final word to you battling miners of West Virginia! You have fought a desperate fight without flinching, you have shed your blood without stint or murmur, and you now stand upon the threshold of victory.

You have but to clasp hands and be faithful to one another and to the cause!

I appeal to you in the name of all that you and your wives and little ones have suffered to refuse to be divided, to join the union and the party of your class, and to stand before the world as a shining example of the triumph of working class solidarity.

## SCIENTIFIC STEALING BY THE MEAT TRUST.

The action of the Federal Grand Jury in Chicago again brings to the light the annulling and violation of the law and the United States Constitution by Ex-Sec. of the Treasurer McVeagh. This is only one of many like abuses, only this is brought out of hiding by the Grand Jury's action. To state the case as briefly as possible, it will be remembered that the beef trust was caught, and convicted of systematically and continuously robbing the government in taxes under the oleo-margarine law, Cabell and Maddox, two U. S. Internal Revenue officers were shot down in the frank. Representative Cox of Indiana was chairman of the Committee that investigated and recommended that the Beef Trust be compelled to pay one million, two hundred thousand dollars, not fine but disgorge of fraud upon the government. A compromise of $100,000 was proposed and rejected in the recommendation of the Committee, yet Secretary McVeagh, by what authority other than the unconstitutional use of his own will, accepted $100,000 in settlement. Now the grand jury, at the instance of Judge Landis and District Attorney Wilkerson, demands the Trust pay the $1,200,000. It is to be seen yet whether the Beef Trust will be able to avoid payment, by a judicious distribution of a part of the money among the Democratic congressmen.

But all this statement of facts is only to illustrate a point, and that point is this: The constitution lodges the legislative function in congress, and the heads of Departments are merely executive departments and have neither legislative nor judicial function nor power. Yet we see that from the President down

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to 3rd and 4th Assistant Secretaries assume judicial functions by what is called executive orders, and this means the rise of Bureaucracy or a Russianizing of the government and the downfall of the rule of law. It will be remembered that when Col. Dick Maple wanted to start a new paper, although he complied with the law, Postmaster General Hitchcock refused him second class privileges, and there was no redress, even though Hitchcock had violated the law in the refusal.

Such cases taken to the courts, the plaintiff, is told the court has no jurisdiction, and thus Bureaucratic rule is supported by the court, and thus the Constitution and the laws are systematically undermined and nullified. To say we are faced with the spectacle of a Constitutional system decaying and falling to pieces, and a system of anarchy and dictatorship looming just ahead.

Its not that the Meat Trust, the Sugar Trust, and all the trusts can steal millions due the government by having their "Trusted Men" in office, but that the Trust will be the death of laws and constitutions going right on before the people's eyes, is a spectacle that is appalling.

Yet there is an awakening, then a struggle, and then a bloody revolution, and all because the people will NOT wake up in time to prevent it, and give a peaceful solution.

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