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Abraham Lincoln.

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Craige J. McDowell, Notary.
My commission expires August 16, 1914.

I can see absolutely nothing in Socialism which any one but a CAPITALIST can object to, but I can see that everything SOCIALISTS ask for is a benefit for all others.

If a junction would slip into a modern church and take a seat in a corner somewhere, I wonder what he would think of the snobishness of some of the professed followers of the meek and lowly Carpenter of Galilee.

Some people don't know just how the English titled parasites come by their titles. Firstmost highest is the King; then Prince, Duke, Marquis, Earl, Viscount, Baron, Baronet and Knight. After them comes the unearned income, or the cost of production and transportation combined was less than one half of the price paid by the ultimate consumer. More than six billion five hunded million dollars went to pay the expenses and profits of the men who sold these products to the consumer.—LaHarpe Enterprise.

CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE.

"Where two or three have met together IN MY NAME," says Christ. One can chase a thousand and two can put ten thousand to flight.

Any man who persists in giving his boss a family $3.00 every time he carries $1.00 to his own family, needs his head worked over or else needs a new spine.

The Catholic Church is one of the fiercest foes of Socialism, but the remarks of Cardinal Gibbons would indicate that it might be all right after all. Recently he stated that "there were good things in and bad things in Socialism, and if the bad things could be removed, then there would be no objections to the faith." A process of "softening." But then this was said in Milwaukee, where there are a "few" Socialists, don't ether know.

TAKING HIS CHOICE.

"These monopolists in their treatment of the small dealer remind me of Mr. Blanc," said Upton Sinclair.

"Mr. Blanc said to his little son one Christmas day:

"Tommy, which will you have, turkey, or cold mutton?"

"Turkey, please," Tommy answered promptly.

"But Mr. Blanc began to back away at the grisly, gray, cold mutton.

"'No, Tommy,' he said, 'you can't have turkey. Take your choice, my lad, take your choice, but you can't have turkey.'"

TALENT.

"So you think your daughter has exceptional talent?"

"There's no doubt of it," replied the fond mother, "although we can't exactly locate it. The music teacher says it's for painting and the art teacher says it's for music."

Brother Worker, if you find it hard to subsist on what you receive for your labor, send your boss keeps an extra dollar lives well; "there's a reason." Study it.

EXPENSIVE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION

"After all, it is an old saying that it costs more to market a product that to produce it. We have developed an extravagant if not luxurious method of both the farm and factory.

An ultimate consumer up in Winnipeg last fall bought a barrel of apples, and found a note in the barrel from the apple grower in Ontario, which read: "I got 70 cents for this barrel of apples. What did you pay for it?" Mind you, that was not in this country, but in Canada—a country that many consumers have desired to reciprocate with in trade.

Well, the Winnipeg customer had paid $5.25 for the apples. He was anxious to know where the $4.55 increase went, and he found that the barrel had cost 30 cents and the freight 70 cents. Still there was left $3.55 to pay for the cost of marketing the fruit.

It is the same over here with a suit of clothes. The Tariff Board gave us an example in its report. That board found that in a suit of clothes selling for $23 and upward the wool grower received $2.32 for the wool; the woolen manufacturer received $4.78 for the cloth, and the cost of all the material that entered into the making of the suit was $8.74 and the entire factory cost of the clothes $12.41. This was the factory price, but consumer had to buy anywhere from $23 and $30 for the suit of clothes.

If the suit sold for $23 the profits between the factory and the consumer amounted to $10.59! If it sold for $5, it cost more to get that suit from the factory to the consumer than it did from the back of the sheep through the factory.

Mr. B. F. Yoakum has estimated that in the year 1911 the farmers received six billion dollars for their products, and that the consumer paid thirteen billion dollars for those same products. The railroads received $495,000,000 for transportation, so that the cost of production and transportation combined was less than one half of the price paid by the ultimate consumer. More than six billion five hunded million dollars went to pay the expenses and profits of the men who sold these products to the consumer.—LaHarpe Enterprise.

BRUTAL MEANS TO DEFEAT STRIKERS

London.—The strike of several thousand farm laborers in Yorkshire is perhaps one of the most noteworthy of the numerous labor struggles of recent times, especially as they have up till now borne their miserable lot without stirring.

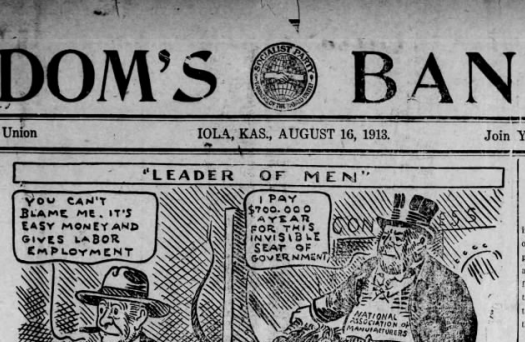
Almost the half of those taking part have received the instructions to quit their homes. The attitude of the police against the laborers is just as brutal. These workers, however, have the sympathy of all others organizations. The movement continues to spread.

According to the report of the factory inspectors, the number of deaths in factories caused by accidents was 1,260 in the year of 1912 as compared with 1,182 in 1911 and 1,089 in 1910. The total number of accidents in work shops and factories amounted to 117,500 in 1901, 129,550 in 1910, 148,945 in 1911 and 156,232 in 1912. This number included 587 cases of lead poisoning, resulting in 44 cases in death, as compared with 549 cases in 1911, with 37 cases of death.

RICH HILL FIRES ANVILS IN EFFORT TO MAKE RAIN.

Rich Hill, Mo., Aug. 11.—Rain makers were busy today and tonight, but failed to produce results. E. H. Phillips, a business man, solicited the funds and employed all the local blacksmiths to fire heavy charges of powder from anvils for five hours in an effort to bring rain. Today marked the twelfth for the mercury to reach 100 or above and conditions are serious in the country. Farmers are drilling and digging wells in an effort to reach water. The Marais Des Cygnes river is dry in many places. Stock is suffering in many sections.

There will be no need of pinching and complaining workers when Socialism comes and assures you your full social product.



TO WATCH THE BABIES GROW

By Winnie E. Branstetter.

A stooped and weary looking man with a dinner pail in hand turned silently away from a sign board in front of a Santa Fe depot. Noticing the sulky look in his eyes I turned and read the following words:

"TAKE YOUR BABIES TO COLORADO AND WATCH THEM GROW."

I then turned to the outgoing train and watched the people.

Before my eyes there passed a steady stream of tired and disheartened humanity. Weighted down by an ugly assortment of satchels, grips bags, boxes, and bundles of bedding, they dragged themselves up the car steps and disappeared a moment to reappear at the car windows. The heat was stifling, and from the car windows came a medley of noises. Mingling with the piercing complaints of the conductor and the guttural tones of the guards, were the plaintive notes of a mother chanting softly to a sick baby—two soiled and weary little ones clinging to her skirts Across the aisle a South Dakota father speaking in his native language was evidently chiding a half-grown son. Farther back in the car a little family was eating lunch from a paste board shoe box, and still farther back a delicate little girl was striving to keep her hungry eyes turned away from the heaping basket of fruit which the butcher had deposited on the rear seat.

Yes—these parents were taking their babies westward to see them grow, not to the pleasure grounds of the mounta'ns of Colorado, but to the mining camps, factories and cotton fields of the South and West, there week after week, month after month and year after year they will struggle besides their parents, bearing their share of work, suffering their share of privation.

This is what the glorious West holds for them—misery loneliness, want, ignorance, and crime—but they do not know. They have staked their all on the "opportunity which the land of sunshine and flowers hold for them." Weary and tired of the struggle in the city they have fallen victims to the cajolery of the land and employment agent.

Back in the rear of the train, away from the smoke and flying cinders, protected in case of accident, stands the sleeping and dining cars. In these cars will ride the men and women who "toil not, neither do they spin." Nestled softly in luxurious cushions, breathing fragrant perfumes, eating and drinking rich foods and wines, men and women are "taking their babies to Colorado to watch them grow."

In trying to interest your neighbors in Socialism don't forget that there was a time when you opposed Socialist because you did not understand it.

Right where you are is the place for you to work. The other comrade is filling the soil for Socialism where he is. If you do not do your work, there will be something lacking and it will be in your community.

There will be no army of the unemployed when the workers employ themselves because of owning the machinery.

YOU NON-DUES PAYING SOCIALIST

By H. M. Sinclair, State Sec, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The critical stage in the Socialist Movement has arrived. I say critical because we are now in a period where our movement needs protection from the disgruntled office seekers and disrupters of the two old political parties.

We have spent many days in preaching the Socialist Doctrine and have been successful to the degree that we are now recognized as a strong political factor. The work of agitating has been the most systematic in history and the results are wonderful, yet while this has been in progress the work of "Organizing" our forces has been badly neglected and now we are in danger of being overrun by an element whose only desire is to get an office and graft on the public.

We adopt a constitution, provisions of which were made as safe guards against the disrupting tactics of these political buccaneers and in order to do so systematically "The Red Card Organization" is in vogue.

"What we need and must have is better organization."

You might be in sympathy with the Socialist principles, vote as straight as any one else, do plenty of agitating and boosting for the cause but without being a part of the organization and carrying a Red Card stamped up to date, you are lacking in the most essential thing and are badly neglecting your duty every minutes you stay out.

Your duty is to get in the organization, help finance it by paying your dues and protect it from the ravishes of these quack politicians who through their sleek tongue would forge to the front and soon lead us to destruction.

You can holler until the day of judgment about your loyalty to the Socialist Party but unless you can produce a Red Card in continuous good standing(we must tell you that you do not know the first principles about Socialism or else are not well versed in the real work ahead of us.

If you have no local in your neighborhood, send to me for an application for Charter Blank and get one started right away. It doesn't require an organizer to tell you how to proceed to do so for there is nothing to do except apply for a Charter and send the dues money to me and all the necessary supplies and instructions will be sent you.

Do this much now, don't wait awhile and never do it.

We must have a working organization in every precinct and it is up to you to get one started.

In the country schools of Norway cooking is taught to boys on the ground that many occasions may arise in a man's life when such knowledge is useful.

If you are foreign born and seven years have elapsed since you took out your first papers, you had better make application for final papers of citizenship before September 27, or forever be barred from becoming a citizen. This is in accordance with a law passed by congress September 27, 1906. This warning has been sent out by R. K. Campbell, commissioner of naturalization.

TOO MANY POTATOES

In Minneapolis, over a week ago, 100,000 bushels of potatoes, 300 car loads, blockaded the railroad yards and were in danger of spoiling because there was no market for them. Prices were so low that commission dealers refused to accept the potatoes and pay the freight. It was suggested that if the railroads would remit the freight charges the potatoes might be distributed among the charitable institutions of Minneapolis and St. Paul, but it was found that by the Hepburn Act the railroads were prohibited from doing this, and the potatoes were finally sold to a starch factory for twelve cents a bushel. This barely covered freight charges and the shippers suffered a total loss.

The reason alleged for this extraordinary situation is quite as extraordinary. It is declared that the arrival of new potatoes from Texas selling at from $1 to $1.25 a bushel destroyed the market for old potatoes, even at twenty cents a bushel. This seems incomprehensible. Are the people of Minnesota and St. Paul all millionaires that they insist upon having new potatoes at any old price in preference to last year's crop at nominal figures? The story does not sound reasonable, and yet it is told by the Minneapolis Journal in all seriousness.

Somewhere here there was a fault. It undoubtedly deprived thousands of persons of small means of the opportunity of procuring one of the most largely consumed articles of food at a price welcome to the average family income in these days of high prices. Probably the failure is to be found in the system of distribution. The commission men had no facilities for storage, and with the advent of warm weather the potatoes would soon spoil. Retailers did not want to lay in large stocks of old potatoes because the new crop will soon be arriving in large quantities with consequent lower prices. Peddlers might dispose of a limited quantity, but not enough to make much impression on the 300 carloads. As the result of these conditions thousands of people who would have been glad to buy the potatoes were unable to do so, and a factor that might have been valuable in reducing the high cost of living for a time in Minneapolis was necessarily eliminated.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND GENERAL MEAD

There is on record a peremptory order by President Lincoln to General Meade to pursue General Lee in his retreat from Gettysburg, attack him and with one stroke end the war. Appended was a separate friendly note which said: "The order I enclose is not of record. If you succeed, you need not publish the order. If you fail publish it, if you succeed you will have all the credit of the movement. If not, I'll take all the responsibility."

The character and patriotism of Lincoln are shown in this. He was ready to yield renown as he did his life, if only the country was benefitten. Socialists we need this spirit Though many of the Comrades have this spirit, but we need more of it.

BITTER TRUTHS

From everywhere we hear of jailing of Socialist editors. We hear of the suppression of many Socialist papers, we hear the cry of help from almost every Socialist newspaper office: The Socialist press is drawing the fire of the capitalist class and the mighty plutes are doing every thing in their power to destroy it.

They recognize the fact that the Socialist press is the most powerful expression the working class possess.

They recognize the fact that the working class press keeps the class struggle before the eyes of the people and they know it spells unity and action. They know that it is making rebels every day, they know that by suppressing or at least discrediting your press they can a little longer keep you in subjection.

And to keep you satisfied means a perpetuation of profit to them, it means luxury for them and misery for you. They are conscious of the fact that they belong to the idle class and thereby are acting as a unit to further perpetuate themselves. They recognize the class struggle, and they are acting accordingly. Their main mission is to keep you in ignorance and there by in subjection. Your subjection means supremacy to them and they are using every weapon at their disposal to maintain that supremacy.

They own their prostitute press. They are paying their hirelings to keep you in ignorance of the real happenings. They will falsify every truthful news. Their mission is to always keep before your eyes their side of the question and twist your side of it so as to discredit your organization.

You will stop on the street corner to buy a capitalist owned sheet. You subscribe for it, have it delivered into your homes. You will fall for their scheming propaganda in other words, you support it to teach you and your children the hatred against your own class, the working class. And in the meantime, your own press goes begging.

You shovel the burden of maintainance upon a few individuals who practically have to put all their energies and their earnings to maintain it so that your children may live in a better world and better system than you are living under.

While you spend dollars on the capitalist owned press, you do not spend so many cents on a press that represents your interests.

You will not have a successful press until you rally to its support as a unit.

Remember that the master class does not fear you when you are divided. Whenever the working class shows a united front you see masters of the world centering their energy on that spot and doing everything in their power to break that unity.

Those things are happening and will happen as long as you remain ignorant of the issue. When you become educated to the point that you know your interests lie with the working class and you join their ranks the masters cannot fool you any longer.—F. K.—Exchange.

Now you have read the above bitter truths stop and think a minute If you have done your whole duty towards the Chanute Leader. The only Socialist paper in Neosho County which is doing so much good for the cause. Have you ever asked one of your friends to subscribe for it? Have you ever paid up your own subscription or do you owe for the paper yet for which the editor has kindly extended the time expecting you to pay or renew from day to day? If you are an earnest Socialist you will start in right now and show your colors. If for any reason you cannot continue the paper drop us a postal card (cost one cent) and tell us so and not let us keep on sending you the paper thinking you are only negligent about the payment and will send it along some day soon. We can't transact business this way any longer and after this issue, August 2nd, we intend to cut off every subscriber in arrears. We hate to do it but self preservation demands it. We cannot run a paper on credit all the time, reasonable delays we can ever look but when it comes to months we must draw the line somewhere. If we expect the paper to live and increase in circulation.

Here's an interesting bit of news. St. Augustine, Florida, is the oldest city in America. In the election just held the Socialists polled so many votes that they lacked only 47 of winning.

CAPITAL MASTER OF CHURCH

Philadelphia Minister Declares Episcopal Institutions in New York and Philadelphia are Creatures of Money.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The American church is controlled by the powers of capitalism, even as the government is so controlled.

This charge, which is being made with ever increasing frequency against the conventional church of the United States to explain why it is losing its influence with the great body of the population, was reiterated in effect here Sunday in a sermon by the Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, one of the leading congregations in the city.

"Our house of bishops is led in tow by Wall Street," said the Rev. Richmond.

"The late J. P. Morgan was the power behind Bishop Greer, and he held our houses of bishops in the hollow of his hand.

Monument to Money.

"The cathedral on Morningside Heights is a standing monument to our New York corrupt money power. It is the embodiment of ecclesiastical snobbery, spiritual frippery and moral incorrigibleness.

"Since the day of Bishop Potter the diocese of New York has been in the control of half a dozen plunder crats.

"In Philadelphia the Episcopal church is run by a few rich men. They control the bishop (Rhinelander) who in moral ability, personal authority and moral aggressiveness is not by any means a great man.

"August Belmont is the head of our race track gamblers. His career is one of the worst examples for an American youth to imitate.

Denounces Bishop Greer.

"Bishop Greer has bundled together infamous financiers, corrupt politicians and a lot of corporation lawyers together with a number of Newport and Bar Harbor social lights, who spend three or four months of the year drawing dividends in New York, the winter at Palm Beach, the spring in Italy, and the rest of their time in bed.

"Several of the men in this list stand openly for immoral practices of the worst sort.

"Bishop Greer insulted the best moral sentiment of his diocese by honoring a man who stands at the head of our American race track gamblers. That man is August Belmont, a vestryman in the Church of the Ascension in lower Fifth avenue, and now the treasurer of the committee of arrangements for the general convention. Belmont stands evidently for just what Richard Canfield stood for.

"In most of the large parishes of the Episcopal church throughout the country we find men like Belmont and the late J. P. Morgan who curb the spiritual influence of the clergy, make them timid and in the end cause them to shrivel up morally. Men in humble circumstances distrust our sincerity. THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS NOT SINCERE IN ITS PRESENT ASSUMED ATTITUDE TOWARD LABOR.

"It sides everywhere with arrogant capital. Bishop Greer during his long and unevenned episcopate has been more influential and guided in forming his opinions regarding diocesan necessities by men like Belmont, ex-Gov. Dix and the like than by the humble prophets of the faith."

It must not be forgotten that the Rev. Geo. C. Richmond is a man whom only his faithfulness to the truth has prevented his holding high position in the church. As it is, he is rector of St. John's Church on South 10th St., Philadelphia, generally known as the richest and most fashionable church in the city, and his open avowel is most significant, and mean that pressure will be put on him to drive him out. They want to, but hesitate for REASON.

Do not forget, we have no fight against the capitalist. Profit taking is legalized and the capitalist has the legal right to make you divide your product with him, by means of the ownership of the tools or natural resources which you must have access to in order to provide yourself and family with the necessities of life. Special privileges must be made unlawful and only the Socialist party proposes such a change.

THE ESSENCE OF SOCIALISM.

By Oliver C. Wilson.

When the declaration of independence was signed, there were no mills, mines or factories in the United States. The head labor system of production prevailed. The tools were simple, each worker owned a set of his own and possessed as his own property all the things he created with them, employed himself and was independent of others so far as his job was concerned.

This system was broken down by the discovery of steam and its application as a motive power and the invention of machines to take the place of the old hand tools. Only slight remnants of the old method still survive and these are fast approaching extinction.

The hand system of labor was characterized by three fundamental conditions. First, the worker owned the tools he worked with. Second, the worker possessed as his property the things he produced with the tools he owned. Third, the worker employed himself.

The present machine system of production introduced three fundamental changes. First, it took the production of the necessities of life out of the home and shop of the master mechanic and located them in the mill, mine or factory. Second, it took the ownership of the tools of production out of the hands of each member of the community and gave that ownership into the keeping of the capitalists. Third, by changing the location of production and taking from the worker the ownership of the tools, it robbed the worker of the power to employ himself and of the power to possess as his property the product of his labor.

UNDER THE OLD HAND SYSTEM THE SHOE WORKER OWNED HIS OWN TOOLS AND AS A RESULT OWNED ALL THE SHOES HE PRODUCED. UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, THE SHOE WORKER WORKS IN THE FACTORY AND WITH THE MACHINERY AND MATERIAL OWNED BY A CAPITALIST OR COMPANY OF CAPITALISTS AND DOES NOT OWN THE SHOES HIS LABOR CREATES BUT MUST GIVE ALL HIS PRODUCT TO HIS EMPLOYER FOR A WAGE THAT REPRESENTS ABOUT ONE FOURTH OF THE REAL VALUE OF THE PRODUCT. UNDER THE HAND SYSTEM THE WORKER OWNED THE THINGS HE MADE BECAUSE HE OWNED THE TOOLS THEY WERE MADE WITH; UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM THE CAPITALIST OWNS THE THINGS THE WORKER MAKES BECAUSE HE OWNS THE TOOLS WITH WHICH THEY ARE MADE.

The machine system of production gave rise to the WAGE WORKING and CAPITALIST CLASSES. All those who live from owning things that they sell at a profit, loan on interest or let at a rental constitute the Capitalist class, while the working class is composed of those who live from wages.

Now corresponding with these two classes, we have two kinds of property. One kind consists of those things from whose ownership rent, interest and profit is realized and this is known as capitalist property. The other kind which is known as personal property, consists of all those things such as household furniture, homes occupied by their owners, etc., from whose ownership no rent, interest or profit is derived. Another way of saying this is that capitalist property is that property that gives rise to rent, interest or profit, while personal property is all that property that does not produce any rent, interest or profit for its owners.

It is the contention of the Socialist party that the wage workers have no interest in preserving (voting for) the profit, rent and interest system of private ownership. They have no interest in it because they have nothing to sell at a profit, nothing to loan on interest and nothing to let at a rental. To be interested in the profit system. I must have something to sell at a profit. To be interested in the rent system, I must have something to let at a rental. To be interested in the system of interest, I must have something to loan on interest. Now the vast majority of the people of this republic have nothing to sell at a profit, let at rental or loan on interest. Therefore, they cannot be interested in the system of private ownership of capitalist property.

Acting upon this knowledge, the Socialist party demands the collective ownership of capitalist property. The collective ownership of all that property from which rent, interest and profit is now derived. This is the ESSENCE OF SOCIALISM. This is the one fundamental demand unto which all others are secondary. Why do the Socialists make this demand? Because in all ages where the Feudal system of production and distribution have owned all the things that have been created with them and have managed them in their own interest. In the Ancient world the slave owning class owned all the slaves and by virtue of that ownership owned all the slaves produced and gave them just enough to live upon. In the Middle ages when the Feudal system was supreme, the class of Feudal barons owned the land and the serfs that worked upon it and as a result owned all the serfs created and gave them just enough to live upon. Under the old hand labor system, each worker owned the tools with which he worked and as a result owned all the things he produced with the tools. TODAY, THE CAPITALISTS OWN THE MILLS, MINES, FACTORIES, NATURAL RESOURCES, RAW MATERIALS, AND AS A RESULT OWN ALL THE THINGS THE WAGE WORKING CLASS CREATES AND GIVE THIS CLASS JUST ENOUGH AS WAGES TO MAINTAIN THEM AS WAGE WORKERS. THEREFORE, THE LAW THAT HE WHO OWNS THE INSTRUMENTS OF PRODUCTION, BE THOSE INSTRUMENTS SIMPLE TOOLS OR COMPLEX MACHINES, OWNS ALL THAT IS PRODUCED WITH THEM. THIS IS TRUE TODAY AND THE SOCIALISTS BASING THEIR CLAIM UPON THIS KNOWLEDGE DEMAND THE COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND EXCHANGE FOR THEY KNOW THAT ONCE THESE THINGS BECOME THE COLLECTIVE PROPERTY OF ALL THE PEOPLE THEN ALL THE THINGS PRODUCED WILL BELONG TO ALL THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE PRODUCTS OF LABOR TO THE PRODUCERS THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL LABOR, MENTAL AND MANUAL, THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTES TO INDUSTRY.

Do you say this will destroy private property? No, private property is already destroyed for the vast majority of Americans. Eighty-one per cent of the American people do not even as much as have private property in the ownership of their own homes. They have no homes. They live in rented dwellings and are subject to the toll of the landlord every thirty days. No, we do not aim at the abolition of private property. We aim at the REINSTITUTION of private property, for when the means of production are made the collective property of all, then the products of labor will become the private property of each in proportion to the amount of labor expended in their production by the individual. With the perfection of machinery, the elimination of useless occupations and the systematization of production, distribution and exchange, plenty for all will be the order of the day.

But there are those who think that CAPITALISM is to be unto all eternity, that it will last forever. So the Romans said of Rome in the days of old, so they said of Feudalism in the middle ages, so King George thought in relation to his American colonies, so said the slave master before the days of 1861. BUT WHERE ARE THEY TODAY! THEIR EMPIRES HAVE FALLEN. THEIR TINSEL AND FAME HAVE BECOME INFAMOUS, AND THEY ARE REMEMBERED ONLY BECAUSE OF THE SLAVES THEY MADE, THE WRONGS THEY PERPETUATED SO IT WILL BE WITH THE SLAVERY OF TODAY. IT, TOO, WILL PASS AWAY AND IN ITS PLACE WILL COME A NEW WORLD WITHIN WHOSE GATES NEITHER MASTER OR SLAVE WILL FIND A PLACE. SUCH IS THE IDEAL OF THE SOCIALISTS. SUCH THE MISSION OF OUR PARTY, SUCH THE GOAL TOWARD WHICH WE MOVE.

A MAGAZINE TO REACH CHRISTIANS.

"The Social Preparation" ("For the Kingdom of God") for July, contains a very interesting article by Prof. Geo. D. Scudder of Wellesley, "What the Church can do for Socialism," which should be read by every serious minded Socialist whether a Christian or not.

This Magazine is the official organ of the Church Socialist League, which is spreading over America," and its design primarily, to bring the message of Socialism to all Church people. Comrades will find it a most effective answer to the many violent attacks and charges from the pulpit today that "Socialism is the enemy of Religion or Christianity, endorses free love, and intends to break up the home, etc." The subscription price is 50c per year. Communications should be addressed to E. M. Parker, Valparaiso, Ind.

YOUNG SOCIALIST COLUMN

Chicago.—The Chicago Y. P. S. L. has elected the following officers and committees for the ensuing term.

Chairman, Jos. Rand; Fin. Secretary Chas. W. Schuler; Rec. Secretary, Wm. Greene; Corresponding Secretary, Richard C. Starck; Reading Clerk, Al. Hoffman; Librarian, Al. Hoffman.

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BILLY JONES GOES ON A VACATION.

By R. A. Dague.

"Billy," said Mr. Jones one day to his boy, "our neighbors, the Bryants, are going to the lake tomorrow to spend two or three weeks of vacation. They sent an invitation to you to be their guest and go with them. If you care to go be ready tomorrow when they call for you in their auto. Their party will consist of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, Charley and Susie, and the Chauf. Jim."

"Thank you Dad," exclaimed the boy with enthusiasm. "I will be ready to go when they call for me."

Early the following morning Billy joined the Bryants, and before the middle of the day the party had safely arrived at their destination and had selected their cottage and tents and had made considerable progress in arranging their belongings for convenient use while in camp. The days came and went rapidly until early half the vacation was soon gone before anything worthy of especial mention occurred. There were other pleasure-seekers encamped in the vicinity and at the hotel. Every day brought duties to be discharged and pleasures to be enjoyed. The young people went fishing, boating, swimming and nearly every evening participated in the dancing at the pavilion not far away. One morning after breakfast, Mr. Bryant sat smoking and reading this newspaper while the ladies were engaged with their morning work; while Billy and Charley were nearby when a stranger a young man, timidly presented himself and asked for something to eat, remarking that he had no money but was willing to work for his breakfast.

"Breakfast is over,, said Mrs. Bryant, "But I have here some good bread and butter, and cheese, which I will give you," as she handed the man the eatables while Susie handed him an apple and some water.

Looking up from his paper Mr. Bryant said to his wife: "How many times have I told you not to feed tramps. They are a lazy lot who won't work, and for once you have drunkards and thieves. Here, you good for nothing beggar, get away from here and be quick about it and don't let me see you prowling around here again."

At this the man's face flushed, his eyes sparkled and straightening himself up, replied:

"Mister, I am neither a drunkard, a thief nor a professional beggar. I am a coal miner and had employment until the mines shut down and I had a spell of illness. I am, sir, greatly chagrined to beg for something to eat, and would not do it if I were not almost starved, as I have not had a bite to eat for more than two days. I have made many applications for work but can get no employment. Hunger, sir, soon knocks all the courage out of a fellow as well as his physical strength."

"Clear out," angrily commanded Mr. Bryant, "Tramps are not only all lazy beggars, but big liars as well. You are probably one of the gang of tramps from the strike. Get out of you ought to have been put in the bull pen and clubbed until you learned a little good sense and stopped disturbing the business interests of the country.

As the man turned to go he made a polite bow to the ladies and in gentlemanly tones said: "I thank you sincerely." As he passed near where Billy was standing the latter softly said to him: "Here neighbor, take this," and he slipped a fifty cent coin into the hand of the man.

"God bless you!" stammered the stranger.

"Don't mention it," said Billy in an undertone. "I am a Socialist, and Socialists believe in a universal brotherhood. Take my word of advice to you. When you get employment again stop striking and vote the Socialist ticket. The Socialist is the only political party that will do any thing of value for working people. Brace up now! Try and realize that you are a man and as such have all the natural rights enjoyed by any other man. Join and help the Socialists to abolish our present unjust industrial system and help to establish the co-operative commonwealth. Good morning sir, and good luck to you."

"What did that lazy tramp say to you Billy?" asked Mr. Bryant, who noticed you and the stranger in conversation. I hope you did not express any sympathy for him. I don't encourage such vagrants. If I had a cross dog here now I would put him after that fellow and all others like him."

"Oh, don't say that papa,"exclaimed Susie. "The man did not look like a drunkard or thief. He had a good countenance and was quite gentlemanly."

"That's so, Susie," said her mother. "I think he is an honest working man out of a job, and it is our religious duty to be charitable to the poor, and to feed the hungry."

"Oh hush," warmly interrupted Mr. Bryant, "I have been an elder in the church for thirty years and contributed much money to build several churches, am a teacher of a Bible class in Sunday school and a Democrat all my life, and I tell you that neither my politics nor religion requires me to feed tramps. Most of them are strikers who have been blacklisted and properly so for asking for higher wages and I believe that God made those fellows to work and that he has put Christian bosses over them. One dollar to a dollar and a half a day is enough for them. If you pay them more they will spend it at the saloons and their wives will fool it away for fine millinery things. You women folks are too sympathetic. You don't have business heads on your shoulders. You allow sentiment to control your action. I am a practical business man. Religion is one thing and business another. I don't believe in mixing them."

"Yes, husband," said his wife,"but I read in the papers that at the present time there are 4,500,000 able bodied men out of employment, and that the cost of living is still advancing while wages are low and that in many places there is great distress among the laboring people."

"Well, answered Mr. Bryant, "I must admit there is some truth in what you say, but the tariff is the cause of all the trouble. It is the mother of the trusts and all other evils. We Democrats are pledged to wipe it out. The Democratic party is the only political party that has championed it ever since old Satan put it in operation. I think if Thomas Jefferson was alive he would help us Democrats to kill the vile thing. But now here is the auto ready for our trip down to the village this morning. Hurry and get ready all of you, and tumble in here and let us be off."

A few minutes later a jolly party was whirling down the avenue at a lively rate of speed.

"What a magnificent scenery! " "What invigorating air!" "What a glorious morning!" These were the exclamations of all. It was indeed a delightful day and the scenery was enchanting. The surroundings seemed to make our party boyantly happy. But in this life it is the lot of all to encounter disappointments, sorrows and defeats. But if man is immortal and I believe he will, all earth experences may be valuable and even necessary for our development in another zone or sphere of existance.

On one place in the road there was a hill and pretty abrupt decline with a deep ditch on one side and a stone wall on the other. Jim, the Chauf had several times before gone over that spot but for some reason not known, he, at this time, did not slacken his speed but dashed down the hill at full speed. It is thought that in endeavoring to avoid the ditch, he drove too near the wall on the opposite side . What momentous events may happen in a few seconds of time! The merry party inside the auto was singing a popular song all joining in; the next moment they were all hurled into the air and upon the ground with great violence. A few seconds later moanings and cries of distress were heard and the auto laid crosswise in the road bottom side up. Under the car was Mr. Bryant severely hurt and unconscious and Jim who had been hurled. Both Mrs. Bryant and Susie were hurled with violence upon the ground and were severely but not fatally injured. Charley's leg was broken and he was otherwise painfully hurt. Billy escaped serious injury but suffered from several cuts and bruises.

"Help! help!" cried Charley. "Oh! oh! oh!" came from the ladies.

For a moment Billy was so dazed that he could hardly think, but his inactivity lasted but a short time. As he staggered to his feet on looking off his cap, he rushed to Mrs. Bryant who was lying upon the ground and taking her outstretched hands in his, assisted her to a reclining position and later helped her and Susie to comfortable positions on the side of the road side. By this time Billy had somewhat regained his normal state of mind, and was trying to lift the auto from the prostrate form of Mr. Bryant. This he could not do unaided, but with the help of the tramp the car was raised and the unconscious Mr. Bryant and the lifeless body of the Chauf. were dragged forth.

"Now" said the tramp to Billy. "You may have said I will run back to that house just over the hill and see if I can get a conveyance. I will not be gone long."

So saying he started off at a lively speed and it was not long before Billy was delighted to see him and a farmer coming down with a team of horses and a wagon. Mr. Bryant was now conscious and although some of his bones were fractured, yet was able to get into the farmer's conveyance, by a little assistance. The ladies and Charley also were loaded in and all were taken to the farm house where after a good rest were conveyed back to their cottage and tents.

The body of the unfortunate James Smith, the Chauf. was shipped to his relatives. In a few days the Bryants returned to their home and this summer's outing was a thing of the past.

And now the reader doubtless has a desire to know what became of the tramp who acted so manly a part on the occasion of the accident. Billy was favorable impressed with him from the start and an acquaintance was that day formed which soon ripened into a lasting friendship. His name was Horace Long. He was an intelligent, moral young fellow who had joined the strike of coal miners and was rendered penniless, and as a result was homeless and destitute. Billy was so favorably impressed by his manly conduct, that he gave him some money and told him to go to town and later to call on him at his home and he would assist him to work for wages.

I now ask the readers to skip a period of three years since the happening of the events above described. Those brief years brought important changes in the affairs of the Bryants and Horace Long. Mr. Bryant recovered from the effects of the auto accident. Not satisfied with the large wealth he possessed, he wanted greater riches. He saw other capitalists make great fortunes by speculation. He therefore gambled in stocks and bonds and lost everything He is now a day laborer working at odd jobs broken in health and spirits. Charley is a salesman in a general store, but is paid small wages and in in mortal fear of having his position given to a cheaper man or girl. Susie is an attractive, industrious, sensible girl and keeps house for her parents and is not ashamed to work. She is active in all good movements and through the efforts of her friend Billy Jones became a well informed Socialist and a member of the local of her town, and an efficient worker in the cause of Socialism. Horace Long once a tramp is now an industrious thrifty mechanic with no vices and many estimable virtues. He is an influential member of a "Plumbers' Union," and a most ardent Socialist.

One day Horace remarked to a friend, "I am indebted more than I can tell to Billy Jones, that noble, splendid comrade. If it had not been for him. I might never have succeeded in being more than a vagrant, but now here let me say," continued young Long, "a few words in defense of the tramp. Labor saving machinery, panics, financial depressions, intense competition in business,—in short, everything, tend to concentrate forcing small tradesmen out of business and wage workers out of employment. Large numbers of them soon become homeless and without means of support. They must eat but where can they procure food? Bread and butter do not grow on trees. Do you say they should go to work and earn their living? Yes; but no one is obliged to employ them and unless somebody does give them work they soon have to take to the highways and become mendicants or thieves and sleep in fence-corners, under bridges or in open box cars. They are homeless, friendless, despised and often sick. They are ragged, shaven, ragged and hungry. If they ask for a crust to eat, they are arrested as vagrants. If they are ill, or fatigued and lie down to rest by the roadside in the park, vacant house or box car, they are dragged away to jail and compelled to wear a ball and chain about their ankles, sleep on the hard floor in a dirty bastile and treated like wicked criminals. At the end of their imprisonment they are turned loose and warned to leave town with the threat that if they do not they will be treated more severely next time. All the blame is laid on our system of capitalism to men not because they committed any wrong act whatever, but because they lost their jobs and are out of money. Under capitalism it is a crime to be poor. Capitalism honors the rich thief but despises and punishes the honest poor man. Capitalism expends $600,000,000 every year to support an army and navy with which to kill people, but refuses to encourage the organization of millions of the industrious unemployed into an army of peace whose labor would save double what the military army costs. But that would be a socialist proposition and capitalism would pass a it because

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

WILD HORSES TAMED BY KINDNESS.

Among the many hundreds of my boy and girl readers of Our Young Folks I do not doubt that there are many who love horses. In this contribution I will repeat a story told by R. M. Lockhart about how a traveling salesman by kindness changed a wild horse into a very tame reliable and intelligent one. This man had to travel over a wide territory and had to have a horse and buggy. He says:

"I purchased my outfit at Thomasville, Georgia, and prepared to start upon a long trip. From remarks which were made in my hearing, I must confess that I had some misgiving as to whether my horse would meet the requirements and prove a trusty roadster. I was informed that his horse was so wild and vicious that no one could drive him that the owner had been anxious to sell him at any price on account of damages he had already done; that he had a predilection for smashing buggies and the unruly habit of making a running away under the least provocation.

"The first thing I did was to ship off the blinders from the bridle so that my horse could see me and assure himself whenever he liked, that I was with him, no matter where our business took us or what strange scenes or obstacles we encountered. I took pains to see that his harness fitted him, started off and for the first two months almost waited for him to run away. He had shown no inclination to bolt through fear or sudden fright or any other cause up to this time; had grown so affectionate and been so gentle that I began to travel with the lines fastened to a hook in the top of my vehicle and allow him to go as he pleased. He quickly learned to be guided by the motions of my hands and I thought at times I saw him turn his eyes toward me as if inquiring the right direction. When I made my calls I left him standing untied and it mattered not how long I was away, he awaited patiently my return and greeted me with a joyous whinny and a rub of his head against my body.

The man taught the horse to obey the sound of a whistle. He says:

"When I blew once, he stopped; twice he started, and he never failed to obey the signal. Gentleness for candy and fruits was like that of a child and whenever "sweets" were obtainable he reminded me of his expectation that I would buy. I had made a little agreement to give such things for good behavior and kept my promise, but somehow I always felt that it was he who was rewarding me for my kindness."

The owner drove this horse for three years without a mishap, without a whip and with that confidence that is born of a mutual understanding. He says:

"When the nights were so dark that I could not see the road nor my way, I gave him the reins and he brought me safely to my journey's end.

"No man ever traveled with a more faithful animal or a more agreeable companion. I have never driven a horse that so well fulfilled my requirements. When we had to part and I must add that it brought me real sorrow, I put him in the hands of a friends who promised me that he would look well to his care. Wherever the faithful finally go, there will my good horse be.

Cruel treatment ruins the disposition of a horse and brutalizes the driver and this rule holds good with the human animals as well as the horse.—R. A. Dague.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

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HOW TO KEEP MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.

By Anna A. Maley.

Approximately one-half of all members listed on local books in the United States are in arrears. Every phase of organization is vitally connected with this fact. Let me tell you how one branch of Local Philadelphia keeps its members in good standing. When last I visited this branch they had eighty-one members on their books with three in arrears. This is the banner record among all the locals of which I have any knowledge.

This branch has a "Delinquent Dues Committee" of six. Once each month the financial secretary writes a postal card to the following effect to each delinquent: "I learn you are owing the branch $— cents in dues. During the coming week a comrade will call upon you with stamps. You will greatly assist the work of the branch if you will bring your card up to date."

The financial secretary keeps a list of delinquent members, with amount due from each, to be given to the man of the Delinquent Committee. Each member of the committee undertakes his share of the necessary visiting.

In order that the financial secretary may be protected, the committee deposit with him money to cover stamps taken out. If the call to sell the stamps they may redeem them again with the financial secretary, who keeps a separate account with the committee.

Comrades, isn't this worth while? Why not get our delinquent list down to five or ten per cent? We can do it.

Put "Delinquent Members" on the order of business.

The financial secretary should report whenever there are delinquents on his list.

At the following meeting the committee reports upon the result of its visiting.

A member who owes 25 or 50 cents.

A member who is six months in arrears is likely to drop out.

Don't let members get six months behind.

Visit early and often.

This postage for your number will not respond to notices. Give members by seeing to it that they keep in good standing.—Party Builder.

Germany has passed the army bills objects to by the Socialists.

VERY EXAT.

Man to Hotel Clerk: "Have you a short thick-set man with red hair and one eye by the name of Daniels stopping here?"

Clerk: "What was the name of his other eye?"

The Socialists in Holland, after careful deliberation have decided to invitation to accept seats in the cabinet. They will join with the new ministry, however in getting through a bill for universal suffrage, and to put a curb on militarism increase.

was to have several million of unemployed all the time, so that wages may be kept right down to bedrock.

"Once I was prejudiced against Socialism because I believed what its enemies falsely said about the movement, but Billy Jones handed me a copy of that splendid book, Henry Ashton, and other Socialist literature and I studied the subject and soon came to see that Socialism is founded on good business principles and demands that exact justice be done to all. Its chief teaching is that the competitive system of business is radically wrong in which individuals are given the legal right to own all the necessary property and all utilities of a public nature for private profit, so that a few sharp manipulators and crafty schemers may become the owners of about everything on earth for which they return the equivalent, while industrious workers are tricked out of three-fourths or more of their honest earnings. Socialists therefore propose to establish a co-operative government under which every person shall receive the full value of his labor and no more. Socialists do not favor the trusts proposed by the Democratic party, but say, 'Let the nation own the trusts.' Some may stare at this already exceeded the limits prescribed by the printer and I will close by mentioning that one day Billy Jones, inviting him to witness a marriage ceremony at which time Miss Susie Bryant would change her name and become Mrs. Horace Long, and that the Socialists were preparing to give the popular young couple a fine reception.

OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES

CAMPAIGN AMONGST WOMEN.

Comrade M. A. Stallard of Snyder Correspondent of the Woman's State Committee is making a strong campaign amongst the women of this state. She is sending out Leaflets and literature for free distribution amongst women explaining "Why we should be Socialists." She is also making a strong plea for them to get in the organization and asks each local to send her a list of the non-dues paying women and their post office addresses so she can make a direct appeal to them to join and help emancipate themselves.

Comrade Stallard is a tireless worker for the cause and is under no foolish sacrifices to help build up the organization. She will do more than her share if you will help a little by giving the base to work from and also appreciate it very much.

Suppose you adopt this plan and say to yourself "Must Stallard bear the cross alone and all the world go free; Nay Nay, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me." Send and get some of her literature and give her the names asked for and I assure you she will do her part.

Organize and get some fire on your back."

EXTRA ASSESSMENT.

By a vote of the National Committee here is an extra assessment levied upon the membership of 25c each to make up for the National deficit. Stamps for same have not been sent yet but all local secretaries should send direct to this office for them.

"AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE."

The Populist and all other reform parties went the "Sad Route" because they did not guard against the disrupting element.

Do you want to see the Socialist party hid away in the Political Cemetery? If so, stay out of the Organization and let the quacks control it.

COUNT CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES.

Please strain every nerve to get a precinct committeeman elected by the Socialists in their precinct and file their names with the County Election Board. Also send their names and P. O. addresses to me so I can get in under them and try and get a local started so they will be under our jurisdiction. We must perfect both the political and Card Organizations if we ever expect to win. Don't put it off comrades for procrastination is the thief of time and every time it loses out.

Tell us how you can guard against the disrupting element without being in the organization. "No Good Man" talk goes here. What we want is a good environment and this we have now in our constitution. We needs protection. Will you join of forces and help do so?

COMRADE YOODROW.

Comrade Thos. W. Woodrow is open for date from August 7 to 18. He goes to Grand Saline, August 18 to 23.

Comrade Woodrow is one of the ablest speakers on the platform and handles his subject from the standpoint of a preacher. Write him at Hobart.

NEW LOCALS FOR THE WEEK.

Lincoln in Caddo county, 12 members, C. A. Worlery, Verden, Okla., secretary.

Big Chief, in Latimer county, 8 members, S. M. Piper, Red Oak, Oklahoma, secretary.

MOTIONS AND SECONDS.

By Local Snyder.

To amend Section 5 of the State Constitution to read as follows:

Every local shall pay to the State Organization as dues, an amount equal to 15c per month for each member, five cents of which shall be applied as National dues, five cents as State dues and five cents at Literature dues. The literature fund shall be used for free distribution of literature under the direction of the State Secretary and Executive Committee.

Above motion has been seconded by Local Oklahoma City.

By Local Snyder:

Strike out Sections 16 and 17 of the State Party Constitution.

Above motion has been seconded by Local Oklahoma City.

By Local Snyder:

Amend Section 19 by striking out the words "an Editor of the Party paper."

Above motion has been seconded by Local Oklahoma City.

By Local Snyder:

Amend Section 29 by striking out the words: "and Editor of the Party Paper."

Above motion has been seconded by Local Oklahoma City.

By Local Snyder:

Amend Section 44 by adding the words: "Or on vote of the membership."

Above motion has been seconded by Local Oklahoma City.

By Local Snyder:

Amend Section 46 to read as follows: "At State Conventions of the Party, the representation shall be delegates from each local, one delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof."

Above motion has been seconded by Local Oklahoma City.

By Local Snyder:

Amend Section 61 to read as follows: "No person shall be nominated or endorsed by any subdivision of the party for candidates for public office unless he is a member of the party and has been such for at least two years. But this shall not apply to organizations which have been in existence for less than two years.

Note: This is the same as the National Constitution and the one now in our platform is unconstitutional.

Above motion has been seconded by Local Oklahoma City.

KATE O'HARE AND STALLARD DATES.

Mt. Park, August 11, 12 and 13.
Duke, August 14.
Carter, August 15 and 16.
Port, August 18.
Custer, August 19.
Lawton, August 20.
Dodsonville, Texas, August 21.

O. F. BRANSTETTER'S DATES

Mt. Park, August 11, 12 and 13.
Carter, August 14 and 15.

A. E. BLACKWELL.

Mt. Park, August 13, 12 and 13.
Carter, August 15 and 16.
Port, August 18 and 19.

GEO. G. HAMILTON.

Duke, August 14, 15 and 16.
Open work in Oklahoma from August 18th through the remainder of that month and also through September. Address George G. Hamilton, 120 W. Locust st. Oklahoma City, Okla.

JUDGE HURT

Mt. Park, August 11.

DORA MERTS.

Pauls Valley, August 15 and 16.
Laverne, September 2 and 3.

GRADY MILNER.

Foreman, Ark. August 11 and 12.
Laverne, Okla. September 1 and 2.

STANLEY J. CLARK.

Duke, August 11, 12 and 13.
Carter, August 14.
Nacona, Texas, August 15.
Pals Valley, August 16.
Custer, August 18.
Port, August 19 and 20.
Hartshorne, September 1.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

My supply of State Constitutions is nearly exhausted and will soon have to have another batch printed.

I would like to have the membership get all the amendments to the State Constitution settled before I have this done.

Section 72 reads: "On the first Monday in the months of January, May and September the State Secretary shall submit for referendum without preamble or comment all the motions, resolutions or amendments regularly initiated up to that date.

Now Comrades when have such a job of printing done it is economy to have a large supply of them made as the cost of setting up forms is the greater part of expense. Please favor this office by getting what you want straightened out now and not wait until we have another lot printed and then have them all to waste.

ADDITIONAL STALLARD DATES.

Comrade H. H. Stallard will make another trip over his district and perfect the County Organizations that he started some time ago.

Frederick, August 24, 1 p. m.
Altus, August 25, 2 p. m.
Hester, August 25, 8 p. m.
Sayre, August 26, 2 p. m.
Sayre, August 26, 8 p. m.
Cheyenne, 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Tolaga, August 28, 2 p. m.
Gage, August 29, 2 p. m.
Woodward, August 30 2 and 8 p. m.
Alva, August 31, 2 and 8 p. m.
Cherokee, September 1, 2 and 8 p. m.
Fairview, September 2, 2 and 8 p. m.
Arapaho, September 3, 2 and 8 p. m.
Cordell, September 4, 2 p. m.

These are County Conventions and every Socialist should make it a point to be there and help perfect the organization as it must be done soon.

WE WIN EVEN IF WE LOSE

The Socialist party is the only party that always wins even when it loses. How do you make that out, you ask.

In the Scandinavian countries there was no enfranchisement of women nor care for the working men until the Socialist Party had captured a few cities and showed steady growth.

Lloyd George never discovered the need of social legislation, until the Taff-Vale decision roused the workers to send a group of Socialist and Labor Party men to Parliament.

The two old parties never threw off their masks and united and embraced one another in Milwaukee, until the Socialists sent a plurality mayor into office.

Roosevelt was eating Socialists without salt, and called Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone "undesirable citizens" until a Socialist sat in Congress, in legislatures and captured municipal governments, and then in Chicago, he tried to swallow the Socialist platform in one mouthful.

In Germany Bismark was eating 'em alive, but when they continued to grow, he gave government ownership abolished slums, gave old age pensions, and tried to "beat 'em to it," and Germany now trembles when the Socialists speak.

Of course all these reforms are not Socialism, but they are all coming our way. But remember this, they wouldn't have been any coming if it hadn't been for the Socialist vote, even if it didn't win.

Remember what Disney wrote: "The masters are ready to grant all kinds of reforms, only they WON'T GET OFF THE WORKERS' BACKS."

So Comrades don't be discouraged even if we don't win our men, if we only continue to grow, and if we continue to maintain a class conscious organization, we have the common enemy scared and demoralized and when we gain more strength we can cavalry charge them and put them to complete rout.

As it is today, every vote for Socialism even if for a candidate that fails to be elected, boosts our cause. We are shelling the woods, and are bringing into the open such things as the West Virginia investigation, the Mulhall exposures, and though we fail to win in so many cases, yet we have the enemy like Gideon had the Miliantes, fighting themselves.

Don't be discouraged if you don't win your county or your local ticket, remember WE WIN EVEN IF WE LOSE.

GOV. ALTGELD A POLITICAL PROPHET—MEN NOT MONEY.

If our institutions are to undergo great change it is vital that men of America and not money, should direct the change. Money may be a blessing as a servant, but it is a curse as a master. Money has neither sor nor sentiment. It does not know the meaning of liberty and it sneers at the rights of man. It never bled on the battlefield in time of war and it never voluntarily sought the public treasury in time of peace. Money possesses none of the virtues. —John P. Altgeld, Governor of Illinois under Grover Cleaveland's Administration.

A Virginia editor had a little colored servant. One day she said to her mistress: "Please ma'am I'm got to leave yuh next week; I'se gwine to be married."

"Why, Mandy," cried her astonished mistress. "I didn't even know you had a beau."

"I haven't exactly had one," said Mandy, "but yuh knows dat fun'ral I went to las' week? Well, I'se gwine to marry the corpse's husband. He ses I was the life of the fun'ral."

That reminds me of as sorry I once heard where a man took a second wife in a few weeks after the death of his first wife. After the newly married couple came home from a short wedding tour his neighbors of the village went with drums and horns, and fire-crackers, and other devices with which they could make a great noise to serenade them. The gentleman finally came out on the porch and said: "Friends and neighbors! I am sorry to see you carrying one so. You are hurting my feelings—me who has so recently lost a dear wife. You ought to be ashamed to make such a racket about a house where there was a funeral so recently.—R. A. Dague.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

WIMMIN AIN'T GOT NO KICK.

By Kate Richards O'Hare.

I spoke one night not long ago in a typical country town of two thousand, a town just like thousands of other towns and after I had finished a man came up and spoke to me, a typical man, just like millions of other men. He said he liked my speech and thought most of it was true, but that my husband was evidently a poor specimen to allow me to gad about the country, and that I would better be home caring for the babies and, as a last crushing blow to my presumption, he declared: "Well, no matter how bad things are, wimmin ain't got no kick."

As I looked at the man's rugged, honest face, saw the frankness with which his frank eyes looked into mine, my mind went back over all the days I had been studying the problems of the working woman and her sister, the fallen woman, and I thought "How long, O Lord, how long" will men insist on being so abjectly ignorant?

"Wimmin ain't got no kick." No we women should not object that capitalism, the machine age, makes machines of us all. Three-fold machines; first machines for child bearing, machines to keep always the supply of child workers for the factory replenished. We should bow our heads in submission when Teddy the Terrible, he of the big stick and the big teeth, charges up and down the earth attending to everyone's business but his own, reviles up and calls us all manner of vile names because we do not produce babies fast enough to suit his masters. We should be duly grateful when priest and minister, college professor and sycophant of every kind, parrotlike, mouth his vile cant phrases. What did God make women for but to bear children when the sateless maw of the factory yawns and the machines cry out for cheap workers to make wealth for their masters?

Capitalism honors us most highly not only are we to be the child-bearing machines of the race, but wealth-making machines as well. Here in the United States there are six million women who have been forced out of the home, denied the God given right to wife and motherhood and forced to be wealth-making machines in the industries of our nation.

Capitalism and its upholders are chivalrous also; they freely admit it themselves, good demoprats and republicans praise woman on a pedestal, exalt motherhood and praise virtue; but, nevertheless, they demand woman to become the machine to gratify their beastly passions and provide the machine of prostitution. In the United States alone there are two hundred prostitutes to fill our brothels and add the crowning glory to our civilization.

Not that alone, but the life of a prostitute is so terrible, so unnatural that the average life in the brothels of this, our nation are five years. Every year no less than one hundred and thirty thousand women fill unknown graves in the potter's field and one hundred and thirty-five thousand young girls must walk that slippery, cobble-strewn, blood-stained, briar-encompassed path that leads to the brothel. Walk always down the path of destruction, pushed onward by the hand of want and poverty, dragged down by the hand of shame or snared by the hand of the slave-driver.

The most revolting and soul sickening feature of the debasement of womanhood by capitalism is never discussed, never understood, and always kept in the background.

The pulpit, the press, and the platform have for the last year been full of discussions of "the fallen woman," we have ranted and canted over her, shed crocodile tears and wept in maudlin sympathy, but we have overlooked one fact. There are hundred and twenty thousand prostitutes, but they are prostitutes simply because they have been forced to work at wages that will not support them, and they must either sell their bodies or starve. Adding insult to injury in our attitude on this question, we have overlooked the fact that it takes twenty men to support one fallen women and the parasites who prey on her, and there are just about twenty times as many fallen men as fallen women.

Who are the twenty times seven hundred and twenty thousand fallen men? Your sons, your nephews, your neighbor's sons, for the most part. Our innocent boys, through whose veins the blood of youth flows warm, who know and harken to the age-long call of race preservation, but who know little or nothing of the black plague of the brothel.

Our sons go down to the brother, and there in their warm, fresh youth contract the germs of the vilest disease known to medical science, the one incurable disease. The disease that strikes down not alone its own generation, but lies in wait for generations yet unborn. That loathsome nameless horror that has killed more men than war, ruined more women's lives and blasted more babies than all other diseases combined.

Back to the palace, the cottage and the hovel comes this nameless horror, the fruit of prostitution; back to our innocent daughters, back to our unborn, back to curse and maim and slay, and we women it is who suffer most, must fill the brothel and feel the curse at home.

As a result of these things, medical statistics tell us that one child in twenty is born into the world cursed before it sees the light of day, that one wife in fifteen must go on the surgeon's table or under the doctor's care, paying the penalty of the husband's transgression.

If all the voters had one pair of eyes and one pair of ears and I could force them to go with me as I have gone to the blind asylums, where blind eyes will never see and hands that grasp in everlasting darkness; to the deaf and dumb institute, where deaf ears will never hear and dumb tongues never speak; the imbecile asylum, where the idiot and the imbecile mutter and mumble in their degradation; to the insane ward where the insane shriek and tear their hair or sit gazing out of vacant eyes into a vacant world.

"Wimmen ain't got no kick." No, not if we are dolls stuffed with sawdust, satisfied with fine phrases, content with false chivalry, willing to be fed on flattery, we have not. We women who happen to have been lucky enough to have annexed a helped without feathers who can supply a meal ticket and a certain amount of hobble skirts and just puffs, "we ain't got no kick."

But we happen to be women with brains and hearts and souls, women who have developed enough backbone not to be compelled to do the clinging vine act, women who are womanly enough to feel for all woman kind, motherly enough to mother all childhood, we certainly feel that we have a right to protest against the abhorent demands of capitalism.

Not to protest alone, but to use all the brains with which we are endowed, all the power of our womanhood and the compelling force of our motherhood to relegate capitalism to the dim limbo of the past and make sure and safe the birth of the new social order.

RURAL ORGANIZATION PLAN.

In Kansas is in other states it has been found that the best results accrue from the routing of organizers for several dates in the same locality. Working along this plan Comrade Ethel Whitehad of California has been doing splendid work in the rural communities of that state for the past year.

While Comrade Whitehead is specializing on educational work among women, she does much general work in organizing new locals, in reviving dying or dead locals, in drilling new members in the details of organization and she invariably leaves the community with an increased membership and enthusiasm and an active group of well drilled women to continue her special work after she has departed.

In many cases she finds that there is not a single woman member, and that her meetings have not been advertised. Her courage is undaunted, and like the pioneer worker that she is, she proceeds to make a house to-house canvas first of Socialists, then of sympathizers and school houses advertising her own meeting.

In case a propaganda meeting has not been arranged previously, she holds an afternoon or evening parlor meeting, giving a brief talk with a program of songs, Socialist recitations and revolutionary readings.

At this parlor meeting she advertises her propaganda meeting, which is set for a couple of days later. She stays "on the job" herself, training the local comrades in the work of arranging and advertising a Socialist propaganda meeting. Following this propaganda meeting is an organization meeting where new recruits are rounded up and enrolled into the party and into sub-committees for special work among the women in the community.

ARKANSAS STATE NOTES

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY, 1913.

Cash Received.

For dues stamps	$ 51.85
For Secretary Salary	54.80
For Supplies	6.67
For Campaign Fund	9.95
Deficit, August 1	35.03
Total	$158.05

Disbursements.

Paid dues stamps	$ 20.55
Paid for drayage	2.85
Paid for Postage	17.82
Paid for 'phone and telegraph	3.30
Paid for office supplies	2.75
Paid for rent	7.00
Paid for Express	.90
Paid for payment of filing systems	5.00
Paid for Sec. Salary	54.90
Deficit, July 1	42.48
Total	$158.03

Total membership reporting for July, 515.

LOCALS ORGANIZED DURING JULY.

Flippin, 13 members, W. W. Hanby, sec'y, self organized.

Wickes, 5 members, T. B. Buckner, sec'y, self organized.

Eureka Springs, 13 members, Dr. J. W. Brown, self organized.

White County, 13 members, W. S. Biram sec'y, W. S. Biram, organizer.

Levesque, 5 members, J. W. Isbill, sec'y, self organized.

Viney Grove, 5 members, Frank Moorehead, sec'y, Frank Moorehead, organizer.

Pennington, 9 members, J. R. Carter, sec'y, self organized.

South Franklin, 6 members, E. H. Stever, sec'y, self organized.

Adone, 10 members, E. B. Wallace, sec'y, self organized.

Point Peter, 8 members, L. E. Fowler, sec'y, self organized.

Saint Joe, 6 members, Jeff Fowler, sec'y, self organized.

Oak Grove, 6 members, T. A. Hardy, sec'y, H. H. Davis, organizer.

Mulberry, 5 members, David Rogers, sec'y, self organized.

OFFICIAL COUNT OF SPECIAL ELECTION HELD JULY 26.

J. Emile Webber, 4,378.
Geo. Murphy, Progressive, 8,431.
Harry H. Meyers, Republican, 16,844.
Geo. W. Hayes, Democrat, 53,634.
Total votes cast 83,355.

THE KIND THAT COUNTS.

Dear Comrade Secretary:

I will promise 500 signatures to the petition for a new election law, but I expect to get more than that. I think we can easily raise 15,000 for this purpose and I would suggest that we begin on this in plenty of time; and that a certain day be set aside for everyone in the State to do the work or perhaps two or three days. Have a certain date for all reports to be in. Let this date be early enough that we can make a second trial if necessary."

L. A. SMITH,
Booneville.

Can you do as well?

About 5000 signatures to the proposed petition for a new election law have already been pledged. Send in your report.

To show the necessity of such a law a comrade who was a member of the election board at Tupelo sends in the following report. Report as made out by election board: Myers 19; Murphy 1; Webber 3; Hayes 33. Report as reported by county committee; Myers 19; Murphy 1; Webber 0; Hayes 33. By this report even the Democrats should be willing to get such a law through. They were robbed of 10 votes in this one precinct while we were robbed of only 3.

STATE COMMITTEE MOTIONS.

By Callery:

That John W. Gaines, of Little Rock, be elected organizer for the negroes in the state. Vote closes August 10.

By Biram:

That the committee immediately initiate a petition amending the election laws in such a way that we will be allowed representation on election boards. Vote closed August 20.

In the state office at this time there is a digest of the Wisconsin election laws in which such a provision has been driven by the Socialists; and Comrade Thompson of the Information department writes me that at an attempted violation of this measure the Socialists threatened to take up arms to force the machine politicians to enforce the law. Unnecessary to say, that it is now in operation and has been ever since the Socialists put it on the statute books.

SPEAKERS DATES.

Bessie Bartholomew
August 17, Argenta.
August 18 to 22, inclusive, White county.

Carrie Turnidge.
August 16, 17 ,18 and 19, Foreman.

J. E. Webber.
August 16, 17, 18, and 19 Foreman.

THE CONSTITUTION A CONSPIRACY

This is confessed by W. Wilson is his book entiled "Peace and Reunion." His words that the political hot air of the lackeys of the masters that this is a Democratic government, is pure bunk. He says:

The federal government was not by intention a democratic government. In plan and structure it had been meant to check the sweep of power or popular majorities. The senate, it was believed, would be a stronghold of conservatism, if not of aristocracy and wealth. The president, it was expected, would be the choice of representative men acting in the electoral college, and not of the people. The federal judiciary was looked to with its virtually permanent membership to hold the entire structure of national politics in nice balance against all disturbing impulse or of official overbearance.

Only in the house of representatives were the people to be accorded an immediate audience and a direct means of making their will effective in affairs. The government had, in fact, been originated and organized upon the iniative and primarily in the interests of the mercantile and wealthy classes. Originally conceived as an effort to accommodate commercial disputes between the states, it had been urged to adoption under the concerted and aggressive leadership of able men representing a ruling class. The federalists not only had on their side the power of convincing argument, but also the pressure of a strong and intelligent class, possessed of unity and informed by a conscious solidarity of material interests.

ONLY BY UNITED EFFORT CAN WE SUCCEED.

This paper is devoted to the cause of those who make the wealth of the country, be it at the beach, the anvil, the plow handle or any useful employment, as against those who take the wealth they do not help to make. That is the MAKER'S cause as against the TAKERS conspiracy.

It is a paper owned co-operatively by the makers, and by them controlled, and it can be depended upon to not betray their interests.

It is your paper Comrade Maker, therefore why not help it that it may help you? Subscribe for it yourself and further your own interests by getting others to read it and subscribe for it.

We append a blank and ask you to use it, and get new subscribers, cut it out and paste as long an addition as you please and send the list with P. O. or Express money order for the amount and mail as instructed at top of first column on first page. Get busy Comrades. Don't be bashful, it pays a good living.

Don't be easily discouraged but keep on the job. Do you realize that you are the man who can help Socialism to come? Do your part.

Big business pays the old parties' expenses, and owns or supports their papers, do you expect them to tell the TRUTH if it is damaging to their owners? The Campaign expenses of the Socialist Party are paid by the party members and this paper is owned by them. Every subscription to this paper hastens the triumph of the workers. "Let there be light." So help us to take down the shutters of prejudice and let in the light.

CUT ON THIS LINE— NAME.	R. F. D. OR STREET OR NUMBER.	TOWN	STATE	AMT. PAID

THE FATHER JONES COLUMN.

A PROPHECY OF FORTY YEARS PAST

Forty years ago, speaking to a large meeting of workers at Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, I said: "If the workers would unite and vote only for men of their own class, and for their own interests, inside of four years they would own the country, and have a blacksmith or a carpenter for President.

If they don't unite at the ballot box, they will go to the mill and the factory under the muzzle of a shotgun, and the only difference between them and convicts will be the striped suit, and you may get that."

Forty years have passed, and what with Constabulary, Private Detectives, and mine and factory guards, little is lacking to complete the picture I drew, and the process is going to fulfillment.

THE FIGHT FOR THE SPOILS

M. L. Fleurens former French Foreign Affairs Minister, who is credited with knowing the most of European politics, is out with a statement that the increased armaments of Europe are the preparation of the Governments for the dismemberment of China, Turkey-in-Asia, and the holding of the scattered Colonial possessions of Portugal and Holland. In other words, it is a preparation for an International scramble for the weak and weakening powers which Nations certain unexploited, (capitalistically), natural resources.

One year ago the Standard Oil Combine offered the then just formed Chinese Republic 250 million dollars for the undeveloped natural Petroleum and coal resources, then Japan and Russian Capitalists got angry, and made a like offer, and the Rothschilds Combine got active and it became a three cornered fight. As they couldn't get China to agree to contracted spoliation, they got and fomented Internal trouble, and China is divided and warring themselves.

China is a three cornered fight, and Rothschilds with the European nations as their pawns, Russian-Japan Capitalists, and Standard Oil.

In Mexico its a two sided scramble of Rothschilds and Standard Oil.

In Turkey its Germany and Great Britain, with Russia on one side and Italy on the other watching for a chance.

With the Portugese Colonial Possessions its a general free for all scramble.

Germany has long cast longing eyes upon Holland, not only because Holland shuts Germany from the North Sea, but because Holland owns Curacoa in the Carribean Sea, a most convenient strategic base as to the Panama Canal, and conveniently located when Germany operated against Yorkshire.

Then too Holland owns the oil so rich, for exploitation, island of Java, and now Petroleum is found to be there in unknown quantities, it is more interesting than ever and Germany may compromise with France to aid in the gobble of Holland in exchange for Belgium or even in the surrender of either Alsance or Lorrain or both, rather than allow the ripe fat plum of Holland to escape.

Belgium has secured her independence by treaty agreement, but treaties like gordian knots are often cut with the sword, and such a division would not be half as bad as the partition of Poland.

Every day the people are getting poorer and wiser as to the big fellow's game of grab, and every day the pressure is getting greater and greater as the monetary power of trust combinations as the Rothschilds the Standard Oil, the sugar of Arbuckles and Russian capital, and the hollowing up of the smaller groups by the larger, create still stronger several groups, and all this tends to make an unmasking time, and a throwing away of disguises.

The Roman Military Plunderbund made no disguise of its wars being for conquest and revenue, they were hypocritical as we are today.

Using Gillettes "World Corporation" or a big International Holding Corporation, is the logical outcome of present day conditions. He says with this in operation, "there will be no need of governments," which is a confession of what governments are for i. e. convenient control of ownership by the takers of which to legally skin the makers of wealth. The book "World Corporation" he has distributed thousand copies among the libraries of the world, and will send to anyone writes him in Boston. Its obvious to quite the takers in an International Corporation and obviate the coming International Smash Smash. Its a co-

THE LAWLESSNESS OF THE RAILROADS

Few things show the utter lawless, brigand and anarchal spirit of the railroads than the action of the Toledo, St. Louis and Western railroad, the combination known as the "Clover Leaf."

On August 6th, they gave the United States government sixty days notice that they would cease to carry U. S. mail.

What do you think of that, fellow citizens, when you come to know the facts?

First. This line entered into a contract with the government which does not expire for two years yet, yet like a sovereign government of a foreign nation, they utter an ULTIMATUM to the government, and repudiate their contract. When faced with the prospect of the action of the courts, they will no doubt reconsider.

Second. The Constitution of the United States, Article1, Section 8, Clause 7, says: "Congress shall have power to establish post offices and post roads." All railroads are post roads, and are by the Constitution under the control of Congress and Congress has the power to establish post roads, and only the greed of private ownership ever permitted them to get into and remain in private hands. Every railroad that carries U. S. mail that is owned by private ownership, is operated in violation of the express provision in the Constitution. The government has the right authority and power to either confiscate them as the property of the Federal Government, or to "establish" a post road competition and compete them out of existence.

Third. Thus we see an unconstitutional corporation uttering an ULTIMATUM to the general government and exercising powers denied to the sovereign states in the Union.

Fourth. The only Constitutional remedy is confiscation.

THE PROTEST

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Said the great machine of iron and wood,
"I am a creature of iron and wood,
But the criminal clutch of godless greed
Has made me monster that scatters seed
And want and hunger wherever I go.
I would lift men's burdens and lighten their woe.
I would give them leisure to laugh in the sun,
If owned by the Many—instead of One.

"If owned by the People, the whole wide earth
Should learn my purpose and know my worth,
I would close the chasm that yawns in our soil
Twixt unearned riches and ill-paid toil.
No man should hunger and no man labor
To fill the purse of an idle neighbor,
And each man should know when his work was done
Were I shared by the Many—instead of by One.

"I am forced by the few with their greed for gain
To forge for the many new fetters of pain.
Yet this is my purpose and ever will be,
To set the slaves of the workshops free.
God hasten the day, when, overjoyed,
That desperate host of the unemployed
Shall hear my message and understand
And hail me friend in an opulent land."

The oldest city in America, St. Augustine, Florida, was nearly carried by Socialists at a recent election. The Socialist vote was more than 600. Their only opponents were the Democrats who beat them by 47. The Socialists elected one alderman.

And say comrade don't forget, the Socialist were THE SECOND PARTY IN FLORIDA in 1912 and left the G. O. P. and Bull Moosers way back. Write it down, paste it in your hat, and then don't be surprised at what may happen down among the Florida sand pipers.

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DEMOCRATIC LAW

Woody Wilson's "New Freedom" in Operation. "Special Privileges to None" Don't Work out in Politics.

The Democratic Attorney General has made a ruling in the Diggs-Caldwell White Slave case that proves to a demonstration the contention of the Socialist party, that every one of the old parties are entirely one and the same on all CLASS QUESTIONS.

His ruling is that violators of the Mann White Slave Act are not to be prosecuted, unless it can be shown that they PARTICIPATED IN THE PROFITS OF COMMERCIAL VICE.

The rich man can take young girls into another state and do as they please as long as they do not commercialize them and share in the profits.

The rich do not debauch the daughters of the poor for profit, they don't need to, they make their stealings another way. The rich are by the decision of the Democratic lawgiver only forbidden to do what they have no need nor desire to do. Plainly the law as interpreted by the Attorney General who in this decision as a Cabinet Officer usurps both legislative and judicial powers, and laughs at the Constitution that gives Congress the legislative power and the Federal Judiciary the judicial power, but "What's the Constitution between friends?"

The decision of the Attorney General, (as the law is unconstitutionally practiced), says the rich may debauch the daughters of the poor legally, if they don't go into cash profiting by their vice, but God help the poor devil who has no motive but profit, yet Woody and Chautauqua Bill say there is no class rule. When the darkest beast bites 'em, they smile and say, "There ain't any such animal."

Gerald Massey well wrote:

"Our wives with death's cold kiss are white;
Our son's are the rich man's slaves by day;
Our daughter's his slaves by night."

And now a Democratic Attorney General decides, and makes it law that this is legal, and then denies that the Donkeycrats and the G. O. P's. are both the same parties on class questions.

Who are the fools, we'uns or they'uns?

SOCIALISTS DEMAND FEDERAL PROBE OF THE SEATTLE RIOTS.

Seattle, Wash.—The city council is being reached the claim for damages caused to the Socialists during the recent riots, a demand is now being made for a congressional investigation. This demand is contained in a resolution adopted at a mass meeting of the Socialists, August 3.

The resolution says that "at a most propitious moment, from the standpoint of the reactionaries, the secretary of the navy, Josephus Daniels, delivered a bombastic, impudent and bellicose attack upon the red flag and all those who believe in the principles it symbolized, thus linking the color of official approbation to the work of treason, which almost immediately followed."

"Sworn testimony it at hand," the resolution continues, "indicating that the riot was ORGANIZED AND PLANNED ON BOARD THE SHIPS WITH THE FOREKNOWLEDGE AND TACIT APPROVAL OF THOSE IN AUTHORITY, AND ONE MAN WEARING A UNIFORM OF A MAJOR OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY STOOD IN AN AUTOMOBILE AND OPENLY CHEERED THE RIOTERS AND ENCOURAGED THE WORK OF ARSON, USING THE WORDS, 'GOOD WORK, BOYS; GOOD WORK.' "

The resolution demands a congressional investigation to the end that "any possible justification of the military arm of the government as an active and conscious participant in the work of riot and arson be removed."

REPORT OF OUR CONVENTION.

The comrades and stockholders as well as ourselves here at the Central Plant had expected to see the report of the convention of July 22, 23 and 24 at least by this issue.

Comrade J. A. Wellman of Leavenworth was the Recording Secretary, and we had expected to have had his report published in this issue. We have written urging that the report be sent and will publish it as soon as received.

The Convention was held during the busy part of the week and the manager, Comrade Bard could attend the sessions [illegible] of the time only and we are dependent upon the secretary for the report.

Why the report has not been sent us we cannot say, but will tell our readers as soon as we can.

THE COPPER STRIKE IN MICHIGAN

By E. C. Mahoney, Vice President, Western Federation of Miners.

Toilers of America! You have heard the story of the copper miner's strike through the capitalist press. But facts were distorted and the workers maligned.

No strike in Michigan has ever involved so many workers, or was so unanimously and enthusiastically supported by them. The greatest corporation in the eastern mining world has pitted its millions against us, denied a conference to their employees and turned down the Governor's urgent request that the operators each send a committee to Lansing, where he would act as mediator. Could arrogance go farther?

There was never a strike of equal magnitude—more than 15,000 men involved—initiated so peacefully and still remain so in spite of the efforts of thugs and company tools to foment strife. Our pleas and the urgent requests of citizens to withdraw the troops and no longer aid the mining companies to operate their mines go unheeded.

No governor whose name has gone down in infamy because of his turning over the military forces of the State to Corporations to aid them in beating down their employees ever acted so hastily and without cause as did Governor Ferris.

The sheriff of Keweenaw county where there are several thousand organized miners sent an affidavit to the Governor that the request for troops had been made under coercion from the mining companies. He swore that the strikers were and are peaceable and asked that the troops be withdrawn. Affidavit and request were both ignored.

This is your battle as well as ours. No place in the copper world of America has hours so long and wages so low, and working conditions so bad, as here. This will all be changed if we win. Every craft will be benefited. It will be felt throughout the land.

Union men, Socialists and lovers of justice everywhere, this is another crisis in the industrial life of the nation that calls for immediate protest from every citizen. Get busy. Write letters ,send telegrams, hold great mass meetings protesting against answering the worker's cry for bread with lead.

Do it now!

ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE BANKERS.

In 1862 a delegation of New York bankers and property owners waited on President Lincoln and asked him to detail a gunboat to protect their property. Lincoln replied that all the gunboats were occupied; that the credit of the United States was such that greenbacks were worth only 40 to 50 cents on the dollar and "If I were worth half as much as you gentlemen are represented to be, and as badly frightened as you appear to be, I would build a gunboat and give it to the government."

The delegation were silenced and nothing was done towards the President's suggestion.

Before 1873, when the government began the present system of computing railway mail pay on the basis of a daily average of weights for a given period, there were virtually no Sunday mails. Consequently the government weighed the mails on six days of the week, computed the gross weight and divided by six to ascertain the average daily weight.

But after 1873, when all railroads were running Sunday trains, and carrying Sunday mails, the government weighed the mails on all seven days of the week, computed the gross weight, and to find the average daily weight divided by SIX as before.

This use of the wrong divisor resulted in overpaying the railroads $5,000,000 annually or about $80,000,000 since 1873. This was a part of the railroad graft in carrying the mails.

Congress is now in the hands of the Donkeycrats, and they all know these facts and they all have told us, JUST BEFORE ELECTION, that these naughty, wicked Republican grafts were to stop, when they? Will they? Watch, Stop, Look, Listen, but dollars to doughnuts there'll be nothin' doin'.

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IS THE HUMAN MIND STATIONARY?

Not long go I heard a very very earnest and wholly sincere man declare that Socialism never could or would work, for the reason that it would have to change human nature. Now it is not necessary to change human nature, in order to introduce Socialism, and to abolish exploitation and poverty. True, the Socialists sometimes appeal to a man's moral sentiment and his ideals, but chiefly to his self-interest. The masses of men at the present time are governed chiefly by their self-interest. And it is to the self-interest of the masses of men to vote for Socialism. Consequently, no change whatever in human nature is necessary in order to get men to vote for Socialism. All they have to do is to vote for their self interest. But we have these profit stuffed liars, to tell these lies to the poor working man who has no time to study, and they have told them so often that they make us believe it whether we want to or not. Lying is the most common of sins, it is the foundation of every fraud, the sheet anchor of every slander, the shield and breast-plate of every crime. Nearly all men living and dead have at times, if not oftener, been guilty of it. And it was not because of over modesty that they shunned the naked truth. Apparently the only exceptions are men who cannot tell a lie, like George Washington and those who get others to tell lies themselves; others lie by proxy. And this is one of the proxy lies, that we would have to change human nature, if we ever got Socialism. When the Socialist party wins, no change whatever in human nature will be necessary in order to successfully operate the industries and insure justice to all. A carpenter, merchant, or a farmer would not have to change his nature in order to become a postmaster or a mail carrier, working for the public. Neither will people have to change their nature in order to work for the public in the Socialist commonwealth, all that will be necessary to make the Socialist commonwealth a success from an ordinary point of view will be for men to follow their self-interest and try to achieve the greatest possible success for themselves. For the nature of Socialism, is such that one can only elevate himself by elevating everybody else.

But it would be strange indeed if human nature were unchangeable, for I do not think that human nature is a fixed quantity. Surely no one contends that it is always the same? It is a growth. As the whole world has been a growth. So it has been with human nature, the earth itself began a gaseous mass; and came to its present condition through a process of evolution. The infinite and wonderful varities of the vegetable kingdom came up from lower forms by an analogous system of development, every species of animal life was produced in the same way. Can it then be possible that man standalone in the midst of a universe of development, a clod, a stone, immovable, and an unprogressive stagnant, and hopeless thing? Not so. Man is the noblest product of evolution, he is immeasurably the highest product of the age; he has come upto his present stage of evolution from the lowest depths. Human nature has been undergoing a gradual and fundamental change ever since man began from the first; his nature is not now that of a brute. The brute in him has gradually been thrown off, altruism; unselfishness; and thoughtfulness of others, have gradually been taken on. And this has been going on until at the present time, although man is still in a glaring imperfect condition, yet his nature is now as high above the point from which he started as the blue vault of heaven is above the center of the earth. But the chief factor in this constant change in human nature has been environment men are general as good as their surroundings will let them be. They are always governed by their self-interest, the economic conditions by which they are surrounded make it so, but when we are surrounded by economic conditions wherein it will not be necessary for us to ever always to strive to down our fellow man. It is therefore logical to expect that human nature will change for the better with vastly greater rapidity, than it has under the present cannibalistic system, of the present capitalistic system, of the present system. We will continually become more and more unselfish until the ideal state of Socialism is reached. I said that in order to introduce Socialism and to abolish poverty and exploitation, and to establish economic justice, and to manage the industries successfully, and to give everybody full and free access to the higher things of life, no change whatever in human nature is necessary, because it is to the self-interest

these things.

The student who reads the story of the future from the history of the past, who is able to discern the shadow which coming events cast, calls himself a Socialist. Every forward step in the march of human progress has been met with the bitterest antagonism by the great mass of the people, because they honestly believed that the old ways were God's ways and that all innovations were of the Devil. All history is stained with the blood of great men who have discovered new truths and principles, a study of history teaches that the whole development of the human race has been a simple, natural, and gradual unfoldement, as a seed puts forth sprouts, and these seeds, what have they been? Slavery gave way to serfdom, it was not because lords were better than masters but because serfdom was an advance and provided an industrial system which better served the race. When the wage system was established it was not because employers were more to be desired by the workers than Lords, but because the wasteful methods of agriculture and production in vogue on the feudal estates would no longer produce food and raiment for the race hence the surplus serfs on the estates must be put to work in the newly established factories making shoes and clothing to supply the agricultural workers, while they with better means and methods of agriculture procured food enough for all. When the slave was freed from the masters and attached to the land it was a step forward, when the serf was freed from the land and attached to the machine it was an advance

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—Mark Twain in "A Connecticut Yankee at the Court of King Ar-