

VICTOR L. BERGER GIVES HIS VIEWS ON SMOKELESS COAL.

San Francisco, California.—Victor L. Berger, Milwaukee, while in this city, outlined his very positive and clear views on the coal situation with reference to the Industrial Workers of the World. He said:

"The principle of industrial unionism is one that is absolutely sound. For every Socialist, realize that the introduction of machinery has revolutionized the old trades and has practically divided them into many parts. It is not what might be called entirely new trades."

"We stand for industrial unionism to combine all those working for the same employer in the same industrial organization, and at almost every convention of the American Federation of Labor I have introduced resolutions looking toward that and was voted down REGULARLY BY TRADE UNION LEADERS OF THE OLD STYLE."

Dots Withdrawn.

"One of the most ardent industrial unionists in the country was Eugene V. Debs. I was responsible as much as any one man for Debs' Socialism. When Debs founded his American Labor Union he founded an industrial union, to include everybody, from the smallest to the largest. That union failed in the great A. R. strike of 1894. Since then Debs has tried to get out of it. And in 1905 he and others met in Chicago and formed the Industrial Workers of the World. Debs has since left I. W. W. alone."

"I was invited to join, and they also wanted the Indemnet, and they wanted the Socialism, and I declined my assistance for this reason:

"I believe in a two armed labor movement—a labor movement with a political arm, which is the Socialist party, and an economic arm, which is the Industrial organization. I want each arm to fulfill its own mission. I don't want the two arms to interfere with each other, but to help each other, as they do in the human body."

"I don't want the political organization to try to do the work of the Industrial organization or trade union, and I don't want the trade union to go into politics. I want each to be in its own sphere, but to be closely allied and help each other."

Keep Functions Apart.

"Therefore, I opposed the Socialist party taking up the struggle between differences of trade unions. I opposed the Socialist party as a party mining in the industrial field, and trying to tell the workers that the industrial field what structure he was to have, whether trade autonomy or industrial union. I want the workers ought to find that out for themselves."

"When I introduced resolutions in the American Federation of Labor in favor of industrial unionism, I did so as a delegate of a union, not as a Socialist leader. Of course, I know that every workman, from editor in chief down to the last boy in the room, must be able to find his place in the rolling mill down to the last yard man ought to join the great collective union of his industry and have great political power. But the political activity and the industrial activity, while both ought to conform to the class interest of the workman, should be kept separate."

"Moreover, I could force that the moment the I. W. W. got into the line there would be a conflict of the old line trade unionists and the I. W. W. and I didn't want to split up labor any more than it is split up already. I hoped and expected that a great union movement would change its structure and become industrial force of necessity."

Trade Unionism Falters.

"There can be no doubt that the trade union movement of this country has not fulfilled its mission. Compared with the economic organizations of England and Germany, it has lagged behind. Although it has succeeded in some ways, particularly favorable because it has semi-social conditions, and furthermore because our opponents are not organized by the Manufacturers' Association, have shown themselves a particularly hesitant combination of forces."

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THERE'S GOOD FISHING IN THIS LAKE, IF YOU GET BUSY AND LAND SOME OF THEM. I'LL DIVIDE UP.

ALRIGHT I'LL GET A POLE AND GET BUSY THANKS



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YOUNG SOCIALIST COLUMN

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION

By J. L. Engdahl.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Socialists of this city believe they have solved the problem of bringing and organizing the young people of the working class into the Socialist movement. The question of reaching the young people seems to have solved itself. So great was the clamor of the young people for recognition by the Socialist Party that the National committee ordered the establishment of a department for the propaganda of Socialism among the nation's youth.

But this is merely a campaign of agitation. The problem of organizing was found to be one too big for the party to undertake. Here in Milwaukee there are four branches of the Young People's Socialist League, the north, south, west and east branches. The problem was to make them an effective and coherent part of the Milwaukee Socialist Party. This has been solved in part by the appointment of a Young People's Welfare Committee, to supervise the activities of the young, but its work was found to be inadequate.

Also, the party organization found itself confronting the demand made by the young people that they be given representation in the party. This brought the matter squarely to its issue.

Also, studying the problem it has been decided to amend the constitution of the party organization so as to include the activities of these young people. The party has heretofore provided for those above 21 years of age.

The amendment provides for the retention of the Welfare Committee, which is to be elected by the young people. The committee will be for two years. It will be assisted in its work by one delegate from each of the four leagues of the young people. These leagues to be auxiliary organizations of the party.

It is also planned to draw up a constitution for the Young People's League, making it obligatory among other things to join the regular party organization upon reaching the age of 21 years. It is found that where the young people get along without party organization, they are more likely to separate social activities at the expense of the party work. It is admitted that the young people must be permitted time in which to play, to hold their dances and entertainments, to organize their own athletic clubs, to give their outings in winter and summer, and otherwise bring the young people together; but because our opponents are not organized by the Manufacturers' Association, have shown themselves a particularly hesitant combination of forces."

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I'LL GO GET A NEW PATENTED POLE, SO WE CAN LAND THEM FASTER BUSINESS LOOKS GOOD.



THE REBELLION OF SPARTIUS.

By R. A. Duque.

As some may not be familiar with the facts about the slave rebellion of Spartacus, I will briefly state them.

In the year 73 B.C. Spartacus, a Thracian slave, a vigorous Roman General, gave a victory, that is a great feat, at Capua, called the Second Rome, because it was not only near Rome, to the South, but it was the most important to Rome itself. Large numbers of slaves were slain in the Amphitheatre, and there were heavy gladiatorial losses, on account of the greatness of the festivities. Spartacus, after the losses were over, addressed the remaining Gladiators, and indeed them. (70 in number only, at that time) and said that he would lead them to freedom. He was the first to lead them to freedom, and as the news spread, slaves from all sides rose and flocked to his army. Rome sent three Consul's Armies against him, but Spartacus defeated them all, and defeated the Romans in nine larger gladiatorial engagements. It seemed for a time that Rome was in more danger than it had ever been from Hannibal, but when the Roman Praetorian, or aristocratic party, saw that by force of arms they could not defeat him, they engaged a large number of slaves to fight to his army and join it, and they started fighting, and Spartacus, understanding just what Spartacus was doing, retreated with his victorious slaves to the shore of the Adriatic, proposing to there embark those of his most faithful followers, and cross to Africa. It was then that Crassus, with a powerful army set and defeated Spartacus and the survivors were cruelly put to death. Thousands being crucified, that being the typical method of execution of a slave.

It is said that although the deplorable slaves who had acted as slaves had been the real cause of the defeat of the army of Spartacus, they were nevertheless, in greater part, the ones whom the Romans crucified. The Masters in that day, as in this, when they have used the slave, most thoroughly despise and treat him as a traitor to his class. The reader will thus understand the following poem, which is given as useful Recitation material.

SPARTIUS.

The victor Lentulus had made Capua's Arena red. The lords replete with gorge and wine, their slaves had borne to bed. Full many a slave had been slain, or torn by his master's hand. For human blood was requisite to make a Roman feast. All but the guards, had sunk to sleep. Deserted was the street; and silent only for the measured beat of sentry's feet. Down in the caverns, under the arena's bloody sand, by light of torch, was gathered the Gladiator's band; And broken sword, and denting helm, and bloody stain, gave trace, And gave account to those still left, for many a missing slave. Bull's silence reigned, when Spartacus stepped from out the throng. Words came not for a time, and heaved his breast with pent up wrong. Then, gasping round he said, "I came, like many here, from Thrace. You know our breed, a hardy, strong and freedom loving race. But Rome ravaged all our coast, and saved the best for slaves, And when we give our lives to her, the lion's mouth's our graves. Full four to one our numbers are, and ours the harden'd brow. Wherefore need we bow the knee to her, or for her favor fawn? The guard that stands without the gate, quick take before our hand. And as we go, from every side, the slaves flock to our command. If ye are men, follow me! Strike down your guard—they are but few—And gain the mountain pass, and there old Spartacus' deeds review. Is the old Thracian blood run cold, that ye do cringe and shrink? Like hounds and not the absent face of valiant men? We're forced to fight; then why not for ourselves? We're forced to kill; They're not kill the Roman lord who on our works he sits? We look around, and note the absent face of valiant men? And so we're in our turn, if we remain in chain and pen. The death be to us sure, let's die as men: Men who are free, Death to the valiant has no sting. Who then will follow me? There was a heavy armistice, and a result of light. The guard was quickly overcome at his command and word; And hush the kindly moonbeams, and the early morning's light. Full many a slave had been slain, or torn by his master's hand. From every side, flocked in the slaves, as to the hills they fled. And as they came, they strewed the ground with Roman master dead. Front Rome, with flag and fear, was shaken in their Thracian dead. Three army's proud, their cities sad, in these closed Roman's ranks. It seemed the duty of Rome, hush! trembling for a while; But where force fails, the master class, will ever resort to guile. You slaves flock to me, and I will lead you to the hills, and side. For whom the masters would destroy, they always will divide. And thus did Rome the master keep, and thus her slaves ever reach. Like hounds and not the absent face of valiant men? Beware the men who would divide. Place ALI toward the foe. We're not ONE! And the path is plain. Let us toward it go. Our prophet Mars has bidden the way. The words are clear and plain. "United. You have but chains to lose. You have a world to gain."

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SOCIALIST ANSWERS A DEMOCRAT.

By R. A. Duque.

Mr. N. R., a highly esteemed personal friend, a Democrat, writes me in such he says:

"Now, Bro. Duque, while you and I often discuss propositions that pertain to the welfare of humanity and there is almost perfect agreement between us, yet we differ somewhat over politics and political methods. I have never been able to bring myself to the full acceptance of Socialism. I am a 'fermat' trust, corporations and combines. I believe in absolute freedom and liberty—the highest standardization of an individual."

My Reply.

Now Friend R., before I begin my argument to reply to your interesting letter, I ask you to read a quotation from that great writer and thinker, John Ruskin, who said:

"Government and co-operation are in all things and eternally the laws of life; anarchy and competition eternally and in all things are the laws of death."

The evil which you speak is not in the trusts and combines themselves, but in their private ownership. They are founded on the co-operative principle. They are a good thing for their owners; there, Socialists say "Let the nation own the trusts." They are the fruits of evolution. You can not destroy them and force a nation back to the methods of carrying on business by hand tools and little petty competition practiced by our fathers.

You say you believe in the "absolute freedom and liberty of the individual." I think if you have given those words the careful consideration you should, there is nothing in the infinite universe enjoying absolute liberty—free from and uninfluenced by anything else. Nature, by her laws of gravitation, heredity and environments, has greatly restricted our liberty. She gave birds wings and liberty to fly, but compels man to walk. Nature made man a social being, and so constructed him that he cannot progress or be happy only as he associates with his fellow-men. God willed that we should desire to live and prosper; it must obey the community law, but if you desire to live and prosper it must obey the community law, and so it alone no more than one planet to proceed from the solar system, then the whole universe would be on the highway to chaos and destruction. 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WOMAN'S COLUMN.
ENTRICK BY FARM WOMEN.

In the struggle to make the farm pay, many a farmer overlooks the fact that life for the woman on the farm is hard and desolate. No one knows the fact that many poor women farmers in Missouri were leaving their farms and moving to town to get an education. When the discovery that this was because of the lives the farmers' wives and daughters were forced to lead.

The farm was equipped with modern machinery and implements up to date methods of tilling planting and harvesting of crops. There were many times there were automobiles. But the women did their work by the crude methods of long and drawing water from wells and heating it on kitchen stoves for the family washing, deprived of the advantages of running water, sewer, gas and electricity. The movement to "stricken" by the women—Newark News.

ARKANSAS STATE NOTES

STATE COMMITTEE ACTION.

By a recent referendum of the committee it was decided to employ Comrade John W. Gaines of Little Rock as organizer of the negroes of the state.

By referendum the committee decided to initiate a new election law in the state; one that will provide representation on election boards from each political party.

National referendum "A" resulted as follows: Section 4, Article 6, No. 24, No. 54; Section 1, Article 2, No. 19, No. 32; Article 12, No. 24, No. 46.

Comrade J. W. Fairchild will make tours in the northern part of the state during his school term. On Green Forest for expenses. He can make only three places that will enable him to leave home after school on Friday and return by Sunday noon.

The Batesville picnic were successful in every respect. Comrade Bartholomew with his pictures made good; and Comrade Dethrow held a debate that resulted in much good for the party.

The White county encampments were successful in both a financial and propaganda way.

The comrades all over the State could well be inspired by the enthusiasm of the Rusk comrades. Just a small local out fifteen miles from the railroad, organized and held a successful encampment. Not only that but they have a co-operative group that will net a nice sum for the work they have planned for the winter. Verily nothing succeeds like success.

Local Hot Springs fees on record as favoring the initiation of a new election law.

Comrade Frank Moorhead organized two local last week and wrote for additional organization blanks. He says that NOW is the time to get on our good work.

Comrade Leonard of Texarkana writes that they are going to revolutionize their work and get it moving in working shape if it takes all next year.

Crowford and Sebastian counties will hold a joint meeting at Ft. Smith September 7th.

Any information you desire concerning the organization of election boards can be had by writing John W. Gaines, Little Rock.

"Send us Stanley Clark for a day. Perhaps he can rescue us from the after campaign lethargy."—G. P. Bumpus, Hot Springs.

A. B. PINKIE WRITES THE ELECTION LAWS OF THE STATE

The election laws of Arkansas are without doubt the most unjust of any state in the union. The law places full control of the election machinery in the hands of the dominant political party.

The Governor, Secretary of State, and Atty. Gen. constitute the state board of election commissioners, and administer. This board appoints qualified electors, in each county as county boards and in turn appoints the judges of election.

The law says that "they shall not be all of one political party, but usually a county board consists of one Democrat, the smartest that can

OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES

NEW LOCALS.

Katie, in Garvin county, 10 members. E. M. Teal, Clerk, is Secretary. Lone Elm, in Pawnee county, 8 members. C. A. Warnock, Marmore, is Secretary.

Chris, in Garvin county, 1 member. Secretary's name not given. Local Claremore comes to life with W. D. Richardson, secretary.

RESULT OF NATIONAL REFERENDUM A.

(Continued from page two)

VICTOR L. BERGER GIVES HIS VIEWS OF NAZIS' CROWD.

Believes it can be worked out with such method.

L. W. W. French Saboteur.

"The great fault I have to find with the I. W. W. is the absolute lack of organization or sense of organization. They seem drawn together like sand by a storm and to be blown apart the same way, like the French syndicalists, which are the prototype, the I. W. W. have an absolute contempt for political action, as the anarchist group."

"They trash abolition, injure the employer's machinery, destroy the product, endanger the lives of comrades—in short, substitute savage and barbaric warfare for the civilized warfare of the twentieth century."

"In all this the I. W. W. are entirely anti-social, and that is the reason why the Socialists of the world, not only in America, want to have nothing to do with the I. W. W. France, or the so-called anarcho-Socialists of the Latin countries."

"The only safe road to social progress is by the working class and for the people at large is the one mapped out by the history of the past and the common sense of today. It is to make use of our political democracy in order to shape conditions in such a manner as to make possible an industrial democracy some day."

"The working man must make use both of his political rights and of his industrial organization for that purpose. Work is hell. Therefore, let's not have any more war than is absolutely unavoidable."

SECRETARY BRYAN AND WAR.

We chanced upon an address made by Secretary of State, W. B. Bryan, at the Chicago Conference. Here are two or three sentences from it:

"My friends the building of these great battlefields, these preparations by Christian nations to fight one another, is a challenge to the Christian civilization of the world; it is infidelity to the doctrine taught by the Founder of the Christian religion. Christ taught us the doctrine: he taught us the power of love, not the power of the sword; and that we have tried to put into practice this doctrine are the ones who have suffered least from the use of force. I believe that this nation could stand before the world today and tell the world that it did not believe in war, that it did not believe that it was the right way to settle disputes, that it had no dispute that it was not willing to submit to the attack, that it would become the supreme power in the world."

To many these doubts seem like the words of a dreamer, they are words of profound truth.

F. R. ROWLEY.

RESOLUTION BY DUKE CITIZENS.

Whereas: There exists throughout Western Oklahoma distress and destitution brought on by long drought and crop failure;

Whereas: This condition must increase as the present crop is a complete failure, involving many in distress and bringing want and suffering to thousands of families;

Therefore be it resolved by the citizens of Duke and vicinity in mass meeting assembled at Duke on the 14th day of August 1931, that it is the sense of this meeting that each member write at once, personal letters to the congressmen from this district, the Hon. Scott Ferris, and to our United States Senator, to the President of the United States, and to the Governor of this State and to other officials of power and influence, setting forth fully the conditions as they exist and prevail in Oklahoma county and Great county and urging that measures be taken immediately to relieve this distress and enable the people to live until supplies crop out.

Resolved further: That we bring all possible pressure to bear upon the federal government to take that immediate action be taken to the end that bonds may be issued for the improvement of the public roads of these counties and that the farmers and other workers of the counties be employed to perform labor at a reasonable compensation.

Adopted at Duke, Oklahoma, this 14th day of August 1931.

W. B. BURK, Chairman.

J. R. JACKSON, Secretary.

DEMOCRAT AND SOCIALIST DAYS.

The Socialist will celebrate at the Hamilton-Bodd estate on September 19th and the Democrats the next day.

From reports as given in the Daily Oklahoman dated August 22, the Democrats are going to talk on the Socialists day starting their celebration on the 19th.

Now we propose to give them a clean bill of sale by giving them an opportunity to show how much the Democratic Party in this State will debate it for the two days. We will maintain our position on the first night and they affirm on the second night. There will be some talk twisting and squirming like never for they can't master the place now to defend their position in debate.

MURDER BY DOCTORS.

When the Waddell Thoms shot into an unarmed miners house and killed three men and a child, one of the wounded men was subsequently murdered by an M. D. according to his own words.

The accused doctor said: "The wounded men were taken to a company hospital, there being no other in the vicinity, and it is stated that when a brother of one of the wounded men called to see him a company physician said to him:

"If I operate on your brother, and he gets well, he will just go out and start a practice. You go out and tell your Croatan people to go back to work, and I will treat your brother." The man refused and his brother is dead.

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OLD STOPER, Gayden, Oklahoma.

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

MUTE INDIAN CARVES ANIMALS FROM TREES.

Makes Wooden Bears That Almost Growl.

John Clark, half Scotch and half Blackfoot Indian, is distinctly one of the seven wonders of the Glacier National Park reservation, Mont.

Give him an ax and a pocket knife and in a week's time he will have hewn a cedar trunk out of the forest and carved the image of a bear so lifelike in appearance that even the growl is suggested by the furcuncles of its fur.

The "Mating Pile" must have produced this rare child of nature. From the wife of the house Clark evidently inherited his creative talent, and, of course, Indian instinct gave him a clear conception of what he wanted to do.

He has a number of these carved figures in his hands and figures and movements of his hand. This sign language is used by all American Indians.

But Clark has not had opportunity to talk in dozens of many tribes because he has never off the Glacier Park reservation much except to attend the Fort Shaw Indian school, where he learned to read and write.

Besides carving Clark is a born artist in clay work and a sketch artist of landscape scenery. He can take a handful of dirt and sand perfect images of bear, deer, mountain sheep, goat, and other wild animals of the Rockies.

His business here is to make and sell Indian work to tourists. He is admiring Glacier Park some of his paintings and brushes, with which he already has done some creditable landscape work on canvas.

HORNETS MAKE UNEASY FEELS.

I have heretofore in Our Young Folks written of pet animals and fowls and other inhabitants of land, sea, but I have never told my youthful readers about hornets.

The general opinion is that a hornet is about the most ill-tempered and dangerous insect that exists. Certain it is that the mother of an M. D. according to his own words.

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WOMEN FLEDGED TO SAVE HINDS.

A feature at a recent meeting of the Council of Women's Clubs in Kansas City, Kansas was the reading of an article on the cruelty of wild animals in millions, written by Margaret Fiske. A very earnest discussion followed, and it was decided to take some action to bring about legislation against the sale of big game.

Since the legislature in Kansas does not meet until 1934, in order to gain friends for the movement, it was decided to circulate a pledge to be signed by the women throughout the state. This pledge is to include a promise not to wear or buy any fur made from the skins of wild or cruel animals. A committee was appointed to prepare the form, and Mrs. Fiske was elected secretary.

"From our Dumb Animals."

It is necessary for every Socialist woman to join the party as it is for every man. No race can survive half slave and half free. The women state the organization and let them win their way to freedom.

AMERICAN SOCIALISM IS ADDED TO PARLIAMENT.

Amsterdam, Holland.—The Socialists have just elected a member to parliament, in a by-election in this city. The Socialist, Adrian Debarth, received 1,474 votes, or 1,072 cast for his electoral opponent.

Meanwhile the cabinet crisis continues. The Liberals held a special congress and deplored the refusal of the Socialists to enter into a fusion cabinet and declared that without Socialism a cabinet is impossible to form a cabinet.

Accordingly Dr. Ben, who has been asked, as a last resort, to form a cabinet, has refused to do so.

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