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GENIUS IN YONKERS.

"This picture is not complete, my boy."

"Oh yes, it is pop."

"Why, you have drawn the horse, but where is the wagon?"

"Oh, I'm going to let the horse draw the wagon."—Yonkers Statesman.

"AN AMBULANCE DOWN IN THE VALLEY."

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;
But over its terrible edge there had slipped
A duke and full many a peasant.
So the people said something would have to be done,
But their projects did not at all tally.
Some, "Put a fence around the edge of the cliff."
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day
And it spread through the neighboring city;
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,
But each heart became brimful of pity
For those who slipped over that dangerous cliff.
And the dwellers in highway and alley
Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence,
But an ambulance down in the valley."

Then an old sage remarked: "It's a marvel to me
That people give far more attention
To repairing results than to stopping the cause,
When they'd better aim at prevention.
Let us stop at its source all this mischief," cried he,
"Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally;
If the cliff we will fence, we might almost dispense
With the ambulance down in the valley."

"Oh, he's a fanatic," the other rejoined;
"Dispense with the ambulance? Never!
He'd dispense with all charities, too; if he could.
No, no, we'll support them forever!
Aren't we picking up folks just as fast as they fall?
And shall this man dictate to us? Shall he?
Why should people of sense stop to put up a fence,
While the ambulance works in the valley?" —Joseph Malins.

A man tried to kill himself by drinking extract of cinnamon, and then his wife accused him of merely trying to kill his breath.

GREED CAUSE OF NATIONAL EVILS

Philadelphia.—The greed of capital was held responsible for child labor, white slavery, the white plague and other national evils by Charles Edward Russell, Socialist candidate for mayor of New York in the last two campaigns, in his address before 1,600 persons at the South Broad Street theater.

Russell, who spoke under the auspices of the Socialist Literary society, told the members that the cost of living has increased in America in far greater proportions than in other countries, 100 per cent in 20 years. According to Bradstreets and the reports of the department of agriculture, wages have increased but one-fifth as much as the cost of living, he declared.

"Without recourse to violence, America must inevitably undergo a reorganization of government," said Russell.

"Complete industrial democracy, effected through a system of commercial co-operation rather than competition," he said, "may come into existence in the United States within three years." The time is only dependent upon the success with which the capitalists can prolong the artificial means of production and distribution."

Russell cited the following as facts in discussing social conditions:

There are more inmates in the insane asylums than students in the colleges.

Ninety-six per cent of the residents of this country enjoy the average income of $601 a year, which has been scientifically proved to be insufficient.

More money was spent last year in New York than ever for the prevention of tuberculosis, but 28,000 new cases were discovered.

More children are employed in the factories now than in the previous 10 years.

It costs more to care for lunatics in one year than to build the Panama canal.

"Ladylike reforms," said the speaker, "will not crush these evils. The passage of resolution and even the establishment of colleges will not put society on a more healthful basis. All great evils are due to poverty; therefore capitalism must be removed."

Establishment of the parcel post was a step toward Socialism, according to Russell. President Wilson, he predicted, will insist upon the government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, and that will be still another step toward the organization of the co-operative commonwealth.

When a man wanted to know if a Catholic could be a Socialist, Russell replied that thousands of sincere Catholics were sincere Socialists. Socialism, he said, is not opposed to religion. The teachings of Jesus, he said, are the doctrine of Socialism, and the day when the church shall enter the movement is not distant, he predicted.

TAKING THE PROFIT OUT OF WAR

Congressman William Kent of California has introduced a resolution giving to the government a monopoly of the manufacture of explosives. As to this particular commodity, Congressman Kent doesn't care much whether the government can do it more or less efficiently, more or less expensively. He puts it entirely on this argument:

It is a matter of common knowledge. * * * that those interested in the manufacture of war materials have been potent factors in the promotion of war scares and of war. In the villainous business of war the question of dividends to individuals or corporations should never be permitted to enter.

Think very hard about this. Is there any answer to it? Incidentally, the truth is that the government can manufacture its powder much cheaper than the price at which the Powder trust sells it to the government. Also, it is a fact that there exists an international trust in the manufacture of explosives whereby foreign manufacturers have bound themselves to refrain from selling powder in the United States, even to the United States government.—Colliers.

SYMPATHY.

Anybody can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature—it requires, in fact, the nature of a true individualist—to sympathize with a friend's success.—Oscar Wilde.

UNCLE SAM TO LICK STAMPS

Order by Postmaster General Is Expected to Lighten Holiday Rush.

Washington.—Christmas gift givers this year will not be forced to lick their own stamps when they affix the proper postage to their parcels for mailing unless they wished to. The postoffice department announced that its postmasters and their assistants would attend to that duty.

Orders were issued today to postmasters to affix postage when required on mail of the second, third and fourth class, the latter being parcel post matter. The stamps will be re-canceled and the plan is expected to prevent the great waste of time experienced by postoffice patrons while waiting in line to buy postage and mail their packages.

"Under such authorization," declared Postmaster General Burleson, "when a parcel is presented for mailing, the clerk receiving it, after collecting the required postage, may indorse on the parcel the amount of the postage which will be affixed later by an employe of the postoffice. The postmaster general believes his plan will result in a great saving of time to the department as well as to the customer.

To reduce the high cost of living the department of agriculture recommends popcorn for breakfast. The expense could still be lowered by eating shavings.—Sterling Bulletin.

You will often hear priests and clergymen speaking on Socialism. Sometimes they do not understand it and sometimes they misrepresent it. We are organized to abolish poverty from the face of the earth. What have they to say about that? Are they with us? We need soldiers in the great army of the revolution. Will the churches join us in the great crusade?

French physicians propose to cure insomnia by an anti-toxin. Fine! Now what we want is something to wake up those who appear to be asleep all the time.

HAYWOOD WINS APPEAL.

Trenton, N. J.—The state supreme court here set aside the conviction of William Haywood, who with two others connected with the Industrial Workers of the World, was convicted on a charge of being disorderly persons in connection with the recent strike of the Paterson silk workers.

Topeka, Kan.—On January 17th the directors of the Kansas State Teachers' association will meet in Topeka to elect the salaried secretary whose office has been created by the adoption of the new constitution. This marks a radical departure in the conduct of the teachers' association and is taken to mean that in future the teachers intend to make themselves a power in Kansas legislation. They have endorsed the county unit system of educational administration to supplant the present school district plan and will demand state legislation with that purpose. The teachers will work for a state school tax levied in all the rural communities to be handled by the state and apportioned back to the counties with a view to obtaining uniformity in rural schools. The paid secretary is to be selected with a view to his experience in legislative work.

Topeka, Nov. 17.—When the county assessors start on their annual rounds next spring they will be required to enumerate the dogs under the new state law, just as they do any other livestock. Dogs which the owners refuse to list as personal property will be ordered killed. The state law will interfere with the levying of special dog taxes in cities as has long been customary.

TRIED SUICIDE IN VATICAN.

Rome.—The pope was greatly distressed when he was informed that the aged gardener at the Vatican, Antolini, had attempted to commit suicide. Antolini threw himself from a wall thirty feet high. He was taken to a hospital in a dying condition. It was learned that the man was in financial difficulties, as his wage as gardener was small.

IN GERMANY.

The tuberculosis statistics of Germany show a great reduction in the mortality which has been particularly marked in hospitals and homes for consumptives, having dropped within 15 years from 31 to 13 per 1,000.

SOCIALISTS ARE ONLY ONES TO TACKLE COST OF LIVING

The spectre that haunts every working class home is the high cost of living. Around the family board its ghastly presence is felt. It accompanies the housewife on every trip to market and on every shopping day; it lurks in the dinner pail of the father on his way to the factory; it haunts the children at their play. One of the first things that the Socialist administrations everywhere in this country have tackled has been the problem of reducing the cost of living. Our officials have gone after this matter conscientiously and determinedly, but in every city they have met defeat. The reason is easy to understand. The high cost of living is due to the profit which the capitalist class takes from the farm and shop in the process of manufacturing, storing, shopping and distributing the necessities of life, and a large part of the laws of the country have been enacted for the safeguarding of these profits. When a Socialist administration undertakes to establish a municipal fuel yard in order to sell fuel at cost the business interests have but to invoke the law, and the law says: "Hands off." Schenectady, N. Y., has had repeated experiences along this line. A municipal fuel yard was closed by the courts.

The attempt to make ice and sell to the people at cost met with the same fate as did the municipal grocery.

Every attempt to reduce the cost of living has been met with the stern mandate of the capitalist courts: "You must not interfere with private business."

Such attempts at municipalization, however, are not without their value even though they fail. They show in whose interests laws have been made, and the people who are struggling for a living are made angry and hostile to the capitalist class. Bad conditions will prevail in the world so long as the people consent and so longer.—California Social Democrat.

GIVE CHILDREN CHILDHOOD.

"We are today face to face with the dreadful fact that we are shortening the childhood of our future American, says President Gunsaulis in the Beatrice Express. We are taking from him his hours of deposit in the bank of destiny. We are requiring him to so haste his days of production and his hours of maturity that the sacredness of childhood has almost vanished.

I hope that every human being who reads this will pledge the heart and conscience of at least one American citizen to further the emancipation of the boys and girls of America.

WHY IS THE SOCIALIST PARTY?

Because there is in fact today a monied autocracy that is lawless and anarchistic.

Because this autocracy laughs at the laws, buys legislatures, and has its secretly paid agents in both branches of congress.

Because this autocracy has its representatives nominated by both old parties alike, and whichever party wins the autocracy wins. It's heads they win and the people loose, if any one of the old parties win.

Because the beef trust controls the nation's food supplies whether there is tariff or no tariff.

Because the sugar trust controls the price of sugar, coffee and spices whether there is tariff or not.

Because the Standard Oil Co., has a vast line of industries under its control either by absolute ownership or through its control of banking facilities and

Because the Standard Oil Co., its banks and many industries, all produce a constantly increasing surplus and with this they are reaching out after more industries.

Because our municipal governments are breaking down and are controlled by public utility corporations.

Because, under the present carnival of corruption, the whole system of laws and constitutional guarantees are breaking down, and the corporations of corporations are above the law, and the men they put in under the old party machines rule as the corporations dictate and the legislative, executive and judicial branches are in a conspiracy to ignore the laws.

Because we need and want more democracy, and only the principles of the Socialist party can give it to us.—Geo. D. Coleman.

RAILROADERS IN EAST ARE GIVEN 7 PER CENT INCREASE

New York.—The arbitrators between the railroads of the east and their conductors and firemen have decided that the employes are to have an increase of 7 per cent. This is about one-half what the men asked for, but it is to run from Oct. 1, 1913, and is expected to bring an increase of about $9,000,000 annually.

The wages fixed are as follows:

The monthly pay of employes in the passenger branch of the service shall be:

Conductors, $135; baggagemen, $82.50; flagmen and rear brakemen, $78; brakemen, $76.50. Overtime per hour: Conductors, 45 cents; assistant conductors and ticket collectors, 35.7 cents; baggagemen, 27.5 cents; flagmen and rear brakemen, 26 cents; brakemen, 25.5.

For the freight service the chief awards are:

Through runs— Conductors, 4 cents a mile; flagmen, 2.67 cents a mile; brakemen, 2.67 cents a mile. Any run less than 100 miles to be paid for as if it were 100 miles. In way freight, pick up or dropping mine and roustabout service, same minimum, conductors are awarded $4.50 a day of 100 miles or less, ten hours or less; flagmen $3.10 and brakemen $3, overtime to be paid for as time and one-half.

SOCIALISM IS STILL GROWING

On November 4th elections were held in a great many states and cities throughout the nation. Every indication points to a wonderful increase in the Socalist vote. The Socialist made a hard campaign in the cities of Buffalo, New York City, and Schenectady, New York. In both of the former cities expect to make a large increase in their vote, while we see from the capitalist press reports that Mayor Lunn of Schenectady was defeated by the Fusion candidate by 2000 majority but when we take into consideration that Mayor Lunn was elected by a small majority two years ago in a four cornered fight between the democrats, republicans, bull moosers and socialists it is evident that the Socialist must have wonderful gains when all of these parties combined have only able to defeat them by this small majority. It is a victory for the Socialist when they are able to drive all the old party fakers together as the class struggle in our next issue. Watch the growth of the class conscious political party of the workers.

A judge in New Mexico sentenced a criminal to the penitentiary for 150 years. Just what the convict will do at the expiration of his sentence has not been announced.—American Greeting.

OREGON TO WRITE INSURANCE.

Madison, Wis.—"I think Oregon will be the second state to have state life insurance. I shall certainly recommend the passage of such a law," said J. F. Ferguson, Oregon insurance commissioner, who has been investigating the scheme here.

MAKING SOCIALISTS

While Comrade Hatfield and the Comrades that compose the Board of Affairs of the city of Charleston don't exactly belong to the Socialist party, they are making Socialists. Keep up the good work Comrades, we have room in the Socialist party for all the honest men you drive out of yours.

SOCIALISTS MAKE NOTABLE GAIN IN ITALY ELECTION

Parliamentarian Representation Increased to Almost Equal Proportion—Members Divided Among Factions.

Rome.—(By Mail)—As the returns of the recent elections are computed, the remarkable growth of the Socialist vote becomes the dominant feature. The total for the Socialist candidates is now known to exceed 1,000,000, votes as compared to 330,000 in the 1909 election. The total vote cast for all parties is about 5,000,000.

India this season produced 58,242,000,000 pounds of rice.

LABOR EXHIBIT TO BE INSTALLED AT BIG WORLD'S FAIR

Achievements of Organized Labor Movement to Be Shown at San Francisco Exposition in 1915.

Seattle, Wash.—Plans for the largest labor exhibit ever gotten together in this country, showing in detail the achievements of the organized American labor movement, will be adopted by the present convention of the American Federation of Labor.

This exhibit will be installed at the world's fair in San Francisco, in 1915, where the A. F. of L., which will use part of the exhibit in showing the advantages of union made over non-union made products.

The exhibit will show, for instance, how the miners' union has benefitted the toilers underground; how the cigarmakers' union has warred against tuberculosis in the tobacco industry and how the bakers' union has fought for the abolition of the disease breeding cellar bakery.

May Change Meeting Time.

One inspiration for the making of as complete an exhibit as possible will be the fact that the World's Trade Union congress, with which the A. F. of L. is affiliated, will meet in San Francisco in 1915, bringing labor delegates to that city from every country on the globe.

WILL THE REDUCTION OF THE TARIFF ON SUGAR REDUCE ITS PRICE?—BUT HOW ABOUT COAL?

Reports that have been made, tell us that it costs $1.40 per 100 pounds to produce sugar (brown), in the Philippines, $1.60 in the Sandwich Islands, and $1.75 in Cuba and Porto Rico. Now allowing $8.00 per ton of 2,000 pounds for freight from Cuba, $11.00 per ton from the Sandwich Islands, and $15.00 per ton from the Philippines, and selling it in the United States at 3 cents per pound, would leave $17.00 per ton profit, and local freight.

The fact is you pay 5 cents per pound for brown, and 6 cents per pound for white, or $100.00 per ton for brown and $120.00 for white sugar.

Now while theoretically, and if it was not a monopoly of the sugar trust, the reduction of the tariff should reduce the price to the consumer. What are the facts?

First. The sugar trust gets its sugars cheaper by several millions of dollars, and charges the same prices, or pockets the millions that before went into the U. S. treasury, and you, John Henry Dubb, are the goat that coughs up the cash.

Second If you wanted to get the sugar cheaper to the people, for the love of Mike, tell me how are you going to do it?

Third. The grocery trust, and the spice and coffee trust, are all one, so who would handle and distribute it? All the avenues of trade are under the control of a merged syndicate. So there you are. "What are you going to do about it?"

In England you can buy a good quality of Guiana sugar (it. brown) for one pence one farthing, or one and one-half pence or two and one-half to three cents in our money. To be exact, I have bought it for that in England, though it's possible that since, a combination or syndicate may have cornered it, but I don't believe it has. Don't these facts suggest that government ownership would be an improvement?

Now sugar comes generally or mostly from abroad, but coal don't. Has any democratic political fake told you, just before election, the reduction of the tariff would cheapen coal? Not on your tintype. Mum's the word. Yet, I, the writer, have bought anthracite coal in Philadelphia, Pa., delivered by the single ton at $3.50. That was when it cost more to mine it than now, and the Reading railroad brought it in cars of five and eight tons with engines of one-third the power as now, and now the cars carry 50 and 80 tons, and the price to the consumer is DOUBLE what it was. The coal sold in Oklahoma say $8.00 per ton is the price of Oklahoma coal there, while the same coal is sold at $4.00 in Kansas City. Ask some democratic or republican political honey-fugler to explain the relation of the tariff to the price of coal, and see how tangled he'll get. And yet the darn fool Hayseed has swapped off the pelt to beat the naughty democrats; or if democrats, to beat the wicked republicans on the great issue of the tariff. Wouldn't that make a decent mule laugh?

For the love of Mike, when WILL the darn fool American asses ever wake up to the game of heels they win and tails the asses lose? Robin GoodFellow, or Puck, in Midsummer Night's Dream was right: "What cozens these mortals be." The masters believe with the Latin poet, "Stultum est."—Geo. D. Coleman.

STATE CONVICTS EARN $362,228

Jefferson City, Mo.—The recent intimation of the board of prison inspectors to the seven contractors leasing the labor of convicts at the Missouri state penitentiary, that after December 31, next,, the price for a man would be eighty-five cents a day instead of seventy cents, the charge in vogue now, has created a demand for statistics covering the annual output of the prison shops.

Two prison shoe factories, one clothing, one broom factory, one saddle three, one leather finding establishment and one saddlery, according to advance information from the 1913 Red Book made public by Commissioner John T. Fitzpatrick, turned out products in 1912 worth $4,294,494.

The force of convicts, which the bulletin states made most of these commodities consisted of 1,696 men and forty-four women, all inmates of the state penitentiary at Jefferson City. The state received for the men convicts, with the exception of forty-six "cripples," seventy cents a day and for the "cripples" and for women fifty cents a day.

There was paid into the state treasury in 1912 by the seven prison shops a total of $362,228. Meanwhile free labor in St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Springfield, Joplin, Carthage and other Missouri towns containing factories, forced to compete with prison shops, are demanding that the leasing system, be entirely abolished; that convicts be given employment of a kind that will not compete with theirs, and at the same time benefit the unfortunates, mentally, physically and morally.

VICE PROBE DETECTIVES INVOLVE MANY PERSONS IN LA CROSSE HIGH LIFE

La Crosse, Wis.—It has become known that women detectives in the employ of the senate vice investigating committee have been mixing for weeks with the "night life" of La Crosse and that their reports, mailed to Senator Trasdale at Sparta involve many persons of prominence and contain evidence on which a sensational "cleanup" will be undertaken.

Senator Trasdale will hold a public hearing here soon.

When that great peace making nation-saving equalizer of opportunities, the co-operative commonwealth, is established upon the ruins of our labor-robbing, war-loving, soul-debauching system of capitalism, American people will enter into new life, and for the first time the masses will realize and enjoy liberty, freedom and independence and a right to shout the glad tidings of redemption from the blighting curse of capitalism.

OHIO VILLAGE ELECTS SOCIALIST AS SHERIFF

Wadsworth, O.—Thomas Lupcas was elected marshal of Wadsworth on the Socialist ticket, but the combined forces of the capitalist parties succeeded in defeating the remainder of the ticket.

AN ADDRESS BY TOM MANN.

Tom Mann, an English labor leader who has conducted strikes in England and Australia, spoke at the Kansas City theater, Twelfth and Oak streets, on "The Power of United Labor." From there Mr. Mann goes direct to Dublin to take charge of a strike.

The total acreage of Hungary is about eighty millions, of which 18 millions are in forests. Of this, 50 per cent is owned by individuals or corporations, 20 per cent by municipalities, 15 per cent by the government and 145 per cent by the church.

DEADLY ANIMALS.

During 1910 in the jungles of Africa, 55 persons were killed by elephants, 25 by hyenas, 109 by bears, 351 by leopards, 319 by wolves, 853 by tigers and 688 by other animals including wild pigs. No fewer than 22,478 died from the bites of poisonous snakes. The grand total of mortality is 24,878.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

THINGS THE WOMEN MIGHT SAY.

"I am opposed to woman suffrage," said one of our congressmen recently. Let us suppose, then, that men were unenfranchised; suppose they could secure a voice in the making of our laws only by convincing an electorate of women of their fitness for the franchise. Could not woman justly herself by saying:

"No, you men believe that might is right, and is the basis of government. You have dotted this beautiful world with prisons and child reformatories, which many of our greatest thinkers believe develop evil in the child mind instead of good and is a preparatory to prison. You settle disputes by war and bloodshed instead of by reason and justice, and half our national income is spent on war or preparation for it. You have always said white slavery is a necessary evil, and we justly believe you would do nothing to relieve this condition. You have devoted your lives to the accumulation of wealth, so you know more about the protection of property than about the protection of human life. You might sacrifice your children to preventable poverty, to exploitation in mine and factory. You might run for office, and, having obtained it, might neglect your home or business. You are our inferiors, you have never produced a George Eliot, a Harriet Beecher Stowe, or a Susan B. Anthony, and because of your failure to produce the above mentioned ladies in the proper male form you men are not fit to vote. If you wish this view confirmed, just ask any male fruitvendor who has been enfranchised solely for the reason that he sold himself into a House or an Eliot upon a moment's notice, but he doesn't want to; he prefers to sell bananas. You might neglect to vote because you wanted to play poker or go to a ball game, and, anyway, you haven't proved to our full satisfaction that you all want the ballot."

Yes, the women might say all those things and more, but we would not because, having thought about it at all, we know that good government, like good homes, need both men and women.—Marguerite Dorsam, in Coming Nation. (formerly The Progressive Woman).

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If the voting age were twenty-one instead of twenty-five in Germany Socialism would be in control there now, and with the women voting in America, it will come here much sooner than otherwise.

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UNCLE SAM'S WOMAN BAKER.

There Is no Guess Work When Miss Wessling Mixes Dough.

Miss Hannah Wessling is the highest governmental authority on bread making. She has the theory, art, science and practice of making good bread of all kinds down to a finished precision.

In the big laboratory at the department of agriculture in Washington, he analyzes all the samples of flour sent in, and then makes up tiny loaves from each as a further test of the glutens, proteids, etc., they contain. Baking powders, yeast, shortenings, sugars and starches and all of the meals and grains are likewise tested.

Miss Wessling is surrounded with rows upon rows of flour samples, many of which are ground in the time mill in the basement below, glass bakers, electric sponge boxes, ovens heated by gas and electricity and every sort of modern mixing and baking utensil. Here she works with mathematical precision that knows no guessing, for accuracy in proportion and temperature are the watchwords.

For the housekeeper who has not the facilities of an electric sponge box a simple packing box, which any one can make, has been designed for this purpose. This box is provided with the necessary air holes at the top, a shelf to hold the bread and a small lamp under it to furnish the heat. A trip of tin, the width and depth of the box, is placed above the lamp to prevent burning and smoking the shelf. A thermometer is attached to one side near the top, so that the housekeeper may regulate the temperature. Though the cost of this is practically nothing, the results are the same as would be obtained from an electric sponge box, and by using it many a batch of bread will be saved from spoiling.

For the benefit of housekeepers generally, Miss Wessling has worked out a formula for the "straight dough" method of baking, which, like the plan of the sponge box, is soon to appear in a government bulletin.

Some of the flours with which Miss Wessling is experimenting with a view to reducing the cost of bread-making generally are producing the growth of certain grains in different parts of the country, are Kaffir corn, milo, kafing flours, banana flour, for use in the tropics where wheat is scarce; cheaper flour, and also flour from soy beans and dasheen. All of these, however, have to be combined with wheat flour in varying proportions, as by themselves they do not contain sufficient gluten to hold the particles together.—K. C. Star.

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TO FIGHT MODERN FASHIONS.

Hutchinson, Kan.—"We are going to engage in a strenuous campaign against the present debauch of fashions," declared Mrs. Ida Hestis, district president of the W. C. T. U. "The rampantly immoral clothing and skirts worn by the women this season are a disgrace to our sex. We cannot go out on the street without blushing with shame that our women should so far debase themselves as to appear in garments of this kind. The women of this country are lowering the standard of womanhood and taking the dress styles adopted by the women of the underworld.

"While the prime reason for the organization of our society was to combat the drink evil, we can also turn our attention to any other demoralizing conditions."

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The Topeka comrades have again taken up their co-operative paper (of Iola, Kan.—Ed.) the Shawnee County Socialist. Comrade Mrs. O. H. Olmstead is editor; Comrade May Taylor, Mrs. Rudolph, Mrs. Burkhardt and Miss Griffin are all workers for it. The Young People's Leaflet that was lately organized distributed 5,100 copies recently. Fifty comrades came in response to the call for volunteer distributors. — Kansas State Notes in Appeal.

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The United States exported 82,000,000 gallons of gasoline in the fiscal year ending with June.

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The Louisiana law (made by friends of union labor) says that you must pay your poll tax before January 1st, or you can't vote for two years after that.

NATIONAL NOTES

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY.

(By Winnie E. Branstetter.)

On December 28, the Sunday following Christmas, thousands of working men and women will celebrate the first anniversary of Children's Day.

It is fitting that an organization whose purpose is the rebuilding of society, in order that future generations may receive more of the joys of life than has the past, should set aside one day each year to speak to the children, of the children, for the children and with the children.

It is also fitting that this day should be during the Christmas holidays. The observation of the old-fashioned Christmas is gradually dying out to the sorrow of many of us The lowly Nazarene with his message of "Peace on earth; good will to men," has been forgotten. The holy day on which we celebrate His birth is being turned into a mockery, through the flaunting of wealth by the very rich; the exchange of meaningless gifts by the middle class or by the doling out of charity to the very poor, either through private or organized charity associations, or gifts from employers.

The working class of our large cities, who are annually the subjects of charity celebrations in one form or another, have to look upon Thanksgiving Day and Christmas as days of sacrifice, days on which every shred of their pride and manhood are stripped from them by the vicious social system which breeds charity faddists.

There are those of us, however, who would keep the yuletide sacred, who would not compromise with the message of Christ burned deep into their souls resent the usurpation of our holy season. We resent the hollowness of the Christmas season.

Because of these facts, the Socialist party, representing that great mass of humanity who no longer participate in Christmas celebrations, have inaugurated National Children's Day. Like our annual Woman's Day we hope that this day may become an international day of celebration for the working class.

On this day all Socialist locals, Young People's Socialist Leagues, collegiate Socialist societies and Socialist study classes will throw open their doors to the mothers and children.

Every man and woman in the Socialist party able to stand before an audience and deliver his message of "Peace on earth" will address these gatherings.

The children of the working class, fired with the enthusiasm of the Socialist movement, will do their share by way of songs, recitations, dialogues and readings. The smallest children will give dolls, group dances and show the grown ups how to play.

Mothers will do as they have always done. They will bake, roast, boil and stew, vying with each other in the production of good things for every one to eat.

And last, but not the least, Socialist and labor papers will issue a special children's edition. These papers will be given away; millions of leaflets, dealing with the conditions of child slavery of the present age and the hope which Socialism hold for the future, will be distributed free.

No matter how large and important your local or how small, you should begin immediately to make preparations to join with your comrades in this annual Children's Day.

Program for entertainment will be furnished you free and suitable leaflets for free distribution may be secured from the national office, 111 N. Market street., Chicago, Ill.

WHO GETS THE BENEFIT?

Edison says that the problem of better conditions for the poor lies in cheaper construction. * * * The past hundred years has been the greatest era of cheapening these things we have ever seen. And this cheapening has done not the slightest good in lightening the labors of the masses. * * * The stress is greater than ever. If Edison's dreams all come true, if the poorest are housed in Edison's concrete houses, poured into molds at a tenth of the present price of houses, it would do no good. Rents would be as high as ever. Only landowners would benefit. * * * The fruits of Edison's century will go where the fruits of the century of Watt, Stephenson, Arkwright and others went—into the open gullet of monopoly. The people who own the earth will own his inventions and also the people who use them. Extirpate monopoly—and then the fruits of all these discoveries will flow to the masses. And they will flower out in recreation for the people. Will Edison not lend a hand in the extirpation of monopoly? He has the ear of the world. Will he not speak?—Cleveland Press.

YOUNG SOCIALIST COLUMN

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

(By J. A. Rogers, Jr.)

What future have you young men and women of the working class who are just entering upon the real work of life? What preparation have you had for the big work which lays before you?

Though father, and perhaps mother also, labored all his life piling up wealth so that the children of others might live in mansions, you boys and girls of the working class were forced to live in the poorest of homes. Some times the places in which you lived could hardly be called homes.

While father was grinding out dollars for some idle capitalist to clothe his children in furs and silks, his own little ones had barely enough to cover their bodies.

When father toiled from early morn till late at night providing the children of the wealthy with the best of foods the stomachs of his own children were empty.

Because the children of the few were thus being supported by father, you had to suffer. Because you lacked the proper home surroundings you had no place and no incentive to study. What you learned you had to grasp while in school. Because you were not properly clothed you had to stay away from school much of the time. Because your stomachs were empty your brain did not have the strength necessary to stand the strain of study. You were taken from school at the earliest possible moment and sent into the mines, the mills, and the factories to help in securing enough to keep the family barely alive.

But the children of those whom your father had given the best part of his life had private tutors, governesses and tutors. They were sent to private boarding schools and taught by the best of teachers. After they had finished their preparatory training they entered the colleges and universities. They never worried about where the next meal would come from and never felt the snow coming through the bottom of their shoes. They were given every opportunity to develop all their faculties. They had the best kind of training.

Do you think you were given a fair start in entering life's race with such a competitor? Do you think it right to enter a hundred yard dash and give your opponent fifty yards lead? Why shouldn't you have all the training necessary to fit you for life's work, just as the children of the capitalist now has? Why should you labor so that another may have all the ease and luxuries of life, while you are forced to do without necessities, just as your father has done? Don't you think it time that a system of society ought to be abolished which makes such a condition possible?

Rebel against such conditions. Rebel in the way in which it will do the most **good**. Join the Socialist movement and fight with your working class brothers for the right to forever end such conditions. Get into the struggle for a new society where every youth will have the same opportunities, where poverty, vice and ignorance will be things of the past and life will blossom forth in all its beauty.

In the Young People's Socialist League you will be given an opportunity to secure the education which has been denied you. In these leagues you will associate with those who are inspired by the loftiest ideals. In those leagues you will be able to enjoy yourself in a social way with other young folk of the working class. The future lays with you. You can make of it what you will. Get into the Socialist movement.

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ORGANIZE THE YOUNG.

There should be a Young People's Socialist League in every city in the nation. Young People are a valuable addition to the movement as they possess the energy and enthusiasm so necessary to push our work in the proper manner. Any local will be fully repaid for any effort expended in this direction.

A young people's department has been established in the national office of the Socialist party. Drop a letter today to J. A. Rogers, 111 N. Market street, Chicago, and instructions on how to organize the young people will be sent you.

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HE MISSED IT.

Towner—I hear they've taken the night owl car off your route. Do you miss it much?

Bubbles—Not as often as I missed it when it was on.

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It only takes five people over 18 years of age who are willing to pay 25 cents a month dues to form a local.

MRS. PANKHURST DEFENDS ACTS OF BRITON MILITANTS.

Says White Slavery and Industrial Injustice Are the Foundation of English Suffragette Movement.

Chicago.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst spoke to a house practically filled at the Auditorium theater, when she gave her lecture on "White Slavery and Militancy."

When she had finished speaking, the audience did not get up and leave. Instead, they commenced to pass a paper bearing questions. Many questions showed a distinct flavor of antimilitancy. Mrs. Pankhurst answered every question in a manner that brought applause even if it may not have convinced the questioner.

Occasionally she upbraided a questioner. One person asked if it was not true that the use of violence always is degrading and detrimental to the cause for which it is used.

"What a question to ask in America," replied Mrs. Pankhurst with feeling. "You with your Declaration of the American Revolution who pride themselves on their ancestors; GENERAL SIX

you with your revolutionary heroes. The agitation in England has not had a degrading influence on the women involved. It has made them more self-respecting, more thoughtful more respecting others, more intelligent, more interested in the welfare of humanity."

Mrs. Pankhurst said the English militants held victory in the hollow of their hands. All needed for the enfranchisement of women she asserted, is the courage to go on doing exactly as they have done.

Militancy was caused, she said, by white slavery, by improper legislation for the protection of women and children, by discrimination against women in creating laws, and in enforcing them; and by the press of England, controlled by the strike breaker papers controlled by Lord Lordeliffe, which refused to print anything about the suffragette, but their militant acts.

In speaking of the white slave question Mrs. Pankhurst said Chicago had done much in "breaking down the conspiracy of silence" against venereal diseases and other factors in the social evil. She commended particularly the report of the vice commission and said it had been read over the entire world and was responsible for the passing of numerous similar commissions.

"In England," said Mrs. Pankhurst, "a girl is marriageable at the age of 12 years. You can think what that means if a vicious man wants to marry a young child and lead her into a life of vice. The age of consent is 16 years and the women of England have worked for generations to get it that high. But if a man on trial satisfies a jury that he thought the girl was 16 he goes free—an innocent man in the eyes of the law.

ABOUT THE DAGUE INDUSTRIAL ARMY BILL.

Mr. Editor:

Dear Comrade:—The "Sioux City News" and other newspapers have recently printed reviews of the Industrial Army Bill now pending in congress, under the heading "Work for the Workless." In this review the statement is made that Senator Miles Poindexter has introduced a bill into the senate of the United States providing for the organization of the unemployed into an industrial army under the management of the secretary of labor. The army is to be employed in working in harbors, canals, irrigating arid lands, dyking overflowing rivers, and other public works.

The bill has received extended newspaper notice and endorsement and Senator Poindexter is mentioned as author of it. Now I am the author of it. Now I am the author of the bill, every word of it. Judge Poindexter presented the bill to the senate but I have an interest, and makes no claim that he is the author of it, but does think it a good proposition.

The bill has been printed, read twice and is in the hands of the committee on education and labor.

Senator Poindexter will mail a copy free to any one who wishes it. Address him at Washington, D. C., and ask for "The Dague Industrial Army Bill No. 2587."

(This important "Army Bill," as written by Comrade Dague was published in our chain of papers a few months ago.—Mgr. Bard.)

R. A. DAGUE.

Creston, Iowa.

Enough public money was spent last year on war equipment and maintenance of armies and navies to build a home for every homeless family on the face of the earth. But capitalism cares more for slaughter than it does for homes.

It seems to hurt the women more to have algrettes ripped out of their hats than it does the birds to have them torn out of their bodies.—Wisfield Courier.

OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES

New Locals for the Week.

Sapulpa in Creek County, eight members, Walter Edwards, secretary, organized by Thos. Bule.

Hill Top in Hughes County, five members, A. H. Boran, Hill Top, secretary, organized by O. A. Fist.

Elm Grove in Sequayah County, seven members, H. Fox, secretary, Paw Paw, organized by J. P. Palmer.

Bishop in Grady County, six members, J. B. Andrews, Alex, secretary, organized by T. A. Harris.

Bailey in Grady County, eight members, J. M. Whaley, Bailey, secretary, organized by T. A. Harris.

Eastman in Love County, 12 members, T. H. Winn, Eastman, secretary, organized by Dan Crider.

Hoffman in McIntosh County, nine members, B. B. Halbert, Hoffman, secretary, self organized.

Member-at-large, Ranzo B. Boggess, Thomas, Okla., R. 1.

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State executive committeeman E. L. Moore of Wagoner spoke at Murphy and reorganized Cedar Bluff local at that place with five members.

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On January 1st there will be started a new Socialist publication at Stafford, called the Iron Clad Weekly. They are issuing 1500 shares at $5.00 each and request the locals to write to E. Lamar Maxwell for contracts and literature.

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Stallard-Denton Debates.

There has been arranged a series of debates between Comrade H. H. Stallard of Snyder and W. B. Denton, a democrat lawyer of Hollis. Stallard is defending the principles of Socialism as set forth in the State and National platforms. Denton to defend the democrat platforms. They will require the locals accepting these debates to provide a hall that will hold at least 300 people. A charge of 10 cents will be made to cover expenses of speakers. Write to Comrade Stallard, Box 312, Snyder, for one of these debates.

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Buie's Oklahoma Dates.

Hartshorne, November 24; Haileyville, 25; Dow, 26; McAlester, 27-28; Stuart, 29; Holdenville, November 30 and December 1; Calvin, December 2, Tupelo, 3; Coalgate, 4; Lehigh, 5; Atoka, 6; Caney, 7-8.

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Mysterious Disappearance.

Can anyone give this office any information concerning the whereabouts of Elder John T. Dodd, formerly of Marlow, Okla.? This gentleman started out some time ago under an agreement to hold twenty debates of two days each in Oklahoma with G. G. Hamilton. He boastingly informed his Marlow partisans that he was going to wipe out Socialism. We have not forgotten how brave he was when he called this office up in September and how crazy for those debates he was to begin. We have not forgotten the reports that came to us from Marlow where the Elder was walking the streets and abusing Hamilton for not bing present Octobber 1st. We always all about how he failed to answer his opponent's letters and name places and dates and then tried to produce the impression that Hamilton had backed down. We are aware how his hand was called and how he was caught in his home town and forced out on the road by Hamilton. We know how he flunked and flew the track at Chickasha on October 25 after having promised to write at once giving dates and places for the next five debates. We know all about this bombastic blowhard of a hypocritical sky pilot. We are on to him and his tactics from A to Izard. You are down and out Elder. You are a huge joke and every body knows it.

THE "MOVE ON" IDEA.

The bourbon attitude toward the great social evil is well stated by John Purroy of New York. He declared that a "very good beginning" was made in 1910, when "we succeeded in getting the streets cleaned up," following which he urges that the residential sections be purged next.

The whole attitude is simply to get rice out of sight. Vice is not vicious until it leaves the shadows of the night and begins to stalk about in the day time, seems to be the idea. So all there is to do is to drive it back into the shadows. Always driving; always pushing it from one place to another; always shuffling it around. Cure? No, not necessary. Just move it along, into some other street, some other alley, some other city.

The victims are not regarded as human. The problem is not looked upon as the result of a cause—except by the Socialists.—Western Comrade.

SHE FIGHTS FOR HUMANITY.

"Mother" Jones has become an eyesore to the coal barons of Colorado. These soulless exploiters who have reaped millions of dividends from the labor of plundered slaves, have expressed their deathless hatred of this aged woman who has no home, save on the battlefield of labor. They have painted her as a human volcano whose verbal eruptions spew out no deeds of violence and murder, but those who know "Mother" Jones best, will resent the vile calumnies of slanderers who coin profit from the suffering and degradation of economic slaves.

"Mother" Jones has been on the firing line of the labor movement for more than the life of a generation and her sole ambition has been to serve humanity, whose walls and groans have been heard by her in every city, town and hamlet of a continent, and her sympathies for the improvershed and oppressed have enlisted her services in that great cause that must go on and live, until labor shall break the fetters of capitalism. Had she the cupidity of the banker or coal baron did she hunger for "filthy lucre" like the money-mad slanderers who attempt to defame her, she could have turned her eloquence to tickle the auricular organs of industrial pirates who know no God but gold. But the melody of her oratory has never appealed to that patricidal class that lives in splendor while labor is clad in rags. Her life has been consecrated to humanity and her tongue is pleading for that liberty that will build a heaven upon earth and banish from our civilization the last vestige of a system, that is blackened with infamy and wet with the dew of human tears.

"Mother" Jones has passed the four-score mile-post, but that old head with its silvery crown is still erect, and from the flashing eye can be discerned the determination to fight on for the liberty of man, woman and child, until death shall still the beating of a heart, that yearns for the sisterhood of woman and the brotherhood of man.—Miners' Magazine.

HARD LUCK.

"My grandma—" said the office boy, tremblingly.

"Nothing doin," said the manager, shortly.

"—died before I was born," the boy went on, "and I ain't never had no excuse for going to the opening game."

"Finds Hidden Treasure in Furnace at Home," a headline announces and the Kansas Industrialist's theory is that the man found a lump of coal left over from last winter.

The labor unions of Los Angeles are carrying on a campaign to make the town "one hundred per cent organized."

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(2) Social democracy, the co-operative commonwealth, the Kingdom of God, is the plan of salvation of primitive Christianity. This is the program of society and government that will remove the evils of the world, the evils of war and strife, of riches and poverty, of ill-will and antagonisms among men incident to the competitive system which has prevailed throughout the ages.

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(5) The church is also right and has filled a glorious mission in liberating minds in bondage to fear of death which is one of the evils of this world from which the mission of Jesus is to set the world free. Or as expressed in the Bible (Heb. 2:15): "To deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Incidental and consequential to emancipation from economic bondage there will be the freedom of the mind from eternal fear.

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Woodrow's Magazine will carry the fire-brand of the revolution into the field of theology where there is so much dry chaff, that when the fire is kindled there great will be the conflagration. The fire is already burning in the fields of politics and industry and is destined to consume wicked doers in "The day that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble." I only intend to extend the fire and apply the torch to the chaff and stubble in the ecclesiastical field—a strong bulwark of the commercial system. "I am come to set fire on the earth and what will I if it be already kindled!" The revolutionary fire is burning vigorously already in the world but the political revolutionists are careful not to ignite the flame in theology on account of the fear of the churches; and that is the reason that I set myself to the task of carrying the torch into the field of theology. "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace? I tell you nay; but rather division." The division and confusion will be increased, not diminished by my entrance into the field of journalism.

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It is the intention to publish a journal for the promotion of the religion of Socialism. Primarily Socialism is religious and not political. As a prominent Socialist in New York writes (J. Eads How) "There is great need of an aggressive Socialist religious journal." The Socialist movement springs up out of the rich treasures of the human heart and is the purest stream that flows from this fountain. It is more fundamental, primary and everlasting than any sectarian phase of religion. The political program of the Socialist movement is only designed to prepare the way, provide the conditions for the true life of man.

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It is a common mistake among churchmen and I observe some Socialists make the same mistake, that the primitive church of Christianity or was the Kingdom of God. But the primitive Christian church was an organized movement working and preparing the way for the Kingdom of God, and was no more the Kingdom of God than the modern organized and unorganized Socialist movement is the co-operative commonwealth. The apostles preached the gospel of the coming Kingdom as Carl Marx and other teachers have preached the gospel of the coming co-operative commonwealth. The apostles and primitive Christian preachers expected the Kingdom of God to be set up in the earth incident to a revolution in which all other governments will be utterly destroyed; and the modern preachers of Socialism expect the co-operative commonwealth will be inaugurated as the result of a revolution that will destroy all constituted governments in the world. The language of the Bible with reference to the setting up of the Kingdom of God on earth is as revolutionary and violent and even more so than the language of modern Socialists with reference to the setting up of the co-operative commonwealth. In the forthcoming magazine I will be able to use more violently revolutionary language simply by quoting scriptures than was ever used by Marks, Engels, Lasalle, Bebel, Kautsky or any Socialist that ever wrote or spoke. The magazine will show that the Bible does not teach the remedy of social wrongs by reformation in governments and individuals but by a revolution that will destroy all existing governments of mankind.

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MILITIA TO KEEP ORDER ONLY.

No Strikebreakers Allowed to be Imported, Orders of Governor Ammons.

Trinidad, Colo.— After a conscientious attempt by the governor of Colorado, to bring together representatives of striking miners and the mine owners; after trying to bring about an agreement, he acting as intermediary, and failing, owing to the arbitrary position taken by the mine owners, Governor Ammons, determined to call out the entire force of the Colorado militia, with the understanding that their mission shall be only to preserve the peace of the two counties most affected.

The governor has ordered that no strike breakers shall be imported while the militia is in the field.

That, if any of the men now on strike wish to go to work, they shall be protected.

That the so-called deputy sheriffs, companies' guards, be disarmed, as well as the strikers.

To this we would like to suggest, should be added—say of the men now working who desire to leave the mines shall be permitted to do so.

So far the militia has carried out these instructions; the officers have treated representatives of our people with respect and consideration.

At Walsenburgh, where imported thugs shot into a crowd of unarmed strikers last Friday, killing three and wounding three more, since which the miners and other citizens having armed to protect themselves, the deputies had intrenched themselves in the court house.

On the arrival of the militia the guards attempted to escape by the evening train, but they were surrounde and disarmed by the troops, and held for identification on the charges of murder preferred against them by the coroner's court and the district attorney.

The miners surrendered their arms immediately on this assurance of protection and fair play, and are ostensibly every possible assistance and courtesy to the men of the state militia.

General Chase visited the tent colony of Ludlow, accompanied by his staff. He was courteously greeted by officials and men, and expressed to them his intention to restore peace, while by no means aiding to break the strike by his force.

The atmosphere is clearing rapidly. From the mines are arriving of the more venturesome of the imported strike breakers who tell of harrowing tales of deception and coforces.

Some of these were brought from the East, supposedly as railroad laborers. Others were kidnapped outright. We have the affidavit of one Jose Morel Perez, who arrived at the union headquarters last Sunday terribly battered about the head.

He swears that he and six more of small his countrymen (Mexican refugees) were walking on the railroad on Thursday, October 23. That they were stopped by a dozen guards, who at the point of revolvers forced them into the stockade at the Cameron mine. Perez resisted and was mercilessly beaten with revolver butts.

The seven of them were forced to work in the mine. Perez escaped Sunday and was taken to union headquarters. The other six are still in the stockade.

Another means by which the imports are held in the mines is by way of wild stories as to what the union men would do to them if they attempted to leave the stockade. The number of men at work, however, is insignificant. The amount of coal being dug is ridiculously

We hope, under promises of the governor, and of those in charge of the militia, to be able to free all those who are held against their will, or by threats of any kind. This would mean practically a complete shutdown of all the mines.

Miners Hopeful.

Our people are jubilant. We have not had a single defection. The men and women are grateful for the splendid support they are receiving from their fellow workers more fortunately situated. They will stick as long as may be necessary.

Public Resents Operators' Arbitrary Stand.

From every quarter is heard demands that the State open up the mines under union conditions.

The progressive party congress, which met in Denver, extended fraternal greetings to representatives of operators and miners to explain their respective positions.

The operators ignored the invitation.

Frank J. Hayes presented the miners' side so ably that on the conclusion of his speech the candidate for governor on the progressive ticket asserted "that by the Supreme court decision in the case of Charles Moyer, who was deprived of right of freedom writ of habeas corpus, and all the liberties of citizenship, under plea of public needs in time of insurrection, and the action of the state was upheld by that decision, by that precedent, the governor could and should take over the mines in the name of the state and reopen them to supply the necessities of the people."

Coal in Denver is $7.50 per ton.

In addition the taxpayers resent the cost of the militia, which is enormous, and the dual holdup, price of coal and rates of taxes resulting from the obstinate position of the operators, have left them in a frame of mind that finds expression only in one words.

Public sentiment condemns the operators and upholds us.

When this great industrial battle is over human rights will be regarded as being more sacred than property rights by the American people and the emancipation of the wage slave of Southern Colorado will be complete.

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Therefore we have established a mail order house.

The great expense of capitalist production is the cost of marketing their goods.

It costs the people of this country $1,600,000,000 for advertising, over $1,000,000,000 for commercial drummers, over $1,200,000,000 for credit.

These three items of capitalistic waste alone mean an average expense of over $200 per family for every family in the country, because all these expenses are paid by the consumers in the price of the goods.

If you Socialists are loyal to your class and will patronize Socialist industry, much of that waste can be eliminated.

This is what we can accomplish.

1. Secure to the workers the profits that now accrue to the capitalist exploiters of labor.

2. By co-operation reduce as much as possible the waste of the present competitive system.

3. Organize the purchasing power of the workers and direct it into channels of Socialized production.

4. Create a demand for goods produced in factories owned, managed and operated by groups of workers.

5. Create a Socialist business that will buy the advertising space in Socialist papers that capitalism refuses to buy.

6. To create a fund to support the party press and to advance the gospel of Socialism.

7. To secure to the worker, as far as possible the full product of his toil.

We propose to sell to the workers at the lowest price consistent with high quality and union wages, all goods that can be successfully supplied through a mail order house. As fast as your demand for goods creates sufficient outlet for any line of products we shall establish factories to be owned, managed and operated by co-operative groups of workers.

This will enable successive groups of workers to become owners of their own jobs and secure to them the full social product of their labor.

In the meantime we shall buy from manufacturers at the lowest possible cash price and sell to you with only one small profit added.

After the legitimate economical expenses of running the business are paid we shall divide the net profits as follows:

50 per cent will be returned to the purchasers as a dividend on purchases.

Ten per cent will be divided among the employees, share and share alike.

Ten per cent goes to the reserve fund.

Ten per cent goes to the extension fund.

Ten per cent goes to support the party press.

Ten per cent goes to the educational fund.

As you can see, all profits will go to, or be used for, the workers.

Which will you support, a Socialist business or a capitalist business?

It has been demonstrated that many kinds of merchandise can be much more cheaply distributed through mail order houses than in any other way.

One Chicago mail order house (said to be owned by Standard Oil) last year did a business of over $90,000,000 and made net profits of over $8,000,000.

This business started thirty-five years ago with nothing.

Many other capitalistic mail order concerns do millions of dollars of business.

It is estimated that over $2,000,000,000 of merchandise is distributed through the mail order houses.

Can not the Socialists of the United States support at least one mail order house?

Comrades, you have the power if you have the courage and understand the opportunity.

The parcel post (a Socialistic institution) makes it easy for us to supply goods by mail.

This is your business. You can make it a gigantic success.

We invite every worker to become a partner. We urge every worker to become a patron.

The Socialist Supply Co., will be democratically managed through the initiative, referendum and recall. Every stockholder will have an equal voice in the management.

Every article we sell will be sold on honor and we guarantee satisfaction or money back.

We intend to merit your confidence. We hope to secure your patronage.

For success and efficiency we depend absolutely on the loyalty and support of the workers.

Shall you support the co-operating workers or the capitalist exploiters?

Shirts

A High-Class 50c Work Shirt for 42c

Delivered Free.

These shirts are high-class, full sized, well made and will please you.

Solid color, blue, tan or black or gray with black stripe.

Be sure to give size.

Every comrade should send for at least one of these shirts. Guaranteed to satisfy.

Overalls

90c Per Pair

Blue overalls, regular bib and suspender style.

Good material and made to wear.

We guarantee them to be as good as any $1.00 Overall you ever bought.

Be sure to state size around the waist and length of leg wanted.

90 CENTS PER PAIR DELIVERED.

Red Flag Cigar

The Red Flag Cigar is made for Socialists by Socialists and combines high quality with low price.

It is a full weight, five-inch, handmade, long filler cigar, made in union shop by union men.

We have tried to produce the best 5 cent cigar that can be made and comrades who have smoked the cigar say that we have succeeded.

It has a clean rolled, long filler of well cured Old Dutch and Pennsylvania broadleaf tobacco, bound in a Connecticut Havana Seed Binder and wrapped with a high-grade Florida Symatra wrapper. A combination that will please most critical smokers.

It smokes well, burns even and has excellent flavor and aroma. Guaranteed to please.

They are packed in tin boxes holding 25 cigars.

The tin box keeps the cigars moist and insures carrying well by mail.

Shipped by parcel post—a Socialist institution.

	Price.	Postage.
1 Box (25)	$ .78	$ .07
2 Boxes	1.56	.12
5 Boxes	3.90	.22
10 Boxes	7.75	.42
20 Boxes	15.25	.84

Comrades: Support a Socialist business. Smoke Socialist cigars. Tell your comrades about them. Send your orders today.

If you are not pleased, return the cigars and we will return your money.

Socialist Supply Co.

IOLA, KANS.

FATHER JONES COLUMN.

WHAT IS "THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST?"

Our Comrade Woodrow has called for a new religious alignment.

In view of the attitude of the official churches it is timely, but why is it that so-called and professional Christians, and the organized church, so utterly fail to catch "the Spirit of Christ?"

Men who even have doubts of the historical fact of the man Jesus, still cannot and care not to deny the ideal excellence of his character. Men who have that enthusiasm of humanity that is expressed in the Declaration of Independence, and in the present world wide rising tide of democracy, have a concrete vision of that ideal of governmental righteousness, justice and equity that Jesus called the Kingdom of God, than the most devout professing Christians cannot imagine.

How is it, and why is it, that those political people after the unholy union men refused to be accessories to the crime) yet churchmen and devout Christians draw the dividends upon the mine stock that comes from this unrighteousness.

No, Judas Iscariot never more traitorously sold his Master than has the church today. Truly Jesus said, that wonderful sermon, "ye cannot serve God and Mammon."

Comrade Woodrow is right. It's time the goats were separated from the sheep. It's time that the words of Jesus were put in force; "Many will say unto me, Lord, Lord, have we not prophecied in thy name, and in thy name done many wonderful works? and I will profess unto them, I never knew ye, depart from me ye that work iniquity."

In the 18th chapter of Revelations, 4th verse, we read of the vision of John, and after a "mighty angel" had told of the fall of the Babylon church, mother and daughters, and how it had become the "cage of every hateful bird," over and above the voice of the angel he says," I heard a voice from heaven, saying, come out of her my people and be not partaker of her plagues, etc."

That is the voice that is calling today, not a voice that the physical ear can hear, but a voice to the spirit.

An honest atheist, and a doubting Thomas of an infidel, if he has the enthusiasm of humanity, is far more and better a disciple of Christ, and has more of his spirit, than the formalist who asks "And who is my neighbor?"

No, Ichabod is written on the church. Its glory has departed. It has fallen from what it might have been and its devotees should see that it is crumbling to pieces before their eyes, and such things as the men and Religious Forward movement is but a prop to hold up its tottering walls, the hand of Uzzah to steady the ark, and we see it fall paralyzed. "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone" and he will fall with them.

Brother Comrade Woodrow's call is answered or not, it is timely.

The father of the parcel post bill, D. J. Lewis of Maryland, is urging the president to come out squarely for the purchase of the long distance telephone lines. Lewis' idea is to have the government acquire the 8,000,000 miles of interurban and long distance wires. He would have each post office made a long distance station. He holds that it would room prove so profitable that the government would soon take over all the telephone and telegraph service of the country, and thus our aims and objects are being taken up, and so gradually Socialism is gaining her bloodless war. No matter how these things come about or by whom, they are Socialistic, and that is what is wanted and that is what is needed, and that is what is coming.

IF MILITARY SERVICE, WHY NOT THE FRANCHISE?

Since our government makes every young man above the age of eighteen years of age subject to draft in the United States army, according to the Dick Military Law, why should it not also give the franchise to such men?

Government statistics show that the average man, woman and child makes from $2,000 to $3,000 worth of things a year; that is, they produce between $2,000 and $3,000 worth of wealth every year. Their wages average about $500 a year.

In theory everything has a chance to occupy any position in the state, but in practice there is a great wall fixed between the life of the laboring class and of property owners, and yet in native ability and in soundness of character the laboring class is not inferior to any other.

Big things are only little things put together.

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

SAGACITY OF A MOUSE.

Some nature students contend that dogs are the most intelligent of all animals. Others say horses are, while some maintain that elephants and beavers and other animals are just as bright as dogs. My own opinion is that all living things from the flea to man, possess intelligence and have reasoning faculties. Of course those faculties are much more unfolded or developed in some insects, birds and animals than in others. All life is intelligent and there are good reasons for thinking that all living creatures are progressing and slowly climbing the stairway that leads to spheres or zones of greater power of expressing thought. I read once a story about how a nature student lay motionless on a fallen log in the forest, and silently watched an animal at play in the grass nearby. This was a large, brown mouse—a meadow mouse, that had come out from his home under the log, and when tired of play had sat up to make his toilet. Using his forepaws as hands, the mouse combed the white fur on his breast, and licked himself smooth and sleek. Satisfied at length with his appearance, he began to search for food.

He did not have far to go, for a few stalks of wheat grew among the thick weeds near at hand. The mouse was so large that he could probably have bent the stalk down and brought the grain within reach. If not, he could certainly have climbed the stalk. He did not try either of these plans, however; for there were but his wave. Sitting up very straight he bit through the stalk as high up as he could reach. The weeds were so thick that the stalk could not fall its full length; and the freshly cut end settled down upon the ground, with the straw still erect and the grain out of reach. The mouse again bit the straw in two, and again the upper portion settled down. In this way he bit off five lengths of straw before he could bring the grain within reach of his paws. These forepaws were very skilful little hands; and he deftly husked the grain and ate it, sitting erect and holding it to his mouth as naurally as a boy would hold an apple.—R. A. Dague.

SOCIALISTS START OUT WRONG, SAYS PRIEST.

(By R. A. Dague.)

The Tacoma, Wash., Daily News said:

"Workingmen will never benefit from Socialism, as it starts out with two wrong principles,' said Father Fogiels O'Reilly at St. Leo's church last night. O'Reilly is a Catholic priest and he deftly showed that Socialism is as ignorant of church history as he is of Socialism, he is an object of pity. The honest truth is that the modern Catholic church, in doctrine and practice has little resemblance to the Christian church as it was prior to the third century, when it was paganized. With all sincerity I solemnly declare that after a careful study of history, I believe that Bishop Callan comes nearer being genuine Christianity as Christ taught and practiced than does the Roman Catholic church. That church opposes about everything that was taught and practiced by Jesus and the apostles, while Socialism is advocating nearly everything they stood for. Socialism makes no pretense of being a religion, but speaking for myself, I say unhesitatingly that even as a religious system I prefer it to any rich, selfish, mammonized church theology, either Catholic or Protestant.

Creston, Iowa.

Mrs. Francis D. Everett, Highland Park, Ill., told of the work of women's federations at the Purity congress at Minneapolis, Minn.

"The national federation promoted passage of the white slave act," she said. "It is now working for uniform marriage and divorce laws, and for requiring health certificates as a preliminary to marriage. Women have brought about passage of injunctions against saloons, in Chicago now have a woman judge to hear the girls' cases in juvenile court. Ten days age lectures on sex hygiene began to be delivered in the Chicago high schools.

"The women of our federation now stand for the single standard of morals for men and women, for compulsory civics women in industrial homes instead of fining them, and for the annihilation rather than the regulation of vice."

ANOTHER SOCIALIST HAS EASY TIME LANDING SEAT IN GERMAN REICHSTAG.

Berlin, Germany.—Another Social-Democrat has been elected to the German reichstag at a by-election at Dresden Neustadt. The candidate, Herr Buck, had an easy victory, with 25,325 votes as against the 14,201 gained by his closest opponent, Dr. Hartmann, Conservative. Buck has been for some time secretary of the workingmen's union in Dresden.

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Labor is exploited through interest, rent or profits.

Wheatland, Cal., Hop Field Strike

Los Angeles, Cal.—Vividly picturing the outrages that were perpetrated in the name of the law in the Wheatland hop field "riots" on August 5, N. A. Richardson, special commissioner for the Socialist Party of California, has finished his investigation of the atrocities and made his report, calling for immediate action by the Socialist Party. Richardson recommends that the entire party be thrown into action at once and that the national office be asked to urge other states to also offer assistance.

Richardson finds that there now are a dozen men in jail as a result of the hop fields trouble, all of them arrested "on suspicion" and none of them by any chance being any more guilty than any of the 2,000 who were on the grounds on the Sunday of the atrocities. Richardson finds that property held in esteem sacred in various jails, subjected to all manner of vicious treatment, and constantly held in vile pens in the hope of forcing from them "confessions" they cannot honestly make.

That the first shot in the trouble was fired by the sheriff of Yuba County in a attempt to disperse a peaceful meeting that he had no right to molest, Richardson declares to be an admitted fact, sworn to by Ralph Durst himself. Durst operated the ranch on which the shooting took place. The entire history of the trouble and of the report and the injustice of the officials is clearly established. Working conditions that equal anything ever revealed in Colorado industry are shown to have existed prior to the day of the shooting.

Richardson's report now is before the entire state executive board, which, without doubt, will concur in recommending the movement to raise funds for the defense of the men now held in jail will be started at once by the Socialists of California. One of the prisoners is a Local Wheatland, Cal., member, one is an I. W. W., and the others, for the most part, are unattached laborers.

THOMAS W. WILLIAMS,
State Secretary-Treasurer Socialist Party of California.

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Report of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of California on the Matter of the Wheatland Labor Troubles.

In view of the serious nature of, and the conflicting reports concerning the origin and outcome of the labor troubles that occurred at Wheatland, California, during the first week of August, 1913, the State Executive committee of the Socialist Party deemed it necessary to make a thorough investigation of the matter, to the end that they might more intelligently advise action on the part of our membership in relation thereto. Accordingly N. A. Richardson was delegated by sub-committee to go to the vicinity of said troubles and to learn all possible pertaining to them. The sub-committee reports as follows:

Report.

To the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of California. Comrades:

Pursuant with your instructions, I spent the time between the 20th and 26th days of October, 1913, in the vicinity of the Wheatland labor troubles. I interviewed many persons possessed of knowledge of the affair—persons of all shades of political creed and of labor affiliation. I also consulted at some length a transcript of the evidence taken before the coroner's inquest on the victims of that strife and also at the preliminary hearing of some who are charged with crimes committed during these troubles. All the essential facts herein contained are gleaned from non-Socialist and non-I. W. W. sources.

In the vicinity of Wheatland are many fields given to the growing of hops. One of these immediately joining the town is that of the Durst Brothers; and during the times of the trouble there, this was under the personal supervision of one of the brothers, Ralph Durst.

This property is of several hundred acres, and as the crop of hops must be gathered within a period of no more than three weeks, the demand for a tremendous influx of laborers for a short term of service is great and imperative.

Slavery Never Worse Than This.

During advertisements of an opportunity for an outing, a good time, a chance to combine pleasure with money making, etc., were responded to, in this instance alone, by more and than two thousand of men, women and children, [illegible] were sent to work upon the field of the ranch.

It might be well to here remark, that as statistics show, the fact that such swarms of labor responded so readily to a call for so inviting a vacation and to such opportunity to earn a few dollars under, at the best, hard conditions, is in itself a sad commentary upon the status of the laborers of the West. This status the employers will understand and they seem generally in no wise loth to take advantage of it.

The mass of men, women and children, variously estimated at from eighteen hundred to twenty-three hundred (and doubtless year the latter figure) were set to work under conditions as unendurable as could well be imagined or imagined—conditions to which no chattel slave owner could afford to subject his properties.

In the first place the temperature during all the time considered in this report daily reached 100 degrees or more; and a hop field at such a time is in no sense a desirable working quarters.

No or little water was furnished the workers, though there was opportunity for them to buy citrus acid "lemonade" at five cents per glass from a vender to whom the proprietors had sold the concession for its sale upon the premises. As most of the laborers came there penniless and—could average to earn but 75 cents to $1.50 per day by their toil, the "lemonade" proposition did not appeal to them as in any sense philanthropic.

Sanitary Conditions Horrible.

The sanitary conditions were unspeakably horrible. Instead of having many months to prepare and from time to time as to accommodate this human horde, there were, some say six and some say eight, placed permanently along a trench outside the great field of labor and in the immediate vicinity of the living and cooking quarters. These were foul beyond description and the millions of flies that they bred swarmed over everything. The inadequacy of these accommodations, wretched as they were, is at once apparent; and before one or more of them women would long stand in line as at one of charity's bread distributions. In this matter we witness on the part of the proprietors such a violation of decency and of law as would lead any laborer in prison for an indefinite period at hard work.

The wages paid was 90 cents per 100 pounds of hops and a bonus was offered of an extra 15 cents per hundred to each worker who stayed with the job from beginning to end of the season. In the conditions that there obtained, there was little probability of the bonus' increasing the total earnings of the employer. After the trouble occurred, the price paid the new lot of workers was $1 per hundred.

It must be here observed that the original price paid or even the $1 is less than that paid for hop picking in that part of the country, if for no other reason, because of the extra care required by the Durgts of the pickers that they deliver each six quota free from all leaves or scrolls. In consequence of this extra work the Durst hops bring the highest market prices. No ordinary picking could pass their inspection.

"We can't Stand They! Workers Cry.

Altogether the conditions were wholly intolerable and revolt was at once in the wind. At every gathering, at meal or eventide it was constantly whispered or proclaimed, "We can't stand this. What shall we do?" They told of the hardship they had endured and the sacrifices made to go there; and of their awful disappointment and often of their awful poverty.

There was no semblance of organization among them. So far as I could learn they were but a heterogenous mass containing but one known member of the I. W. W. and one other who had formerly been a member of that organization. One is known to be a member of a Socialist local. They were a mass of unskilled laborers from everywhere.

But there here existed such conditions as compel human being to cooperative activities, and a suggestion of a general meeting to discuss their common grievances met a ready response.

At such a meeting about three days after the opening of work, a committee was appointed to interview Mr. Durst and see if conditions could not be improved. They did so and he told them to put their grievances and demands into writing and call upon him at 10 o'clock next day. Sunday. Another meeting was held and the required statements formulated.

(Continued Next Week.)

A system that is founded upon the exploitation of labor, is condemned of God and will inevitably be destroyed.

MEN WHO PLOTTED RULER'S LIFE ARE BLOWN FROM GUNS.

Allahabad, India.—All the barbarities, cruelties and tortures of the days of Clive and Warren Hastings were recalled by the execution of nine men for conspiracy to assassinate the ameer of Afghanistan.

While a great crowd was assembled at Kabul, capital of the semi-barbarous country, the nine were blown to death from the mouths of cannon.

Habibullah Kahn, the ameer, who rules like a feudal despot in these modern times, wished to give his people a terrible object lesson on the danger of plotting against the life of a monarch.

He chose therefor a method of punishment made infamous by the old moguls more than 150 years ago and practiced by the British conquerors of India to strike terror to the hearts of the conquered natives.

Knowing their fate, the nine men were half dragged out of their prison in Kabul, marched through the streets to the parade ground and drawn up in line while the cannon were being prepared by soldiers for their execution. One by one they were strapped to the mouths of the cannon.

When the last thong was fastened the terror of the prisoners plainly showing in their faces as they awaited their fate with bodies writhing, the military commander of the execution squad gave the signal and the cannon were fired.

For an instant or two the air in front of the canon mouths was filled with smoke and fragments of men. The ameer was avenged.

Until news of this execution reached Allahabad British rulers believed the barbarous method of punishment had long been discarded. It was recalled, however, that the British themselves used it during the Sepoy mutinies.

Sir Hector Munro, who was then a major in the British army of India, first employed the cannon mouth method of punishment against the natives. After the massacre of Patna in 1761, in which 2,000 Sepoys and 200 Britons were killed as a sequel to a war begun by the Nawab of Murshidabad the Sepoys mutinied in their first mutiny against the English.

Sir Hector quelled that mutiny and executed 20 of the ringleaders by having them blown from the mouths of cannon. Subsequently, the method was discarded as too cruel for use, even among barbarians.

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST.

(By J. A. Smith.)

When I look into the sweet, innocent faces of my little ones, and think what, under the present system, tended as it is upon exploitation of labor in which men, women and children are compelled to work for starvation pay, and become disfigured from lack of proper nourishment, clothing and shelter, there is a possibility that they may be forced into prostitution and a premature death, I sends a hot and burning desire into my soul to stamp out, with all the strength and vigor of my manhood, the profit, rent and interest system as I with my heel would crush the life out of a venomous snake that threatened to bury its poisonous fangs into the flesh of one of my children.

"He that taketh interest, biteth like a serpent."

In the place of the interest, rent and profit system which makes men similar to the lowest beast, I would establish a co-operative commonwealth—the kingdom of love and justice in which the souls of men and women would develop into rare beauty and be crystallized in the fire of God's infinite love, and instead of looking at men and haggared faces of little children compelled to toil day in and day out, year in and year out in the mills mines, factories and sweatshops, we will listen to the joyous shouting of the laughter of happy, healthy children at play in parks and playgrounds bathed in the sunshine and clothed in the beauties of nature.

Hence I am a Socialist because I am agitating for working class political unionism and political action, that those who toil may seize the powers of government, answer their own prayers, bring to pass the Christians hope, apply Christian ethics to civilization and make straight in the desert of commercialism, a highway for the "Prince of Peace."

IN SCHOOL.

There seems to remain some nation that if the schools teach useful things, and make their teaching pleasant, it will be bad for culture.

The truest culture of all is that which knows what to do with its hands. Culture without work is dilettantism. "Labor is a law of life."

Mr. Worker, where do you come in at, is "the best banking system in

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS AND OUR CHAIN OF PAPERS

* * * I will say this much for the Miller County Leader, it has accomplished more than all the speakers we have on the road in Texas.

Yours for the revolution.

FRED McCOY,
Eldon, Mo.

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Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 11, 1913.

Dear Comrades Editor:

The enclosed "Wheatland Hop Field Report" (to be found elsewhere in this issue—Ed.) is mailed to you in the hope that you will use as much of it as possible.

We shall be thankful for all the publicity you can give the matter. We issues involved are grave, and call for a united protest from the Socialist party.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. W. WILLIAMS.

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LOCAL MEETING.

Our local is coming to the front on the jump. Everybody is coming in and paying up dues and new members joining. Meetings are well attended and enthusiastic.

At the last meeting the local directed the secretary to order a supply of literature, and the local will soon be in possession of 3,000 books and pamphlets for distribution.

Whenever a person is persuaded to read Socialistic literature with an understanding mind, that person is a convert. And this local is going to extend itself to see that the people get the literature to read.—Rogers County Voice, Collinsville, Okla.

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Fort Scott local had a good meeting November 3d. Comrade J. H. Ross, from Iola, was present and gave a lengthy talk on his co-operative publishing plant. The object of his coming was to get the Fort Scott comrades to renew our paper, the Fort Scott Socialist.—S. M. Stallard in Appeal to Reason.

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Say but didn't every body respond nobly to the big special distribution. We knew every body was willing to work. Look for another call about the middle of December—big Xmas edition.

It was decided by Topeka Local No. 1 that we have a big rally of all the Socialists of Shawnee County. Date and place of meeting will be mentioned later.—Shawnee County Socialist, Topeka, Kansas.

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Any statement made in The Plain Dealer that is erroneous will be gladly corrected. Any denial will be gladly published.

Any democrat has the privilege of replying to any article published in The Plain Dealer.

The many new subscribers without solicitation, is gratifying. We thank them, one and all, and if you do not get your money's worth, you get your money back, and your subscription free. That is fair, honest and just.—Plain Dealer, Corsicana, Tex.

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The Lincoln County Socialist has kicked off its swaddling clothes, donned its overalls, and come into the ring to stake for the rights of the working class, without any apologies to the capitalist class or their retainers and paid hirelings.—Plain talners and paid hirelings.—Lincoln County Socialist, North Platte, Neb.

COST OF LIVING CRAZES MANY.

Columbus, Ohio.—The steadily increasing high cost of living threatens to compel Ohio to build more asylums to house its breadwinners who are worried into insanity through inability to "make both ends meet." Reports of the state board of administration to Gov. Cox show that 13 per cent of the 2,399 Ohioans whose mentality weakened last year suffered because of causes akin to financial trouble—overwork, worry and nervous exhaustion.

Statistics of the occupations of those admitted show that more and more persons in walks of life where the remuneration is not great are committed each year—laborers, mechanics, miners, painters carpenters. The percentage of professional inmates has correspondingly decreased.

G. K. Chesterton, a leading literary man of England, lately wrote these words: "One can say clearly of the colravesia, that they found something even worse, and even less obvious than atheism. The argument against losing faith is that you lose hope—and generally charity. But the calvinists who knew they were lost, abandoned hope, and those who knew they were saved, abandoned charity."

THE OLDEST SUPERATOR

"I see you keep a cow."

"Yep."

"Got a separator?"

"Yep."

"What make?"

"The B. I separate the cow from

ARKANSAS STATE NOTES.

Seventeen locals during the first twelve days is our record for November.

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National Referendum B has gone from the state office to every local in the state. If you have not received yours, notify headquarters at once.

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Comrade T. P. Laughlin is coming back into the state. He is the all round best organizer we have ever had in the state and we should give him every encouragement.

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Comrade Patton organized three locals in Adhley County last week.

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Comrade Blackwell who is filling the Mertz dates through Crawford and Sebastian Counties, has organized a local at every place he has spoken.

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The Jefferson County comrades are routing Comrade Galloway through Jefferson County.

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Comrade Hopper of Paragould writes for organization blanks and supplies.

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The Highland comrades write for a speaker.

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"We want to organize a local at this place. Send us blanks."—G. D. Davis, Fir.

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Comrade Patterson of Eldorado writes for organization blanks and supplies.

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"I believe that we are making good. We are holding splendid meetings, having good programs and large crowds."—Arch Carnetti, Combs.

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The Denning comrades are organizing a Socialist Sunday school.

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H. Chilcote of Fryatt sends in his application for a membership-at-large card.

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The Truman comrades have organized and write for a speaker.

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Comrade C. S. Ledbetter of Gosnell is routing an organizer for his part of the country. Write him for dates. A number of good locals are possible over there and we should line them up.

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O. F. Branstatter held a splendid meeting in Ft. Smith, Sunday November 9th.

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Should your letter not receive the prompt answer it should, remember the volume of work in the state office and be patient. A number of good comrades are helping get out the work voluntarily but with that the work is very heavy and takes much time so be patient.

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Speakers' Dates.

A. E. Blackwell—
Nov. 14, Rudy.
Nov. 22, Mulberry.
Nov. 23, Dora.
Nov. 24, Rudy.
Nov. 25, Hobbs.
Nov. 26, Lancaster.
Nov. 27, Mountainberg.
Nov. 28, Chester.
Nov. 29, Armada.
Nov. 30, Kimes.
Dec. 1, Lees Creek.
Dec. 2, Natural Dam.
Dec. 3, Union Town.
Dec. 4, Cedarville.
Dec. 5, Dripping Springs.
Dec. 6, Figgs Five.
Dec. 7, Van Buren.

W. M. Ferguson—
Nov. 21, Brownsville.
Nov. 22-23-24, Cabot.
Nov. 25, Wattensaw.

WHERE "YOU" BELONG.

The place of every working man and woman is in the Socialist movement because Socialism is the one movement in the world devoted to protecting the interests of the working class, to aiding the workers in securing shorter hour, higher wages and first, last and all the time to helping them in their efforts to improve their material living conditions.

Helping the workers is the every day aim of Socialism, but the great goal towards which Socialists are working is a new society in which every worker shall receive the value of his product.—Progressive Worker.

Socialism will destroy the interest, rent and profit system, establish co-operation in the place of competition and make it possible for all to have the full benefits of the social product of their labor.

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