

THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

(FORMERLY THE WORKERS' CALL)

"Workingmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains: you have a world to gain."

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A Word to Wage Workers.

Some Plain Reasons Why You Should Vote for Socialism. Who Produces the Wealth, and Who Owns It. Miserable Condition of Life Learned by Bitter Experience. Capitalist Political Issues Do Not Concern the Workingman. Definite Stand of the Socialist Party. Those Who Produce the Wealth Should Own It. Workers Must Unite and Vote for Their Own Class Interests. How Will You Vote? With, or Against Your Class?

You and I see things every day that tell us that society is out of order.

I, being a Socialist, see in these things reasons for being strengthened in the Socialist position.

And I shall endeavor to lead you, too, to see that the Socialist position is the position from which society must view its salvation.

You are a workingman. I take it, and therefore you know the lot of the workingman.

You know that he produces all of the wealth of the world, and that he gets very little benefit out of what he produces. You know that he works hard and long and never has very much to show for it. On the other hand you know that the employer of the workingman has about all that his heart desires and produces a great deal more. That he takes it easy, lives well, dresses well, and travels about seeing the world and enjoying his riches.

In order that the employers may do these things the workingmen are doomed by the fact of being workmen to practical slavery. They see, it is true, very little of their employers, but what little they do see of them gives them the impression of said employers' indifference to mere workmen. But they are told how they could not do without these employers on account of their capital, and the immense amount of brain work they are supposed to do in order to keep the workingmen employed.

All the teaching that workmen get, through the press, pulpit and platform, savors of the idea of the workingmen's inability to do anything for themselves, without the aid of the capitalists. All they are supposed to do is to work contentedly, accept the wages given, and allow the capitalists to take in the profits. And this is what the workingmen are allowing them to do at the present time. The result of this course can be seen on every side, and the seeing of these results constitutes the reason why workingmen should seek to change the system which underlies and causes these results, and put into operation the Co-operative Commonwealth, the goal of the Socialists.

You do not need to be told that you are getting the worst of the present arrangement.

You do not need to be told of the uncertainty of your jobs and of the worry such uncertainty causes you.

You do not need to be told how hard it is to make your wages go around when you have a job.

You do not need to be told how you have to stint yourself and your wife in necessary clothing in order to give your children sufficient to cover themselves.

All these things, all these hardships you know by bitter experience, but you do not need to be told that it is about time you were doing something to help better yourself. You DO need to be told that you have an instrument which you can use to pull yourself out of the hole you are in, but which you have been turning against yourself all these years. Of course the Tribune, and the Record-Herald, and the Chicago American, and the Chronicle, and the Inter-Ocean, and the Herald, and the Inter-American, will tell you that it is all nonsense to think the workingmen can use their ballots nicely they bargain for your votes to put themselves into power, but when they are pushing some Republican or Democrat or Civic Federation tool for an office. These papers are owned by the capitalist class and are trying to keep you in ignorance so that their class can keep you down. They want you to be divided, so they advocate the capitalist parties and switch you backwards and forwards between Republican policies and Democratic policies. They never advocate working-class policies, though, do they?

Are you not sick of their using you as a sucker? Are you not ready to listen to a party that comes right out and says to you, "We are workingmen and want you as workingmen to join us in our work of obtaining our rights. We claim that this can only be done by fighting for our interests with our best weapon, the ballot. By standing uncompromisingly against the interests of the capitalist class, and thus forcing them to give in, little by little, as we increase in strength, until at last when the workingmen in sufficient numbers wake up to their interests and join us (as they certainly must and certainly will) we will control all the industries that we have built by our labor, we will as workers collectively own all of the means by which we produce all of the necessities and comforts of life, and no class will be above us to boss us and take the biggest part of the results of our labor. We will get all we produce."

Contrast this outspoken invitation to the drivelling of the politicians of the old capitalist parties. Look around you and see things as they are, and then

make up your mind if you still want the present state of affairs to continue. Workingmen see these things, these unjust arrangements, every day of every year, and sometimes complain about them and try in a feeble way to improve their lot, but when it is proposed that they try to take these things into their own hands and administer industry for their own benefit, they say that it cannot be done. We see these injustices, we feel our slavery; we want better treatment, but what can we do? This is the way they talk. They will not listen to arguments in favor of using their votes to effect their freedom, saying that the politicians of both parties are thieves, and that it is time wasted to go to the polls. Voting does no good, and the only salvation will be a revolution, a struggle to the death between the rich and the poor, the capitalists and the workingmen. Have the men who talk in this way ever stopped to think that it would be a mighty hard task to organize for such a struggle? If they are so discouraged in regard to the use of the ballot which is every man's weapon and has an equal value to the same weapon of every other man, no matter how much money or property he may have, how do they expect that enough intelligence is going to develop to handle a bloody revolution?

No, the workingmen must learn to use their votes for their own interests. They must realize the folly of dividing their strength between the Democratic vote as workingmen in the party of the and Republican parties. They must workmen, the Socialist party. Laborers, mechanics, railroad men, stockyards men, clerks, bookkeepers, in fact workingmen of all descriptions both of hand and brain, must vote solidly for their own interests.

The Republican party promises plenty of work, and the Democratic party points back to Jackson and Jefferson. Their different newspapers laud their policies and denigrate the policies of the other. These parties do not attempt to lay bare the causes of the poor patch-work which represents society, nor promise anything different. Why then should you, a workingman, have anything to do with them? The Socialist Party proclaims itself your party, it is the party of the workingman for whose interests alone it strives. Are you one of those who think that the people need the help of the moneyed classes to hold them up? Then the Socialist Party has no use for you. It wants the votes of workingmen who have faith in the power of workingmen, with their great majority of voters, to put themselves into the seats of administration. We want workingmen who know to which class they belong, who are not toadying to the class which is riding on their backs, voters who will vote with a knowledge that upon themselves rests the duty of righting the injustices that the capitalist class have imposed upon the workers. Are you a member of the working class? Do you realize it? Then we want you. Your class needs you as certainly as you need it. Do not be a coward any longer and hang on the old dying parties of your parasitic masters. Assert your manhood and your class loyalty. Vote for yourself and your own class.

While the capitalist's money is his best friend so long as he can use it to influence fools to submit to and endorse their slavery by voting so, the workingman's best friend is his ballot, deposited in the interests of himself and his class.

On to victory, workingmen!

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Members of Local Union No. 98, Amalgamated Woodworkers' International Association of America notify all trades unions and their friends that the firm of Henry Lauter & Company of Indianapolis, Ind., furniture manufacturers, are no longer worthy of the good will, patronage or favorable consideration of members and friends of organized labor. Broken pledges, violations of contract regarding hours of labor, and attempted coercion of employees as to how they would vote on the latter question in their union meeting, are charged against the firm. Representatives of organized labor who attempted to reach an understanding with the firm, have been contemptuously repulsed, and their efforts neutralized, while an insulting and bullying policy towards the employees has been maintained. The Local Union above mentioned has as a last resort, therefore, decided to place the products of this concern on the unfair list and ask all friends of organized labor to sustain this action, and contribute their moral support.

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A CHEERFUL OPTIMIST.

Wiltshire explains his position on the coming of Socialism as an incentive to effort.

"For instance there has never been a man in England who has devoted so much of his time to Socialism as Hyndman, yet he himself always declares that it is his knowledge of the inevitability of the advent of Socialism in a very short period of time that keeps him active in the movement. I myself have probably always been an yet, the most optimistic man in the whole Socialist movement. Since the time I became a socialist I have never placed the social revolution away over five years, and the mere fact that it has never come off according to my predictions has never daunted me. I am still

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Bookkeepers, Stenographers, Bill Clerks, and General Office Workers to Read This Article and Realize Their Position in Society. Belong to the Working Class in Spite of Tradition to the Contrary. Reasons Why They Should Organize to Work and Vote with Their Class. Wages and Conditions of Life. The Trust and Its Effect Upon Them Illustrated. Combination Must Be Met by Combination. Must Cast In Their Lot With Socialism Like All Other Workers?

A class of workers who have had but little attention from economists but who are the first to be affected by economic evolution is the office men and women. By office people I mean bookkeepers, stenographers, bill clerks, office boys, and general office help. Their interests are identical with those of the remainder of the working class but from the fact that their work is clean and they are compelled to wear good clothes in order to create a good impression on the "public," other workingmen and women have a fashion of thinking that they are a superior class altogether. It must be said, however, that there is no doubt but that the average bookkeeper thinks he is made of a little different clay than the average hod-carrier or mechanic, but the fact remains that they live by their labor and that the capitalists need their services and are benefitted by their labor.

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SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE

President Roosevelt gave the poor envoys a "hearing" last week. It was all he had to give. He told them, however, they had the privilege of buying munitions of war in the United States just as the British had. They might also attack the British transports and supply ships at sea if they felt like doing so.

Rudyard Kipling, in commenting upon the unsatisfactory manner in which the Philippine and South African campaigns are being conducted, expressed the opinion that both countries and especially a new country, like the United States, really want "a high toned despot of unlimited powers and absolute integrity" to run things generally.

And now comes another case of the "survival of the fittest," but this time instead of it being a big fish eating a little, it is a case of where all the little fish have been eaten and the big ones have attacked the weaker of their own class.

Striking street car men of Norfolk, Va., have been treated to a bayonet charge in answer to their demands for better conditions of life. They voted the Republican and Democratic tickets.

A cable dispatch from Berlin relates how the cold weather and slackness of work in that city has created an epidemic of "lese majeste." A starving workman named Schmidt, driven to despair by hunger, went up to a policeman and "denounced" the Kaiser.

How to capture the votes of the working class? That is the proposition which confronts the reactionaries who seek to turn back the wheel of history by attempts to impede the progress of capitalist concentration.

Whereas, there has been a demand made upon the state committee of Illinois to pay dues prior to the organization of the Socialist Party of Illinois, and

Whereas, the state committee of Illinois stands ready to meet all obligations which it is bound to pay since its organization, and whereas the clause of the National constitution regarding the payment of dues is as follows:

"Section 6. The state committee shall pay to the national committee every month a sum equal to five cents for every member in good standing within their respective territories."

"Therefore, he resolved that the state committee of Illinois declares itself not liable to the National Committee for any dues for former members arising prior to the issuance of the charter to the state on October 4, 1901, and requests that further correspondence in regard thereto be discontinued."

"We desire moreover to call the attention of the National Quorum and Secretary to the following clause of the National constitution:

"Section 4. In states and territories in which there is one central organization affiliated with the party and representing at least ten local organizations in different parts of such state or territory, respectively, the state or territorial organization shall have the sole jurisdiction of the members residing within their respective territories, and the sole control of all matters pertaining to the propaganda, organization and financial affairs within such state or territory, and the National committee and sub-committee or officers thereof shall have no right to interfere in such matters without the consent of the respective state or territorial organizations."

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PAYMENT OF DUES.

Illinois Executive Committee Explains Its Relations With the National Committee

To the comrades of the Socialist Party in Illinois: On February 10th the National Secretary of the Socialist Party sent a letter setting forth that the National Committee at its recent meeting had decided that the representative states should be charged with national dues upon the basis of their representation at the Unity Convention.

On receipt of this letter we explained to the national secretary that when the present state committee was elected September 22, 1901, we found the party in a state of entire disorganization, no members being in good standing with any state committee, and all dues having been used for local purposes.

To this explanation the National Secretary made reply that the fact that the party was in a state of disorganization was no excuse for non-payment of dues.

Our folks who in some narrow room At top of tall skyscraper, Now keep our business on the boom, Make property on paper,

Have need of little real estate For profit or for pleasure; Its rental price, though high the rate, We need not scan or measure.

The farmer and small business man May look somewhat askance, Upon the Single Taxer's plan Their burdens to enhance;

While mortgages and bonds and stocks, With gold and silver too, We hide away in our strong box, When taxes shall fall due.

The workmen who turn the stones On which we grind our axes, Have always clothed and fed the drones As well as paid their taxes,

And whether double be the tax, Or whether it be single, We don't intend to leave their backs, Nor with the herd to mingle.

THE MONOLOGUES OF A MILLIONAIRE

Or Mr. Rockham's Soliloquies

Soliloquy No. 11.

There are the Single Taxers, too, Now working at their hobby; And though they number but a few We find them in the lobby.

Their theories are not so bad, They seek no spoil division, Although they are a little mad On general tax revision.

With Democrats they fall in line, Help work up campaign thunder; In splitting hairs they're very fine, At figures dry a wonder.

They hold that tax on land alone Will work a revolution; 'Twill let the toiler pick his bone, And prosper all creation.

It's plain to nearly all the race, The average son or daughter Believes that they are off their base, Their theories won't hold water.

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National Secretary claiming authority from the National Quorum, has written numerous letters to the branches in Illinois regarding both financial and propaganda matters.

"Such actions are not only in conflict with the National constitution but are producing confusion and discontent among the branches in the state. We therefore express our disapproval of the conduct of the National Secretary, and demand and insist that such practices be discontinued.

Comrades who desire a more detailed account of the finances of the state committee during the first four months are referred to our financial report in the Workers' Call of February 2d, from which it will be seen that approximately half of our receipts were turned over to the National Committee.

We propose to turn over in future the same proportion of our receipts as required by the constitution.

We trust that this explanation will put an end to any further misunderstanding. The action of the state committee is of course subject to review by the full state committee which is now being elected as provided for in the state constitution.

ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE COM. by Charles H. Kerr, Secretary.

From Boston, Mass. Boston, Feb. 25, 1902. Leon Greenbaum, National Secretary Socialist Party, St. Louis, Mo. Dear Comrade—Your communication of the 10th inst. came in at a good and bad standing, received.

It has been no light task to reorganize the state after the confusion developed by the recent factional division, but the rank and file are now fast responding to the call for harmonious relations, and we expect the Old Bay state to take her place in the forefront in the near future.

Trusting that this apparent oversight may be corrected, and with best wishes for your success in placing the National organization upon a sound financial basis.

Fraternally yours, W. P. PORTER, Secretary.

Protest from Ohio. Dayton, O., Feb. 23, 1902. We wish to draw attention through the columns of your paper to the contents of the National Committee. In their financial statement just issued we note several states with a larger party membership than Ohio, yet are doing very little or practically nothing towards the maintenance of the National organization.

Fraternally yours, W. B. Critchlow, Secretary.

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Socialist Pointers

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Anyone who thinks that material interests do not govern should watch the beet sugar men in congress. Somehow or other they will be able to find funds to keep the Lake Shore drive swept clean. See if they don't?

Canada need not be alarmed lest J. Pierpont Morgan eat it, because it would only make a light meal for him. Meanwhile deploring the fact that they are there does not take the babies out of the cotton factories in the South.

It really is a shame that the party members do not double the subscription list of the Chicago Socialist every three months. Senatorial traditions will get a greater shock than Tillman gave them when a few Socialists got into that hide-bound body.

If our successful ball and festival are anything to go by the picnic next summer should be the biggest thing that ever happened. Several Low's administration is costing several millions more a year than Tammany's did. Reform is a great thing, but it comes high.

After spending so many millions on the drainage canal we still have to boil our water. Are not you glad you are not a taxpayer? Stop right now and think real hard for five minutes and see if there is not some one to whom you might sell a subscription card.

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LOCAL PARTY NOTES. (Continued from page 3.)

and owing to the superb system followed, far more than enough signatures have been collected. Meetings for Sunday, March 16th, 2:30 p. m., are: Elmer Hall, 1144 W. 63d street, Anderson's Hall, 5401 Westworth avenue, Rovest's club room, 47th and Lincoln street, Friday, March 15th, the 254 ward candidate for alderman will speak at the Neighborhood house, 6th and May street, on "Socialism vs. Capitalism."

A. RASMUSSEN, Organizer. The comrades in the South Town are making a harder fight this year than ever before to arouse the class consciousness of the proletarians not yet in the movement. There was a successful meeting at headquarters, 2513 Westworth avenue, Wednesday, March 13th, also Sunday, March 10th. These Wednesday and Sunday meetings at 8 p. m. will be continued until outdoor agitation is possible. Hustle with your petitions. They must be filed not later than Monday, March 18th. See that your ward has its petitions for a map with the full amount of signatures at headquarters Sunday, March 16th. Thanks to the First and Second ward branch which gave a further donation of \$14 (derived from the lunch counter at the Commune Festival) the headquarters is now completely out of debt. While it is true some of our comrades expected to realize more from the lunch they must not forget that the party received as its share \$20, a sum considerably larger than at the fall festival.

WEST SIDE.

The financial statement below shows the activity displayed by the West Side comrades. Reports from the various wards show increased interest in attendance and distribution of literature, and in the number of new members joining the party.

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts include 9-10-11th Wards Campaign Funds, 11th Ward Campaign Fund, 12th Ward Campaign Fund, 13th Ward Campaign Fund, 14th Ward Campaign Fund, 15th Ward Campaign Fund, 16th Ward Campaign Fund, 17th Ward Campaign Fund, 18th Ward Campaign Fund, 19th Ward Campaign Fund, 20th Ward Campaign Fund, 21st Ward Campaign Fund, 22nd Ward Campaign Fund, 23rd Ward Campaign Fund, 24th Ward Campaign Fund, 25th Ward Campaign Fund, 26th Ward Campaign Fund, 27th Ward Campaign Fund, 28th Ward Campaign Fund, 29th Ward Campaign Fund, 30th Ward Campaign Fund, 31st Ward Campaign Fund, 32nd Ward Campaign Fund, 33rd Ward Campaign Fund, 34th Ward Campaign Fund, 35th Ward Campaign Fund, 36th Ward Campaign Fund, 37th Ward Campaign Fund, 38th Ward Campaign Fund, 39th Ward Campaign Fund, 40th Ward Campaign Fund, 41st Ward Campaign Fund, 42nd Ward Campaign Fund, 43rd Ward Campaign Fund, 44th Ward Campaign Fund, 45th Ward Campaign Fund, 46th Ward Campaign Fund, 47th Ward Campaign Fund, 48th Ward Campaign Fund, 49th Ward Campaign Fund, 50th Ward Campaign Fund. Disbursements include For printing Circulars, For postage on Leaflets, For Stamps, For Treasurer Kellong.

TEMPLE NOTES.

Saturday, March 15th, the Dramatic club will render the Socialist drama entitled "Now and Then." This has been given once but is very much called for again. It will be greatly improved. Also comrades Mr. and Mrs. Finsterbach are going to put on the stage the same evening a children's opera entitled "The Gypsy Queen," prices as usual. Adults 15 cents, children, 5 cents.

Sunday, March 16th, Comrade Stedman will speak. Thursday, March 20th, Comrade Carl Thompson, the preacher that gave up his pulpit in Elgin a month ago to propagate Socialism will speak. Come and fill the house.

Hall Meetings.

Schoenhofen's hall, 2160 Lake street, near 43d avenue, John Collins, speaker Sunday, March 16th, at 2 p. m. Jussens' hall, 21st and Paulina streets, Sunday, March 16th, at 2:30 p. m., English and German speakers. Sunday, 3 p. m., 263 Sedgwick street, A. M. Simons, speaker. Sunday, March 16th, at 3 o'clock, at Scandia hall (17th ward branch), Milwaukee avenue and Ohio street, A. M. Simons, speaker. Sunday, March 16th, at 2:51 Westworth avenue, debate on "The Negro Question," between Rev. J. T. H. Wood and M. Becker.

Wednesday, March 13th, 2513 Westworth avenue, debate, M. Becker vs. Henry Champion. A mass meeting will be held at the Socialist Temple, 120 S. Western avenue, on Monday, March 24th, 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Socialist Machinists' Educational club. Speaker, A. M. Simons. Subject, "How will Socialism be brought about?" Everybody welcome. All West Side Socialists should attend the meeting which will be held at the Socialist Temple, 120 S. Western avenue, on Sunday, March 16th, at 2 p. m. Every West Side branch should be represented. Subjects of importance to be discussed. Free floor and good speakers. General discussion.

The Fifteenth ward branch held the first open air meeting of this year at California and North avenues, Humboldt Park, on Sunday, March 9th, 3 p. m. Comrade Collins was the speaker, and he soon was surrounded by a crowd of 200 listeners who did not mind the chilly air in the least. Campaign leaflets were distributed and Chicago Socialist cards were sold. If the weather is favorable next Sunday, March 16th we shall hold another open air meeting at the same place. If not, our regular meeting place at 255 N. Rockwell street will be open as usual. Comrades Knox and August will be the next speakers.

The Thirteenth ward branch at its meeting held on Friday, March 7th, was presented by Comrade Mrs. Thiesen with a handsome red silk flag, with the words "Socialist Party, 13th Ward," worked in gold letters. The branch intends in a few weeks, the date not yet being fixed, to give an entertainment when the flag will be publicly presented to the Branch. Don't fail to attend on that night, or you will miss a treat. There will be amusements of all kinds. Speeches will also be made during the presentation of the flag. Come and enjoy yourself.

The Socialist Dramatic club will present on Saturday, March 15th, 8 p. m., the Socialist drama, "Now and Then," and will conclude with an opera entitled "The Little Gypsy." Admission 10 cents, children 5 cents.

The long-expected strike of freight handlers and teamsters in Boston has at length broken out and threatens to assume national dimensions. Over 20,000 men in that city are now on strike and it is estimated that it will in a very short time involve 50,000. Our readers may remember that this is the outcome of the dispute so frequently referred to by our Boston correspondent, William Malloy, in his series of letters which we publish from week to week, and which deal principally with the doings of the Socialist members in the Legislature. Future articles from his pen will no doubt deal with the progress of this strike, and for the first time render us independent of the lying accounts given by the capitalist press, which invariably represent such matters from the class standpoint of the employers alone.

Why did wealthy men of S. Omaha, organize a cavalry company in that city? What is the necessity for it?—Workers' Gazette.

If there isn't any necessity for it why does the Workers' Gazette make the inquiry? Is the Gazette afraid that the "wealthy men" of South Omaha will impoverish themselves by expending money on things which are useless? Have the capitalist papers of Omaha commented adversely upon this seeming extravagance? Why not out with it at once, Messrs. Worker's Gazette? You suspect that this cavalry corps may be used against the workmen of Omaha in case of "trouble." You are right too. That is exactly what it was organized for. Wait till the workmen of Omaha go on strike and the mystery will be cleared up instantly.

The secretary of the Ohio State Communist Party sends a financial report for January, February and March. It is too long for insertion here, but which shows a flourishing condition of affairs in the different branches. A protest from the same source against the dereliction of other states in supporting the National Committee is published by request in this issue, and will be found in the correspondence column.

See that your subscription is renewed

Socialist Party Platform.

The Socialist Party of America reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever increasing uncertainty of livelihood and poverty of the majority of the working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system. The lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all

A street cleaning machine which does the work of ten scavengers is now in operation in New York.

Are you interested in the Chicago Socialist? If you are come to the Temple, Saturday night, March 29th, benefit entertainment.

At the last meeting of the North Division organization committee it was decided that the committee should meet once a week in the future until election day, so that all committeemen are notified to attend these meetings every Friday evening at 263 Sedgwick street.

A combination of firms engaged in the manufacture of perfume will shortly be effected under the name of the American Perfume Company. The new combination will have a capital of \$5,000,000 and will include fifteen of the largest perfume manufacturers and handlers in the United States.

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