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

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GREATEST OF ALL SOCIALIST PICNICS

Gathering at Calumet Grove Last Sunday Breaks all Records. Capitalist Press Silent, Though Informed. Crowd of Four Thousand On the Grounds. Arrangements Carried Out Without a Hitch. Weather Threatens Rain but Remains Favorable. Dancing, Singing, Speeches, Games and Various Amusements Enjoyed by All. Good Order and Perfect Harmony Prevails. Financial Results not Fully Known but Indicate a Great Success. Complete Report Will Appear when Final Ticket Settlement is Made.

Last Sunday was Chicago's picnic day, according to the daily press of the following day, which gave detailed accounts of various picnics where the attendance ranged between 1,500 and 3,000, but none of them seemed to think they had missed a "scoop" by omitting to mention the greatest of all the picnics held on that day, that given by the Socialist party at Calumet Grove, Blue Island.

It was not that they were ignorant of the occurrence that it failed to appear in their columns. On the contrary a short account of the proceedings was offered to several of them, but it was in every case declined. The capitalist press has other things to attend to besides recording Socialist triumphs. Even the papers that profess to "give all the news," had no use for this particular item.

So it is left to the Chicago Socialist not only to inform the "public" that such a picnic took place at all, but to record also the fact that it was by all odds the greatest in point of numbers and the most successful financially that has yet been given by the Socialist party. More than that, it was bigger than any of the gatherings chronicled in Monday's papers as having occurred on the previous day. And for that reason mainly, all mention of it was suppressed. It was altogether too big, from their point of view, for a Socialist picnic. Had it been attended by three or four hundred people, they probably would have given it half a column; had two hundred been present, one column would have been necessary, while an attendance of a hundred would have given the hack writers a welcome opportunity to embroider a long account of the proceedings, with a narrative of the "Decline and Fall of Socialism in Chicago," and who knows but we might have had an editorial pointing a similar moral also.

But the four thousand people who crowded the Blue Island railroad and street cars, bound for Calumet Grove, deprived them of this pleasure, and so they remained silent. We were so big that we were beneath their notice. They couldn't see us last Sunday, but we will jog their memories again on the next election day. The ballot box is more easily reached even than "Sine Island," and no carfare or admission charges are attached. These sham blind men will yet receive their sight as regards Socialism.

However, the story of the picnic is easily told. To say that the gathering broke all previous records is but to say what every party member expected, given favorable circumstances. To say that harmony, order and good fellowship marked the entire proceedings is also superfluous. In fact it is only another way of saying that it was a SOCIALIST picnic.

As a matter of fact neither the weather nor the transportation facilities were all that could be desired. During the entire day there was a constant threat of rain which resolved itself about 4 p. m. into a very slight shower which continued for about three hours. Though this rain was of no particular consequence in itself, yet it contributed to no small extent in decreasing the attendance, as there was no certainty that heavy and continuous rain would not occur. The transportation was insufficient, in that while all intending visitors reached the grounds (with the exception of those who turned back through fear of wet weather) much time was lost in waiting for the cars.

In spite of these drawbacks the picnic as before stated was a record breaker. The arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of visitors were as perfect as the care and attention of an efficient picnic committee could make them. The restaurant, bar, bowling alley and the various amusements were liberally patronized, while the dancing pavilion was utilized to the last inch by hundreds of couples to whom dancing was the chief attraction, and we take their word for it that the music provided was most excellent, in fact the best yet heard at a Socialist picnic. This is no light praise for the performers, as the music at such places is always of a superior grade, Socialists being quite as critical as usual as in other matters.

As no Socialist function is ever conducted complete without at least one speechmaking, this time-honored was of course observed, three or four speakers giving short ad-

addresses suitable to the occasion. They dealt mainly with the marvelous growth of Socialism during the past year, recounted its triumphs and urged still more earnestness and persistence in spreading the principles of Socialism, upon their hearers, whose thunderous approval of what was said was rather to be attributed to their knowledge that the realization of Socialism is now within measurable distance, than any particular points made by the speakers.

Before this took place the Socialist Sangerbund, which had turned out its entire strength for the occasion, rendered several of their inspiring songs, in such a masterly fashion that again and again they were called back to the stage by the audience, who cheered their performance to the echo and insisted upon its repetition.

The various games were hotly contested and thoroughly enjoyed. Baseball honors went to the West Side Socialist team, who succeeded in defeating their North Side opponents by a score of 3 to 2. The organ went as a prize to the possessor of ticket No. 708, but at last accounts the fortunate holder of that number had not come forward to assert his or her claim.

The "practical" party members also used the occasion to good advantage by securing hundreds of names to the nomination petitions, and the manager of the campaign committee, Comrade George D. Evans, secured a considerable sum towards campaign expenses.

Cash prizes were given to every twentieth person of the first 221 passing through the gates. The bowling alley prizes were also distributed as per notice, but we have not been able to secure the names of the winners.

The familiar red party buttons were visible everywhere, men, women and children wearing them on their coats and dresses; a pleasant contrast to the time, only a few years ago, when the daily papers scornfully alluded to a lone Socialist speaker when arrested or mobbed for public speaking, as a "man wearing a strange red button." Probably many of the button wearers at the picnic were themselves spectators or active participants at these occurrences. But "the world do move" towards Socialism.

As usual there were many non-Socialists who, induced by friends to be present, were at first rather dubious about the company to which they were about to be introduced, out, as usual, "the popular impression" regarding Socialism received a severe shock, so far as these visitors were concerned. They had but to watch and make mental notes. Instead of the disorder, rufianism, and drunkenness which they perhaps half expected, they saw and met nothing but courtesy, good order, sobriety, and comradeship on the part of those present, and many acknowledged with some surprise the difference between fiction and fact on this score. In this respect a Socialist picnic renders the propaganda a very efficient help, by disabusing the minds of visitors of prejudices formed against Socialists by the capitalist press.

On account of the threatening appearance of the weather probably half the number of those present left the grounds before 7 p. m. The remainder, chiefly young people, prolonged the enjoyment in the dancing pavilion several hours longer. And at about 11 p. m. all of the pleasure seekers had departed, and the last and greatest Socialist picnic ever held in Chicago came to an end.

It is of course impossible to give any account of the financial side of the affair, except to say that from present indications it will show a considerable balance in favor of the party. Over 1,000 persons paid cash at the gate for admittance, but until the holders and sellers of tickets settle up, which they are urged to do as quickly as possible, no exact figures can be given. If the comrades act promptly in this matter, we will be able to publish a complete financial statement of receipts and expenditures within a few weeks.

The campaign committees in each senatorial district can find no cheaper and more effective campaign literature than to order a lot of 3 months subscriptions for 10 cents each.

Everybody can spare 10 cents for a month's subscription. Try it!

NOTES FROM THE LABOR WORLD.

The Laws of Competition.

Walter W. Ross, counsel for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad does not believe in Senator Hanna's policy of conciliation in labor disputes. He says the proper place to settle labor disputes is in the workshop of the employer.

"The tendency of unionism," he says, "is to destroy individual development, and to create class distinctions, which is un-American." Further on in his remarkable speech he said: "Employers as a rule are reasonable, and pay their employes in accordance with the laws of competition."

While anything that Mr. Ross has said or may say in the future is immaterial, if the latter premise is correct that workers are paid in accordance with the laws of competition, it might be a good idea for the workers to do away with those laws. Many of them do not believe in the competitive system, and as practically all of them are agreed that they do not receive fair compensation for their labor, it might be well for them to ponder a little on Mr. Ross's statement, and see if the competitive system is not at the bottom of their troubles. Anyhow, if unions are showing class distinctions, that is a good reason why they should be encouraged. As for creating class conditions as Mr. Ross says, that is impossible, as the conditions exist. It is only a question of getting the workers to realize the fact.

Patrol Wagon Carries Scabs.

A few days ago a patrol wagon from the Harrison street station was driven up to the doors of the Fair and a number of scabs were bundled in and driven to the stables of the concern to take the places of the striking hostlers. Of course that fearless champion of the people's rights, Carter Harrison, had nothing to do with the matter. He doesn't control the police department. He cannot run the city satisfactorily to himself for lack of funds. It may be noticed, however, that when a strike is on there are always plenty of police furnished the employer. If the employer is too busy to furnish a conveyance himself for the scabs, our obliging mayor will give him a patrol wagon. Surety this can't be the same mayor that the union men supported at election as being such a friend of labor? Funny what constitutes friendship in the opinion of some men. Still many of the union men will be out for Harrison next election, because he has given a few "leaders" soft jobs at the city hall.

"Dividing Up".

Organizer Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor, reported at the last meeting of the central body that the I. D. T. messenger boys were compelled in many instances to turn over tips they receive to the company. This would seem to be the limit. No wonder the youngsters formed a union and went on strike.

Capitalists Laugh at Laws.

The manager of Montgomery Ward & Company's store recently informed his employes that they would either have to give up their membership in the union or their positions with the company. This was perhaps bad enough, but Butler Bros. surpassed that. The firm discharged a few men for being active union agitators, and when they found work in another store a communication was sent the employer warning him against the agitators with the result that they were immediately discharged. That looks like keeping a blacklist, although there is a law against it in this state. There is also a law against an employer discharging an employe for his connection with a labor organization, but the employers can afford to disregard the law. Most laws are made in the interest of the employer, and the few which are the other way can be overlooked without trouble. Still union men will vote on election day to keep this condition of affairs going, although they cry out against it once in a while when it directly hits them.

Benefit of Organization.

The Poultry Dressers' Union presented a wage scale to the employers a few days ago demanding an increase of \$3 a week in wages and got it. The union was recently organized and the result is a good argument in favor of organization. Keep it up, you can never secure anything by individual effort. By united effort you can secure the full fruits of your own industry. That is if you go at it in the right way.

Trade Autonomy Disrupts.

As a protest against the narrow policy of trade autonomy advocated by the Chicago Federation of Labor in expelling brewers and maltsters from

ion No. 18, Carpenters, No. 419, has withdrawn its delegates from the central body. It stated in its communication giving notice of withdrawal, that it could not endorse the policy of the central body, in expelling the brewery workmen for organizing men hitherto unorganized and claiming jurisdiction over them.

Race War Schemes Frustrated.

The attempt of Chicago building contractors to organize a distinct local union of colored workmen has been frustrated by the regular organization, as it should be. The number of colored laborers employed on buildings at the present time, has been a subject for comment among union men for some time. If the employers could stir up a race war by dividing the laborers' unions on the colored question, it would be but a short time when the wages of the white workmen would be reduced. The employers are not acting from philanthropic motives, nor do they care for the welfare of the poor colored laborer whom they profess to believe is discriminated against in the regular unions. Their sole object is to stir up race prejudice, believing and knowing that it is a very effective method to weaken the organization which is keeping wages up to a higher point than the contractors like. Organized labor recognizes no creed or color, and while the doors of the regular unions are open to the colored laborer that is the place for him.

Various Labor Items.

Butchers in meat markets have organized a union under the jurisdiction of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America. Help them along by asking for a union card every time you go into a market. This applies especially to the women who as Sophie Becker says, have got the hammers if they can be induced to wield them.

Floor men in horseshoeing shops are demanding an increase in wages from \$3.00 to \$3.50 a day. The union will pass on its demands at its next meeting, tonight.

Over a hundred girls employed by A. Arnold & Company in the manufacture of paper boxes, were told a few days ago that they would have to be satisfied with about half the wages they were formerly receiving. They couldn't see it that way and struck. Two days were enough for the firm, and the girls have returned to work at the old scale of prices.

Silly Suggestion Ignored.

The suggestion of President Lightall of the Chicago Federation of Labor, made at the last meeting, that the Chicago unions should wait in sending contributions to striking miners until later on, when they will be more needed, is nonsensical. It showed the good sense of the delegates when they ignored the suggestion. The time to send donations is now, not after the coal trust has succeeded in crushing the union. The movement started by the carpenters' union should meet with generous response from the union men of the city. Make your donations at once, and make them as large as possible.

President Schurman of Cornell Believes the People Want to Endorse the "Three R's"—Roosevelt, the Nation's Leader; Reciprocity with Cuba, the Nation's Duty; and Revision of the Tariff, the Nation's Interest.

We believe so, too. There is nothing the people like so well as a set of euphonious political phrases; and these, in particular, reflect the greatest possible credit upon their author, being so laden with the thought of working class aspirations as to immediately win the approbation of workmen everywhere. Despite their highly meritorious character, however, we cannot resist the temptation of offering an amendment: Relegate Roosevelt, reciprocity with Cuba, revision of the tariff, and all similar reliques to the extreme rear to remain in repose ad infinitum. Do we hear a second?

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Read

and if you want him to read a paper, which will convince him of the necessity of making an intelligent use of his ballot, get him to subscribe for

"The Chicago Socialist" the best advocate of the cause of Labor published in Chicago. To assist in the matter of an effective strike at the ballot box this paper will be sent for

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anywhere in U. S. or Canada to Republicans, Democrats, Plutocrats, Populists or Mugwumps (in fact we prefer to send it to such as these rather than to those who are already socialists) for the small sum of

10 cents!

If you can get only one subscriber on this offer, get him, but get as many more as you can, and for every 10 subscribers you secure, just add one more and send us one Dollar for the bunch. Sums of one Dollar or less may be sent in 1 cent postage stamps. Send to this office for special 3 months campaign subscription cards.

Money collected for the Miners Strike Fund ought to be reported to the office weekly. Commission will please take notice.

FROM THE OBSERVATORY

In one of our esteemed capitalist contemporaries appeared recently a batch of "notable sayings of the week" uttered by a number of first magnitude stars shining in this country's intellectual firmament. We have but space wherein to quote one of them, the noble son of the true and universal church, Archbishop Ireland:

"Let justice be done to America; in no other country is there a government so fair-minded, so impartial, so willing to treat all classes with absolute justice as that with which we are blessed in America."

At first we were inclined to be of opinion with the learned prelate; his sentiment receiving our heartfelt amen. Recent developments in our Philippine dominions, however, have contributed greatly toward undermining our faith in America's alleged fair-mindedness. It is a well-known fact that the Philippine Islands are periodically cursed with epidemics of cholera, a dread visitation of which being even now upon the people. The blessed friars, who have elevated the natives from barbarism to civilization, have from time immemorial been the chief instruments of Providence in the effort to stamp out this dreaded plague. That this work is their God-given privilege will be conceded by all fair-minded men. We learn with sorrow, therefore, that when the good brothers prepared and distributed, at the nominal price of two and a half cents apiece the prayer circulars which have been used with such wonderful results during the last three or four centuries, and whose curative powers have been demonstrated beyond the possibility of a doubt, so-called health officials from America attempted to discountenance their use by the natives, claiming that the distribution of the circulars tended to spread cholera rather than check it. Let there be those who doubt these things, let us quote one of the so-called health officials himself: "In the prayer itself there is no harm." Just think of it! "But I certainly cannot commend the sale of them, and believe that the influence of the priest has been an impediment in our campaign against the cholera." If these are the sentiments of the most fair-minded government, we pray the gods for deliverance.

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vent of industrial peace is awaited in pleasurable anticipation.

Private advices from Europe inform us that the indifferent attitude lately manifested by Prince Frederick William toward his claim to the throne of German Socialist movement, and to uncertainty touching the disposition to be made of the Hohenzollern family by the Social Democratic regime. Our informant declares positively that the love affair mentioned in the cable dispatches on the subject is a pure fabrication, and that this version of the story may be fully relied upon, having been confirmed by Chamberlain W——p (who is a Socialist), chief-in-waiting in the emperor's boot chamber in the palace at Potsdam. We hasten to assure both the brilliant and versatile kaiser and the impressionable crown prince that during the transition period their family will be accorded the very best of treatment, and good employment will be secured the male members who have attained their majority. The Hohenzollerns should prove valuable members of the Co-operative Commonwealth of Germany.

CURRENT COMMENT

By PEYTON BOSWELL.

The Intern' Typographical Union in convention assembled, forbade its delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention from advocating "Socialism or any other political idealism." The typos might have been more explicit by defining just what they meant by "political idealism." Does it come under their definition of an idealism when a workingman steps up to the polls and deposits a ballot for the program of his economic masters and expects therefrom a betterment of his condition? Perhaps it is an ideal thing for the working class to continue voting the republican and democratic tickets, and continue to subsist on a fifth part of the wealth they produce, when by means of the Socialist ballot they could vote their own class into power and by revolutionizing the economic system enjoy the full product of their labor. The Typographical union will get its "ideals" straightened out in the course of a few years.

Typhoid fever is becoming a scourge to the working classes of Chicago. It is not a fashionable disorder, either. The doctors say that the disease can only thrive in the bodies of anemic or improperly nourished people. Hence the dreadful typhus plague takes on a distinctly class character. And yet some people assert there are no classes in America.

Several lodges of tin workers at Pittsburg have accepted the cut in wages proposed by the trust which contended that it could not compete in the world market with English manufacturers at the present rate of wages. Rather than be idle the tin workers had to submit. A valuable object lesson may be deduced therefrom. With each stride in the progress of industry members of the working class are thrown into more dangerous competition with each other, thus placing them more and more at the mercy of the employer. It is one of the inevitable penalties of the capitalist system, one of the roads which will eventually provoke the working class to stand shoulder to shoulder and establish the Socialist commonwealth.

Henry George, the younger, who writes on labor topics at so much per column in the Record-Herald, reached a single tax climax last Sunday when he stated that "labor deserves as much consideration as capital." This is just about the limit of the single taxer, who always gets jumbled up on cause and effect. Capital being according to the definition of economists, wealth used to produce profit, the Socialist contends is entitled to no consideration at all. Capital is a result of labor and is used by its possessors to keep in subjection and further exploit the wage worker. It may be deserving of consideration by the single taxer, but the Socialist has a different philosophy.

"Go Thou and Do Likewise". George D. Evans, Mgr. Illinois State Campaign Committee, 181 Washington street, city.

Dear Comrade: Enclosed find my contribution to the campaign fund for this week. It is all I can spare today, but if my job leads I will send you a little each week.

I want Socialism and am willing to contribute all I can, as little as it is to get it, and if, as you say, anyone else will do the same, it will not be long coming.

Yours for Socialism,

The original of the above was received the other day from Comrade Lehosky, and not having time to write a long appeal for funds I have asked the editor to insert it with the name and address blank, so it will only be necessary for you to cut it out, fill in your name and address, with your contribution, and send it in.

Fraternally,
GEORGE D. EVANS.

Notice of Meeting.

Party members belonging to trades unions have organized a Socialist Trades Union Club. It meets every Thursday night at headquarters, 181 Washington street. Tom Hall is secretary. But two meetings have been held; the attendance has been good. The club will do educational work among the trades unions. It is desirable that every Socialist who is a member of a trades union be present at the meeting on next Thursday night to decide what the club shall do on Labor Day.

Saturday 8 p. m. 11th and Michigan Av. Local speakers.

Saturday 8 p. m. North Av. and N. Clark St. Speaker: Robbins.

Saturday 8 p. m. Milwaukee and Center. Speakers: Keusch and local speakers.

Saturday 8 p. m. North and Campbell. Speakers: Keusch and Kirkpatrick.

Saturday 8 p. m. Milwaukee and Western Av. Speakers: Ehnborn, Jorgenson and Becker.

Saturday 8 p. m. State and Congress. Speakers: Joan Peterson and M. Becker.

Cottage Grove Av. and 71st Street. Saturday 8 p. m. Speaker: Berlyu.

Sunday 4 p. m. 60th and Cottage Grove Av. Speaker: Breckon.

Sunday eve. 7 p. m. Jewish meeting. Jefferson and Maxwell Sts. Speakers: Robbins and Jewish speakers.

Sunday 3 p. m. California and North Avenues. Speakers: T. J. Morgan and Welcher.

Sunday 7:30 p. m. Division and Sedgwick Sts. Speaker: Menke.

Sunday 7:30 p. m. Belmont and Sheffield. Speaker: Wanhope.

Sunday 8 p. m. Congress and State Sts. Speakers: Morris and Robbins.

Sunday 3 p. m. Ogden and Warren Ave. (Union Park). Speakers: Bartels and Robbins.

Sunday 8 p. m. Erie and Center Av. Speaker: Breckon.

Tuesday 8 p. m. Milwaukee and Lincoln. Speakers: Local speakers.

Tuesday 8 p. m. Ohio and N. Clark Streets. Speaker: Simons.

Tuesday 8 p. m. State and Congress. Speaker: G. H. Meredith.

Wednesday 8 p. m. Belmont and Lincoln. Speaker: Robbins.

Tuesday 8 p. m. Lake and 48th Av. Speaker: Robbins.

Thursday 8 p. m. North Clark and Walton "lace. Speaker: Smiley.

Friday 8 p. m. Aberdeen and Madison Sts. Speaker: Bartels.

Thursday 8 p. m. Ashland and Division St. Speakers: Guadt, Welcher and Eisenmann.

Wednesday 8 p. m. California and Division St. Speakers: L. O. Peterson and Geo. Koop.

Saturday 3 p. m. Milwaukee and Paulina. Speaker: Geo. D. Evans.

Saturday 8 p. m. Burnside. Local speakers.

Saturday 8 p. m. 59th and Aberdeen Sts. Speaker: Wanhope.

Tuesday 8 p. m. Leavitt and Hamburg. Speakers: Fred Pass, Bartels and Jorgenson.

Wednesday 8 p. m. Maplewood and Fullerton. Speakers: Ehnborn, Peterson and Bard.

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Wednesday 8 p. m. 21st and Leavitt St. Speaker: Keusch.

Wednesday 8 p. m. Harrison and Halsted. Speakers: Kaplan and local speakers.

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Wednesday 8 p. m. Erie and Noble. Local speakers.

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Saturday 8 p. m. 47th and Ashland. Speaker: Kaplan.

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To vote the ticket of the Socialist Party place your cross in the circle, or square, as the case may be, immediately before the word "Socialist", as above indicated.

The next issue of the Chicago Socialist will be devoted exclusively to organized labor. We want a copy of this issue placed in the hands of every wage earner, and ask YOU to assist us.

GOVERNMENT AND CONFISCATION.

New Jersey Federation of Labor at its recent convention passed a resolution that the government confiscate and operate the coal mines. It was passed without opposition.

A CAPITALIST SWEAT BOX.

Employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, to hold their jobs, will have to write out a biography of their lives for the inspection of the company directors.

all about you. Under Socialism you would be your own employer and keep all your confidences to yourselves...

WHOSE VICTORY WAS IT?

The action of the Typographical union in instructing its delegates against Socialism in the A. F. of L. has of course been exploited to the utmost in the capitalist press...

All stated that the resolution was favorably reported on, and that a vigorous attempt was made afterwards to have the instructions reconsidered...

BISHOPS AND BILLBOARDS.

After several years of war on the billboards, the crusaders engaged therein have at last scored a victory. One billboard has been demolished by order of the mayor...

The bishop seemingly objects to these billboards because they give representations of famous western bandits depicted as engaged in their usual occupation of "holding up" trains...

What such men as Fallows cannot or will not see is that these pictures are really representative of the present society of which Fallows himself is a staunch upholder.

use. Fallows running amuck against the billboards is merely an exhibition of the sham attacking the reality...

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAY SIDE

How many political office holders believe the fairy tale that the exposure of levying political assessments at the Kankakee Insane Asylum will have the effect of stopping the practice permanently?

A report that a Southern woman has asked permission to draw the bolt at the hanging of one Bryant, who is to be executed for murdering her father, gives Mrs. John A. Logan an opportunity to express her horror...

A Kentucky clergyman proposes as a means of checking suicide that the corpse of anyone who leaves the world by this method shall be "subjected to indignities."

The Chicago Heights comrades have challenged "Western Star" to a debate and were told that he would let them know later if he would accept.

Employees of the big warehouses and wholesale stores in the city have been organizing very extensively in secret for the past few weeks...

The Streator comrades are making arrangements to distribute 1,000 copies of the Chicago Socialist along the line of parade on Labor Day.

The shutting down of the mines has taken away the greater number of the Middle Grove comrades, yet the secretary writes me that wherever they go they will leave behind them a trail of Socialism...

Several of our comrades were notified by their employers that their services would be required on Sunday, August 17th, and for this reason many who would otherwise have attended the picnic were absent.

Illinois State Notes.

EVANSTON. The comrades of Evanston have started out on their fall campaign, and will hold an out-door meeting each week.

ROCKFORD. Rockford local held an interesting meeting last Friday night with Comrade Strickland as the speaker.

CANTON. Comrade Bennett of Canton reports that Dr. Knopfnagel of Peoria delivered a lecture on Monday, August 11th, from the bandstand in Canton to a very large audience.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS. Comrade Kirkpatrick spoke in Chicago Heights last Tuesday. The comrades circled the town and challenged anyone and every one to debate upon the question of the "Inevitable Fall of Wages."

DANVILLE. Danville comrades are still pushing their campaign and confident of polling a large vote in that county this fall, since they polled nearly 400 votes last time in three towns...

ELGIN. Comrade Berlin spoke in Elgin last week and found the crowd as interested in the meeting as usual.

MIDDLE GROVE. The shutting down of the mines has taken away the greater number of the Middle Grove comrades, yet the secretary writes me that wherever they go they will leave behind them a trail of Socialism...

positions are necessary to place the Socialist party on the ticket this fall. Hustle for them, comrades. But, more than that, see that there are enough votes cast to put us on the ticket without petitioning next time.

Keep up your agitation meetings. Fire Socialism at the people anywhere and everywhere. You will be sure to hit some one each time.

Write to the state secretary often. It is only by co-operation that we will be able to push the Socialist party of Illinois to the front ranks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Defends Position on Sugar War. Editor Chicago Socialist: Dear Comrade—Permit me to reply briefly to Comrade Elsemann's objection to the conclusion of my article on the sugar war...

They would certainly first point out that it is a struggle between two capitalist interests for the profits which the employes in the different industries are producing for the private owners of the sugar factories and refineries.

After the discussion the moment would come for the vote. What would be the attitude of the Socialist representatives? Would they vote for or against reciprocity with Cuba...

Enough, if Comrade Elsemann is afraid to touch this question, I am not. And I leave it to those who will be forced by the logic of events to grapple with it to draw their own conclusions.

Ernest Untermyann. [The article on the sugar war was marred by a fatal printing error. In the table showing the different quantities of sugar expected from the various countries, CUBA WITH 800,000 TONS was undoubtedly dropped by the printer.—Editor.]

Mills School Notes. Harry McKee, manager of the San Diego Title and Trust Company, has resigned his position to join the work of Comrade Mills.

Comrade Boswell expects to organize a good sized local at Girard in the near future, and says there is prospect of being able to organize several locals in that part of the state.

C. H. Happersett writes that although there is considerable opposition he is hopeful of organizing a local at Paris. From the way they are going at it, there is every reason to expect a local there very soon.

He is an expert accountant and correspondent, a pen and pencil artist, and an all-round hustler. Comrade Mills will hereafter devote all of his time to the correspondence work, and to teaching and speaking.

These reports covering more than one hundred names are up to date only. Send for the new catalogue and you will fall in line along with the rest.

Annual Picnic; First Financial Report.

A joint meeting of the executive committee and the picnic committee was held at headquarters, 131 Washington Street, Monday, August 18th, 8 p. m., Comrade Robbins in the chair.

Table with 2 columns: Receipts and Amounts. Includes items like Gate, Bowling Alley, Hustler, Larsen, Gate prizes, Denne, Utensils, Cigars, Musicians, Bar expenses, Picnic grounds, Bartenders, Police, Advertising, League hall, Printing, Cash registers, Arentson, Prizes.

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Balance cash on hand \$ 79.00. Tickets to the amount of \$315 were received at the gate which have not yet been paid for.

Concerning Speakers. To the members of the Socialist Party: If proper notice in regard to meetings are not sent to the secretary of the party you may be sure the committees on speakers cannot properly book the speakers.

By proper notice we mean a written notice. Verbal notices are liable to be forgotten. Also the committee is not to be held responsible for the non-appearance of a speaker, and unless you can devise a plan by which speakers can be forced to appear at the meeting we shall be obliged to do as best we can.

Fill These Petition Lists. Comrades.—We must now get down to business. The time for filing the petitions is drawing near.

Fraternally, E. M. STANGLAND, Secretary.

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SOCIALIST POINTERS.

The boss did not build that fine house that he lives in. The 10 cent campaign rate furnishes the chance of your life to make your precinct solid for Socialism.

We will soon have the finest navy in the world, and when Socialism comes it will be worth its weight in old iron. We do not know who will do the disagreeable work under Socialism, but those who row do it will not have to do all of it.

Distributing literature is work that will tell not only in this campaign but in the next. In this campaign well may the laboring man pray to be delivered from his friends.

Pennsylvania miners have a chance to emphatically say at the ballot box that they are tired of starving. Chicago could not spare John Collins right in the midst of a campaign except in so good a cause.

Mr. Hearst's kind of Socialism will fall several degrees short of abolishing capitalism. Once the old soldiers voted the way they shot. Now many of the workingmen vote the way they are clubbed.

Attorney-General Knox cannot see the coal trust although he lives in Pennsylvania and can afford glasses. Don't forget to buy a few hundred copies of the Labor Day issue to give away where they will do the most good.

The workingman who votes for the present system must want to have his boys go through all their father has gone through with. It is claimed the harvest trust is organized for the purpose of keeping down prices, but doubtless it is for the purpose of keeping down wages.

J. Pierpont Morgan is home again, and each of the campaign committees will now be expecting a substantial check. J. P. Morgan knows nothing about Socialism, but being a bright man he will learn if he stays on earth a few years longer.

It is a slim prospect of electing honest men to the legislature when the old parties by some oversight forgot to nominate men of that kind. The laboring man should be careful not to allow his indignation against government by injunction to die down before he gets to the ballot box.

Is the Pennsylvania miner trying to show the western miner that not all the progressive people live in the west? We have to stand such afflictions as a shower at our picnic for the rain falls alike on the unjust and the Socialist.

There is relief in sight as long as union men do not bind themselves by contract not to engage in a sympathetic strike at the ballot box. There was a grand duke in town last week, but he was not overawed by any of the voting kings he saw standing around in overalls.

Is it possible that we will be able to hold up the fabric of our industrial system without Charley Schwab as one of the main props? Carter Harrison thinks he will not run for mayor in the spring. Perhaps he sees the storm coming if democratic labor leaders do not.

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John W. Gates has ideas of his own as to the way he should bring up his son. It will be observed that among them is not one of putting the boy into a sweatshop at the age of 12 in order to give him an incentive. When Mr. Schwab gets sick the doctors prescribe complete rest and a trip to Europe.

FROM WRONG TO RIGHT

By PETER E. BURROWS.

(Written for the Chicago Socialist.)

There is a public conscience to which the individual by force of shame must yield; and to that probity of the public mind the Socialist agitator often appeals for the rectification of environment.

The Socialist proper does not appeal to the world to improve the condition of the capitalist class; because the capitalist class is not his class, and therefore there is no economic pressure behind him urging him to such appeal.

This is an aspect from which the law of economic determinism is relieved from fatalism. The wrong that every man feels from his physical environment becomes his moral incentive and is the measure and horizon of his views of right and wrong.

Fortunately for mankind, the survival of a racial morality is thus brought within human view. In the complexities of issues between many minor and ill-defined classes, the race has long vainly wandered for its own; but now by the reduction of all these minor wrongs or two, the victory of the largest interest, that is, the greater wrong, reveals forever the right of the race growing out of material environmental wrong of a class deeply injured and greatly moved to achieve a correction equal to the wrong.

You meet the satisfied man with authoritative precepts of what you call morality, but he knows nothing of definite rightness; he only knows of the definite wrongness, if you will press upon his life.

The wrong of your confiscation of the laborer's social products is his only measure of and impulse to right. The measure of your confiscation is the measure of his morality—redemption or revolution. Thus the measure of a class wrong is also the area of a class right.

Of course anyone who is wide enough between the eyes to prevent his looking through a keyhole with both eyes at the same time, knows that this third group, the twelve who represent the "general public," hold the balance of power. Since the twelve capitalists would naturally see a labor-and-capital difficulty from their own class point of view, and would decide accordingly.

movement is involuntary and the other voluntary; you are driven out but you come back. This positive voluntary come-back, being the only part of the process that is the man's own, and it soon passes from the incipient ornament of its first rebound to the fixed ornament of a regular returning; it resolves itself into the great potency of man—habit in this case being the habit of returning up. Now a habit of returning up once required becomes at last the race's moral dynamic.

And this raises the question of the entire antithesis between an individualistic and a collectivist philosophy. The former regards itself as a mental entity having within it peculiar germs unfolding or that might be unfolded; the latter ultimately or revolutionarily expressed, just says concerning the single person, "There is nothing inside but reflections of a social surface outside environment."

And here, it is a wisdom all along of expression: of surface expression; first in the language of egoism, then in that of habit or social will or ability. The wisdom of the future will not be a much talking wisdom; it will produce few books; it will pass out of the hysterics of surplus and waste expressions and into the balanced taciturnity of a race of men who will be all in it through the fixity of social habit when a wise man's profundity will consist of his living with everybody on the current surface of things.

AN IMPARTIAL JURY.

A Sketch of the Selected 12 Representing the "General Public" on Hanna's Arbitration Board.

A recent edition of a great daily paper presents once more the smooth smug mug of the foxy senator from Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Hanna. This picture represents Mark as wearing a most beatifically angelic look—a dove of peace indeed is Mark, according to this picture.

Since last winter Mr. Hanna has been hard at work perfecting the machinery for effecting these adjustments, viz., the Industrial Department of the American Civic Federation. Hereafter when conflicts arise between capital and labor, Mark will rush into the arena with his "machine," his Committee of Thirty-six, that is, the Executive Committee of the Industrial Department of the American Civic Federation.

The probable verdicts of this well-oiled "machine" may be easily predicted by a study of its chief parts, viz., the twelve members who represent employers, the twelve who represent labor, and the twelve representing the "general public." The first group are admittedly capitalists, with their well-known general policy that the American laborer shall work hard and long for cheap food, cheap clothes, and cheap shelter—or starve—or be shot by policemen, sheriffs, militia, and American regulars.

The second group of twelve representing the wage earners of the country, are prominent in labor union circles. Let us concede them an honest desire to secure justice for the many millions of toilers, and pass on to the third.

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presumably see it from their point of view and judge accordingly, it is evident that the third twelve will control the product (the decisions) of Mark Hanna's "machine" for bringing peace into our stormy world.

Who are these twelve men? What are their sympathies in the matter of capital and labor? Which way would they most likely lean—towards the tin bucket, overalls crowd, or towards their own class, the well-dressed, well-housed, well-fed snobs who fatten on the sweat and toil and blood of the workers?

These men will control every decision of the peace machine. Here they are. Take a look at them and see if they wear saddle marks or spurs.

No. 1. Grover Cleveland, who became wealthy while president, and whose name will forever stink in the nostrils of those wage earners who do not want to be "pacified" with a bayonet in the hands of a U. S. soldier.

No. 2. C. N. Bliss, president of the Protective Tariff League, treasurer National Republican Committee 1892-1896, Secretary of the Interior in McKinley's cabinet in 1897-8.

No. 3. Oscar S. Straus, President New York Board of Trade and Transportation.

No. 4. C. F. Adams, ex-President Union Pacific R. R., organizer of American Cotton Seed Company, president Cataract Construction Company (Niagara Falls).

No. 5. Franklin McVeagh, president of large wholesale grocery company, Chicago, and a stockholder in Chicago street railways.

No. 6. James H. Eckels, president Commercial National Bank, Chicago, 1898.

No. 7. J. J. McCook, senior member of legal firm of Alexander and Green, New York. Counsel for large railroad financial, insurance and other corporations.

No. 8. J. G. Milburn, prominent lawyer, Buffalo. President Pan-American Exposition.

No. 9. C. J. Bonaparte, prominent lawyer, Baltimore, grandson of King of Westphalia.

No. 10. Archbishop Ireland, who has many friends among laboring people, who because he is "safe," "conservative" and "sound," no enemies among the millionaires, and who believes in "sound money"—the bankers getting the "money" and the wage earners the "sound."

No. 11. Bishop Henry C. Potter, whose salary is \$10,000 per year, and who is engaged to marry a lady "worth" millions of dollars, and who in a recent magazine article dealing with the strained relations between capital and labor, declared, "What the hour needs is a cool temper, restrained speech, a judicial hesitancy." The bishop prudently remembers what happened to Jesus Christ because of his refusal to use "restrained speech," and "judicial hesitancy."

No. 12. Charles W. Elliott, President of Harvard University, reported thirty days ago as the grateful recipient of \$1,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller for the Harvard Medical School—that is to say a man practically gagged with a bag of gold, so far as the labor and capital problem is concerned.

This, then, is the jury—the twelve men selected to represent the "general public." Which way, toilers of America, are they likely to decide? For you, or for the stall-fed, profit-stuffed snobs who revel in the results of your toil after they have given you what a dray-horse gets, enough to keep you in working condition? No wonder Mark Hanna, dear smooth dove of peace, recently wrote to Mr. Gompers that the "outlook is most gratifying."

There is your "upper house," laborers of America! Look well at them. Twelve impartial gentlemen, not particularly interested in either side, twelve capitalists and twelve laborers, a court that stands ready to exert its influence for the "rights and interests of those involved."

When a pack of wolves and a flock of sheep have a strenuous difficulty, whose interests are affected—in the judgment of the wolves? "Judicial hesitancy," not particularly interested in either side, "no class interests, no classes in this country?" Say, when did the banker's wife call on you last? You, weary, sweating, toilers of America! When will you learn that between your class and theirs there is a yawning chasm which Mark Hanna can never bridge with smooth words, while all, all the mills grind for profit and not for the people? How long will you continue to vote while stupefied with rhetorical campaign chloroform? Hanna wishes you to submit your case to a committee dominated by men who believe it is right, entirely right, for a few men to own the raw material that God made, the machines that you made and the things that you make out of the raw material on those machines.

And your reward is, what? Cheap food, cheap clothes, and cheap shelter. Vote down the system that defeats you, saans you and dooms you and your children! Vote down the millionaires' methods system and settle your own stakes once for all by striking at the ballot box with the Socialist ballot.

GEORGE B. KIRKPATRICK.

More subscribers are ALWAYS wanted.

WANTED A MODERN PORTRAIT

Milwaukee Alderman's Idea of a Suitable Picture to Adorn the Walls of the Council Chamber.

A Milwaukee comrade sends us the following extract from a daily of that city, which in a manner speaks for itself:

Ald. Henry Smith of the Sixth ward has painted a word picture for presentation to the council this afternoon, the same to be offered at the time he casts his vote against allowing a bill of \$27 for a picture of George Washington which has been installed in the office of Mayor Rose. He allows that his picture is up-to-date and appropriate to the times. He says:

"I am opposed to the payment of \$27 for that historical picture hung up in the mayor's office, for the reason that it is out of harmony with the present state of society and economic affairs in this country.

"Pictures relating to nations or the inhabitants thereof, should faithfully portray the exact conditions as they exist.

"I might consent to the payment of the bill, if said figure portrayed the picture of a man of large proportions, well-fed appearance, reinforced with ponderous side whiskers, crowned with a silk plug hat, and clothing checkered with dollar marks, the figure standing on and squeezing the life out of a coal miner, the poor miner clutching in his grasp a piece of an old book with the following words plainly visible: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'

"This central figure named, general rate, per cent, dividend, which though it has a French sound is very appropriate.

"Then again the central figure should be supported on one side by the figure of a Federal judge clothed in a black silk night gown made after the Jenkins pattern, having an injunction paper in one hand and with the other dragging a woman to jail for feeding the starving families of miners, the back-ground back of the judge shaded by a representation of Christ feeding the multitude.

"On the other side of the central figure, child labor going into the factory of a captain of industry, the back-ground finished off with a school house, beside the open door of which sits He who said, 'Suffer little children to come unto Me.'

"Above the central figure, showing the wife of a captain of industry in a fashionable dog cemetery having a monument erected over the grave of her lap dog, while below the figure a Filipino being put through a benevolent process of the water cure, one of the parties engaged in that humane operation clothed in the garb of a military officer with a copy of the Declaration of Independence under his feet, and the other assimilator a likeness of that Rev. D. D., a presiding elder of a certain strenuous Christian church in the Philippines who, according as quoted in a Western religious Journal of June 4, 1902, in explaining the water cure, said that he approved it as a regular method for extorting confessions and gaining military information. Under this pious assimilator's feet a copy of the golden rule and in the background the scene of Mount Calvary.

"The whole finished off with that dramatic scene of strenuous life exhibited in a New York saloon by a member of the President's cabinet and some of the captains of industry, all wearing some articles and petticoats all labeled at the bottom, 'The Dawn of the Twentieth Century in the United States of America.'

WHAT AN INSULT!

Cuban Policemen Promptly Fined for Enforcing the Law Against American Officials.

An incident occurred in Havana, Cuba, recently, which may serve to illustrate the point often made by Socialists that laws are made by but not FOR the ruling class. Moreover, the defendant taken by the principals involved confirms beyond dispute the well-founded suspicion that whatever is worth having in the island was 'acquired' by American capitalists before permission was given Cuba Libre to take her place 'among the nations.'

Since the inauguration of the United States government, for the sake of courtesy, styled a "nation," Mr. Squiers, who was delegated by the American capitalists, through the United States government, to look after their Cuban interests, probably for the same reason, titled United States Minister to Cuba. This gentleman's duties, besides those mentioned, is to maintain an establishment in keeping with the dignity of his job, and to suitably impress all and sundry with the power of his employers. Of this house (they call it legation) his wife becomes, in the nature of things, the social head and hostess.

It appears that the lady ministeress, as they would say in England, was on her way to make a "formal call" on the wife of the gentleman who sustains the same relations to the French capitalists that Mr. Squiers does to the American. What special significance is attached to her calling? Is the capacity of wife of the dean of the diplomatic corps may be left to the women of the working class to decide; whatever it is, the capacity is, undoubtedly, an important one. When her carriage stopped in front of the Hotel Inglaterra, at which place "la femme du ministre française" lives, several mounted policemen attempted to have Mrs. Squiers observe certain Havana municipal ordinances which forbid vehicles to stand in front of the hotel, and do not allow two persons to ride upon the box of a hired carriage, both of which were violated.

One of the lackeys volunteered the

information that the occupant of the carriage was the wife of the American minister. That this should constitute sufficient reason for disobeying the law was evidently beyond the feeble comprehension of the Cuban policemen, for they still insisted that the carriage drive away and that the footman ride inside. This was the most unkindest cut of all. The very idea of sitting in a carriage with a lackey! Such an insult ought to make the sluggish blood of the workers flow with the rapidity of a spring torrent!

Mrs. Squiers promptly informed her husband of the gross insult of forcing her to obey the law, and he immediately notified the mayor, who straightway acknowledged the error by tendering an humble apology and suspending the policemen. This Mr. Squiers did not deem satisfactory, however, but insisted upon the discharge of the officers involved. A distinct thrill of apprehension is felt when it is learned that "if this is not forthcoming it may result in international complications."

All this is as it should be. Such an unparadiseable display of ignorance as to whom laws apply, cannot be dealt with too severely. Discharge the policemen by all means; but appoint Americans in their place. They have a much nicer sense of discrimination; they understand whom the laws are intended for. The incident is one more powerful demonstration of the Cubans' incapacity for self-government. Vive Cuba Libre! but she must be annexed.

H. S. H.

A LETTER FROM BERNSTEIN.

Show us the Difference Between Capitalist Press Reports and Actual Facts.

The Chicago Daily News is establishing quite a reputation as an expert in misrepresenting Socialism and perverting the statements of prominent European Socialists. The latest victim of the News is Comrade Edward Bernstein. Some time ago the following dispatch appeared in the columns of the News:

Berlin, May 3.—German Socialists have banished from their program as antiquated the hope of overthrowing the existing order of society by other than peaceful means. Edward Bernstein, one of the prominent leaders of the party, who has just taken his seat in the reichstag, is of the opinion that THE ERA OF BLOODY REVOLUTIONS IS PAST AS FAR AS GERMANY IS CONCERNED. Discussing the idea which has lately been exploited here to the effect that the outbreaks in Belgium and Russia might kindle dangerous fires in Germany, Herr Bernstein said:

"Germany may confidently dismiss all such fears. There is not even a remote possibility that German Socialists will ever attempt to carry out their reforms by a revolution backed by cannon and accompanied by bloodshed. Such ideas are no longer cherished by the most radical member of the Socialist party. If attempted such a revolution would prove abortive.

Recent events have brought out in strong relief the self-control of the workers and the cohesion of their movement. The restraint shown by the former irrefragably presents a glorious picture of the ripeness of the cause and promises ultimate triumph on legitimate lines.

"The situation in Russia is less encouraging but not hopeless. The alliance of the middle classes with the isolated labor and student movements is producing a spirit of liberalism in local government in the industrial centers that is the certain forerunner of national achievements. Russian absolutism is far from destruction, but the handwriting is on the wall."

The first sentence of this dispatch is an absolute invention. How far the statements imputed to Bernstein are correct becomes apparent from the following letter:

"Dear Comrade Untermann—I am writing to you while in the midst of the German Miners' Congress which is just now meeting in Essen, and which I am attending as a guest. I cannot possibly spare the time at present to give you an article for your party organ. But I wish to state at least that the dispatch of the Daily News which you sent me is quoting me wrong in one essential point. The reporter asked me whether the disturbances which were just then taking place in Belgium, Russia and Spain, would presently find a sequence in Germany, and I replied that I considered this absolutely out of the question. I believe that no member of our party, even the most radical, thinks of risking a violent conflict with the powers that be, UNDER THE PRESENT CONDITIONS. But I did not for a moment contend that the era of political revolutions in Germany is closed for once and all. Only one absolutely devoid of reason would make such a statement. We do not know what the future will bring, but we know at least that the German workmen will not cease to battle for the democratization of the public institutions of Germany, and no one can foresee BY WHAT MEANS THEY WILL FINALLY ACCOMPLISH THEIR AIM.

So far as I am concerned I am strongly of the opinion that a continuation of the policy of adhering to the greatest of the German states, Prussia, to an electoral law which is an outrage from the very start and comes from year to year into a more pronounced conflict with the growing numbers, the economic importance and the intellectual maturity of the work-

ing class, will finally make it a question of self-defense and existence for the latter to reflect WHETHER IT HAS NOT MORE IMPRESSIVE MEANS AT ITS COMMAND WHICH TO END SUCH A SHAMEFUL CONDITION OF LEGAL RELATIONS. Needless to say that I am not referring to a revolution of the old style. Such a revolution I do, indeed, consider obsolete. But the people have, I think, still other means to force the ruling classes to make concessions.

In contradiction to some of my German comrades, I regard a GENERAL STRIKE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, providing that it is declared at the right moment and carried to a finish, as an effective means of increasing the pressure from below.

In conclusion I wish to say that political catastrophes become unnecessary in the same degree, and only so, in which democracy is realized in the various departments of social life."

Yours fraternally, EDWARD BERNSTEIN.

Little Bankers Alarmed.

Oshkosh, Wis., contains a man who sees pretty clearly what is in store for the little capitalists of this country. Being one himself, that is, a small banker, he delivered himself of the following prophetic forecast at the annual state convention of Wisconsin bankers held in Milwaukee August 13th:

There is no spilling of blood in this battle, but the hosts of the East, of the Standard Oil company, and the Morgans and the Vanderbilts are advancing upon us, and they intend to sweep this country clear.

The establishment of branch banks through the country would furnish the Standard Oil company the means to fight, cut the throat, and exterminate every small bank throughout the country.

What the Standard Oil company did to the poor devils in the oil fields who owned one or more, small paying wells that is what it will do to you if you intend to unshackle this monster of branch banking to devour you?

Do you know that the City Bank in New York, with \$500,000,000 would dominate this country if it had branch banks throughout the country? Do you know it would dictate the tariff, make or prevent wars, own all the ships, the railroads, the mines, and hold the whole country in the hollow of its hand?

A representative from Manitowoc, however, a simple, trustful creature, didn't apprehend any danger from this source. He contented himself with "denouncing" the branch banking system as a simple attempt to form a banking trust. This, he said, would never be brought about, as congress would not dare to authorize it, and the bankers and people of the country would not permit it.

We will back the Oshkosh man's wisdom against the simple faith of the man from Manitowoc every time. Just wait until the "octopus" gets the industrial combinations solidly gripped and it will be found that it has a spare tentacle for the financial interests as well. The little bankers and the "people" will speedily discover that congress will run no special risk in authorizing whatever the big capitalists want. The danger will lie in refusing it.

Efficient Recruits.

At the last regular meeting of the 17th ward branch no less than six new members were admitted. Four of the new comrades, Dahlgren, Peterson, Sorensen and Kleimer, contributed 50 cents each towards securing 800 copies of the Labor Day edition of the Chicago Socialist, and another of the new comrades, Karl Rutkins, put up \$1.00 for the same purpose. The 17th ward branch is to be congratulated on the quality of the material it is securing. The willingness the new members displayed in helping to spread the message of Socialism is a good guarantee of their future efficiency as Socialist workers.

South Side Chicago Report.

Chicago Aug. 15th 1902. Report of the 2nd Congressional Picnic Luncheon held June 2nd.

RECEIPTS: Bar & Luncheon Co., \$103.11 Baby Rack, 14.24 7th W. B. tickets, 21.60 8th W. B. tickets, 11.85 33rd W. B. tickets, 25.35 33rd W. B. (No. 2), 30.60 Other Sales and Donations, 10.00 \$216.75

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Net Proceeds, \$98.55 PAUL PIERCE, Secretary.

Peoria County Convention.

Peoria, Ill., Socialists held their county convention last week. Nominations are as follows: For county judge, W. E. Klesner, clerk, Horace Green; probate judge, Frederick Nussbaum. Representatives to the legislature, B. F. Ordway, Samuel Block, sheriff, John H. Daugherty.

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Money is... Coming In...

The comrades are responding quite liberally to the letter sent out requesting them to pay up balance of membership fees. Up to Aug. 20th about \$30 in membership fees and \$30 more in positive promises were received besides about \$40 in orders from members who almost forgot they were members.

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WM. H. LEFFINGWELL, BUSINESS MANAGER, Socialist Co-operative, 125 S. WETMORE ST.

Notice of Meeting. To the Members of the Socialist Co-operative:

Notice is hereby given that at the annual meeting of the Socialist Co-operative of Chicago which, under the bylaws, should be held September 1, 1902, the following resolution will be submitted:

Resolved, That the bylaws be amended by repealing the article—which provides for the election of a building committee and defines the duties of said committee.

Resolved, That the newly elected Board of Directors be and they hereby are empowered to perform all duties heretofore performed by the building committee.

Resolved, That all funds held by the building committee be turned over to such officer as may be designated by the Board of Directors, provided however, that all funds previously or hereafter subscribed for the erection of a building, shall be separately accounted for and shall be used for the purpose of erecting a building as soon as practicable.

Resolved, That Section 3 be amended to read: "Any member, or the wife of any member of the Socialist party, may become a voting member of the Socialist Co-operative by payment of a membership fee of five dollars. At least fifty cents of this amount must be paid at the time each member is enrolled, the remainder payable in installments of at least fifty cents per month until paid. The amount unpaid at the time rebates are made will be deducted therefrom.

WILLIAM H. LEFFINGWELL, Business Manager.

Organize Big Local.

Our agitator in the anthracite fields, Comrade John Collins, makes a short report for this week. He organized only one local during that time, at a place called Gloster, near Hazleton. Local Gloster starts with 123 members, which is a fairly good beginning all things considered. Comrade Collins went from Gloster to attend the Schuylkill county convention at Mahanoy City. He will return to Chicago about a week after Labor Day.

The 28th ward branch will hold a sociable on the last Saturday evening of each month. Admission free. Cakes, etc., may be donated. Songs, recitations, speeches, dancing. All invited. Mozart Hall, corner Armitage avenue and Mozart street.

The failure of the largest of the creamery companies, owing hundreds of dollars to small milk producers may cause some of our farmer friends to pause for a moment to investigate the Socialist proposition.

When a Russian duke comes to town we give him a body guard of police. When a Russian peasant drops around we turn him over to the tender mercies of the employment agencies. They are in different classes.

Not having secured any labor legislation from the last congress our great labor bodies will go after the next congress. Some day perhaps laboring men will learn not to expect favors from their enemies.

Entertainment given by the CHICAGO SOCIALIST STOCK CO. at the Social Club, 120 S. Western Av., Saturday eve, Aug. 23. Dramatic sketch entitled "The Wagoner" in "Norm" and "The Stage Maker". Admission 2 and 10 cents.

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An item from Comrade Collins which was received too late for insertion last week, tells of his organizing a local at Trisca with 54 members. He was going at time of writing to Everdale for the same purpose.

STATE LOCALS.

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