

# THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

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

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## BUILDING THE STEPS.

### OUR PICTURE GALLERY

See the Man with the Axe?  
He is getting ready for Thanksgiving. He wants that Ugly Old Fowl overhead, and he is going to get him too... Some of his Friends told him that the Bird was out of reach—that he was too Crafty—that he was going to Roost up there forever.  
But the Man would not listen to them. He wanted that Fowl very badly, so he got out his Axe for him.

Other Friends told him that he could entice Mr. Gobbler down, if he behaved Nicely and made his Request in a Polite Manner.

But he took no Stock in their Advice—he knew the old Bird too well. He knew that he would have to go Up, because the Bird would not come Down. So he began to build Steps.

And then other Friends came around and told him that the Step Idea was all right but that his Steps were not made of the proper material, and were not built on the right pattern.

But still the Man would not listen. He was Getting There and he knew it. Every Step brought him nearer the Prize, so he went on with his Work.

It is Twelve years since he began to build, and he made Slow progress—a Step every Two years or so.

And while he was building, the old Bird Mocked him and had lots of Fun with him. But he kept on.

This year he built a great Step, much Higher than the others, so high that the Old Fowl quit Mocking him and viewed his approach with great Alarm.

But still the Step was not High enough and so the Man will have to build another one higher still, which he will put in place Two years from now.

He is getting more help with his job. Every year larger crowds of Workingmen come to assist him in building the Steps Still Higher. In time he will get that Gobbler, and then he will celebrate Thanksgiving in due order.

The Bird, will not come down, but he cannot fly away, because one of his Wings is badly damaged.

So the Man will not quit building Steps, nor will he change the material of which they are made. He knows that it would take the Edge off his Axe if he did so, and he needs that Axe in his business.

But he is getting There in Good Shape and he knows it—and the Ugly Old Bird knows it also. So he will keep on building the Steps, no matter how long it takes—and it does not seem that it will take long. He is in no great hurry. He has learned to be Wise and Patient.

Moral. You can get there a Step at a time, if you take the Right kind of Steps.

## THANKSGIVING IDYLL—"A Step at a Time."



LABOR—"I want you ma Honey, yes I do!"

### Have Mercy on Thy People, George!

"It will require radical methods to get rid of socialism in trades unionism," said George W. Skouland, formerly national organizer of street railway employes. "The policy of the socialists has been that of obstructionists always. While the majority of socialists are members of union organizations and are ready to share all the benefits brought about by the efforts of union labor, they are inconsistent in decriing and opposing the means through which concessions have been obtained by the trades unionists."—Daily Paper.

Yes, dear George, it will require very radical measures indeed. But how on earth are you "conservative" folks going to apply "radical" measures? You won't become radicals yourselves surely? You are hardly able to throw us out for we are nearly as many as yourselves, as the vote at the convention showed. What are you going to do about it? You wouldn't take such radical action as to call for assistance from the capitalists to expel us, would you?

As for being obstructionists—well, do you know of any of us who share in the benefits without paying dues? Do we scab as a usual thing? Do we avoid picket duty? If we share in the victories don't we also share in the defeats? As for our policy, don't we really drag you conservative fellows forward instead of holding you back? Do we decry the means by which a strike is won on the economic field? Did you ever hear of the Socialist Party (a majority of whose members are trades unionists as you admit) sending \$9,000 to the striking anthracite miners—and then subscribing also through their trades unions? Did you ever hear of us talking conciliation and arbitration with the fellows whom we as trades unionists fight every day in the year. Ever know us to VOTE FOR THEM? Ever hear that we sit in council with Mark Hanna and Bishop Potter, and similar union smashers, labor skiffners, and parasites?

Did we ever truckle to you conservatives? That last is where the shoe pinches, isn't it?

George, you may speak your little piece to a capitalist press reporter who doesn't know any better. But it won't go with the Socialist union man. He knows your breed. Go to!

A good way to attract your neighbor to Socialism is to get him to attend the Annual Ball. Sell him a ticket and he will do the rest.

### Chicago's Vote, 13,650.

Three precincts in Cicero, which are always added to the vote of Chicago, but the returns from which were not known at time of going to press last week, swell the Socialist vote by 38, thus making the total Socialist vote of Chicago 13,650 instead of 13,512 as reported last week.

### "Nothing Doing."

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17th.—Judge Ritchie of the Criminal Court to-day decided the "sweatshop" law to be unconstitutional. There are 25,000 persons directly and indirectly affected.—Daily Paper.

At the same time that Ritchie was thus knocking the life out of 25,000 organized garment workers, Gompers was telling a reporter at New Orleans that nothing very important would come before the convention. It was largely a matter of routine work.

### Where did They Come From?

On the 24th inst. the Chicago Record Herald printed a long article showing the wonderful demand for labor and the impossibility of supplying it. Next day the same paper contained the following item:

The force of men employed at running elevators in the Fair went on a strike yesterday afternoon. A union agreement was presented to the management of the store by the elevator starters and conductors' union last Wednesday and the management was given until yesterday to sign it. It demanded \$11 a week for the elevator men, which is the wages paid. It is said, by other large downtown department stores. The Fair has been paying \$9 a week. When the business agent of the union called yesterday on J. L. Keener, manager of the store, Mr. Keener refused to consider the demands of the union. As a result the elevator men walked out. Their places were filled almost immediately.

Where did these men come from if the statement of the previous day was true? Let the Record-Herald answer if it can. The truth is that in spite of the howls of prosperity there is a large number of unemployed in this city right now. The great stores can and do get all the female help they want for from \$4 to \$7 per week, and male help from \$6 to \$10. The Record-Herald's item is all that is needed to prove the falsehood of its own article.

Are you supplied with tickets for the Socialist Annual Ball? If not, why not?

### Not Quite Satisfactory.

Every cloud has its silver lining, except the cloud of successful office-seekers that will invade the Senate and Congress as a result of the recent election. There is no silver heresy amongst them—they are all straight Republicans and Democrats, and it is out of this situation that the Chicago Tribune extracts a crumb of comfort in an editorial entitled "Third Party Men Disappear." But as usual there is a drop of gall in the Tribune's cup of happiness. After getting rid of the populists of all brands, it has to make this admission:

While the next congress will be made up exclusively of republicans and democrats that simple and satisfactory state of affairs will not endure forever. There will be "times in the future, as there have been in the past, when groups of men, dissatisfied with the policies of the existing parties and the refusal of either to adopt their theories, will set to work hopefully to get up a new political organization and will send representatives to state legislatures and to congress.

You bet there will, gentlemen of the Tribune. You know what's coming all right. But your next statement needs some qualification.

Presumably, they will win only limited and temporary victories, and their party will melt away, as have other third parties. So long as party government lasts it is desirable that there should be only two parties and that the voters and the legislative bodies they elect should not be split up into numerous groups or factions, as in France and Germany.

"Presumably" is a good word—an excellent word; but it is not safe to presume too much. You've got the parties mixed somewhat. It is the present second party that will melt away—it's melting now—and the third party will become the second. Then the "desirable" condition of only two parties will persist—for a time. After that has run its troubled course there won't be any parties, and party government will go out of business. Who said Socialism?

A sample copy asks for your subscription.

### More "Professionals" Join.

Following the example of the Teachers' Federation, the Chicago Law Reporters' Association has unanimously voted to make application to join the Federation of Labor. The object is to get in touch with the labor vote so as to be able to exert pressure on the judges and public authorities and prevent the appointment of official court reporters from any stenographers who are not in good standing. The Association is opposed to having official reporters entirely. It contains some of the best shorthand writers in the world, who have been in the habit of flattering themselves that they were engaged in a "professional" calling. Their present move would have been laughed at five years ago by themselves. What "profession" will be the next?

### "Moral" Courage.

The Stockyards stench hasn't made its periodical visitation to the aristocratic regions of the city lately, but the Pike-Moffit maintenance case has been working overtime to make good the omission.

Speaking of this odorous exposure Judge Payne is quoted in the daily press as giving his opinion upon the matter as follows:

"I think the Pikes are to be commended for thus courageously standing out against this infamous attempt at blackmail. They owe it to SOCIETY to do so. It is impossible to contemplate the possibilities of this bad woman's being successful in this case without shuddering at the prospect of the RUIN THAT IT WOULD BRING UPON THE COMMUNITY."

Just what the meaning of this admission is may be plainly seen. "Society" is so rotten and debauched that if the truth were known, "society," which Judge Payne cleverly calls "the community," would be suffocated in its own filth. Therefore the law should sit on the lid and keep the stink confined. Nobody ever denied that Pike had lived with this woman for two years as her paramour, but of course that is a good reason why he should

### be commended in his courageous attempt to cast her off.

He owes it to "Society." Judge Payne, you give us a pain. We would far rather hear you dilating on the destruction of the "home" under Socialism. That at least would be amusing and—unscented.

### Their "Important Work."

The Civic Federation or rather that part of it known as the "harmony conference" is coming to the front again. Ever since the coal strike had demonstrated so well the harmony existing between labor and capital, the harmonists kept quiet. They did not dare to speak of their success in the face of their rank failure with the coal miners problem.

But the temporary stoppage of the coal strike now gives this "harmony body" a chance of resurrection. They have come out of the grave to announce that on the 8th of Dec. they will hold their annual meeting in New York, and if we can believe the published report this meeting will be the most important ever held.

We would specially call the attention of our readers to the following extract from their report, which is evidently official: "This committee recently did important work in the OBSTRUCTION OF THE SYMPATHETIC STRIKE in connection with the strike of the coal miners."

### NOTICE.

THE CHICAGO ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY announces an Exhibition to be held at 1301 Women's Temple from November 25th to December 9th. Open week days from 10 to 5 and Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Socialist meeting, Fortschritt Turner Hall, 1824 Milwaukee ave. Speakers Theo. Jansen and C. H. Breckon, Friday Dec. 5th, 8 p. m.

Good morning! Have you used—all those tickets for the Socialist Annual Ball? If so, there's more where they came from. Go after them.

## \$300 A YEAR! GREAT "SCOTT"!!

Professor "Jay" Scott Clark Professeth his Love for the Workingman. Would Raise his Wages From \$437 to \$300 per year, So that He May Be Able to Live in Comfort and Accumulate Cash. Has it All Figured Out. Has Views on Matrimony Also. The "Nigger in the Woodpile". Socialism is Growing in Evanston, and the Professor Wants to Save the Dear Workingman From its Baneful Influence.

There is a well known proverb which runs thus: Bachelor's wives and old maids' children are always well trained." It needs some modern improvements and additions. Its scope should be enlarged to include the idiot who periodically preaches thrift and abstinence to a "poor" of his own special construction.

And like the poor, this empty cackler is always with us. This week he bobs up in Evanston in the person of Professor J. Scott Clark, to tell a wealthy church congregation that an unskilled workingman can keep a wife and family in comfort, and save money besides, on \$300 per year.

Perhaps it is hardly worth space to take these foolish babblers seriously. But when such an address is listened to attentively by a supposedly educated audience it may be as well to give the matter some investigation if only to expose the intellectual shallowness which accepts this drivel as pearls of wisdom.

It is an unfailing attribute of the abstinence advocate, that he is always a "friend of the poor." What he tells them is only for their good, and J. Scott Clark is no exception to the rule. He loves the honest workingman and would prefer to associate with him rather than with an idle parasite etc.

J. Scott Clark won't deny that injustice is perpetrated upon the wage workers to-day. He believes that a great change must be made; that wage earners should have better pay and more comforts and luxuries than they enjoy at present. These sentiments are attributed to him by the press report of his address. They do him great credit of course. There is nothing wrong with them except that they utterly destroy his opening statement about the comforts and accumulation possible on \$300 per annum.

Government statistics for 1890-1890 show the average wage per capita to be \$437 if \$300 is sufficient to secure comfort and leave a surplus for a "rainy day" are not the wage earners being paid too much now? Why should they have better pay? Could not \$137 be deducted from what they now receive and still leave them fully up to the J. Scott Clark standard of sufficiency? We will venture to assert that the keen business men in his audience saw the strength of this plea for a reduction of wages, and it is easy to see why they didn't object. They know the uses of the J. Scott Clark to the modern exploiter.

"The man or woman" says J. Scott Clark "who becomes dependent through lack of foresight or neglect is morally as guilty as the thief that breaks in and steals."

This, after the admission that there is injustice perpetrated on the worker, that a great change must be made etc., is certainly refreshing. If foresight and strict attention could always result in independence where is the use of talking about injustice? Unconsciously poor J. Scott Clark is raising a cloud of dust under cover of which the real "thief that breaks in to steal"—the capitalist exploiter—the worker of injustice—can make his escape.

"After health and a clear conscience, the greatest blessing a man can have is a wife and children, but he must earn them, and 28 is not too early for him to marry."

Here we have the commercial aspect of matrimony clearly brought out. The man must "earn" his wife just as he earns wages. A wife is the reward of abstinence—a blessing conditioned on previous accumulation on the part of the would be possessor. Then after the manner of his kind, J. Scott Clark promptly demolishes this statement in his next.

"The farm laborer who makes his board, laundry, and \$150 a year can save \$100. Housemaids who make a similar amount can save as much, and at the age of 45 have enough to keep them for the remainder of their lives. It is possible for the ordinary able bodied man or woman, 18 years old or over, to earn \$300 a year, including board, lodging, etc. It is possible for single men and women to live in health and dress decently, even in large cities, for \$200 a year, and therefore save \$100 a year."

Here we have the assertion that the woman should be independent if she works and saves until the age of 45. Then she is at liberty to double up with the young man of 28 who by that

time will also have achieved his independence. J. Scott Clark's model world seems to be constructed with little regard to our old friend "human nature."

But the best or worst, whichever you like, is still to come. Any able-bodied man of 18 can earn \$300 a year, and J. Scott Clark asserts that that sum is sufficient to keep a wife and family in comfort and save money also. Why then should the man wait until 28 before marrying? And if a woman can also earn a similar amount from the age of 18, why in the name of reason has she to wait until 45?

It would be a waste of time to bring any Socialist arguments against J. Scott Clark's silly assertions. He can be easily gagged with his own figures. No need to say anything of the enormous productivity of modern society, or to ask what virtue there is in abstinence in the midst of abundance. It is not necessary either to point out that if this thrift could be universally practised, it would destroy "business" inside of a month, that even if partially practised its one great result would be a general lowering of wages. These things are far above the comprehension of the J. Scott Clark of modern capitalist society.

But J. Scott Clark was evidently talking with some definite object in mind, and we think we can discover it in the next paragraph.

"The remedy for sweat shops is not the co-operative commonwealth, but light, knowledge, and imagination, and this is the work of the church through social settlements. Every church that pays its pastor \$2,000 a year should maintain at least one substitute for a saloon."

That's what's really the matter. Some people in Evanston have been talking Socialism—the Co-operative Commonwealth—and worse than this, several hundred Evanstonians voted for it a few weeks ago, and J. Scott Clark has been called upon to apply his "light, knowledge, and imagination"—principally imagination—to check its course. He's not after sweatshops, ut Socialism. The sweatshop gives all the comfort and chance of saving that he demands. It pays on an average over \$6 per week or \$300 per year to adult workers. Why should he want it abolished?

Similar wisdom to that of J. Scott Clark's can be obtained as he hints broadly, for \$2,000 per year, or nearly seven times as much as is necessary to keep a laborer, and his wife and family in comfort and allow them to save money besides. Perhaps there is a method in his folly after all. It takes a wise man to play the fool sometimes.

### "Properly Shocked."

A dispatch from Moscow after stating that one fifth of the city's population live in underground caves and cellars, continues as follows:

These troglodyte inhabitants include 25,000 workmen, 24,000 clerks, 57,000 children and aged persons and 35,000 without any means of existence. The Russians who are proud of Moscow's reputation as the most prosperous industrial city of the empire are shocked by these revelations.

It will be thus seen that Russia is making indisputable progress in "civilization." Not so much on account of the cave dwellers, but rather from the fact that the "good people" of Moscow are properly "shocked," just as under similar circumstances the bourgeoisie of more advanced countries pretend to be. They didn't know of these caves—of course not—though no doubt they drew rent from them—but the whole thing was a "revelation" to them, just like the "revelations" that from time to time appear in Chicago, New York, and London. Russia may be backward in some things, but she is getting there just the same.

### A Correction.

In the "Roll of Honor" Comrade M. Bloom was credited with only 50c. instead of \$1.00.

### SOCIALIST PARTY.

All Socialist meetings announced for Saturday Eve., Dec. 6th are hereby called off on account of the Great Jubilee Ball to be held that evening at Coliseum Annex, Wabash and 16th St. Tickets 25 cents.

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EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. To secure a return of unused manuscripts postage should be enclosed.

FRANKLIN 454. Entered at the Post Office Chicago, Ill., as Second Class Matter March 28, 1902.



There won't be any trust legislation in this session of congress. There is no time for it.

The government has refused to extend the parcels post system to other countries.

The "crusade" against the parlor match in New York State has been successful.

Doesn't it sound a trifle strange to hear the Canadian papers declaring against the American invasion of the northern wheat lands?

As the Civic Federation unanimously declare that Miss Haley is mistaken in her opposition to their educational bill...

President Mitchell says that \$600 is absolutely necessary to keep a coal miner and his family in anything like decency.

News comes from France that Dr. Pitoy a scientist, has by a certain chemical process "taken the evil out of fermented and distilled liquors."

Single Taxers will send a note to King Edward asking him to introduce Single Tax into Ireland.

Several people in Minneapolis are starving themselves to cure diseases with which they are afflicted.

SO SOCIALIST THANKSGIVING. "We are different from the others; we are other than the others."

So wrote Liebknecht in 1893 in his pamphlet entitled "No Compromise."

Still we have something to be thankful for. The Socialist vote has grown enormously.

Let us then set apart a day for the celebration of this fact. We are big enough to make our own dates.

"HE NEVER WILL BE MISSED". How little the world really loses in the death of its commercial great men.

He was the largest single employer of labor in the world, the wealthiest man in the Empire.

But his death changes nothing. Another capitalist or group of capitalists will simply succeed him.

The "good" man of capitalist society in spite of his riches has no claim to remembrance more than a costly monument can give.

LET JUSTICE BE DONE. Once again has Socialism been "crushed" at the annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor.

There he that stepped into the breach to prevent the laborers from receiving the full social value of their labor.

Congratulations from Mark Hanna and Bishop Potter are also now in order.

The Horatius of the legend received a reward and a monument for his services from the friends of his country.

We suggest that Hanna attend to the reward while President Elliot looks after the monument.

For Samuel led the forlorn hope in the momentous debate. He had the last word—this year.

the workers is a political movement—hope lay only in Gompers. The Socialists had not accomplished anything.

Nothing could withstand this feast of reason and flow of soul. The Socialists were overwhelmed by 4,744 votes.

We write this not to belittle but rather to impress upon the "public" and the magnitude of the victory.

To the victor belongs the spoils. Let him have them—or rather part of them—part of what has already been extracted from the workers.

It is his just due. Let justice then be done. Now. At once. There may not be another chance.

TAKING THE SOCIALIST PILL. Three hundred thousand votes cast for Socialism on November 4th.

Socialists have always contended that the Democratic party was doomed on account of its reactionary middle class tendencies.

A glance over the editorials of such papers as the Chicago Chronicle on this subject, shows beyond question the consciousness of utter impotence.

Needless to say the Socialists enjoy this fulfillment of their predictions to the fullest extent.

On the other hand the Republican press faces the music with a cool and calculating manner.

We have it on the authority of Judge Gary, chairman of the steel trust, that the age of competition is not passing away.

But there will be no jubilation amongst the Republicans on this account. The fact that one wing of the

capitalist vampire is being disabled, carries no comfort to the blood sucking monster itself.

Such is the Socialist "dream" and the interpretation thereof. Events have so far verified our predictions.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAY SIDE

Speaking of the action of the carpenters' delegates at the A. F. of L. Convention in endorsing the Socialist resolutions.

Dr. Lyman Abbot now declares that "Socialism should not be resisted," which is tantamount to saying that there should be no class struggle.

A militia company in Memphis, Tenn., refused to parade in honor of President Roosevelt when he passed through that city.

Poor old Leopold of Belgium has been nearly scared out of his muddly wits by the recent attempt upon his life.

A newspaper for nervous people will be published in Vienna. It will "break the news gently" to those timid souls.

The Chicago Chronicle charges the German Socialists with killing Herr Krupp, which only proves that the Socialist pen is mightier than the capitalist sword.

After January 1st a special "millionaire train" will run from this city to Jacksonville, Fla.

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Perhaps you didn't know that cement was made out of cinders. The collapse of an apartment house under construction on the North Side.

From Philadelphia comes the news that a syndicate has been discovered in that city which has an extensive traffic in procuring young girls for immoral purposes.

Wonder if Mr. Sam Gompers can discover any connection between the recent raise of wages on Pennsylvania railroads and the 22,000 Socialist votes cast in that State.

We would call the attention of our esteemed contemporary the Chicago Chronicle, to the sad fate of Herr Krupp.

CORRESPONDENCE

Comrade Pledger's Plan. Comrades throughout the world—listen to this.

A very small outlay by us laymen if all take up the work in unison and earnestly try, will do the work that otherwise will require perhaps two or three generations to accomplish.

Now figure this up, it will only cost you a trifle each year and your friend will be bombarded with weekly hot shot which will make a Socialist of him long before the year is out.

We can not expect him to do what we would not do ourselves. Now let us see. We will take Chicago for instance, 15,000 votes.

I am not preaching what I will not practice. I am going to do this very thing myself if no other man does.

Remember it is your ball; so be there.

Are you thankful that the capitalists allow you to live?

If a man is really in earnest for Socialism a period of probation will do him no harm.

Friends of Gompers must enjoy it to see the enemies of labor patting him on the back.

There should be no rest until we get Socialism. Then there will be rest for all who deserve it.

Krupp is dead but until the Socialists get possession of the earth the manufacture of guns will go on.

All aboard for the ball Dec. 6. Bring your folks along and have the time of your life.

As between Mayor Harrison and Sheriff-elect Barrett where can the workingman have a choice?

John Mitchell is getting tons of advice but he may notice where much of it comes from.

You have heard about everybody getting more wages but it is generally some fellow in the next ward.

Carnegie and Frick will see which can give away the most of the money they took away from workingmen.

It was by keeping everlastingly at it that the vote in some precincts of the city crawled up to as high as sixty.

Under the profit system of running an insane asylum they are still kicking people to death at Kankakee.

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We cannot double our vote many more times in the 33rd ward for at the present rate of increase we will soon have all of the voters there.

In Milwaukee the Socialists are growing so rapidly that they have been obliged to put up the bars against the politicians.

There never was a better time to start your neighbor reading.—He has time now and the politicians don't bother him.

Can it be possible that the book trust is among those who are afraid the Chicago Teachers are too radical in joining with organized labor?

If you were getting double your wages you would have twice as much to be thankful for. Yet you produce at least five times as much as you receive.

In Milwaukee and Massachusetts it has dawned on the capitalists that there is a Socialist Party in this country.

Already the grafters of the city are lining up for a battle for control of the city funds at the spring election.

It may be that we are threatened with an independent labor ticket in the spring but while it is being nominated what will those labor leaders on whom the democratic machine holds a first mortgage be doing?

The same papers that told the Socialists who were active at New Orleans that there was no class struggle gave accounts of a new fast train to the winter resorts of Florida.

President Baer came down the day after the coal miners delegates at New Orleans voted for Socialism.

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# COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL PROGRAM

Report Submitted by Sub Committee Appointed at Indianapolis Convention. A Collection of Ideas and Suggestions for the Construction of a Socialist Municipal Program. A Wide Field for Discussion. Topics include: Public Education, Municipal Ownership, Working Class Government, Public Relief, Public Health, Factory Legislation, Housing Question, Public Employment, Taxation, etc.

At the Indianapolis Convention it was decided that the National Executive Committee be authorized to appoint a sub-committee on municipal activity, this committee to have only advisory powers and to have as one of its functions the formulation of a municipal program for Socialist bodies. Almost exactly a year ago the National Committee elected the following comrades to serve upon this committee: Victor L. Berger, Job Harriman, Emil Lies, John C. Chase, with the undersigned as Temporary Secretary. Communication was at once opened between these various comrades and steps taken to carry out the will of the convention. As all the members of the committee were actively engaged in other work in connection with the Socialist movement progress has been rather slow.

From time to time the assistance of outside comrades was requested, and among those who have co-operated in the preparation of the program up to the present time, and who are now acting as members of the committee, are Comrades Corinne Brown, Seymour Steadman and Philip S. Brown. Effort has been made to keep in communication with the Socialists in different parts of the country, and it is hoped that if any such who have not been written, see this that they will address the Secretary at once, as their co-operation is much desired.

The "Suggested Lines of Social Municipal Activity" which are given at the close of this article are to be considered simply as a sum total of the various suggestions that have been thought worthy of consideration by one or more members of the committee. They were compiled after careful comparison with a large number of municipal programs in this country as well as those of the European Socialist parties. Whatever may be said of its defects or merits, it is probably the most complete outline of municipal activity yet gathered together and should furnish material for intelligent discussion. It is probably not approved of as a whole, by any single member of the committee, and still less is it to be considered a special recommendation of the committee, and, least of all, does it partake of the character of a proposed platform for Socialist municipal bodies. Such platforms may evolve from it in the future, and it is hoped that it will be of assistance in the formation of such platforms by various cities.

So far as I am personally concerned, I am of the opinion that a municipal platform could be best made up of a plain revolutionary demand for the overthrow of class rule and a statement of the need of the application of certain principles in municipal activity. This would constitute the platform proper and would be about the length of those now ordinarily adopted. In addition to this an elaborate program of probable action could be prepared based upon the suggestion given herewith. This should be accompanied by an explanation that would need to be a rather extensive document, discussing and explaining the various provisions adapted to local needs and show how these form a part of a complete revolutionary program. This was the position which I took at the Indianapolis convention with regard to our National platform, and I have, as yet, seen no reason to change my mind. I say this, because there is persistent misrepresentation of the attitude taken by those who oppose "immediate demands" in the form in which they now appear in the majority of our platforms.

But whatever else may be said there is urgent need of further intelligent discussion of Socialist and municipal affairs in this country. It is certain that a large number of Socialists will be elected to municipal positions within the next few months. At the present time there is no general idea of what the Socialist position is on municipal affairs. There is great diversity of attitude on what are really fundamental principles. I am not one of those who believe that municipal action can be reduced to anything like complete uniformity throughout a country presenting as diverse characteristics as does the United States. But there are certain principles and lines of action which apply everywhere, and these should be worked out. It seems to me that in this connection the Belgians offer us the most valuable example. The Belgian Socialists have organized a League of Municipal Councilors with Comrade Emil Vinck, the well-known contributor to the International Socialist Review, as its secretary. They hold regular conventions and have evolved considerable literature on the various questions arising. It would seem possible that something of this character might grow out of our present committee. Such a body has absolutely no authority to enforce its decisions save what comes from the better knowledge which it is able to bring to bear on the questions. It affords an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and the accumulation of information on subjects which are of the greatest importance.

Perhaps these suggestions may be taken in connection with those which follow as the basis of a discussion in the Socialist press. Without further discussion the matter which has been evolved by the committee is given herewith. A. M. SIMONS, Sec.

**Suggested Lines of Socialist Municipal Activity.**

**PUBLIC EDUCATION.**  
I.—Changes in Instruction.  
1. Sufficient kindergartens for all children of proper age.  
2. Manual training in all grades (not trade schools).  
3. General introduction of idea of development and freedom in education with close connection with things, according to principles of modern pedagogy.  
4. Teaching of economics and history with evolution of industry as base.  
5. Establishment of vacation schools.  
6. Adequate night schools for adults.  
7. Instruction of children as to child labor legislation and rights of children before the law.

II.—Changes Affecting Teaching Force.  
1. Adequate teachers (small classes).  
2. Pedagogical training required as a qualification for teaching.  
3. Right of trial for teachers when dismissed.  
4. Pensions for teachers when superannuated or disabled.

III.—Care of Children.  
1. Free text books.  
2. Free meals and clothing.  
3. Free medical service, inspection for eyes, ears, mental faculties (for educational purpose), and contagion.

IV.—Equipment.  
1. Adequate buildings, numerous, not too large.  
2. Ample play-grounds with physical instructor in charge.  
3. Museums, art galleries, libraries, etc., enlarged and accessible to all children through frequent visits accompanied by teachers.  
4. Baths and gymnasiums in each school.  
5. All school buildings open evenings, Sundays and holidays for public assemblies.

V.—Miscellaneous Provisions.  
1. Inmates of orphan asylums and other public institutions for children required to attend public school.

**MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.**  
I.—Principles of Management.  
1. Reduction of hours and increase of wages to correspond with improvements in production.  
2. No profits to be used for reduction of taxation.  
3. Pensions for all city employees when sick and disabled.  
4. Election of supervising officers by employees subject to control of municipality.

II.—Industries Suggested for Ownership.  
1. All industries dependent on franchises, street cars, electric and gas lighting, telephones, etc.  
2. Public parks, slaughter houses where they are needed.  
3. Bakeries, ice-houses, coal and wood yards.

**WORKING CLASS GOVERNMENT.**  
1. Police not to be used in interest of employer against strikers.  
2. Free legal advice.  
3. Abolition of justice courts (trial by jury without extra expense).  
4. Abolition of fines as alternative to imprisonment.  
5. Establishment of Municipal Labor Bureau.

**GENERAL MEASURES FOR PUBLIC RELIEF.**  
1. Establishment of works to give employment to unemployed.  
2. Free medical service.  
3. Adequate hospital service with no taint of charity.  
4. Homes for aged and invalid.  
5. Night lodgings for men out of employment and without homes.  
6. Adequate regular aid to widows with no implication of charity.  
7. Pensions for all public employees.  
8. Free public crematory.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
1. Inspection of food, punishment of all harmful adulteration.  
2. Public disinfection after contagious diseases.  
3. Publicly owned and administered baths, wash-houses, closets, laborator-

ies, drug stores and such other things as care of public health demands.

**FACTORY LEGISLATION.**  
1. Special laws for protection of women and children in both mercantile and industrial pursuits.  
2. No child under eighteen to be permitted to work at any gainful occupation, including selling papers, blacking shoes, etc.

**HOUSING QUESTION.**  
1. Strict legislation against overcrowding, provision for height and ventilation of all rooms.  
2. Building of municipal apartments to rent at cost of care of buildings and appreciation—to return for ground rent to be demanded.  
3. Condemnation and destruction by the city of all tenements not conforming to proper standards of light, ventilation and overcrowding.

**PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.**  
1. Direct employment by the city—abolition of contract system.  
2. Fixing of minimum wage not lower than standard trade union rate.  
3. Only union labor to be employed where unions exist.

**TAXATION.**  
1. Progressive income tax where possible.  
2. Taxation of ground rents.  
3. Exemption of household furniture and laborers' homes.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
1. Erection of "Labor Temple" by municipality as headquarters, meeting place and education center for laborers of the city.  
2. Publication of a municipal bulletin, containing complete news of all municipal activity.

## ELECTION ECHOES.

**Various Returns of the Socialist Vote From Different Parts of the United States.**

Comrade Geo. E. Bigelow notifies us that the Socialist vote of Neb., in which state he now agitates, will reach about 4,000 or perhaps over. It was 1,925 two years ago. He reports a very active agitation and widespread interest, and adds that the comrades there expect fully 100 per cent increase. So far the returns indicate that their expectations will be realized.

From Com. Slattery of St. Anthony, Idaho, comes the official report of the Socialist vote in Fremont Co., in that state, which shows 213. Three precincts in Elmore Co. (no organization) return 20 votes. One in Lemhi Co., 20. Three in Washington Co., 49. One in Kootenai Co., 25. He received also a postal from Latah Co., stating the Socialist vote there as 230. Comrade Slattery expects the vote of the state to reach 2,000 and promises to send the complete returns as soon as they are known. There was no Socialist vote in the state in 1900.

The Socialist vote of Hudson Co., New Jersey, shows a solidity that is exceedingly gratifying. The lowest vote for any of the Socialist candidates in the county was 1,783; the highest 1,803, a difference of only 20. The S. L. P. vote was almost equally solid though but little over half that polled by the Socialist party. It stood thus: lowest 947 highest 955—difference 38.

San Jose, Cal., gives 209 votes for Brown, Socialist candidate for governor. The other candidates on the Socialist ticket, 15 in number, received a somewhat higher vote, though the total vote shows a remarkable uniformity.

Socialist vote in Stevens Co., Wash., was 312 out of a total of 2,923. The S. L. P. got 17. Two years ago the Socialist vote was 28.

The Socialist vote in Ogden City Utah, is 330 out of a total of about 5,000 votes.

## REVENGE ON SOCIALISTS.

Comrade Roth of Wilkes Barre, Pa. loses position on account of his political activity.

The Socialist Party of Luzerne Co., Pa., where the vote reached nearly 5,000 on November 4th, has decided to start a weekly publication in the interests of the Socialist Party in the anthracite region of North Eastern Pennsylvania. A committee has been appointed to raise funds for this purpose, and asks the Socialists of the country to contribute. All donations will be credited as subscriptions, and should be forwarded to J. G. Roth, Room 78 Simon Long Building, Wilkes Barre, Pa. As an evidence of Comrade Roth's ability and energy in pushing the cause of Socialism we append the following letter written by him a few days after the above notice reached our office.  
Dear Comrade—The Wilkes Barre and Wyoming Valley Traction Co., by whom I was employed as a conductor, have trumped up a petty charge against me under pretext of which I

was discharged. I have collected testimony which in the judgment of any fair minded man would be more than sufficient to exonerate me, but to use the words of the superintendent, "it wouldn't do". Of course the comrades know the real reason for my dismissal.  
I have been looking for a new position for the last couple of days, but my efforts were not crowned with success. It appears that I am "a marked man" with the corporations in this vicinity who don't feel disposed to give employment to a "Socialist" and "labor agitator" as I am called, which compliment I indeed feel proud of, although I don't deserve it. I might possibly pick up an uncertain temporary job, drudging for some knacker capitalist at starvation wages and under antiquated conditions, but this prospect has no charms for me.  
I am now a member of the army of the unemployed, and may be obliged to tramp in search of an opportunity to honorably earn a decent living for myself and family. Hoping for the best, I am  
Yours Fraternally  
J. G. ROTH.

From the above it will be seen that the local labor skinned have already taken the alarm, and the Socialist vote of Luzerne Co., certainly gives them cause. Discharging Comrade Roth however won't help them any. On the contrary it will help Luzerne Co. Socialists to a considerable extent in getting the paper established. The revenge of the capitalist takes on more and more the form of a boomerang, and Comrade Roth may look upon his discharge as a contribution from the enemy, to the Socialist paper that is surely going to be published.

**What They Said About Us.**  
Under ordinary circumstances the period immediately following an election gives to the capitalist press an opportunity, which they seldom neglect, to write long and dreary homilies on the result. This time, however, due no doubt to the threatening increase in the Socialist vote, they mostly preserve a massive silence.  
All but the Chicago Chronicle, whose cup of bitterness in viewing the progress of Socialism, has been filled to overflowing through the results of the recent scrap in the A. F. of L. convention on the Socialist resolutions.  
We present herewith to the readers of the CHICAGO SOCIALIST a composite picture of the Chronicle's editorials from election day until time of present writing.  
"Socialism is grow—scragg—? WOW!—anarchy—!!!—pfsaw? Bedlam—ETAOINN—! Gee-whis—SHRDLU—nix-no-never!! Gompers \$\$\$ xrtfggs—scro-oog! Sensible—phx. rtd—men—yfg? Kayg!!! hysterical—? \$ rskvjll—save society—pfff—blank!! wow!!! Socialism\*\*\* 15,000? phew ETAOINNSHRDLU—ETAOI—rats!"  
The above is an average sample of what the Chronicle is now saying about Socialism. Whether these dreadful charges are deserved or not we leave to our readers to judge.

## EAST WAKING UP.

Three States Give 21,000 Socialist Votes Report of Penna. State Committee.  
By a vote of 21,510, the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania on November 4 more than quadrupled its last highest vote of 4,831 (in 1900) and gained official standing on the State ballot. This brings Pennsylvania into line with the remarkable increase in the Socialist vote all over the United States. It also presents to the public and to the dismayed politicians the significant spectacle of the three leading and most conservative of the Eastern states—Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania—the bulwark of conservatism for the whole country and the home of capitalism—uniting to the extent of more than 21,000 votes for Socialism! It is no wonder that in the face of this aggressive action on the part of the working population—for those votes come from the working class and not from mere dreamers and theorists—it is no wonder that the managers of the Pennsylvania R. R. Trust, the Reading R. R. Trust, and the Union Traction Co. Trust are falling over each other in their haste to announce to the public a "raise" in the wages of their employees!  
In the vote of Pennsylvania, 12,900 are credited in the official count to the anthracite coal regions. And in this region, the Socialist campaign for the spring elections started the night that the fall campaign closed—November 4th.  
Since election day, three charters have been granted to the following new locals:—Bradford McKean Co., Wyoming of Luzerne Co., Oswago of Potter Co.  
A more detailed report will be given later.  
J. Edelman, Treas. J. M. Barnes, Sec. 1622 Arch street, PHIL., Pa.

## CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Condensed Report of the Minutes of Last Three Sessions, Nov. 8, 15th and 22nd.

Comrade Larson in the chair.  
The following new delegates, were seated: Washbrough, Stanicek, Huggins, Horigan, Peterson, Esdorn, Goebel, Lauman, Jensen (alternate), Rah and Anderson.  
The minutes of last session were read and approved. The minutes of Exe. Com. of Oct. 6th, 13th and 20th and of the special meeting of secretaries and organizers of Oct. 10th were read and approved. Minutes of Oct. 27th and Nov. 3rd read and approved.  
Accusations of having acted as democratic clerk on election day, against a member, are referred to Grievance Com.

Managing Editor's report is accepted. Collection is taken up and amounts to \$5.75.  
The offices of Business Manager and Secretary are separated. Theo. Meyer is elected Secretary. Discussion takes place on how best to edit the Chicago Socialist. It is adjourned until Nov. 15th.

Continued session Nov. 15th.  
Comrade Roberts in the chair.  
The following new delegates were seated: Marcus, Ziegler, Richter, Saunders (alternate) 15th ward, Peterson and Newman.  
Minutes of previous session are read and approved with alterations. Comrade Stangland is voted to remain in office as Business Manager. A collection is taken up and amounts to \$5.85. Comrades Sissman and Solon address the committee.

Contents of communication from 31st ward Branch regarding the election of Press or Advisory Committee are voted to be the sense of this meeting by a rising vote of 23 to 19. It is now adjourned until Nov. 22nd.  
Session continued Nov. 22nd.  
Comrade Evans occupies the chair.  
Minutes of last session are read, altered and then approved.  
New delegates, Rasmussen and Schmidt are seated. Membership applications from wards, 14, 15, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 32 and 34 are read and approved.

Communications from ward branches 21 and 9, 10 and 19 read.  
A Press Committee of 9, 3 from each side of the city is elected: Following are the names of members: North Side: Pardeck, Schuler, Morris; South Side: Brecken, Richter, Duncan Smith; West Side: Bard, Simon, Hanson. The following comrades are elected to fill vacancies on the Exe. Com.: Richter, Lowrie and Esdorn. Rules are suspended in order to take up call for city convention. (Call for city convention will be published in next week's issue).  
It is voted to hold convention on the night of Dec. 20th. Jos. Wanhope is re-elected editor.

All communications pertaining to Manager or Editorship are referred to Press Committee. New constitution is ordered sent to the branches for referendum. Exe. Committee is requested to elect an Auditing Committee.  
It is then adjourned until the first Saturday in January.  
THEO. MEYER, Sec'y.

**"Oh, it was Pitiful!"**  
The teachers who have cast their lot with the Federation of Labor will be glad to know that the principals of the schools rather pity them for the step they have taken. One of the daily papers which gives a column to the subject heads it "PITY FOR TEACHERS." Most of the condescending people who are quoted thus profess not to know the meaning of the action. Of course it is well nigh impossible for twenty five hundred dollars per year to view the world from exactly the same standpoint as fifty five dollars per month, but one comparatively speaking exalted dame nevertheless makes a shrewd guess as follows:  
"But what was the motive of the teachers in doing such a thing? I frankly declare I do not know, and I do not believe they know themselves and yet I respect their action and am deeply impressed by it as a sign of the times. In my opinion it is a part of a wholesome movement for the emancipation of labor, in which humanity acts in masses, without the individuals having any clear idea of what they are doing. The teachers joined the Federation of Labor from instinct, just as the migratory birds fly to the south. The act was the result of a kind of evolution, and as such was inevitable.  
"This action seems to me to be at the best premature. It ought to come, as I conceive, slowly and by education. Still, there are times when revolutions come by leaps and bounds and when events like this act of the teachers and the coal strike educate the people more in a month than they could be educated by books and schools in 20 years.  
"Inevitable and yet premature! How can these things be? What this learned lady does not see is that the action did really "come slowly and by education"—the education imparted by tax dodging capitalists and corporations and their political and legal tools in the last few years. No leaps and bounds whatever about it. The teachers have

been coming steadily along so the jumping off place and then they naturally took the jump. They had to. There was no such thing as lying down. There is lots of material in this incident to work out a little disquisition on evolution and revolution that might be interesting to Socialists and non-Socialists alike. We refrain however for the present from lack of space.

## SCATTERING PARS

Spades are Spades. Slaves are Slaves.

One of the A. F. of L. delegates, a Mr. Angard, opposed the Socialists' resolution at the New Orleans convention, declaring that he was no wage slave and objected to the use of that word by the Socialists when they referred to the working class. The use of plain words is one of the distinct characteristics of the Socialist Party. It calls a spade a spade and any attempt to use soft-sounding words in exposing the rottenness of capitalism, or the use of misleading words which may not be strong enough to suit the occasion would only create confusion and in the end the whole truth would of necessity come forth. This is an era of wage-slavery, and whether Mr. Angard or any other person objects to the use of that word, it exists nevertheless, and if it is so foul that it cannot stand the light, then let us institute a system which will have but one name, in which there will be no "dividing up" and where each person will receive the full equivalent of his labor.

**Useless Denunciation.**  
Prof. R. P. Johnson of the University of Chicago in a recent talk denounced the blatant Socialist demagogue as the worst enemy of the labor union as well as the arch-foe of society. "The eminent professor has evidently forgotten what he has undoubtedly learned by reading history, that such anarchistic talk as he used never hurt a just cause and that the truth must come irrespective of denunciations by any class. His talk reminds me of the parrot on the limb of a dead tree out in a field, which after having had all its feathers plucked by the buzzards and hawks, still cried out: "Gentlemen, don't crowd."

**Didn't Want "Charity."**  
Some of the opponents of the Socialists' resolution at the New Orleans convention objected to the old age pension for the laboring class, proudly asserting that "charity" was not wanted. They were right, but they did not know it. "Justice" is what the Socialists want, and when they take back what they have produced there is nothing charitable in that. But did it ever occur to those highly independent non-charitable gentlemen that our haughty high salaried army and naval officers never object to CHARITY in the way of pensions after having led a life of ease and at a good salary? Have the wives of ex-presidents refused CHARITY? Dear, it would be a dreadful thing for a poor \$2. a day wage slave or his family to accept charity from the fund he had helped to create.

**Old Age Pensions.**  
The press dispatches tell us that the German Imperial Secretary of the Treasury proposes suggesting an old age pension, a Socialistic measure. This is hardly in keeping with Mr. Gompers' statement at New Orleans that the Socialists of Germany will not accomplish anything. The dispatch intimates that the capitalists will take one plank at a time from the Socialist program and gladly hand it to the masses if it will keep them quiet. Three millions of Socialist votes in Germany has forced the government to this palliative measure, but it won't satisfy the workers. They want the whole cheese and will stop at nothing less. When Mr. Gompers alluded to the Socialists' inability to accomplish anything under the German monarchical government he wisely refrained from saying anything about the "robby kept at Washington for a long time by the A. F. of L. begging congress for certain measures which were scornfully turned down. The art of consistency is a jewel.

**Gambling is "Prosperity."**  
The daily press recently floated over the fact that about \$500,000 had been divided in prizes, etc., by the race tracks this year. True, a very small portion of that amount went to legitimate service, but think of how much better the community at large have been had that sum been employed in producing the necessities of life. And it was worth that \$500,000 plus at least \$4,000,000 profit to bookmakers and track proprietors all created by actual labor? Reflect a moment of the number of \$12 or \$15 a week clerks gambling away their weekly salaries vainly endeavoring to pick a winner. Family at home half clothed, perhaps half fed, rent unpaid. On yes, this is a great system we are living under—great for the capitalist and parasite.

**That Raise of Wages.**  
All the railroads are going to increase from 5 to 10 per cent the pay of the men who have the backing behind them to compel it. Then they will raise freight rates from 15 to 50 per cent and now a portion of the laboring class gladly accept a 10 per cent increase in salary. A very striking illustration to the comparison when a thug holds you up, extracts \$50 from your pocket and then hands you back \$10 provided you can force him to do so.  
Under Socialism this continual warfare and strife would be at an end and you would not be made to surrender four-fifths of the equivalent of your labor.  
Vz.

## The "Sickly" Trust.

Small retail butchers and employees of Swift and Co., who held stock in the concern were squeezed out by the heavy slump in its stock yesterday. It is claimed that the losses of stockyard employees, clerks and others whose earnings were invested, will reach \$100,000.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The day before this item appeared, a dispatch from New York stated that the proker's combine was "sick". From the above it would seem that the vampire has still enough energy to suck the veins of a few score petty would be capitalists. Perhaps the sickness of the monster may be thus transferred to its victims. At any rate this is the usual procedure of the "combine" whether in sickness or health.

## Enchanted Again.

Some time ago Mr. William Jennings Bryan declared that if he were in power he would see that trust magnates were clothed in prison stripes. As an example of how the present administration is anticipating Mr. Bryan in this respect, we submit the following item from the daily budget from New York last week.

Ronald F. Brennan, 22 years old, who rose, in two years, from the position of an office boy to that of president of a trust company which he organized, has been sentenced to Sing Sing for ten years. He was charged with securing money under false pretenses by forging on the property of persons whom he did not even know.

Another "issue" appropriated by the Republicans, Mr. Bryan, you will evidently have to seek further.

## Has Been "Seen" Things.

"There are two extremes in the saddle to-day, the exceedingly wealthy and the laboring man. The salvation of this country lies with the middle class people, who read and think and talk and read—the class that stands out and says: 'You have your rights, but you have not the right to jeopardize the rights or the perpetuity of our country.' You are the men who must save this country in all its troubles, and you are in the majority."

That's what Judge Kohlsaat said last week at the banquet of the Lincoln Club, presumably after the company had well dined and weren't very particular about what was said. It is not difficult to find a middle class "majority" upon whom to depend for "salvation," if you only put yourself in a receptive mood to discern it. Stranger things have been seen before "across the walnuts and the wine." Out in the cold cold world, however the vision quickly disappears, as the election returns come in and show the big capitalist on top of the heap. When reason again resumes its sway, we will probably find the Judge strenuously denying that classes exist in this country at all. But who would be so matter of fact as to forbid him the pleasures of imagination once in a while or hold him strictly accountable for words spoken in an unguarded moment? Socialists are not such ascetics as to deny the harmless pleasures of the pipe and pot, and are liberal enough to make allowances under such circumstances.

## Go and Hear Him.

Regular Socialist Lecture, North Town Headquarters, 363 Sedgwick street, Sunday Nov. 20th at 8 p. m. Speaker John Collins.—Subject The Great Coal Strike. Free Admission. All welcome.

## NOTICE.

Will those who voted the Socialist ticket Nov. 4th living in 35th ward South of Madison and between 46th Avenue and Central Avenue communicate with H. J. Wiegall, 5424 West Jackson street. This is a big ward and a branch should be located in this locality.

## NOTICE.

To the members of Cigar Makers Union No. 14. Election of officials at next regular meeting, first Friday in December at 88 Franklin St., at 7:30 p. m. sharp. Come early. It is the interest of every member to attend this meeting.

## NOTICE.

Tickets for the Socialist Annual Banquet can be had at this office, 181 Washington St. Come and get some. 25 cents each.

VARIOUS TOPICS.

Such is Capitalism. The Chicago Chronicle continues to exhibit evidences of nerve-racking nightmares on Socialism. One day this week it broke the usual record of one and two editorials by printing three, all written in a vain attempt to show the world at large that because that paper fails to move with modern ideas and evolution, those who do are fit subjects for an insane asylum. It pretends to show that the death of Krupp, the gun maker of Germany, was caused by attacks made on him by the German Socialist daily, Vorwarts and concludes with "Such is Socialism." The press dispatches tell us the attack was on account of an alleged conspiracy or scandal in money matters. But supposing the accusation may or may not be true, yet it must be conceded that there must have been some foundation for the attack or it would not have been precipitated. Therefore would the Chronicle or any other paper admit of their being the cause of the death when exposing hoodlers, bribers and thieves, should the accused not be man enough to face the music? If so, then the death of several men in the last few years in Chicago may be laid at their doors, notably that of Hammond, the banker, and Saionni the alleged tax "fixer." SUCH IS CAPITALISM, which the Chronicle so strenuously defends.

They Liked It. After the regular business at a special meeting of the local International Union of Commercial Telegraphers last Saturday evening, Comrade George C. Sloan made a brief but thoroughly clear and concise speech, and while he was instructed to speak on "Organization and Unionism" his remarks on the class struggle were so strong and to the point that only the one word "Socialism" could have been added to inform his hearers what they were groping for. Urgent matters pertaining to the organization of the elevated men cut his address short but it was well taken and warmly applauded.

I. U. C. T. Notes. International President McDonald of the I. U. C. T., recited his pleasant little experience with Comrade Victor Berger of Milwaukee at New Orleans, at the A. F. of L. Convention. Before Mr. McDonald had received any assurance that the A. F. of L. would issue him an international charter, and when matters looked a trifle blue, Comrade Berger sought out McDonald and volunteered to present his case before the convention if necessary. After the proper committee had taken some steps, it greatly pleased McDonald to look around and catch Berger's eye, who smilingly asked: "Well, Mack! How does that suit you?" "Mack" was very much pleased judging from the way he looked when telling the story. Since the above was written news has been received that the telegraphers have not won out so signally as expected and that another meeting has been called by the A. F. of L. of the telegraphers to be held in Pittsburg. What the I. U. C. T. may do about this remains to be seen. Perhaps Comrade Berger's services may prove beneficial after all. A great many of the telegraphers are Socialists. It has been pointed out more than once that the American Labor Union isn't the proper party to affiliate with and the suggestion met no opposition. The fact that the printers are in the A. F. of L. with whom the telegraphers are very closely allied is the only point which favors the A. F. of L. and this has been weakened since the action of the latter at New Orleans, which makes the issuance of the charter very doubtful.

Temple Notes. Sat. Nov. 26th. The Socialist Dramatic Club will present that beautiful rural drama entitled—The Hickory Farm. Prices 15c & 10c. Sunday Nov. 26th Mrs. May Wood Simons will speak. Tuesday Dec. 2nd the regular School of Soap Box Oratory. Thursday Dec. 4th Comrade Bates will speak before the Womens Alliance—subject—Food Adulterations. Sunday Dec. 7th Comrade Franklin H. Wentworth speaks. The School of Soap Box Oratory is a great feature and is waking up considerable interest; comrades flock in from all parts of the city to the meetings.

Socialist Sunday Schools. The Temple school is growing weekly and there will be no fear of our scholars voting wrong—when they are of voting age—but the Co-operative Commonwealth will be on hand long before most of them vote. The 25th ward school is nearing the 100 mark and expects to reach it before Jan. 1st. The comrades are great workers and when they get in their

new school room—the number will easily double. Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Finsterbach are working hard at both schools arranging the Christmas entertainments—which will be a big feature. Comrades send your children to one of these schools—if you are living within a few blocks. Both commence at 11 a. m. sharp. WALTER HUGGINS, Organizer.

Socialist Gains in England. In the recent municipal elections in England, reports from 45 towns, wards, and boroughs show that over 25,000 votes were cast for Socialist candidates. In addition to the seats previously held by Socialists, five more were gained, one in each of the following places: Burnley, Southampton, West Ham, Southend and Northampton. In most of the contests the Socialist vote increased very largely and in one place the Socialist candidate was returned unopposed.

Socialist Dramatic Club. Don't forget the entertainment given by the Socialist Dramatic Club at the Temple, 120 S. Western ave., on Saturday Nov. 26th at 8 p. m. when we will present that Rural Comedy-Drama entitled Hickory Farm. Specialties by the famous Burns' Bros., comedians, Grant and Thornburg, parody singers, and many others. Admission 15 cents. Children 10 cents. Come and enjoy yourselves.

Socialist Educational Club. Franklin H. Wentworth will deliver a lecture Sunday Nov. 30th at 3 p. m. at 837 Milwaukee ave. On Friday Dec. 5th at 8 p. m. a lecture will be given entitled The Leisure Class, A Study. Free discussion. Free admission.

The Teachers have elected thirty delegates from their ranks to represent them in the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Twenty seven employees of the Union Pacific R. R. in the Omaha shops have been cited for contempt in violating an injunction against picketing, trespassing on company's property and interfering with strike breakers.

Will parties who voted the Socialist ticket in the 27th ward, please send their names and addresses to R. Stedie, organizer Socialist Party, 1631 N. Whipple street, City.

Whoever adopts Socialism takes a through ticket to bedlam.—Chicago Chronicle.

The Chronicle has never adopted Socialism. How did it get there? There is evidently more than one road to the bughouse.

Coal miners in Montgomery Co., Ind., went on strike last week to secure proper treatment for 300 mules employed in the mines in which both men and mules worked. They won the strike in a day or two. It is far easier to induce the boss to take good care of the animals he buys than the animals he hires. Mules cost more in the first place and have to be fed and housed. Men cost nothing to begin with, but have to be fed and housed in order to continue at work. That's about all the difference under capitalism.

The testimony of three medical men (local practitioners) before the anthracite coal commission brought out the fact that anthracite coal mining is one of the most unhealthy and dangerous occupations in existence. Ninety per cent of the men over 50 years of age are afflicted with rheumatism. The death rate from accidents is 33 per cent higher than on railroads. Fifty per cent of the boys employed in the mines near Scranton are under 14 years of age and have people dependent on them, according to the evidence of Dr. Roberts. Catarrh, asthma, rheumatism, stomach troubles, pneumonia, scabies, lumbago, anaemia, etc., were the diseases most prevalent and few miners could escape them. The coal companies contributed nothing to the Wilkesbarre hospitals, except the patients. But these things cut no figure. Baer and his class have a "divine right" to establish a little hell of their own in the coal regions if they see fit.

AN INVITATION. To the officers and members of the Socialist Party—The Chicago Association of the North West Workingmen's Singing Societies of North America, will give in the North Side Turner Hall, 259 N. Clark St., December 13th at 8 p. m. a Grand Concert and Ball. We invite you all to be present and have a good time with us. A splendid program has been prepared and we hope you will be with us. Your Socialist membership card is good for free admission. The Committee Per J. MACK, Sec'y, 3141 Union ave., City. Are you still hustling for subscribers

NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The Socialist Party of America in National Convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and these in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transferring 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 workers. Today the machinery which is 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 the poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and the workers. The ever powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the midst of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalist the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery. The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate the entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit; wars are fomented between nations; indiscriminate slaughter is resorted to; and the destruction of whole races is mentioned 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 its destruction 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 avowed opposition, 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 parties formed by the propertied classes. While we declare that development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depends upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for us to support all active efforts of the working class to better its conditions and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

AS SUCH MEANS WE ADVOCATE: 1. The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication, and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening the hours of labor of the employees, to the improvement of the service and diminishing the rate to the consumers. 2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and to increase the share of the workers in the product of labor. 3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, loss of employment, sickness and want to be organized by the government and to be administered under the control of the working class. 4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, public credit to be used for that purpose, in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor. 5. The education of all children up to the age of eighteen years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing, and food. 6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women. 7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents. But in advocating these measures as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movement as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure government control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

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