

# THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST

“Workmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains: You have a world to gain.”

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## THE CITY CAMPAIGN.

If every citizen in the city could spend one whole week at headquarters and do nothing else but watch the counters to behold the amount of literature carried off each day, each and every one would be greatly amazed at the amount required to supply the demand. Then when one remembers that each piece costs money for printing it would be very easy to understand why the campaign manager, Comrade Smith, sometimes wears a troubled look. Cash, that is it, for we are still doing business under capitalism. Most splendid have been the responses to the calls made in this column from week to week, but comrades, the campaign is not yet over and much remains to be accomplished in the next few weeks.

There are many lists out and unreported on as yet. As you read these words you may realize that you have such a list. If such be the case lose no time in getting the balance of the list filled and send in or bring in the cash to headquarters at once.

If this request is complied with on the part of all the comrades and friends having lists the result in the aggregate amounts turned in will make it possible for the campaign committee to carry out successfully many as yet uncompleted plans.

DO YOU WANT TO SEE A LARGE VOTE THIS SPRING? Of course you do. The best way in the world to see this much desired end is to make the campaign committee strong in its cash balance.

First your loyal support to the call for money and make to bring this great meeting to a successful issue. Second, the organized campaign committee that has stood behind every one of the multitude of details and carried them each to a successful conclusion.

Organization and co-operation the two great factors that contribute to the success of our magnificent program. Let your co-operation be manifested in the raising of a large and ever larger campaign fund and this tied to the work of the campaign committee in its present organization shall show most splendid results at the polls on April 11th next.

Now at hand. Every comrade at his post. There is no excellent without great labor and the great task now in hand shall win the co-operative commonwealth.

Now, altogether for the final and telling effort.

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## Stereopticon and Moving Pictures.

Illustrated lecture, "Shadows of a Great City," Wednesday, April 1, 8 P. M., at Metropole Hall, 51st street and Fifth avenue. Admission free. Tickets FREE. At door the Comrades and friends wishing tickets can have same by applying to Comrade W. A. W. at Socialist Party headquarters or from H. C. Washburn, 115 E. 22nd street. Discussion requested.

## Glen Carbon, Ill., Names Ticket.

The Glen Carbon, Ill., comrades held their city convention this week and named the following Socialist village ticket: Mayor, H. L. Groetska; Clerk, Grant Evans; Treasurer, Edward Valina; Trustees, Andriana, Peter Urekman, Fritz Demmick; Police magistrate, M. B. Harth. A committee authorized to fill all vacancies was duly appointed.

## A Socialist Mayor.

J. Jensen, a well known Socialist and trades union leader, was a few days ago by the city council of Copenhagen, Denmark, elected municipal mayor of the city.

The Socialists have now a clear majority in the Copenhagen city council—21 seats out of 30—and when the recent financial mayor died Jensen was elected in his stead for this important office. The king will have to confirm the election.

The new Socialist mayor is 43 years old, a native of Sweden. Since 1890 he has been president of the United Trades unions of Denmark, with a membership of about 100,000.

For several years he has been a member of the lower branch of the Danish parliament in the Copenhagen city council of which body he has lately been the vice-president. He has represented the Socialist Party of Denmark at several international gatherings and is one of the delegates to the international committee of the party.

## A Lawbreaking Campaign.

Campaign enthusiasm combined with "soap" and "paste" is giving the people of this city an edifying exhibition in the poster lines. The editors and Stewart placards are smeared one above and other on walls and fences, without any legal warrant, to convince the voters that the proper persons to administer the laws are those who are breaking them. The incongruity would stagger anyone but a politician. Editorial in Record-Herald.

## Mr. Olive, Ill., Celebrates.

The Communist celebration which was held on Saturday, March 14, was a complete success both financially and principally. The exercises were opened by a short address in the German language by A. P. Gerner, after which several recitations followed. One of the most inspiring features was the recitation of "The March" and at Comrade Peterson's request the band played "The Internationale." The festival wound up with a dance which lasted until 5 o'clock Sunday morning. This was the first time in the history of the labor movement of Mr. Olive that the Paris Commune was commemorated. Though I hardly think our local papers will mention anything about the affair.

When school children have a party, then you can find a half column devoted to a description of the event, but when the Socialists have anything, not a line, yes, and not even a syllable is printed of it. We expect to poll the highest vote ever cast for the Socialist Party in Mr. Olive's ward. We think the Democrats will be dead to the world after this coming election.

Watch and see. Details will be given later. A. F. GERMER.

## Evanston Notes.

Harney Beryl spoke in Lyons Hall, Friday night, the 20th, to an audience of 200. Peter Miller spoke the same night. A good collection was taken up.

The campaign committee is still paying for your paper.

You can see by the number on your label whether you are a sure and subscriber for it himself before that time. You will want it to keep on coming.

Our gentle roast on Mr. Vanderhook last week evidently did some good. See what he says about it in this week's PRESS.

It is reported one of the other candidates for mayor is getting all the secrets and benevolent societies he can discover, in order to get votes. Wonder if he will join the Socialist Party too?

We have started holding kitchen parlments in between our regular Friday night meetings. There were good crowds at Comrade Stolle's, also at "The Shack" and at Comrade Peterson's. We will furnish good speakers at any meeting which comrades may arrange for us in a kitchen, shop or basement. Set a date, invite your neighbors and notify Peter Miller.

Don't forget the Friday night meetings.

## Rockford Gets on Board.

The Socialists were allowed a representative on the board in Rockford, Ill., in each precinct as this party is the only one allowed to nominate a candidate for mayor. The party represented by the following in the various wards: Elmer Lutzoff, Charles Bogren, Gusnar Sundberg, Edwin R. Crestley, E. S. Tabetta, E. G. Atwood, Edison Hewitt, W. H. Walpole, Ben Fay.

When the list had been compiled and was about to be adopted, Alderman Butterworth suggested that inasmuch as the socialist party was entitled to representation on each case except the First precinct in the Second ward that a change be made there to give the party its rights. The two aldermen from the Second precinct and dropped the name of O. Bergquist as ineligible, substituting that of Charles Bogren—Rockford Star.

## Man the Polls.

Ward campaign committees are requested to take up the work of manning the polls with watchers on election day. There are signs of a large increase in voting. It is not necessary to explain to you the importance of having a Socialist at every precinct polling place in the city to count it. We can't trust the other fellows to do it for us. Don't put it off to the last. Do it now. So far only a few wards have reported to Comrade Bates, secretary of the watchers committee. Send your lists to him as soon as completed. You are also directed to select a central point in your ward to receive returns on election night that they may be returned to headquarters. Get to work. Watchers Committee, T. K. BATES, sec'y.

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## Notice.

The Chicago Tribune last Tuesday gave the Socialist Party an endorsement for a very pleasing write-up. The article was given space on the high-priced and classical editorial page. In the same issue of that page, page 7 contained an assumed list of all the city candidates. The Socialist candidates on the city ticket were not mentioned, but dear old substituted. Try to remember the day of the trap and in the game, and all you will have to do is read the election returns on Tuesday, April 7.

## To whom it may concern.

The literature stand in the headquarters is run by the Socialist Party for the Chicago Socialist and L. Watts is attending the stand under pay from the party. If you have any suggestions to make as regards the manner same is handled or how it may be improved, let me hear from you. Yours fraternally,

CHAS. L. BRECKON, Manager Chicago Socialist.

If you don't want the full product of your labor vote the old party ticket.

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## NORTH HALSTED STREET LINE

The street car service of Chicago has by common consent been condemned as the worst possible, considering that the opportunity for good service is so great. The North Halsted street line can easily boast that they have the most abominable service in the whole city. The limit has certainly been reached on this line. If it were any worse the cars would not run at all. The service on this line would remind one of an old, spawny, wind-broken horse that was waiting for a merciful bullet to put an end to its existence. Language absolutely fails when any attempt is made to describe the conditions that exist here. The cars are old, broken down, disease-breeding affairs that are not fit to haul cattle to a slaughter pen. Men and women, young boys and girls are jammed, pushed and crowded together in close and almost intolerable proximity, with great discomfort. Peders, steps and even sometimes the roofs are occupied by those to whom time means a chance to slave for another profit and delay means dooming and sometimes discharge and enforced suffering to these dependent upon them.

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- 1-James Laughton, Janitor. 2-Stanley Kiddland, Painter and Decorator. 3-Sydney C. H. Yeomans. 4-James McQuay, Int. Union of Steam Engine Makers Local 2. 5-James F. Lynch. 6-A. J. Nielsen, Brotherhood Painters and Decorators Local 54. 7-Grant De Pew, Cigar Makers Union No. 44. 8-Andrew Whalen, Electrical Union and Wigmasters Union. 9-Henry A. Frankel. 10-Thomas Stryck, M. D., Special Order Clothing Makers' Union Local No. 7. 11-Henry Hors, United Brotherhood Carpenters and Joiners No. 52. 12-Frank Bain, Woodworkers' Union No. 4. 13-Wm. Kellner, Int. Association of Machinists. 14-L. Anderson, Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 7. 15-Geo. Koop, International Typographical Union No. 16. 16-Peter Siskman, Lawyer. 17-A. A. Wisnes, Wholesale Drug Employee Union No. 1078. 18-Morris H. Taft, Lawyer. 19-Morris Kaplan, Grocery Business. 20-John Gilbert. 21-Fredrick Meyer, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Nat. Alliance Local 228. 22-A. W. Mance, Amalgamated Leather Workers Union No. 12. 23-G. Lohse, Amalgamated Am' Str. Railway, Division 24. 24-Rudolph Verball, Bricklayers Organization No. 1, B. & M. I. W. 25-John E. Phelan. 26-John Kaiser, Bricklayers Union Local 17. 27-Albert Elemen, Bookkeeper. 28-Herman Koch, Bricklayers and Stone Masons Union No. 21. 29-Henry J. Glasser, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and A. F. of L. 30-Herman Imhof, Presser. 31-Arnold Rasmussen, Glaziers Union No. 27, B. H. of P. D. of America. 32-Jos. Wanhoren, Painters Local 154. 33-Wm. Johnson, International Carvers Association of America 4230. 34-Wm. R. Lowater, Commercial Artists Association of America 4230. 35-H. J. Weigel, Int. Union of Commercial Telegraphers.

With our well filled warehouses and the return of the summer zephyrs as indicated by the delightful spring days that we have had of late, wouldn't it be nice if we had Socialism and the government should order the workers of the world to dig in their gardens and visit the parks for the next ninety days. Say, you blooming chump, you can have this whenever you get sense enough to vote your own interests. Don't you think that you have voted the bosses' ticket pretty nearly long enough? This would be a good year

In which to commence doing this for yourself. Vote the Socialist ticket and get out of economic slavery. You have been fooled long enough. Get busy for yourself once and then see how you feel after acting the part of a really wise man once. You have been a fool long enough.

Carter Harrison says that the people own the streets. The filthy condition of the latter and the poverty of the former would seem to indicate that that is about all they do own in this man's town. The street car men have had possession of these same streets so long that it does not seem likely that the dear people could establish their claim in any court of justice under capitalism. Long live the people and the dirty streets, says Carter Harrison.

If the workers of the world were only as wise to their interests as are some of the small capitalists, we would have Socialism in America to-morrow. Many is the doctor and lawyer in the city of Chicago who is working tooth and nail for Socialism. Many a poor wage slave who comes to some of these doctors for drugs to patch up his worn out system under the exploitation of capitalism, is a rabid old party ticket man, not knowing that he is hugging to his bosom the serpent whose sting is death.

THE NEED OF ORGANIZATION.

The value and need of a close, cohesive organization is but little realized by the great majority of the members of the Socialist Party. There is not today a more important part of the work of the great working class movement than the question of how to build up a close working and united organization.

Other movements may be ever so indifferent about the closeness of their organizations, and may be quite content to leave the great bulk of the work to be formed by a few willing hands. But this will not do for the Socialist Party movement. The reason for this difference lies in the momentous interests involved in the Socialist propaganda. The temporary character of all other organizations is abundantly witnessed in this fact of indifference to close knit organization.

As the Socialist movement increases in power and numbers the importance of a strong organization becomes more and more apparent. The Socialist Party is but a faculty for the training of the masses in the truth of the class struggle.

The ever increasing number of untrained forces coming to the banner of Socialism must become thoroughly versed in the revolutionary movement and know and understand every phase of the class struggle. Unless this is done there remains a wonderfully strong chance for a reaction to set in at the most critical moment in the history of this great movement for the emancipation of the workers of the world.

Comrades everywhere, the time has come to get into the Socialist Party every man who has cast a vote for the ticket. You cannot possibly engage in a work more laden with fruitful results for the cause for which you are, so nobly fighting than in getting application cards for membership signed and following up the applicant to see that he gets possession of one of the magic little red cards.

Next in importance to secure new members is that of making every party voter a reader of the party paper. The two propositions are inseparable and must ever be held together.

The man who joins the party and reads the party paper will always be a safe and dependable unit in the great proletarian army.

The present membership of the Socialist Party in Chicago might with most beneficial results to itself and the great interests involved spend much of time and energy to the perfecting of its organization in the next few months.

What does he stand for? Jean Cowgill in last Sunday's Chicago Chronicle has a long interview with Daniel L. Cruice, candidate for mayor on the independent labor ticket. Among many other things the writer has the candidate say the following:

"All man is entitled to the wealth he creates. No more, no less. 'All government should do is to protect him in '9 after he creates it.' The Chicago Socialist would like to ask this gentleman how man is going to come into possession of the wealth he creates except on the lines laid down by the science of Socialism. To gain this end will not the working class have to organize themselves into a political party to take possession of the powers of government. In what other way can government be made to protect him in the wealth he creates. If this is done then is not that Social-

ism? The above being true will Mr. Cruice tell us any good reason why he and his party do not cast their lot with the Socialists?

OLD PARTIES ONLY ROBBERS.

Further on in the same interview the labor candidate says:

"Both Democrats and Republican parties are robbers. If someone was not a robber we should have no great masses of capital." Wonder how long it will take to depose those robbers by the organization of mushroom union labor parties as a tall to the city hall kite? Does not this gentleman know that the robbers he so much abhors are made a possibility by the muddledom thrown into politics by just such abnormalities as that alleged party which this momentarily illustrious gentleman heads?

Does he not know that it is just such tactics as he is following that causes the workers of the world to remain divided and while thus divided the parasitical robbers are enabled to go on with their game of hold-up and robbery? In fact so clearly is this condition recognized that these same robbers give aid to just such parties and candidates. This sort of thing is just what they want and what they are always anxious to bring about. If Cruice is honest would it not be well for him to cease playing into the hand of the enemy? But then this is not to be expected, for by his own confession he is one of these very same robbers, as witness the following from the same interview:

"I am a lawyer. We are essentially parasitic. But the fact remains that we are parasitic-we simply live. Of course many of my friends of the legal fraternity do not agree with me. That does not alter the truth."

The above makes it very clear why this young man lends himself to this continuation of this great hold-up game of the world, in which the producers are the suffering victims.

It is now easy to understand why Daniel L. Cruice is not a Socialist. He is desirous of continuing the exploitation of the producing class.

He is not a man engaged in an honest effort to relieve the workers of the world of the load of parasites that have been riding their backs these untold centuries.

UNION NOT RECOGNIZED.

Although declaring the anthracite coal miners entitled to the increase in pay for which they fought, the strike commission selected by President Roosevelt, in its report made public Saturday, March 23, gives no formal recognition to the union and has some harsh things to say regarding the lawlessness that marked the recent struggle.

The individual men are blamed for crimes committed during the strike, but the commission exonerates the president of the union and the national leaders of any responsibility and declares they did all possible to maintain peace. Complaints against the militia and special guards were held to prove the fact that these objections, as powerfully insisted upon, should not oppose the presence of officers of the law.

WHAT THE DECISION MEANS.

In brief, the commission recommends a general increase of wages amounting in most instances to 10 per cent. Some decrease of time. The settlement of all disputes by arbitration. Fixes a minimum wage and a sliding scale. Provides a general discrimination of persons by either the mine owners or the miners on account of membership or non-membership in a labor union. Provides against discrimination of persons in force until March 31, 1906.

The increase in wages where based on the sliding scale will in some instances amount to as much as 20 per cent, especially if the present prices of coal are maintained. Social conditions in the mine region are declared good, and it is stated that the average of pay will compare favorably with that in other lines of work of the same grade.

It seems almost like an insult to intelligence to have anything to say about the findings of the coal strike commission. The miners put up one of the best fights ever recorded in the history of trades unionism in America. For five and a half months they were out on strike. Most nobly were they aided by fellow trades unionists and the Socialist Party. When President Roosevelt saw that it would be dangerous to the interests of the Republican party in the fall elections for this strike to continue, he found a way to bring it to an end, even if he did have to take the insults of the coal barons.

All the past winter hundreds of thousands of people in the United States have paid double price for miserably poor coal and the way seems to have been opened for perennially maintaining the high price unnecessarily set by the greedy coal barons.

How many untimely graves have been filled because of freezing to death or because of diseases incurred through the lack of coal or means of properly cooking food.

Count the lives lost, the millions in money spent and the untold sufferings of the families of the miners and those depending upon them, and who shall say but this is a very dearly purchased increase—a miserable crumb wrested from capitalism.

OUR ESTIMATE OF MITCHELL

JOHN M. O'NEILL in Minessa's Magazine.

The coal miners of the United States have been dignified by the report made by President Mitchell to the fourteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers since the 19th of January. They have had ample time to review it and if they are to be the great army of the organization who can look into the desultory essay of more than 23,000 words, he is an optimist whose credulity can see light in the darkest hour of labor's night. The report is a crash of history—a recital of facts in connection with the great struggle which has become common property. The laboring men of every state of our Union had their eyes fastened upon the convention in anticipation that the man who had witnessed 147,000 men and their families endure the agony and the torture of Siberian infancy, kindly hope to the hearts of men who have been Russified by barbarism in "Free America." It was thought that when the great, lauded leader had spoken, the expectant multitude whose ears were turned to Indianapolis would feel aspirations warming their breast that would buoy them to meet the future with a dauntless courage, supported by a manly pride in the great deliverance of man from the grinding bondage of wage slavery. The Moses of the United Mine Workers has unloaded himself of meaningless verbosity, and the slave who dwells in the black caverns of the anthracite regions can find joy in the wilderness of words.

There is no pending in congress a bill which, if passed, will limit the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes. The passage of this act is meeting with the opposition of many large employers of labor, a lobby is being maintained by them at Washington to defeat the bill. In order to insure the passage of this law local unions should petition their representatives in congress to vote in favor of the enactment.

Suppose this anti-injunction bill pending before congress were to be passed. Mitchell what tribunal will sit in judgment upon its constitutionality? If the anti-injunction bill passes congress escapes the amendment danger of the "Millionaire Club," and becomes a law, will the corporations capitulate or will they drag the product of national industry into the sanctuary of the Supreme Court of the United States, which is declared by Baer as the "bulwark of American liberty." Will it not be as easy for the Supreme Judiciary to assassinate a national act as it is for a state legislature?

He appeals to local unions to petition their representatives to congress to vote in favor of the law. It seems to have forgotten that labor has no representative in congress, owing to the fact that labor leaders of the conservative brand would rather squander per capita tax on legislative committees begging "handouts" than to tell the labor multitude to go to the ballot box and get a "square meal." We have addressed considerable time in reviewing the address of President Mitchell in the hope that we could find some flower in the barren desert of this state of language but our mental vision has failed even to get a glimpse of an imbecile word on the sterile plain, populated with more than 22,000 words.

With a feeling of sorrow tinged with disgust to pronounce the address a miserable failure. To address the mental stature of a man who sits in the executive chair of one of the strongest labor organizations in the world. Not only did the coal miners of America look to him for wisdom that would light the avenue of progress in the address of President Mitchell, in the hope that we could find some flower in the barren desert of this state of language but our mental vision has failed even to get a glimpse of an imbecile word on the sterile plain, populated with more than 22,000 words.

Mitchell has seen woman, the refining influence of the world, sell her honor for bread on the auction blocks of lust. He has seen some of the fairest daughters of our land become courtesans through low wages of department stores and factories, run and operated by members of churches who worship God in high priestly poses.

He has seen the countless hours of prostitution standing like festering sores breeding contagion and inoculating maidenhood in its tents. Yet for crime of shame, the spawn of a rotten civilization, no remedy escapes his lips. No remedy for the 300,000 fallen women incarcerated behind the red curtains of dens of iniquity? No remedy for the sale and the factory slave whose scanty income bids for dishonor? No remedy to lift man and woman from the depths of infamy and disgrace to which greed and profit have consigned them?

He sees the coal miner and his family huddled in a hovel while the coal baron has a palace, a yacht and a private car, and yet there is no remedy in the program of Mitchell to wipe out this hideous blot of inequality. "Oh, what a fall there was, my countrymen," in that convention!

An Appeal to Unionists by a Fellow Unionist.

The following is a copy of a letter read before the Chicago Federation of Labor by the President of the Oil Wagon Drivers' Local No. 50, of the T. N. N. A.

Fellow workmen: There is nothing more important or necessary to our welfare than an understanding amongst ourselves, and that is do not let these old parties keep us divided against ourselves with their false issues, which have been their aim and our ruin, for both are alike. Look at the capitalists or the barons. Have they not proved it over and over again? Do they make any laws by which we are benefited? Does not Morgan and Rockefeller (gasoline just raised another cent) and such dictate what laws they want? We do not get any laws that benefit us if we organize in a union and demand a larger share of the wealth that we create do not these same parties serve us with injunctions and bullets, as every strike has shown? Are we not the ones that make all that is grand and good and when this country gets into any trouble who does the fighting, and if the time are hard who suffer? 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**BY A WORKINGMAN.**  
Within a short time the voters of Chicago will be called upon to vote for candidates for mayor of the city and various other officials including the members of the board of aldermen.

The members of the working class, by which we mean all those engaged in manual as well as mental labor, have the majority of the votes and can therefore decide who shall be elected to the various offices.

The Republican and Democratic parties come before the voters and ask them to vote for this or that candidate because it is a good fellow or because he stands for lower taxes, municipal ownership of street car lines or on the plea that he will be a "friend" of the workingmen.

The Socialist Party, which has nominated a full ticket with Charles L. Breckon as candidate for mayor and Charles L. Breckon as candidate for mayor in platform in which its position is clearly stated.

The platform of the Socialist Party declares that the working class of Chicago in order to obtain any benefit whatsoever through its political action, must capture the power of government and use it in their own interests. That is why the Socialist Party is not in this campaign for the purpose of using the political power in the interests of the workers. To-day that power is used against the working class and it does not matter whether you elect a republican, democrat or reform administration, the government will be in the control of those men who control these respective parties.

These old parties are all under the complete domination of the capitalist class and it is for that class that they legislate. The Socialist Party is under the complete control of the working class and will naturally have to follow the dictates of the working class.

For which party ought the workingmen of Chicago vote? Will they vote for a party which represents their interests, for a party which will not only be a "friend" of the workingman but a party which in fact is of the workingman—the Socialist Party, or will they again throw their votes away by casting them for the old parties which have not done nor ever will do, anything for them?

Let the workers once understand that a political party represents the interest of the class which pays its expenses and let them clearly understand that no party can represent more than one class and then they will realize that they must have a party that stands for their class. The politician or political party which claims to represent "all" the people is a fraud. The Socialist Party does not make a hypocritical plea for votes by declaring that it will represent all the people but it boldly proclaims the fact that it will represent only the working class.

The old parties if they were to be equally as honest would have to state that they will represent the capitalist class—the class which pays their campaign expenses and writes their platforms. If they did this the workers would of course see through the fraud which has been perpetrated upon them for so many years. The capitalist class realizes full well that in order to get the votes of the workingmen, they must offer some inducement to them and as that class grows in intelligence the inducement will always have to grow greater or the chances are they would lose the votes of the working class and consequently lose control of THE POWER OF GOVERNMENT.

The fact of the existence of a real working class in the Socialist Party, has caused them much worry during the past few years and the further fact that the party is steadily growing in numbers has given them no small cause for alarm.

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You can plainly see from this that what they are after is not so much the municipalization of street railways, gas plants, electric works, etc., but the one and main ambition is to hold on to the control of the governmental powers. For mark you well, should they lose control of the powers of government they will also lose control of the working class. This is something which they will seek to prevent at all hazards and for this reason they are compelled to offer something to the workers which is calculated to lead them off the track which leads to their emancipation—political action on Socialist lines—and will land them in the camp of the capitalist class only to awaken to the fact that they have been sold once more.

Stripped of all subterfuge the real issue in this campaign is who shall govern the city—the capitalist interests or the working class interests. The workingmen have by far the vast majority of the votes and if they want to count they must cast them for their own party—the Socialist Party. If on the other hand they feel disposed to throw their votes away, let them cast them for the old parties. They will then not only throw them away, but worse still they will vote that the capitalist class which already appropriates about three-fourths of the product of their toil shall also have the power to dominate over them through the powers of government.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**New Polling Lists.**  
The revised poll lists of the city will be ready on Tuesday next. The comrades are hereby made aware of this fact and will govern themselves accordingly.

**City Central Committee!**  
Continued special meeting will be held tonight, Saturday, March 28, 8 P. M. Only members in good standing will be admitted to hall. By order City Centr. Com., per THEO. MEYER, secretary.

**"Mother" Jones in Pullman.**  
On Saturday, March 28, "Mother" Jones will be in Pullman at Market Hall. The city candidates will also be present and a grand meeting will be held. And of Pullman should be present and enjoy the rare treat of hearing "Mother" Jones.

**Sunday Meeting at Headquarters.**  
A morning mass meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at Headquarters, 181 Washington street. You cannot find a more interesting and instructive place to spend Sunday afternoon than in this meeting. Each address is followed by free floor discussion.

**17th Ward.**  
The Sunday school begins at 1:30 P. M. at our headquarters, 255 West Chicago avenue. Our public meeting begins at 3 P. M., Sunday, March 29, Comrade Breckon, candidate for mayor will speak, free discussion.

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**S. S. S.**  
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