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Labor Union News

Western Miners Adopt Strong Socialist Resolution. Havemeyer's Questions Answered. Lessons of the Restaurant Strike. Girl Pickets May Be Sent to Jail.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MINERS AT THE DENVER CONVENTION—NO CHILD LABOR. PROGRESS THE WATCHWORD.

The Western Federation of Miners decided that the next convention shall be held in Butte, as stated last week; they also declared for the Socialist program and principles by a vote of 125 to 20. A determined effort will be made to stamp out child labor; every assistance has been promised those unions which are fighting for a 8-hour day. The convention endorsed a resolution of Butte stationary engineers, condemning the American Federation of Labor for organizing a dual union in that city. The stamp system of dues was adopted. The demands of the smelters of Anaconda will also receive the support of the Federation. The following is the resolution which was overwhelmingly adopted.

Whereas, The natural resources of the earth, upon which humanity depends, are being swiftly concentrated into the hands of the privileged few; and

Whereas, Political independence is a bauble and delusion, while the toiling millions bear the yoke of wage slavery on the industrial field; and

Whereas, No man among the vast army of laboring humanity can successfully assert his manhood, while his necessities make him a suppliant at the foot of another for a job which he must have in order to sustain life; and

Whereas, The privileged few who own the jobs which the many must have, must necessarily own the many; and

Whereas, Capitalism can never be dethroned and wage slavery abolished until the natural resources of the earth and the machinery of production and distribution shall be taken from the hands of the few, by the political power of the many, to become the collective property of all mankind, to be utilized for the use and benefit of all humanity; and

Whereas, The Socialist party is the only political party in any nation of the world that demands that the land and the machinery of production and distribution shall become the common property of all, and that labor shall receive the full product of its toil; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the delegation of the Western Federation of Miners in the eleventh annual convention assembled, reaffirm the political policy of the tenth annual convention, believing that the principles enunciated by the Socialist Party will make the "noblest work of God," woman, the queen of home, and the child, the bud and blossom of an emancipated generation.

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HAVEMEYER'S QUESTIONS.

The following questions were propounded by John C. Havemeyer, a millionaire-member of the Sugar trust family, who offered to hire a Hall and pay all expenses if the unions would answer them. The Union men of Yonkers undertook the task and selected J. T. Windell, D. L. Russel and our comrade Ben Hanford to answer the sixteen questions for Mr. Havemeyer. We print the questions this week but owing to lack of space we will have to postpone comrade Hanford's answers until our next issue. Watch for this. It is the hottest thing we have seen for some time.

Mr. Havemeyer's questions, which were printed in leaflet form and distributed among the audience were as follows:

"1.—What originally were the conditions or facts which seemed to make necessary the combinations of workmen, called labor unions, and which justify their present existence?"

"2.—What are now the aims of these unions and the methods employed to accomplish them?"

"3.—Is it a fixed purpose consistently to avoid in acts or spirit what is complained of in employers, and to this extent is the Golden Rule, to do to

others as you would have others to do to you, kept in mind?"

"4.—In these methods is account taken of the suffering and losses that may be caused widows, orphans and others in no way responsible for real or supposed grievances and the serious and perhaps permanent injury which may result to members from idleness?"

"5.—Will there be a limit to the demands for shorter hours, larger pay and less service? If so, when will it be reached and by what rule will it be determined?"

"6.—If the law of demand and supply may be permanently disregarded in its relation to labor, will it not inevitably follow that finally the quantity and value of food and other products of the soil and of manufactured goods must also be artificially regulated?"

"7.—Is it the intention to oppose the accumulation of wealth, and to what extent and upon what grounds? Or is it expected that the movement will finally result in preventing any man from earning or obtaining more than his present needs require?"

"8.—Is it the idea that ultimately all men doing the same kind of work shall have the same pay, without reference to skill or service?"

"9.—Is the impression correct that the unions are not relying upon the justice of their cause, but seek to compel employers and others interested to yield to their demands by reason of the loss and inconvenience resistance will involve? Do sympathetic strikes justify this impression?"

"10.—Will labor unions become incorporated, so that if a union enters into an agreement with any class of employers it will be under the same legal and moral obligation to fulfill it, as in the case of an agreement between individuals?"

"11.—On what grounds is the refusal to work with and persecution of non-union men justified? Is it not unreasonable and unnatural that men who differ widely from each other in opinion should be forced to unite and also join with other men in actions that may be against their judgment and even against their conscience? As anarchism is a condition of affairs in which a portion of the community forces others against their own will to do what the law does not require, is not this course suggestive of the spirit of anarchy?"

"12.—A large majority of the native citizens of this country believe in the existence of God and that His laws should determine and limit human rights, responsibilities, relations and activities. They also believe that sooner or later a nation that disregards His laws will suffer and that the culmination of persistent wrongdoing may be, as in the case of the Hebrews, national extinction. Will the unions show respect for this conviction?"

"13.—Is there not in union circles a general misapprehension and misuse of the terms 'capital' and 'labor,' and a consequent unfounded antagonism, in assuming that they represent two distinct and unchanging conditions or classes, while as a matter of fact men on both sides are constantly changing places, the wealthy becoming poor and the poor wealthy?"

"14.—How far is the charge justified that the methods of unions, through their requirement of unquestioning obedience and the suspension of private judgment, destroy the individuality and independence, and consequently, the self-respect of the members?"

"15.—I am informed that the Yonkers branch of the American Federation of Labor is composed of men connected with at least fifteen different branches of industry. It includes bartenders, bakers, engineers and clerks. I am also informed that a motto of the order is that the interest of one member is the interest of all. If a member of the Bartenders' Union were aggrieved would union rules require that bakers, engineers and clerks should join in a sympathetic strike, if so ordered? In this connection is it true that the different labor unions have varying and sometimes contradictory rules and regulations? And are general business interests in constant peril lest the failure to comply with a rule of one organization may bring about a general suspension of work?"

"16.—How do you meet the allegations that labor unionism interferes with the commercial and other relations between the United States and

other countries and that its tendency will be to isolate this country from the rest of the world?"

"SETTLED."

The Restaurant and Hotel strike has passed into history—history that will not be very complimentary to the labor organizations of Chicago. With victory in sight if the waiters had received any support from other labor unions or organizations—they yielded to their masters for lack of such support. They entered into a disgraceful settlement which sacrifices 25 percent of their members outrightly and leaves everything else to a board of "arbitration," and they can easily foresee what that means. But the lesson will not be entirely lost. In time after the unions have bumped up against organized capital often enough and hard enough, they will learn that it is necessary for unions to stand together during conflicts of the workers with the capitalists as it is for individuals to stand together in the union during a strike.

All the arguments now being used by the capitalist press against sympathetic strikes were used a few years ago against individuals in the same employment striking to assist one another.

GIRLS MAY GO TO JAIL.

Workingmen who voted for the candidates of the boss for Judges June 1 read this. It is a headline from one of the capitalist papers which gloats in its news-columns and editorially every day over the same kind of scenes:

"Thirteen girl strikers, cited on contempt charges, stand a fair chance of going to jail. Men also accused of violating an injunction."

We have some sympathy for the girls, because they had no votes. The men, if they are sent down for contempt of court, will receive just what they voted for when they voted for capitalist class Judges June 1.

MARCH TO JAIL FOR CONTEMPT.

Tennessee Miners Form Procession, with Half-Mast Flag at Head.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 19.—Twenty-seven miners, members of the United Mine workers of America, marched from the station to the jail at Clinton, Tenn., yesterday, with a miner at their head bearing an American flag flying at half-mast. Thirty-one miners had been arrested on the charge of having violated an injunction granted by Judge H. G. Kyle in connection with efforts made to resume work at the mines of the Tennessee Coal company at Briceville, Tenn.

Officials of the United Mine Workers advised the men against giving bond except in four cases and the twenty-seven went to jail. In charge of deputy sheriffs they were brought from Coal Creek to Clinton, the county seat, and after alighting from the train formed a procession and marched to the jail with the flag at their head. It is probable that 100 arrests will be made in the next few days.

Let the working men who vote for the capitalist candidates READ MARK AND LEARN from the above news item and ask themselves if they do not think it about time to vote for candidates of their own class. Read up on Socialism.

German Socialist Gains Increasing.

Berlin, June 24.—Unofficial returns of the recent election for members of the reichstag give the following figures:

Socialists, 3,008,000 votes, an increase over the preceding general election of 900,000, nearly 43 per cent.

Center party, 1,752,816 votes, an increase of nearly 300,000 votes.

National Liberals, 1,289,269 votes, an increase of 276,000 votes.

"Hanna Names the Issue." is the headline in a capitalist daily. Well, that is what Hanna's are for. There is no reason why he should not do so, while millions of workingmen will line up for Hanna's issue and fight each other over it. The reason why Hanna is permitted to name the issue again is because of the shrewdness of capitalism and the credulity which enabled Hanna to observe after the last election that "the vote of the workingmen was pretty evenly divided."

The Erie People.

Comrade Wanhope, who formerly was editor of this paper is now editor of the Erie People, and we are now taking subscriptions for that paper at 50c per year.

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COMRADE JOHNSON,

The Socialist Alderman, Sees Millions in Sight for City if Law is Enforced.

This is by no means an essay upon the possibilities of the power of one man for good but is news of an actual occurrence which took place in our city. We elected one alderman from the 33rd ward, and he simply did as a representative of the people what all aldermen are supposed to do, but what the Democrats and Republicans have not done so far viz. demanded the enforcement of a city ordinance. That does not sound very revolutionary. Far from it it appears to be but reasonable nevertheless one of the most hypocritical of the capitalist papers in this city, a paper, which has been truly termed the Crocodile sneers at this alderman who simply demands the enforcement of a city law, which has been upon the municipal statute book since 1893. The facts are as follows:

Chicago is a city into which thirty-railroads enter and prior to 1893 all entered right into the closely populated center of our city by means of level crossings. In that year an ordinance to compel the railroad companies to abolish level crossings and elevate their tracks became absolutely necessary, particularly in the center of the city. This ordinance, which is to be found upon page 476 of the Ordinance Book and is commonly known as the O'Neill Ordinance, was passed. Its provisions specified that all level crossings within certain limits should be abolished and inflicted a penalty of \$200 per day for every level crossing remaining within the specified limits after January 1st 1893. The companies were given ample time, six years, in which to comply with the demands of the ordinance. Eleven years have passed and they have failed to do so except in a few places in the center of the city. The slaughter at grade crossings continued. The railroads were defiant and laughed at the law. The democratic and republican aldermen were either venal at worst or at best indifferent about the enforcement of an ordinance so necessary for the protection of life and limb. But a change takes place. A socialist, Mr. Johnson, is elected alderman. An he does not try to enforce radical and novel measures, he simply demands the enforcement of the law in three districts.

His efforts will be confined to the three suburbs of Pullman, Kensington and Roseland, in which the Illinois Central and Michigan Central roads have six crossings at street level. Up to July 1 he estimates 1,642 days will have passed since the expiration of the time limit. At \$200 a day the amount recoverable in his territory he places at \$328,400, and this will be the sum which he will try to recover.

As there are in the neighborhood of 1,200 grade crossings in the city the opening of the question will include the collection of \$328,400 for each or \$394,080,000 in the aggregate. The movement has the sympathy of city officials, who assert that the contention of the alderman is logical and substantiated by the ordinance.

Superintendent O'Neill of the Bureau of Track Elevation says this is not all but that the ordinance calls for a penalty of \$200 a day for every train that has passed over every grade crossing since January 1, 1893. He estimates the number of crossings at 1,200, the number of days to July 1 as 1,642 and the daily number of trains at 1,000. Simple multiplication, then, places the sum at stake at \$394,080,000,000.

Of course this tremendous sum will not be materialized at once. The action demonstrates what one man can do who is in earnest. He simply demands the fulfillment of the law and at the same time demonstrates how capitalist politicians have not and do not enforce the laws they enact and at the same time proves that a good sincere socialist, even as he acts only as a critic, may do much good even though he may fight single handed against a council chamber full of democrats and republicans.

THOUGHTS

On Existing Slavery and Coming Emancipation.

Labor has produced all wealth; has built the mills, factories, ships, railroads; has delved into the mine, bringing forth fabulous riches; has transformed great tracts of land into beautiful farms, amassing enormous quantities of grain and other food and has produced the machine, great and small.

But is labor the owner of this wealth? No! No! Who then is?

A class that performs absolutely no function in producing social wealth; a class that has for its highest ambition—profits; a class that tramples under foot justice, truth and liberty—the capitalist class.

This class returns to the workers just enough of the wealth produced by them to keep body and soul together, so that the physical condition of the worker can withstand the toil of another day. This part is known as wages. If the workers grumble at such treatment and dare to manifest their feelings of injustice by "striking," the capitalist class, being in control of the political machine—that is, the legislative bodies, courts, etc., with the army, militia and deputy sheriffs—at once treats them to a dose of capitalist's little liver pills—bullets.

"Stretching it?" What happened at Homestead, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Leaville, Chicago, Hazelton, Duluth, Pann and—Virdean?

"Oh, well, we will always have these labor troubles."

Just so long as the workers allow the capitalist system to stand—no longer.

It is necessary for the capitalist class, in protecting its interest, to remain in control of the political machinery, that they may further fleece the workers unhindered.

Therefore, when election time draws near, two cleverly trained wolves are led before the workers to entertain them. Alike they are as two peas, except for a fleck of silvery hair on the mouth of one. By name they are known as "Republican party" and "Democratic party."

There came a time when another wolf appeared called "Populist party," but as it bore such a strong resemblance to the "Democratic party," it was one day led away by that party and devoured.

The "wonderful" feats of these two tricksters find equal applause among the workers. Thus the workers, not suspecting the true purpose of the tricksters, are easily kept divided and exploited.

The clouds of superstition and fear of the capitalist class are beginning to part; one by one the barriers to progress are swept aside by an irresistible force, clearer and more distinct are becoming the outlines of an approaching figure. Oh, noble sight! It is the Goddess of Liberty!

Far aloft waves a red banner bearing the words: "The International Social Revolution." In her right hand is firmly grasped a gleaming sword, upon which can be read the words: "Peace, Justice, Equality, Freedom, Science."

Her appearance inspires new hope in the weary workers; all over the land they are hastening together; at last, it is dawning upon them that their interests are not in accord with that of the capitalist class.

"On to the ballot, box to meet the common foe," is the cry, and by the peaceful, intelligent use of the Socialist Party ballot, crush forever this monster—capitalism.

"Vote yourselves into possession of that which we have produced, but which has been stolen from us. On, ever onward, and if victory greets us not now do not lose courage. Workingmen of all countries, unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains and a world to gain."

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The son of Jim Hill, the president of the Great Northern railroad and one of the prime movers in the Northern Securities merger, says that the latter company will not be dissolved no matter what decision the supreme court reaches. There may come a time, and not a great way off either, when these so-called respecters of law and order may have the pleasure of taking a few doses of their own medicine. The Socialists stand for law and order and nothing else. Our capitalist friends may rest assured that we will see that the will of the majority is obeyed.

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SOCIALISM IN DIXIE

By A. M. SIMONS

The invasion of the South by the Socialist movement is of more importance than at first appears. It is not simply that new territory is being gained for Socialism. New territory has been gained continuously ever since there was a Socialist movement. Neither does this movement derive its principal importance from the fact that this territory has been particularly difficult of invasion. It is, nevertheless, one justifying self-congratulation that the last section of America to remain untouched by Socialism has at last been invaded.

The South has always occupied a peculiar position in American politics. This has been specially true since the Civil War. But always, even before the Civil War, the great mass of the white population have been more completely puppets than in any other portion of the country. In the slave world "the South" always meant the comparatively small remnant of the whole population which were able to hold slaves. When the war was over the poor whites of the South were graciously permitted to compete for the place which the black chattel slaves had occupied before the war. They were rented sections of the great plantations and squeezed by mortgage sharks, crop loans and cotton brokers. They generally were compelled to live under a much lower standard of life than their negro predecessors. They were really much more effective laborers and the result was that the cotton industry of the South grew more rapidly than it ever had in the days of chattel slavery, while the new class of parasites who had in most cases crowded out the old plantation owners had received an income from surplus value much greater than that of the old masters.

How true this is shown by a quotation from a letter in a recent number of the Chicago Chronicle by a Southern cotton grower. He says:

"The biggest cotton producing county of the south is Williamson county, Texas, which produced 55,257 bales, according to the census. Its population is 33,736 white and 4,292 negroes. The negroes constitute only 15 per cent of its farm labor and raise less than 15 per cent of the cotton. The second biggest cotton producer is Ellis county also in Texas, with 86,639 bales; population, 48,216 whites, 4,841 negroes. The negroes furnish 12 per cent of the farm labor and about the same percentage of the cotton crop. And so on down the list.

Of the nineteen biggest cotton counties in the south sixteen are overwhelmingly white and nearly all the farm work is done by whites. This tendency has been marked for years and the production of cotton in most of the southern states is shifting away from the black belt to the white sections.

The increase in the cotton production of the south in the last two decades is due mainly to the labor of the whites. The crop of antebellum days was the product almost wholly of negro labor. The Chronicle is mistaken in supposing this to be the case to-day. The negro counties generally produce less cotton than in slavery days."

Then came the new industrialism and the producing portion of the Southern population found itself entering upon another stage in its evolution, that of wage slavery. All the world knows the story of horrors of child slavery in Southern factories and I do not need to tell them over again here. The point I want to show is the political effect of these things. "Before the war" the poor white voted to support the slave-owner; after the war he

voted out of habit for a few years to maintain the rule of this already dead and gone class. Then the new trading and manufacturing classes with small capitalists and petty parasites of various kinds roused him to defend its interests by voting the populist ticket and he placed the Tillman crowd in power. Now there is a sign that he intends to vote for his own interests. He has organized in trade unions and Socialist locals and these germs of class-consciousness are sure to grow as they have grown everywhere else in the world until they shall permeate every portion of the working class of the South as they are permeating that of other portions of the world. This movement is destined to have an effect upon National politics apparently greatly disproportionate to its size. The solid South has always been the gambling counter of politicians both democratic and republican. Of no importance whatever in democratic conventions it had no voice in choosing the men who should be nominated and for whom it would vote, as is shown by the fact that not a single democratic nominee for President or Vice-president since the Civil War has come from this locality.

In the republican convention on the other hand, the Southern delegates were of considerable importance although it was known that they carried no electoral vote with them. They were the puppets with which the politicians traded in the republican convention. Once that the nominees were made neither side paid any more attention to the South. Occasionally the democrats sent some speaker there who was determined to exercise his eloquence but which the committees did not wish to send into a city where votes could be made or unmade by such eloquence as he could give. The appearance of the Socialist vote, even if weak, in the South will alter all this. The Socialists will be making their appeal direct to the voters in accord with their own interests and will be exposing conditions as to labor and will force the democratic party to take issue on this subject. This point is of the greatest importance.

The question of factory legislation is to the democratic party much what the slavery question was to Douglas in the famous Douglas-Lincoln debate, whichever way they answer it they seal their own doom. If they dare to stand for factory legislation, the South will rebel. But, on the other hand their one hope of success in the North lies in the assistance of the trade unions and these are uncompromisingly committed to the demand for factory legislation and laws against child labor in general. It is significant that up to the present time Bryan has not dared to speak out on this subject. A very slight agitation in the South would compel the spending of thousands of dollars by both democratic and republican parties. It would compel the introduction of political discussion throughout the South and would wake up the sleeping political consciousness of that section. This would take away its purely passive character and disorganize the plans of capitalist politicians. For all of these reasons the Socialist agitation through the South should be pushed with all possible energy as results attainable there will be wholly out of proportion to the energy displayed.

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THE WALKING DELEGATE.

To the superficial reader, who gets all of his knowledge from the capitalist papers in regard to the present strikes, boycotts and lockouts, he would form the following opinion: That the business agent of the union (the walking delegate) is a criminal of many types.

He is a grafter, a drunkard, a bribe taker, he is a prototype of the common bum, he brews trouble besides being a criminal, in fact he is the cause of all strikes, lockouts and boycotts.

The first accusation we will not touch as they do not in any manner effect the situation. The goodness, the badness or the corruptness of a single individual does not in any manner effect the general industrial situation, and except as a detail of minor significance does not touch or alter the fundamental cause of the trouble.

But the proposition we wish to consider is the conclusion of the first paragraph, that is: "That the walking delegates cause strikes, boycotts and lockouts and cause continual strife between capital and labor." Does he cause strikes? Not any of consequence. No strike is ever called except for a specific grievance.

Did the textile workers of Lowell, Mass., strike at the request of a "corrupt" walking delegate? No. They struck because they wanted more wages—this more wages to give them purchasing power to buy food, clothing and shelter, the prices of which had raised under the great Republican prosperity wave.

Did the gas workers strike to fill the pockets of their officers? No, they struck for higher wages, and to force collective dealing with the gas company officials. The continual discharge of their fellow workers for being members of the union showed them that while to live they must work, and to keep at work it was necessary to force the gas company officials so far as they were able to cease discharging their fellow workers for belonging to the union.

This may be a new idea to the great mass of newspaper readers, but it is what Socialists have known all along, and what Socialist writers and speakers have continually pointed out. Now that the capitalist press is beginning to realize it also, it may not be very long until the working class may get onto it. Then the line of battle will be clearly drawn on that issue, the only issue in which the workers will ever really be materially interested.

Whether the capitalists are to continue to exploit the working class in the future or whether the workers will rise in their might and at the ballot box take possession of the powers of government, and by that power possess themselves of all the productive property, the property

long will they be deceived into thinking that ONE MAN is responsible for certain social phenomena.

The majority of the people in the world, working men especially, are "hero worshippers". To them Cromwell saved England. The vicountess of a Louis and a Marie Antoinette caused the French revolution. Washington saved his country. Lincoln of his own volition freed the slaves. McKinley brought prosperity. Roosevelt personally maintains it. Napoleon won victories.

Nothing is farther from the truth than to believe this rot. Might as well believe the moon is made of green cheese. What have the rest of the people done in the meantime? Looked on! Nonsense. It was the majority of the people that demanded the great changes and placed these persons in the foreground as special types representatives of the thought caused by economic conditions at these various periods.

And so it is with the walking delegate. He is simply the mouthpiece, the channel through which concrete expression is given to a grievance or grievances of working men's organizations against capitalist concerns.

The whole question is one of the stomach and not of honesty nor dishonesty. Any other theory of morals does not enter into the question.

The bitter abuse, the class antagonism, which is the result of the private ownership of the land, factories and other channels of wealth production along engenders those various conditions in which bribe giving and taking, vicious minded walking delegates (if there are any) thrive and grow fat. They can only be abolished along with the system responsible for them, the capitalist society.

Socialism will put them out of business.

THE LINES CLEARLY DRAWN.

An editorial appeared in the Chicago Journal, Monday, June 21, under the heading "The Question of the Hour."

This article has the true class conscious ring to it from the capitalist standpoint.

It does not beat about the bush and talk nonsense about arbitration, conciliation and compromise. The writer in the Journal has this to say about arbitration:

In considering the question, the part to be played by arbitration should be fairly estimated, but thoughtful study must convince us that arbitration can offer no permanent cure for the ills that have been growing so fast upon the labor world. As a temporary measure, it is like a sedative given to a sick man who has tossed restlessly all night. But the sedative will not cure. The forces of nature must get at work and restore the shattered strength. Arbitration of labor disputes, while it is the best and only remedy at hand, will not effect a permanent settlement of the labor troubles. No such final settlement ever will be accomplished except through the forces of nature. At the foundation of the solution must be the self-interest of both parties to the controversy. That arbitration does not really quench the fire, but merely smothers them for a while, is too clear to require argument.

The writer then cites a number of instances to prove his assertion, that arbitration is no solution for the labor problem and that the significant thing is that the capitalists are organizing from one end of the country to the other to fight labor organizations. He says:

The most hopeful sign of the times is the rapid growth of employers' associations. By this means only can definite and practical results be achieved. The government has demonstrated that arbitration by itself fails to put an end to the high-handed ways of strikers. Arbitration does not get at the adjustment of the economic problems involved, or, if it does, it has no authority to enforce its decrees.

A significant thing to consider is the fact that labor refuses to be warned by the reports of arbitration boards. The commission that "settled" the anthracite coal strike severely condemned the methods adopted by strikers of the present day, yet has labor accepted the findings in the slightest degree? It appears not, for from Maine to California unions of various kinds are making insolent and unreasonable demands on capital. A notable instance comes to us from Lowell, Mass., where the spinners struck for higher wages, although impartial investigators found that the mills could not possibly grant the scale. In Waterbury mob law reigned because of the street car strike.

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Yes the Journal has got on the right track. Now let the workers take their cue.

Social Evolution.

Attention should here be emphatically called to the fact that the evolution of society from capitalism to Socialism can be hastened and, as well, that it can be retarded. The Socialist desires to hasten this evolution and for this reason you never hear him railing against the concentration of industry, the development of the department store, the elimination of the small farmer or the trustification of the railroads and other industries. He realizes that these developments cause a great deal of suffering to the working class, but he also knows that a new society is gradually being born, and that, being a part of that society, he must share the pangs of the birth. And when he pleads for Socialism, he pleads for it because he knows that degradation, misery and starvation are the accompaniments of the evolution and birth of the new social order so long as the capitalist class directs that evolution and that birth. In the hands of Socialism such evolution and such birth would be accompanied with none of the horrors of the present capitalist regime.

In closing, I would like to emphasize this point: The evolution of society from capitalism to Socialism may be slow or rapid. It will be slow so long as the working class does not understand the meaning of capitalism and the meaning of Socialism. It will be rapid when the working class does understand the meaning of capitalism and the meaning of Socialism. And every "radical" action advocated by the Socialist is an attempt to hasten among the working class a clear knowledge of those two widely-distant poles of social organization: capitalism and Socialism.—Julian Pierce.

SCATTERING PARAGRAPHS.

The Manufacturers' Association, which is headed by D. M. Parry, is organizing a mutual insurance company, capitalized at one hundred million dollars. Its purpose is to protect employers against strikes and scabs against "strikers" also. Mr. Parry is likely to have, to "parry" as well as "counter" a good many times if his "insurance" scheme becomes permanent.

The capitalist subsidized press promptly published glaring accounts of the prospective danger of bloody riots in Arizona when the miners went on strike there recently. Troops were poured into Morenci but they were not needed, and the former Rough Rider captain, who is now a major, did not have an opportunity to "distinguish" himself. Publishing his photograph was the best that could be done for him. Too bad this man could not have the chance to murder a few hundred miners with his troops and thereby become eligible for promotion in rank and in salary. Socialism will put a stop to this method of rewarding "merit," killing off the producers for asserting their manhood.

President Roosevelt expressed "horror" over the Kishinev atrocities but declined to send a protest to the Czar of Russia. "Expressions of horror" and "atrocities" are words that make the unthinking ones drop their chins and stare as if in a trance. And "expressions of horror" are as our lovers of justice go. The president acted wisely in declining to meddle. Our own skirts must be clear of "atrocities" and "expressions of horror" over our own misdeeds both in the U. S. and the Philippines should be heeded before we assume the role of international censor. People in glass houses must not throw stones.

The B. & O. Railway has been robbed of thousands of dollars by an organized gang, the head of which was a yardmaster who was also a Sunday school superintendent. Those robberies were not a drop in the bucket compared with the millions of dollars yearly fleeced from the pockets of the wage slaves of that road for the benefit of a few capitalists. The yardmaster and his pals will probably go to the penitentiary because their system is illegal. That employed by the capitalists is legal under the rules of the game as made by themselves. The Socialists propose to stop both methods of exploitation, by giving to every worker the full social value of his or her labor.

A new way for refining copper has been discovered by Cornell students which will save millions of dollars yearly. But that would reduce the price of copper a particle. Rockefeller practically owns the copper output and he and his fellow bond clippers will be the ones to receive the bene-

fit of the discovery. Under Socialism such discoveries would benefit all the people, not a privileged few.

The word has been spoken. Meat prices are going higher. The Western floods have caused a scarcity of cattle. Hear Ye! Get ready to dig deeper into thy wallet. Summer is coming on and our beloved beef kings need vacations and we, the willing slaves of our masters, must "cough up." If you don't like the way its done, vote for Socialism. Otherwise saw wood and say nothing.

Farmers are organizing a little trust of their own. Going to hold their wheat till they get a dollar for it. And then there are some farmers who want to legislate and bust the trusts. Is there any difference between a farmers' trust gouging you and the sand-bagging received at the hands of the coal trust, the beef trust or any other trust? There ought to be but one trust, and it must include all the people. The Socialist Party shows the way.

In Rhode Island a memorial monument has been erected in memory of the days of chattel slavery. It won't be long before we will be erecting monuments in memory of the days of wage slavery. Its up to the voters to say how soon.

A great Thanksgiving service was celebrated in the cathedral at Belgrade. The Te Deum was rendered and the Chamber of Deputies adjourned for the purpose of attending services. The aged Metropolitan CONGRATULATED the nation on the restoration of a former dynasty and while deploring the NECESSITY for recent events in Serbia, he THANKED the army for what it had done and praised its behavior. Fellow workingmen, such is capitalism. You are being deceived and misled by false teachers in every country on the globe. The Socialists are the only people who show you the way to obtain your emancipation, which is by voting for your class.

The newly proclaimed Servian king is king in name only. A despotic gang of army officers is the power behind the throne. An attempt was made to establish a republic, but the editor who advocated such a measure was silenced by threats of assassination and was given a membership in the cabinet. Here is a conviction of both pulp and press and an exhibition of its class consciousness. After all what's the difference? Servia's becoming a republic would not have lightened the burden of the working class. As long as a band of parasites ride upon the backs of the toilers it makes no difference to the wage slaves what the name of their blood suckers is. The question in Serbia is the same one that we have here—food, shelter and clothing, and its the same the world over.

Judge Lacomb decided in favor of the coal carrying roads in not compelling them to produce their books. Why not? What right has the public to know anything about the books of a corporation anyway? If you managed to secure a few privileges and thereby drive a competitor out of business and then put up prices isn't that BUSINESS? You don't hear anything of the courts being resorted to when one corner grocer forces his competitor to the wall, do you? Under Socialism the object in life will not be one to accumulate wealth, but to be a service to society. Which do you prefer? V.

Good Police Service Appreciated.

Office of General Superintendent of Police, Chicago, June 18, 1903. The following communication from the International Harvester Company shows that good police service is appreciated:

Chicago May 28, 1903. Francis O'Neill, General Superintendent of Police—Dear Sir: This company desires me to express to yourself and the city authorities its appreciation of the excellent service rendered during our recent labor troubles by the officers and men of the Police Department under Capt. Herman Schuetter, and being desirous of showing some more substantial recognition, we inclose herewith our check for \$1,000 as a contribution to the Police Benevolent Association.

Yours very truly, International Harvester Co. From Daily Police Bulletin. June 18, 1903. Editor Chicago Socialist: My Dear Sir—See how liberal the capitalist is to those who serve him faithfully. Enclosed find Police Bulletin showing the amount paid. It is 40 cents each for every member of the police department. I consider it blood money, burned and sweated out of labor. It should be sent back in a hurry, as it is at best a kind of bribe. Has anybody heard of the OTHER CHECK? A Private.

Shall We Have a Socialist Literary Society?

Comrades:—It has been suggested to the writer that a Literary Society would be desirable among local Socialists. Such a Society might be the means of educating and broadening the thoughts of many; also of developing fluent writers and speakers, and give the party as high an intellectual standing as it has in most European countries.

Just to give a sample of the multitude of interesting subjects that occurs to me:

- 1.—Moral elements in the philosophy of Socialism. 2.—Contemporary attitude of systematic religion to Socialism. 3.—Socialism in contemporary literature. 4.—Ethical versus economic determinism side of Socialism. 5.—Psychology of the conventional public mind. 6.—Ultimate ideals of Socialism. 7.—Individuality in the Socialist state.

These are mere samples of hundreds of subjects. You can see how interesting, and helpful a thorough understanding of such subjects would be. Will anyone who thinks he or she would like to belong to such a society please drop me a line, and if the response is sufficient I shall see that arrangements are made for having a preliminary meeting for the purpose of forming the society.

JULIUS THEO. STADE, 1174 Flournoy street. (34th Ward Branch.)

We would suggest that the comrades interested in a literary society along the lines of the foregoing notice get in touch with the Library committee. They may be able to work in conjunction to their mutual advantage.—Editor.

To the Members and Locals of the Socialist Party of Illinois.

Dear Comrades:—At the last session of the State Executive Committee held on Tuesday, June 16th our Comrade John Collins was elected State Organizer and he will start out for his work, beginning in the 4th Division at Elgin on June 27th. He will be given a salary of \$70.00 per month and railroad fare, out of which he will pay his own expenses so that the organizations will not be under any direct obligations. That he will put up a most vigorous campaign of agitation and organization goes without saying and it remains to be seen to what extent he will be supported by the membership.

Comrades, let us now lay plans which will make it possible to keep him out indefinitely and reap the full benefits of continuous agitation throughout the whole length of the state year around and let us show to the Socialists of America that we mean to keep Illinois at the head of active states.

It is very essential that we all realize the importance of this work so as to better understand the necessity of properly supporting the undertaking since this project will entail a total cost of about One Hundred dollars per month.

Let us now be up and doing comrades and roll up a Fund worthy of the movement of Illinois. Send in your contributions now, and then see your friends and sympathizers and ask them for theirs.

The following is the latest list of yeomen of the Socialist movement to back up their Socialism: Previously reported \$39.15 Julius Menke 1.00 A. J. Nielsen .25 Local John Carbon 14.70 Local Evanston 5.25 Local Glen Ellyn 3.00 Local Rockford 7.50

Total \$68.85 JAS. S. SMITH, Illinois State Secretary.

WEEKLY BULLETIN, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

The Local Quorum consisting of comrades Work of Iowa, Turner of Mo., Lovett of S. D., Untermaier of Kansas and Roe of Nebraska will hold its first meeting in Omaha to-morrow, June 21, at National Headquarters. This meeting was postponed from May 17, on account of the enforced absence of the National Secretary in Massachusetts, from whence he returned on June 17. A report of the Quorum will be sent out to the Socialist Press.

Local charters have been granted as follows: McCabe, Ariz.; Orange, Ga.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Macon, Ga. National Organizer Wilkins reports having made 43 speeches and organized 14 new locals in Oregon from April 15th to May 31. The locals were organized at Drain, Cottage Grove, Turner, Oregon City, Aunsville, Slayton, Detroit, Lebanon, Seio, Independence, Dallas, Sheridan, McMinnville and Lafayette. Wilkins met with better opposition from the supporters of capitalism at many points, where advertising posters were torn down and seats stolen from the halls. He will soon enter Washington and also fill a

few dates in British Columbia, by request of the comrades there.

National Organizer Ray's work in Georgia and Tennessee was considerably hampered by the floods and wash-outs. He visited Tullahoma, Manchester, Knoxville, Sweetwater and Chattanooga in Tennessee and Blue Ridge, Orange, Canton, Atlanta (2), Midland, Columbus, Macon and Augusta, Ga. He organized locals in Tullahoma, Knoxville, Sweetwater, Canton, Columbus and Macon.

National Organizer John W. Brown, who was selected to fill Comrade Dan A. White's dates in New Hampshire and Vermont, reports successful meetings in the former state where he closed on June 13th. He spoke in Rochester, Tilton, Nashua, Manchester, Concord (2), Franklin, Tilton, Claremont, Hinsdale, Keene and Portsmouth. Newlocals have resulted in Rochester, Tilton and Keene with increase of membership, and prospects of new locals to be organized. Brown began his Vermont trip on June 15. Comrade Dan A. White of Massachusetts is also filling special dates in Maine upon request of the state committee.

National Lecturer, John W. Slayton will close his tour for the present at Michigan City, Ind., on June 23, and will return to New Castle, Pa., where his presence is required. Requests for an Eastern tour for Slayton are being made.

THE GERMAN ELECTION.

As was expected, the Socialists, (or Social Democrats,) of Germany made tremendous gains in the election held on Tuesday, June 16. On Wednesday the capitalist press of the world was compelled to announce the marvellous advance made by Socialism in the Empire where Kaiser William heretofore claimed ascendancy. The Socialists have had the opposition of all parties to contend with, but have gained nevertheless.

The press of Berlin confesses its astonishment at the victory of the Socialists and already great anxiety is manifested at the probable results of the second election which takes place on June 25, and at which 118 seats will be again contested. In Germany a majority elects, and failing this a second election is held. This gives the electors a second choice, and they will undoubtedly combine to prevent further gains.

Fifty three Socialists are elected to the Reichstag with the second election to come. In the last Parliament the total number of Socialists was only 55. In 1898 at first election 32 Socialists were elected. It is computed that the Socialists may win 36 seats in the second election, which would make a total of 89 seats. The Socialists had 222 candidates in 394 districts.

The greatest surprise was the result in Essen, Krupp's town, where Emperor William recently denounced the Socialists, and blamed them for Krupp's suicide. There the Socialist vote was increased from 4,400 to 22,705. In Berlin the Socialist Workingwomen went from house to house, getting out dilatory voters in at least 80 districts. The Socialist vote in Berlin in 1867 was 67; this year it was 218, 122.

On Wednesday morning, the National Secretary of the Socialist Party sent the following cablegram to the German comrades: "Congratulations from Socialist Party of America upon splendid victory for International Socialism."

The election results in Germany are the direct outcome of organization, which enabled the Socialists to take advantage of the prevailing industrial conditions and the blunders and injustice of the administration. This is an example that can well be followed by the Socialists of the United States.

SOCIALIST POINTERS

Save your money and buy Socialist literature.

Gambling laws are not for the capitalists as the betting on Derby day proves.

If the rich men really want to abolish tips to the waiters, let them vote for Socialism.

Socialism will see to it that the idle rich do not break up the homes of the workers.

How would you like to take a few months vacation on full pay? The capitalists do it.

If the democratic party in this country wants to see its finish let it read the German election returns.

Now that election is over the politicians have forgotten all about municipal ownership.

If arbitration is such a good thing for the bosses it must be in proportion a bad thing for the workers.

If the black man waits for his exploiters to free him he will still be waiting when the sun has grown cold.

It is hard for a man with no job and no money to enthrone over the Fourth of July but some of them do it.

Truly there is no place like home for the working class as slum investigators have discovered in the past few weeks.

Possibly too Socialism will find an incentive for those who do not work at present but live on the toil of those who do work.

The capitalist should be the last man to condemn confiscation if he wants to justify his own method of getting a living.

Admirers claim that Roosevelt is like Emperor William and we will try to make the resemblance all the greater at the next election.

If he has no work for you to do on Sunday the boss will let you go over to the boulevard on Sunday and watch the automobiles go by.

Under Socialism the Post Office department would be run for service and not for the purpose of furnishing juicy jobs to fat grafters.

Although European monarchs despised King Alexander and his queen they are just class conscious enough to denounce their assassination.

Capitalists think they are of different flesh and blood from the workers and as long as the workers will agree to the proposition capitalism will stand.

Now that those capitalists who feared a panic some months back all agree that prosperity is here to stay it is about time to be watching out for something to drop.

When the workmen can be made to see the world from the standpoint of their own interest and not through capitalist spectacles the voting will take care of itself and therefore preach the class struggle.

Does anyone think that the same things which are causing such a scandal in the post office department are not being carried on in the other branches of the public service? Great is the life of capitalist politics.

TO THE WORKERS for THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST. OUR TRADE UNION FUND.

Comrades from every portion of the United States are giving us their endorsement of this fund by sending in their contributions. Arizona, Maine and Texas furnished members last week. The fund is for the purpose of sending out literature to non-Socialists. This literature is to be sent by mail thereby being much more effective than hand distribution and we have the four corners of the earth as our territorial limitations. By the aid of the members who have already joined the fund, we have sent out papers to about four thousand non-Socialists, and have a line of action mapped out that is sure to bring results. Now comrades come to the front and line up in a solid body for our Trade Union Fund.

APPLICATION BLANK. I hereby apply for membership in THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST TRADE UNION FUND and agree to pay the fee of five cents per week for one year from date. (The whole year can be paid at once if you desire.) The object of this fund is to send literature to non-Socialists through out the country. The money should accompany application. Sign here. Street No. City. State. Forward to The Chicago Socialist Trade Union Fund, 181 Washington street, Chicago, Ill.

THE RANK AND FILE.

Boost. T. U. F. Premiums. Subscriptions. Ho for the Picnic. Printing done here. Local Elgin takes 20 yearly subs. Bundles of 50 to any address 25c. Advertise your business in this paper. Canton comrades invest in 8 yearlies. Comrade Billow touches us for four yearlies. The subs. are pouring in from every direction. The picnic tickets are now on sale at this office. Comrade Horn takes four yearlies to cure the blues. Every town in the state should have a Booster club. See if your union will carry their label in this paper. Local Philadelphia sends the stuff to pay for 450 copies. The Boosters will get the earth after next Saturday night. Comrade Frew of Cable, Ill., sends a list of eight yearlies. Com. Anderson of Chicago Heights sends in for five yearlies. Comrade Johnson stopped in and separated us from four yearlies. The Booster club now numbers 115 members. Are you one of them. Local Rock Island orders bundle of 100 per week and 100 sub. cards. If you can't buy sub. cards send in the addresses of some one who can. Comrade Barufue of the 24th ward gives us the job of supplying 5 for a year. Our comrades say they are getting results from the ads they have in this paper. Comrade Pedersen of Shermerville, orders 8 yearlies and says he will dig up more. One of our immediate demands is that you bump in and stock up with sub. cards. Kalamazoo comrades can now secure sub. cards by applying to Comrade Benesh. We want a representative in every town in the United States, are you ready for the job. Comrade Knox of Winnetka sends in 4 yearlies and says all the North shore people are not dead. Comrade Nicholson of New York City sends in his renewal and also that of Comrade Schwarzl. Comrade Johnson of the North side is a long keen hustler when it comes to unloading sub. cards. Comrade Saunders is papering his painters union headquarters with our sub. cards, 12 in a week. Comrade Berry last week paid in 60 cents in the Trade Union Fund instead of 25 cents as printed. Comrade Lorraine of Brazil, Ind., sends in for ten yearlies and says put me on premium contact No. 4. Comrade Cornell of Danbury, Conn., sends in four names for a yearly dose each. Come again, comrade. Local Fostoria Ohio orders a bunch of our sub. cards and starts out after the enemy properly equipped. The workers who do things are popping up all over the Earth and demanding a stock of our yearlies. Comrade Reuter of Glen Ellyn having a well developed discernment of a good thing, touches us for four subs. Comrade Etherton, the Minnesota Soap Box specialist made a howl for 20 yearlies and got them by return

Comrade Lovelace of Quincy, says please put me on the list for one year and send me three subs. to feed the enemy. Comrade Berry of Rock Island sends in 50c on the T. U. F. and Comrade Clausen pays 50c on same account. Comrade Saunders plunked down the stuff to pay for one dozen yearlies. Now there is a good example for you to follow. Comrade Dumas of Charlton City, Mass., says "I have my eye on my paper No. 224, please renew me right quick." And it was done. Orders, money, suggestions, encouragement, discouragement and every other old thing is bumper into these headquarters at a fierce pace. The Norwegian Sick Benefit Society will give a picnic July 4 and the invincible Thomas J. Morgan will speak. See particulars in Ad column. The Trade Union Fund is getting on famously. New recruits daily and thousands of pieces of literature are being sent out as a consequence. You will do well to skin your eye down our ad columns. We have all sorts of business but the tombstone maker and we have one of them nibbling. The Bohemian comrades met last Sunday at 256 West Chicago avenue and organized a branch. Com. Dawes one of the organizers brought in three yearlies. There are two sorts of Socialists, the kind that do and the kind that do not. One sells our subs. and the other don't. The don'ts are gradually becoming extinct. A comrade dropped in last week and said he did not know a blooming thing about Socialism and wanted to be put next, we sold him four yearlies as a starter. Comrade Rea from down on Michigan avenue brought in the addresses of all the male relatives he has on earth and ordered this paper sent to them for one year. Comrade House of the 15th ward sends in a dollar and says "send your paper for one year to these three merchants and one mechanic, they need it," so ordered. If you want to rent a house or room. If you have something to sell or desire to purchase, if you want a job or someone to work for you, place an ad in this paper and watch results. Nick Carter the lightning slinger and expert brass pounder bumped in and touched us for four yearlies. He intends using them to cure a few of his friends of their capitalistic tendencies. John Collins, high grade economist, ex machinist, professional Soap Box speaker and a post graduate organizer, has been employed by the state committee to fill the position of State Organizer. Now watch Illinois hum. The comrades at Wauseon, Ohio, have held their first open air meeting and they write that it was the greatest success imaginable. Everyone in the town is now talking Socialism and they want more speakers. Good, keep it up. Comrade Boehler of Kalamazoo, Mich., stopped in to size up our headquarters. He says there are a lot of men in his town who vote our ticket but their jobs prevent them from becoming active socialists. This is a free country nit. Comrade Leffingwell has just had published a booklet the title of which is "Easy Lessons in Socialism." The booklet contains a brief, concise, exposition of the Socialist Philosophy and is well worth reading. You had better buy one. The Elgin comrades gave a picnic last Sunday at Trout Park one of the suburbs of Elgin. There was a nice crowd present plenty to eat and as much more to drink. Speech making and things like that. For a good time attend an Elgin Socialist Picnic. We have for sale at this office yearly sub. cards for the following publications: Comrade \$1.00; Wilshire 50c; International Socialist Review 50c; in Chicago and 25c outside of Chicago; Neues Leben \$1.00; Erie People 50c; and Chicago Socialist four for \$1.00. Orders by mail properly filled. Every Socialist should show his colors by wearing a Party Button. For sale at this office. 5 cents; 25 cents a dozen.

WHAT SOCIALISTS DO NOT BELIEVE IN.

We don't believe in "anarchy"; and therefore we demand that the present industrial anarchy shall cease and that our national business shall be managed in a just, orderly and economical way. We don't believe in destroying law and order; and therefore we labor to bring the present state of chaos and misrule to an end, by applying the American principle of collective ownership. We don't believe in anything that is not practical; and therefore we antagonize the present wasteful, broken-down, and ridiculous business system, and substitute a common-sense and systematic method. We don't believe in "dividing up" and therefore we demand that workers shall not be compelled to divide their earnings with idle and useless parasites. We don't believe in confiscation; and therefore we desire legally to get back what has been confiscated from the people. We don't believe in abolishing the rights of property; and therefore we are endeavoring to secure those rights for every useful citizen. We don't believe in paternalism, therefore we wish to prevent the law from favoring a few monopolists. We don't believe in losing our individuality; and therefore we object to a grinding process that stops human development, condemns nine-tenths of us to monotonous drudgery, and one-tenth to a life of apish etiquette and frivolity. We don't believe in diminishing incentive and ambition; and therefore we resist a state of things which places everything worth striving for beyond our reach. We don't believe in the destruction of the family; and therefore we protest against a social system that has broken up our homes and fostered every species of licentiousness. We don't believe in less morality; and therefore we are trying to establish a purer, nobler and more brotherly state of society.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

The following vacancies exist on the State Executive Committee caused by resignations, removals and otherwise: 4th Senatorial District, taking in the 29th and 30th Wards; 7th District, taking in all of Cook County outside of Chicago and Evanston; 13th District, taking in the 7th Ward south of 63rd street and east of Cottage Grove ave., 8th and the 33rd Wards; 15th District, taking in parts of the 9th, 10th and 11th Wards; 17th District, taking in the 19th Ward and northern parts of the 9th and 10th Wards; 23rd District, taking in the 15th Ward and parts of the 16th and 35th Wards; 29th District, taking in parts of the 21st and 22nd Wards. All members residing in these districts will please assemble as soon as possible and elect their respective representatives. By order of the State Executive Committee per JAS. S. SMITH, Secretary.

Socialist Sunday School Notice.

On Tuesday evening, June 23, the Socialist Sunday School Association met at 181 Washington street and made arrangements to have a Socialist S. S. lesson published each week in the Chicago Socialist. Mrs. May Wood Simons, the well known Socialist teacher, lecturer and writer, will prepare these lessons. The first lesson will appear in our next issue, July 4. These lessons will be numbered consecutively but not dated, so the comrades, who may desire to do so, can take up the use of them at any time. The lessons will be printed in leaflet form also and be supplied in quantities at any time. For rates and particulars apply to the Chicago Socialist.

The North Side Sunday School spent last Sunday at the Field Museum.

where they had an opportunity of seeing how humanity has lived from its earliest known history down to the present time. The splendid collections of animal and birds were also objects of much interest to the children. It was a well spent Sunday and we hope that the other schools will put in a day at this splendid educational institution.

Sunday School Picnic.

To-morrow Sunday, June 28, the combined schools will take cars to Jefferson for picnic. All comrades and families are invited. Take Milwaukee avenue car to Jefferson and get there about 9 a. m. Comrade Glasgow has provided a wagon for taking smallest children and baskets to the woods, which is a mile from cars. Free car ride and Ice Cream and prizes have been provided by the schools for the scholars.

City Central Committee (new)

Will meet in regular session on Saturday, July 4, 8 P. M., sharp. All FINANCIAL REPORTS, CREDENTIALS and COMMUNICATIONS should be in this office by July 1 in order that the opening of the session may take place promptly at 8 o'clock. All delegates and alternates must have credentials. A full representation is desirable. Election of city officers, of executive, grievance and auditing committees will take place. THEO. MEYER, Sec'y.

Library News.

The comrades who favor the establishment of the Circulating Library are asked to attend a meeting to further their idea. Meeting will be held at the Headquarters, 181 Washington st., on Saturday, June 27th, 7:30 p. m. All comrades interested will please attend.

Rock Island in Action.

It will pay you to keep your eye on Rock Island. Activity is their war cry and progress their watchword. The comrades at a recent meeting endorsed the resolutions expressed by Local New York. Their local meets every first and third Sunday forenoon at Rock Island Turner Hall and usually there is a good attendance. The comrades have just ordered a bundle of one hundred per week a big stock of pamphlets and a humped sub. cards.

General Elections (semi-annual)

of branches and clubs must take place this month and returns forwarded to City Secretary by July 1st. Election of local officers will take place the first meeting of the City Central Committee (new), in July. All members in good standing should participate in the election of their respective branch or club. Sec'y.

Socialist Party Picnic.

Mark the 26th of July on your Calendar. Make no other engagements for that date. The annual Picnic of the Socialist Party will take place at Palos Park, Cook Co., Ill., on the Wabash Railroad. Tickets 50c, including railroad fare and entrance to grounds.

All branches and clubs should be represented; all delegates be present. Votes on City Referendum No. 1 must be in this office on June 15. Fraternally, THEO. MEYER, Sec'y.

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Twenty-five Cent Books.

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Central Committee Reform.

The following was ordered published in the Chicago Socialist by the City Central Committee.

Chicago May 22, 1903.

Theo. Meyer, secretary Central Committee, Socialist Party.

Dear Comrade:—The 13th ward branch presents the enclosed resolution as suggestions for the betterment of the party:

It is well known among the members of your committee that the business meetings of the committee are most always in a chaotic state.

We believe that this condition is due to the fact that so much time is wasted in discussing at great length, matters of minor detail and matters on which the members are not and cannot be well informed at the moment. The idea is to have a certain number of standing committees, to which such matters can be referred for investigation. Those committees can trash the various matters out in their meetings and present the matter at the next central committee meeting in an intelligible shape.

We have presented the questions in separate resolutions one for each committee, in order that such committees as are deemed unnecessary may be rejected without rejecting the whole list. We feel, however, that all are necessary and ask the consideration of the comrades upon each.

Fraternally,
13th Ward Branch.

W. H. LEFFINGWELL, Chairman,
JOHN P. NOLAND, Secretary.

BE IT RESOLVED—That in order to facilitate the transaction of business in the General Committee, the following standing committees shall be elected: Finance, Auditing, Grievance, Organization, Propaganda, Literature, Rules and Amusements.

The duties of these committees shall be as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE—This committee shall be composed of members and shall be prepared at all times to furnish a complete statement of the financial condition of the party. It shall also be within their province to originate and put in effect any system of accounting thought advisable.

AUDITING COMMITTEE—This committee will audit all books, accounts, etc. when instructed to do so by the General Committee.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE—To this committee shall be referred all charges against members of the party. It shall be their duty to impartially try all cases, permitting both the person charged and the person making the charges to summon all the witnesses they desire. After the trial they will gather together all evidence on both sides and submit their recommendations together with the evidence to the General Committee for final action.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE—To this committee, which shall be composed of fifteen members, shall be referred all matters pertaining to the organization of the party. They shall investigate all plans for organization and give their recommendations thereon to the General Committee. They shall also have the power to originate organization plans. Under their supervision shall the general work of organization proceed. The secretary of the party shall be a member ex-officio of this committee.

All applications for membership in the party shall be referred to this committee for investigation; they to report on said application at regular meetings of the General Committee.

PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE—This committee shall be composed of fifteen members and is to be subdivided into three other committees as follows:

On speakers: This sub-committee shall issue all speakers cards, shall arrange all dates for speakers, both local and outside speakers. Shall do all possible to provide an adequate supply of speakers.

On Halls: This sub-committee shall make arrangements for halls for all general meetings, held under the auspices of the party in general. They

shall not, however, interfere with any ward branch meetings.

Distribution of Literature: This sub-committee shall supervise the distribution of literature at all factories, strikes, and in any portion of the city which is not under the supervision of any ward branch.

To this propaganda committee shall be referred all matters pertaining to propaganda, except the party paper.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE—This shall be composed of members. To them shall be referred all matters pertaining to literature to be published at the general party expense, with the exception of the party paper. It shall be within their province to call to their assistance all writers necessary. They shall not however, prepare literature for any purpose unless instructed to do so by the General Committee.

COMMITTEE ON RULES—This committee shall be composed of members. To this committee shall be referred all matters pertaining to rules, by-laws, constitutional amendments, etc. they to put them in shape for adoption, after discussing thoroughly each rule, providing they find it would be advisable to adopt such rule, by-law or amendments.

They shall also have the power to originate and present to the General Committee for adoption, any rule, by-law or constitutional amendment.

AMUSEMENT COMMITTEE—To this committee shall be referred all matters pertaining to halls, picnics and other amusements under the auspices of the party in general. It shall be composed of members.

PARTY NEWS ITEMS.

The Commercial Telegraphers' Union last Sunday afternoon elected eight delegates to their annual convention to be held in New York July 19. Five of them are Socialists, three, comrades Lingquist, Wiegand and Cunningham, being members of the Socialist Party, and two, A. E. Bates and A. F. Grace, will soon join.

Prospects look good for the election of Comrade Lingquist as president of the Chicago local at its meeting July 5. He polled over seventy per cent of the votes cast last Sunday.

Comrades Schwartz and Wagenlander of Local Greater Pittsburg will make a tour of Allegheny county, Pa., and vicinity on bicycles the latter part of July and hold agitation meetings. Comrades and sympathizers desiring dates will please write to Fred L. Schwartz, 860 Concord st., Allegheny.

Fargo, N. D., June 21, 1903. The Chicago Socialist, Chicago, Ill. Dear Comrades:—I am instructed to inform you that the Journeymen Tailors Union Local No. 237 of Fargo, N. D., at the last regular meeting by regular vote endorsed the Socialist National Platform.

Fraternally Yours,
C. A. HEDLUND, Sec'y.

Rev. J. J. Spouse the Baptist preacher who was fired out of the Baptist Association for preaching Socialism, bids the Baptist Church good by in the following words:

Well good by Baptist church. For many years I loved you, I turn to the world; it is larger than your narrow confines; you cannot muzzle me. The "Labor Church" will yet be heard from. I have a gospel to preach—one which bears the impress of the spirit of the "Carpenters of Nazareth." It is not exclusive—a message of peace and joy to every son of man.

It is as broad as the universe and as far-reaching as eternal love. When it is accepted by the slaves who toil, the world will be free and such incidents as those enacted at the Saginaw Valley Baptist Association last week relegated to a barbarous and superstitious past.

I may not get a snug salary by preaching it; but I can earn that either by chopping wood, or milling

timber, or digging coal. I would rather have a calloused hand and a dirty face than a calloused heart and a dirty character. The hands of ordination did me no good—did not make of me a better man. The withdrawal will not do me harm or mar me. I am, as ever, a man,
J. J. SPOUSE.

Mr. Editor:—A very large and enthusiastic meeting was held last Saturday on the street corner in Harvey, Ill., the speakers were Comrade Rily and Comrade John Collins. The police removed us from the corner where the Socialists have held a few meetings before. So we had to go where the servants of the capitalists put us and when Comrade Rily started the meeting he only had Collins and two more men but he was only talking a few minutes when the crowd began to gather and before he got through there were several hundred people and they listened very attentively to the speeches of the comrades.

Five new members were added to the new local. Now comrades of Harvey keep up the good work and in a short time the Town of Harvey will be run by the Socialists then the speakers can hold their meetings on any corner.

WEEK'S MEETINGS.

Speakers must be paid their carfare. When speakers have cause to change, their established date, they should notify the city secretary so that such change may not imperil the meeting or disappoint the comrades that are responsible for such meetings.

NOTE—Figures or letters in O brackets denote the number of ward or name of club in which and by which (respectively) meeting is held.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 8 P. M.

- 26th and Wentworth (4)
Speaker: Koop
- 71st and Cottage Grove (8)
Speaker: Berlin
- 92nd and Commercial (8)
Speaker: Phelan
- O'Brien and Jefferson (9)
Siskin and local speakers
- 19th and Halsted (9)
Speaker: Perlson
- 12th and Union (9)
Speaker: Billow
- Loomis and Blue Island (10)
Speaker: Finkelstein
- 12th and Ashland (11)
Speaker: Huggins
- Campbell and North ave. (15)
Speaker: Allman
- Robey and North ave. (15)
Local speakers
- Division and Noble (16)
Morris and Polish speakers
- Milwaukee and Paulina (16)
Speaker: Welcher
- Milwaukee and Carpenter (17)
Speaker: Kaufman
- Elston and California (27)
Speaker: Bartels
- Milwaukee and California (28)
Local speakers
- Milwaukee and Western (28)
Local speakers
- 47th and Ashland (29)
Speaker: Bard
- 63rd and Halsted (31)
Speakers: Duggan and Anderson
- 111th and Michigan (33)
Speaker: Waalen
- 129th and Lowe (33)
Speaker: Rubinstain

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 3 P. M.

- Western and Archer (5)
3:30 P. M.—Welcher
- 84th and Superior (8)
Anderson and Polish speakers
- O'Brien and Halsted (9)
Speaker: Beckor
- Division and California (15)
Speaker: Wignos
- North ave. and California (15)
Speaker: Morris
- Clark and Chicago av. (21)
Speaker: 5 p. m.—Simons
- Wells and Oak (22)
Speaker: Mance
- Wells and Whiting (22)
Local speakers
- Clark and Center (23)
Speaker: Smiley
- Lincoln and Halsted (24)
Speaker: 4 p. m.—Finkelstein
- Fullerton and Ciybourne (24)
Speaker: Koop
- Wrightwood and Sheffield (25)
Speaker: Allman
- Basket Plank (25). Admission free Irving Park Boulevard and the River. Take Lincoln ave. car and transfer to Irving Park Blvd. Car.
- Speakers: Bard and Koch. Kedzie and Armitage (27).
Speaker: Bartels
- Lawrence and Milwaukee (27) 5 p. m. Speaker: Otto Olson
- Milwaukee and Powell (28)
Local speakers
- 47th and Western (29)
Speaker: Duggan
- 48th and Lake (35)
Speaker: Stangland

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 8 P. M.

- Speaker: Smiley
 - Western and Madison (13)
Local speakers
 - Temple 120 S. Western av. (13-14-20)
Speaker: Kaufman
 - Erle and Center (17)
Speaker: Berlin
 - Clark street and Chicago avenue. (21)
Speaker: Perlson
 - Sedgwick and Division (22)
Speaker: 7 p. m.—Phelan
 - Belmont and Sheffield (25)
Speaker: 7:30 p. m.—Allman
 - 63rd and Ashland (31)
Speaker: Rubinstain
- MONDAY, JUNE 29, 8 P. M.**
Western and Division (15)
Local speakers
- TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 8 P. M.**
47th and State (6)
Speaker: Kaufman
- 12th and Sangamon (9)
Speaker: Billow
- Loomis and Blue Island (10)
Speaker: Finkelstein
- Western and North ave. (15)
Local speakers
- California and North (15)
Local speakers
- Grand and Center (17)
Speaker: Perlson

Halsted and O'Brien (19)
Local speakers.
Clark and Ohio (21)
Local speakers.
Clark and North ave. (23)
Speaker: Bartels.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 8 P. M.
43rd and Cottage Grove (6)
Speakers: Duggan and Allman.
Robey and Chicago (14)
Speaker: Saunders.
Division and California (15)
Speaker: Smiley.
Oak and Wells (22)
Speaker: Kaufman.
North ave. and Orchard (K. M.)
Speaker: Perlson.
Clark and Aldine (25)
Speaker: Huggins.
Albany and Armitage (28)
Local speakers.

48th and Wood (28)
Berlin and Polish speakers.
63rd and Ashland (31)
Speaker: Waalen.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 8 P. M.
25th and State (3)
Speakers: Anderson and Klein.
19th and Halsted (9)
Speaker: Finkelstein.
Division and Ashland (15)
Local speakers.
- Division and Robey (15)
Local speakers
- Taylor and Moran (19)
Speakers: Siskin and Finkelstein.
Clark and Walton Pl. (21)
Speaker: Kaufman
- 40th and Madison (34)
Speaker: Courtney

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 8 P. M.
Madison and Aberdeen (18)
Speaker: Menke.
Diversey and Lincoln ave. (24)
Speaker: Allman.

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The Laborer and the Snake.

A Snake, having made his hole close to the porch of a cottage, linitated a severe bite on the Cottager's infant son, of which he died, to the great grief of his parents. The father resolved to kill the Snake and the next day, on its coming out of its hole for food, took up his axe; but, making too much haste to hit him as he wriggled away, missed his head, and cut off only the end of his tail. After some time the Cottager, afraid lest the Snake should bite him also, endeavored to make peace, and placed some bread and salt in his hole. The Snake, slightly lissing, said: "There can henceforth be no peace between us; for whenever I see you I shall remember the loss of my tail, and whenever you see me you will be thinking of the death of your son."

No one truly forgets injuries in the presence of him who caused the injury.

Capitalism, having made its den close to the home of Labor, fell out with the latter one day and Homestead, Pullman, Cocur d'Alene, resulted. Labor then resolved to do battle for its cause and organized itself into Unions, affiliating with each other. By this means they were enabled to win a few victories from Capitalism. After some time, Capitalism fearful lest Labor should strike it a mortal blow by becoming class conscious and inaugurating the Co-operative Commonwealth, endeavored to make peace. It offered pensions to all aged employes and gave stock in its corporations. But Labor replied: "There can henceforth be no peace between us; for whenever I see you, I shall remember Homestead and Woodstock Jail, and whenever you see me, you will be thinking of the humiliation of your past dealings with me."

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We are informed that some time ago a circular letter was sent to all labor organizations represented in the Chicago Federation of Labor, also to all turner societies and so called reform associations who were in favor of immediate municipal ownership at Bricklayers Hall. Said convention was held and a committee with power to act was elected to draw up a plan of immediate municipal ownership. This committee will report their plan to a convention Sunday, June 27 at 2:30 p. m. at Turner Hall, on 12th street, half a block from Western avenue.

The public is invited to attend.

The Booster club will hold their semi annual meeting Thursday night, July 2, 1903, at 120 S. Western avenue, for the election of new officers for the next six months. All members are urgently requested to be present.

The 26th ward Branch will have a Basket Picnic on Sunday June 28. Strangers will be entertained. Place—in the woods on the North Branch Chicago River and Irving Park Blvd. Two blocks west of Western avenue. M. Wittlacher, M. Jucker, H. Ladders, committee.

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A competitor must purchase as many as four sub cards at one time. These contest are open to either sex.

If there should only be four sub cards sold in any single contest, the purchaser of those four cards will secure the watch. The contests will close at 8 o'clock p. m. on the dates mentioned above.

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