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THE MAN FOR THE PARTY.

The glittering nothing written by Theodore Roosevelt, and called by political custom his "letter of acceptance," serves with most intelligent people to fix attention upon the man himself, which is, doubtless, very gratifying to the man. Of that document itself the brightest characterization probably is that it bears everywhere the marks of insincerity and superficiality.

When he attempts to deal with public questions, which he occasionally does incidentally in flaunting his own greatness and aggrandizing his own conceit, he inevitably descends to self-justification, as if he felt that some one might be so inconsiderate as to undervalue him.

He is totally oblivious to happenings within his own administrative term that have made his administration a stench in the nostrils of really decent, if less strenuous, people.

As one who in books has written against protection, he says that "every class of our people is benefited by the protective tariff," which, though not true, had to be said by a candidate of the Republican party seeking votes.

Winking at the distasteful work of his brutal counterparts, Bell and Peabody, in Colorado, he has the assurance to declare that "alike as lawmakers and as administrators of the law, we have endeavored to do our duty in the interest of the people as a whole."

Exploiting himself in the churches of different denominations, this man is the embodiment of belligerency and an open enemy of the peace and good will for which all churches are supposed to stand.

With the arts of the demagogue he appeals to the gullibility of workmen as a friend of labor, joins a labor organization in which he performs no duties, yet in his plutocratic heart regards "workmen of the great city and farmers" as the "basest set in the land," as he has said.

And so one might go on almost in-

definitely showing up the inconsistency and hollowness of this man who seems to be possessed with the idea that he will be classified by posterity with the "small presidents" whom he has himself written about as "ignorant," "meddler," and "of low capacity." That this man has ever done anything for labor, entitling him to the votes of intelligent workmen, except as it was done purely for political effect and self-glorification, is nowhere in evidence. He considers himself a wholesome influence in American politics; there has never been a more unwholesome personage in the White House, or one more antagonistic to the very principles which, with much noise and ostentation, he professes (for political purposes) to believe in. This is proven in the books he has written, in his letter of acceptance, and in all his public utterances. He considers himself a constitutional President, but he has said that at times "it may be necessary to overturn constitutions and disregard statutes." He has complacently looked on while Peabody and Bell have done these things in Colorado, yet he babbles about "our government being a government of orderly liberty, alien to tyranny and anarchy."

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This is the man who fears he will fall from the pinnacle of his temporary greatness into neglect and forgetfulness unless his little star of self-love shall eclipse all who have preceded him in administrative and people's government. In the interest of some of the people. This is the man who, regarding himself as superior to the "common-union" of the Presidents who did not throw national heirlooms into the cellar of the White House, the Republican party "has on its hands" and expects workmen to vote for!

But after all, Roosevelt is nothing more than an embodiment of the spirit of his party—a party of brag and bluster, antagonistic to working class interests, but everywhere and always subservient to capitalist interests and influence. Roosevelt is an ideal candidate for such a party.

THE STOCKYARDS BATTLE NOT ENDED.

"The Stockyards Strike Is Ended!" screams the headlines of the plutocratic press. "The Strike Is Ended!" gleefully gloats the beef packers as their slaves crawl back to the holes in the great brick cliffs of Packingtown. "The Strike Is Ended!" drones the prostituted preacher of the gospel of Mammon, as his tithes of blood money flow toward the collection box once more. "The Strike Is Ended!" sagely states the sentimental "sociologist" as he philosophizes over the "mistakes" made by men who flung themselves into the battle for better things while he stood safely by and "investigated."

These people tell us that labor is crushed, that the union is disrupted, that labor organizations have received a death blow.

But I tell you that the strike is not ended. What though for a few more months these producers of the food of the world must starve, what though the form of human solidarity must change, yet there can be no real defeat for an army which like the army of the working class holds within itself all that is worth while in our society to-day, all that is hopeful of better things for the future.

They told us that John Brown failed, but the same men who saw that "failure" live to see the shackles which bound the man to the job broken forever. All organs of capitalistic publicity proclaimed the failure of the Commune, and histories still are filled with lying tales of how the first great revolt of the working class of France was crushed forever. But to-day Euouard Vaillant, in spite of massacres and jails, is a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, sent there by the very forces that were "crushed" in '71; and Jean Allemane, back from New Caledonia, but a few weeks ago, was one of the delegates to the International Socialist and Trade Union Congress at Amsterdam that will carry on the movement that "failed" behind the barricade thirty years ago.

They told us that trade unionism was crushed out in blood in Pittsburg in '77, but to-day, for every man who has a union card was then rendered valueless, there is a regiment marching beneath the banner of organized labor. They told us again in '94, when all the forces of state and national governments with injunction writs, militia rifles and regular armies broke the Pullman strike, that that great battle had been a "failure," but to-day the triumphant workers have brought back from Woodstock jail the man whom the capitalist press and government had "crushed" and have made him color bearer in the great electoral battle which is now waging. Will any one dare to say that the Pullman battle was a defeat for labor? Which think you plutocracy fears the most, Eugene V. Debs and the A. R. U. or Eugene V. Debs and the Socialist party?

No, as the meat makers with wan, worn faces creep back to their work, to take up once more the yoke of wage slavery, they do it with the knowledge borne in upon them through this strike that their servitude is to have an end. Though its bitterness may be increased for the moment, they have found the way to victory. Though their shackles weigh down heavily at present, they have learned the key with which to unlock them forever. They come back to wage slavery, but they come back conscious of the power within themselves not simply to shorten the day by a few moments or increase the pay by a few pennies, but of the possibility of becoming the rulers of themselves, of the industry in which they work, of the society in which they live and have their being.

They have not been defeated, they have simply taken another position higher up. They have simply extended their line of battle. They have only added new weapons to their armory. They have only relinquished a momentary advantage for the certainty of ultimate victory.

Do not think that the stockyards battle is confined to Chicago, Pullman, Cripple Creek, Homestead, Pittsburg, Packingtown, all are but outposts of the great fighting line that reaches around the world. Their battle is not local. Their fight is not for to-day. Some of them may not know it, but thousands are beginning to realize that the time has come to sound the tocsin along the whole great fighting front, and to shift the battle to the ballot box and increase the demand until it embraces the earth and the fullness thereof.

A. M. SIMONS.

ILLINOIS CAMPAIGN NOW IN FULL BLAST

Brower Now Out—Good Meetings Being Held—Comrades Everywhere Rallying to Our Support—Great Enthusiasm—News of the Movement from All Over the State.

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ing Socialism." Hailing from London, England, and everywhere, he has suddenly bobbed up at Kimmunity, Ill., and his Republican backers have challenged the Socialists to meet him in debate. Comrade Cockrell writes to the State Secretary that the challenge must be accepted, as he will not allow any "plutocratic" rooster to crow around Kimmunity and get off without a fight. Comrade Simons will probably fill this date.

The following is the ticket nominated by the comrades of Vermilion County: County Clerk, W. K. Clark, Westville; Recorder, Alfred Miller, Danville; Surveyors, W. R. Braucher, Danville; Coroner, Frank Williams, Georgetown. Comrade Carr reports that the Socialist candidate for the legislature, Walker, may be elected, as the miners are swearing they will do it, and it will not take half of them to put him in.

Comrade J. C. Wibel, of Salem, requests that a speaker be sent to that district for a week, so that agitation may be made in Kimmunity, Salem, Odin, Sandoval and Centralia, all of which are coal mining towns. He states that the comrades there are actively at work distributing literature, but that a speaker is badly needed. Comrade Block will visit Salem Oct. 16, and our candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Comrade Brower, may pos-

sibly put in several days in that district the first week in November. Comrade Baker, of Canton, writes that several new organizations will be formed in Fulton County when Comrade Collins arrives there to assist in the work. All the prospective members are enthusiastic and promise to make good material.

The Forty-fourth Senatorial District convention was held at Tamaroa, and a complete ticket nominated. One set of delegates drove thirty-five miles, and another set twenty-five miles to attend the convention, which fact shows the earnestness and enthusiasm of the comrades there. State Organizer Collins, candidate for Governor, was present and assisted in the work. The local at Nashville has decided not to put a county ticket in the field this fall, which action we deem unwise, as a complete ticket makes a better showing.

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FACE TO FACE.

No voter, however ignorant, need be deceived as to what the two great national parties stand for this year. The workingman who votes for Roosevelt or Parker does so knowing that he is voting for capitalist rule and working class slavery; he is satisfied with things as they are and wants no change; he does not take the trouble to think and that is where his trouble begins.

Eight years ago and again four years ago the situation differed decidedly from that of to-day. The Democratic party, having kicked over its Wall street traces, was braying lustily as the champion of the "common people."

With Bryan as the Moses of the "common people," the trusts would be uprooted, monopoly destroyed, the gold bugs put to flight, and the trusting children led triumphantly into the promised land.

It apparently did not occur to most of those who voted for Bryan, that there are two kinds of "common people," viz., capitalists and wage-workers; nor did the working-men who rallied with the "common people" understand that they were being billeted and that the triumph of the "common people" could mean wage-slavery for them and nothing more.

Four years ago it was difficult to make the workers understand that there was no fundamental difference between the two old parties. They were taken in by the delusive slogan about "the masses and the classes" and they were sure that with Bryan's election the day of jubilee would dawn and they would exult in the Elysian fields forever.

Amidst such din and confusion, such ignorance and bliss, the Socialist Party, standing serenely on its scientific principles, was given but scant attention and it had only to await the reaction when the rushing mob should butt its unthinking head against the inevitable wall.

The Democratic party did not succeed in breaking into office, its paramount issue, as the champion of the "common people," so it bolted back to Wall street and is again in the tried old traces, with Grover Cleveland at the ribbons and Alton Parker on the box.

The only thing Democratic about this moribund aggregation is its name. The harmonizer in its chameleon councils is its chronic appetite for spoils.

The Republican party has great solicitude for its Democratic dummy. If anything should happen to its sharing partner what would become of the quadrilateral sham battle that divides labor and insures capitalist supremacy?

The Republican leaders and Democratic leaders want to defeat each other only to get the rich picking on the inside, but neither of them wants anything serious to happen to the other.

Each of these capitalist parties knows that the other party is necessary to its business. They must be kept evenly matched or the game is off.

Socialism will drive both of them into the same party in the near future and they will then look alike to all workmen as they do now to Socialists who see them as they are.

It would save considerable expense if Roosevelt and Parker would shake the dice for the Presidency. Both men are precisely alike in their qualifications to serve the capitalist class and that is all they have been nominated for. Their principles are the same and only an imaginary line and a real appetite divide their parties.

The workingman who supports either Roosevelt or Parker renounces his reason, abdicates his manhood, surrenders his self-respect, and grovels in the dirt at the feet of his chosen masters, who will reward his fawning cowardice with kicks of contempt.

In this campaign, the Republican-Democratic party is avowedly the party of the capitalist class, of the trusts, the gold grabbers, coupon cutters, brokers, sharks, confidence operators, private yachts, Seeley dinners, high life and low morals, discreet dudes, feathered and bejewelled dunces, international bargain counter marriages, plutocratic revelry, wage-slavery, poverty, misery, prostitution, suicide, bull-pens, injunctions, riots, clubbings, deportations, boodles, quackery, mental servility and moral depravity, frenched finance and putrefied politics, Roosevelt and Davis, Parker and Fairbanks, Cleveland and Bryan, Belmont and Tillman, Peabody and Perry.

EUGENE V. DEBBS. In Wilshire's Magazine.

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"THE WOGGLE BUG."

"What Did the Woggle Bug Say?"

Before we attempted to guess what the "woggle bug" said we spent some time investigating what a woggle bug is.

We discovered that a woggle bug is a capitalist controlled newspaper, run in the interest of the competitive profit system and the capitalist class. Possessing this information, it was not hard to guess what the woggle bug said.

"The woggle bug" says that the interest of the workers who produce things and the interest of the exploiters who rob them of four-fifths of the value of their toil are identical.

"The woggle bug" says that the trade unions should keep out of politics and leave the governing of the country to the politicians, who are controlled by the capitalist class and will always do their bidding during strikes and labor troubles, like Roosevelt, Cleveland, Peabody et al. did.

"The woggle bug" says there is no class struggle; and that there are no classes in America.

"The woggle bug" says that Socialism is a foreign importation and is un-American and has no place in this free, trust-ridden America, the home of the injunction, monopoly and capitalist despotism.

"The woggle bug" says Socialists want to divide up.

"The woggle bug" says that Socialism would break up the home.

"The woggle bug" says that Socialism will degrade the workers the full value of their toil, would destroy all incentive to excel in their work, whether of hand or brain or both combined.

"The woggle bug" says that Socialism will degrade womanhood by making her economically free and politically equal with men, when she will not be compelled longer to consider marriage in the light of a business transaction.

"The woggle bug" says that keeping the children out of the factories and in school until they develop normal bodies and minds will injure business and break up the worker's homes.

"The woggle bug" says that Socialism will destroy religion by causing the workers to have confidence in themselves instead of taking everything for granted that the priest or preacher tells them.

"The woggle bug" says that the "woggle bugs" are telling to stupid working people, who in the past have not had as much sense as the parasite bug family and have believed it. Just at present there is every indication that the workers are getting their eyes open to the real condition confronting them. When they do, as they surely will, it will then make no difference what the "woggle bug" says.

The Socialists of Chicago, and all others interested, will have an opportunity on Sunday, Sept. 25, to hear the well-known Swiss Socialist, Herman Gruelich, at Brand's Hall, Comrade Gruelich is a member of the City Council of Zurich and of the national legislature of the little republic. He is a man of great prominence in the European movement and a most interesting speaker. Admission will be free, and the German Central Committee, under whose auspices he will speak, expect a large audience.

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- District. 1—Frank Bohman, Chicago. 2—Paul Pierce, Chicago. 3—P. C. Lorentz, Chicago.

PROSPERITY?

This week the daily papers have announced that there are at least 50,000 men out of employment in Chicago on account of the closing down of the many factories who as a rule have had steady employment.

ture election days, many millions strong, and by their votes and class intelligence usher in a reign of sanity and justice for the working class for the first time in the history of the world.

PROSPECTIVE.

The following editorial has not yet appeared in the Chicago Chronicle, a Republican newspaper. It will be printed in a few years: At last, through the efforts of this paper, Chicago has its affairs on a business basis, and law, order and property has triumphed over trades unionism, robbery, murder, socialism and anarchy.

The present system of letting each city job to the highest bidder has resulted in enormous saving and the taxpayers are jubilant.

We would call attention to the advertisement in this issue for men to fill vacancies caused by resignations of those who say their wages will not support their families, apparently ignoring the natural law of wages so often demonstrated in this paper.

It is remarkable that while for certain high offices the bids were recently very low, these offices now command a high premium; candidates have offered to pay from \$10,000 to \$100,000 for the offices of Comptroller, Treasurer, Oil Inspector and City Attorney.

HE DID HIS BEST.

To make assurance doubly sure, our strenuous Theodore—by the grace of God President of the United States—has supplemented by a rather lengthy letter his verbal promise to accept the nomination of "His party for the office he holds. 'I have done my best,' Mr. Roosevelt is said to have exclaimed after he had finished this interesting document: 'my best and my strongest!' After a careful perusal of the letter the reader dolefully will have to admit: 'He did!'

only by his course of action has it been prevented that the clamoring for the nationalization of the mines becomes so loud and persistent that perhaps no resistance would have been possible to stop it. Thus Mr. Roosevelt innocently demands credit for his intervention in the strike chiefly because, according to his expressed belief, the same has tended to put a stop to the growing of the demand for the expropriation of the anthracite ringsters.

And the second slip of the pen? It is stated in the letter that it is incontrovertible proof for the general character of the prosperity secured for the country by Mr. Roosevelt and his party, that the raise in wages granted to the working people amounted to more than the increase in living expenses.

The wage-workers may not be over-intelligent, but as to the rate of their wages and to the height of their living expenses, they ought to know enough not to take the word of an historian of the Roosevelt stamp. Besides, the industrial developments of the last few months are enough to satisfy any one what the claims of Mr. Roosevelt and his party in reality amount to.

THE GUILLESS PRESS

It is a touching and moving thing when such a very lemon of plutocracy as Harper's Weekly, one of Mr. Morgan's properties, gives itself a little ecstatic squeeze and declares that "nobody seems to have decided definitely whom he will vote for."

JUST A JOT OR TWO.

In giving the items incident to the defeat at the stock yards, the Chicago Chronicle says that the estimated loss of the packers was seven millions and the estimated loss to the workers in wages was four millions. Thus, according to the Chicago Chronicle, for every seven million dollars' worth of wealth created by the employes of the stock yards who are now on a strike, they have received but four million in return for their effort.

The Republican party has now issued its campaign book and extracts from the Congressional Records. These books are filled with figures and beautiful speeches of Republican statesmen. They will be given to Republicans with lungs who are of minor proportions. The little wiggles who need the money and have little brains will commence now to tell the people why they should support the champion party of the capitalist class.

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THE LOGIC OF EVENTS.

BY SAM BLOCK.

The events of the last two years upon the industrial field in the United States have been of great importance to the growth of the Socialist movement, the great Anthracite coal strike in Pennsylvania, the strike of the miners in Colorado, the butchers' strike and numerous other strikes are so many object-lessons to prove to the most careless observer, that there is a fierce class struggle going on in society, a struggle between the capitalist class and the working class, the capitalist class own and control all the tools of production, means of production and transportation and distribution, they own the factories, the coal mines, the railroads, the steamships and the land, the working class own nothing, they have only their labor power to sell, in order to sell that they must find a buyer, the capitalist must have labor power to operate the factories and railroads, etc., so the working class depend upon the capitalist class for a job; no job, no money, starvation, suicide, beg or steal, imprisonment, insane asylum, poorhouse, death, this is the effect upon the working class when there are no jobs; the improvement of machinery, the concentration of industries in the hands of the few has resulted in the formation of a vast army of unemployed men and women. There are not enough jobs to go round, so millions of working people must be out of work the year round, and out of work means misery, starvation, suffering and death.

DON'T DO IT.

Comrades will please take notice that when they advertise the Socialist party or its principles on the face or address side of a postal card, Uncle Sam makes us pay 2 cents additional postage. Therefore, don't do it. Put nothing on the face of the card but the address.

SOCIALIST PLEASURE CLUB.

Young people looking for an enjoyable time are invited to attend a dance that will be given by the Socialist Pleasure Club Saturday, Sept. 24, at Schiller Hall, 601 Wells street. Admission 25 cents.

GEORGE E. COLE.

George E. Cole, President of the Municipal Voter's League, recommends the citizens who are unable to stand up for the Republican or Democratic nominees to vote for the Prohibitionists. Why he should have overlooked the Socialists entirely must be evident and plain to those who appreciate the class instinct which always unites the capitalists against the working class.

RELIGION AND SOCIALISM.

Rockford Pastor Attacks Socialism and is Challenged to Debate by Rockford Comrades.

Rockford, Sept. 14.—A debate will be held this evening at Skankin Hall on Seventh street by the Socialists of Rockford when the question, "Was Christ a Socialist?" will be discussed pro and con. This question was first discussed by Pastor P. M. Alfvén of the Swedish M. E. church and the Socialist party claim that his views of the quiddative principles of Socialism are not correct.

A Hot Reply by Comrade A. A. Patterson.

Rev. P. M. Alfvén: Sir—The undersigned being one of the many Socialists who attended the Swedish M. E. church Sunday evening, Sept. 4, to listen to your sermon on "Was Christ a Socialist?" I will herewith make a reply to your discourse since an invitation to do so has been extended by yourself through the Republic.

The interests of Morgan and Rockefeller are opposed to the working class, therefore they will not vote the Socialist ticket. It is a good reason why workingmen should not vote the Belmont and Rockefeller ticket.

If six thousand men should discontinue work without notice to their employers, a hue and cry would be made throughout the length and breadth of the land and the workers would be censured as unreasonable, harsh, stupid and ignorant, and condemned for their unjust treatment of their dear employers, but it is quite a different thing when a large Harvester and Reaper Works close their doors and dismiss six thousand men, without warning or even intimation that they should look for new jobs.

The Deering Harvester & Reaper Works does not care any more about the men it employs, or one-half as much, as it does for the coal in its basement. When it is not profitable to burn coal, they keep it for future use. When it is not profitable to keep laborers, they shake them off, knowing that the cheapest commodity in the market is to be found in the working class and that whenever it is necessary to start the industry, they can blow the whistle and the voting kings will come in, glad to get a few crumbs more.

As to "Forskaren" (The Investigator) I will simply say that I can see no reason why its editor is not entitled to advocate Socialist politics. Would you deny him this right? The Socialist party has no jurisdiction over "Forskaren." Because Robert Ingersoll was a warm advocate of the temperance cause does not indicate that all friends of sobriety are agnostics.

As to Prof. Herron being a leader of the Socialist party in this country, I can only reply by stating that we have no leaders. We do not believe in leaders. Each member has as much to say as any other member in the Socialist movement. Mr. Herron, of course, is a member of the Socialist party, and as to his family troubles, I can only say that it is none of my affairs. If it were necessary I could name some very prominent clergymen who have excelled Mr. Herron in courtship, but that would be foolish to attack a certain organization because of some individuals. We do not attack individuals. We attack the capitalist system. You further said that Socialism does not believe in inheritance. Now, Mr. Alfvén, you are again very much mistaken. You must distinguish between two classes in society—the working class and the capitalist class. The working class that produces all wealth is being disinherited continually by the capitalist class, that produces nothing. The child that will be born to-morrow will have debts hanging over its shoulders in favor of the capitalist class. And then you talk about opportunities. We live in a country that can produce sufficient, under a just system, to feed, clothe and shelter the whole world, and yet the children of the working class are born not only in poverty, but into actual debts that rivet the chains of slavery tighter with each passing day. These conditions are becoming severe. Socialism teaches that the earth with all its natural resources should be in justice's name inherited, or, in other words, owned, by the whole human family, and not by a few Rockefeller's. Then the child that will be born to-morrow will be born free to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Is there anything wrong about this?

As to the dividing up idea, I must say that you are palpably mistaken. Socialism is against the dividing business. The worker to-day divides with

the profit takers and gives them four-fifths of what he produces and gets one-fifth for himself. Socialism says: "Stop that insane dividing up plan and render to the worker the full product of his toil. This means to divide nothing. Doesn't it?"

FERDINAND LASSALLE.

(An Impression by Peter E. Burrowes.)

"When all human rights are outraged, when even the voice of blood is mute, and the helpless mortal is deserted by his born protectors, then rises up, and rightly, man's first and last relation, man."

In these words of Lassalle the working class became possessed of their great genius, organizer and champion; not because he was one of them, for indeed he was, by taste and association, a man of the salons, but because it was rare blood rather than blood of the successful Jewish tradesman, Lassalle and wife, that ran through his veins.

It is not because of the spectacular incidents of his life, and they were striking enough, that a great biographer will be found for Lassalle, but because he was a subjective artist, if such a phrase be permitted, who took on to himself the broadly potential things of his generation and let the rest go.

Having learned to find the individual in classes, periods and environments, the human student is able to find back and discern social groups through single cases. So, it is alleged by Lassalle, did he look upon the case of the Countess Hatzfeldt in which he saw a microcosm of many social wrongs, and to her wrongs and sorrows, as against the brutal tyranny of a half savage millionaire baron, he devoted much of the best eight years of his life.

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OUT IN THE STATE.

(Continued from First Page.)

A new local has been organized at Belleville, with John Wachter as secretary and George Boswell organizer. Prospects are bright for a live organization, and new members are being taken in at each meeting.

Comrades at Avon, Fulton County, have made application for a charter. This county will soon be well organized, as Comrade Collins is now there, and a number of other places were awaiting his coming in order to organize.

The Rockford comrades are making arrangements for Comrade Brower's visit Sept. 17, and Secretary Halden writes that they will do their best to make his visit worth while. Much good is expected from the rally. On the 18th Brower will be at Freeport, and the comrades in the latter place are making arrangements for his visit with earnest enthusiasm.

Comrade Rahm, of Staunton, reports that the movement there was helped greatly by the speeches made Labor Day by Comrades Saltiel and Mrs. Hunt.

Comrade Collins spoke at Granite, Ill., on Aug. 23, and made a deep impression on the large audience present. He also sold seventy-five pamphlets. Had it not been for the sickness of Comrade Charles Ruth, who was thus unable to be present, a local would have been organized, but this will be accomplished in the near future, we trust.

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The capitalists are no longer able to employ the great army of wage slaves even at subsistence wages. There is "no profitable market" for their product. Sussping the workers would take it into their heads to make things for use and be independent of capitalists and profitable markets. Did that idea ever strike you?

Thousands of workers are now compelled to go on the tramp looking for work. They must leave their families, and as a rule ride a freight car or the bumpers. Do you see how capitalism "breaks up the home?"

BRYAN'S PRAYER.

O Mammon, God of the Mighty Rulers of this Earth! To Thee I come at this hour repenting my past sins and disobedience and all the transgressions I have committed before Thee!

I have sinned before Thee, O Ruler of mankind, by utterances of my mouth only! Thou, who knowest the innermost thoughts of my heart, knowest well that I have never forsaken Thee. I have always believed in Thy mighty power. I have always supported the system whereby mankind is made to worship Thee and is compelled to do according to Thy will.

I ask Thy forgiveness at the foot of Thy altar for past expressions that sounded like blasphemy in Thy ears. Thou knowest well that I only meant them as cunning means of fastening Thy might and strengthening Thy hold over the minds of the people, by making them believe that, if they follow me, they will no more be compelled to sacrifice their lives on Thine altar.

Thou knowest well, O great and mighty Mammon, that I have in all my past career refrained from attacking the underlying secret of Thy power, "the profit system!" I swear before Thy powerful altar that never have I aimed to open the people's eyes as to the workings of the magical threefold device called rent, interest and profit whereby the product of their labor is sacrificed to Thee. Never have I opened the eyes of my blind followers to the struggle that is raging between Thy chosen priests, the capitalist class, and the common herd, with the aim of destroying Thy temple "the wage system."

On the contrary, Thou knowest well, that I have always advised some insignificant, minor reforms in order to distract the eyes of the most troublesome from "the real issue." I have always faithfully preached the gospel of competition for bread, competition for the job, competition in all that is an essential need, indispensable to the lives of both the weak and the strong.

O Thou Great and Powerful, before whom there are no secrets, I come to Thee at this hour to offer my prayer and promise to serve Thee faithfully and humbly, and follow Thee blindly! At Thy feet I lay my honor, the happiness of the toiling masses, the trust of my blind followers, the homeless widows, the fatherless orphans and toiling babies, I sacrifice all, all to Thee, God of the Mighty and Powerful! Amen. "Next."

A HYPOTHETICAL CASE. Suppose a band of parasites having in their possession a large but not great newspaper, and having in their employ that most contemptible of slaves, the slave who is willing to bear false witness against his fellows, that he may find favor with his masters.

Suppose they send this slave into a distant State to unbalance the scales of the blind goddess, heap calumny upon honest men, and to accompany upon lies that which laws, even capitalistic laws, are incapable of distorting of public opinion.

Suppose the labor unions which have been thus shamelessly libeled demand publicity for the truth, offering ample evidence, but are met by the reply of this insolent liar: "My statements have been published and believed. That is enough for me."

Suppose, then, that some worker, who wields a pen like a Stillson wrench, with some vigor, if little grace, writes up this matter for a working class paper, and his article looks strong enough to him that he remarks, "I guess that will hold 'em for a while."

SOCIALIST ALDERMEN ALERT

Milwaukee Socialist Aldermen Go Into Court to Defend Eight-Hour Contract.

The working class in Milwaukee have not wasted their time circulating referendum petitions, but have elected ten of their own class to represent them in the Milwaukee City Council. That these Socialist Aldermen elected by the working class on a working class platform are proving true to their class and working class interests, the following account of their work clearly demonstrates.

SOCIALISTS IN COURT. A new phase in the suit brought by "Parry-site" Thos. J. Neacy of the Filer & Stovell Co., of Milwaukee, and Walter Read, as taxpayers, to enjoin the city of Milwaukee, and the Wm. Todd Company of Youngstown, Ohio, from proceeding with the building of the twenty-million gallon pumping engine for the water works because the Socialist Aldermen succeeded in incorporating in the contract a clause demanding that the work be done by men working only eight hours a day, developed last week. It became clear that the City Attorney, instead of defending would play into the hands of the Parry crowd, and so the Socialists made application to the court to be allowed to intervene in the case in order that a proper defense might be furnished, the application being made by Ald. Heath and John Reichert, both of whom are secretaries of the Federated Trades Council.

Messrs. Neacy and Read were directed by Judge Ludwig to show cause last Tuesday why this should not be allowed. The petitioners state that they are acting in behalf of the Federated Trades Council, and 15,000 organized workmen. "We make our application in behalf of all organized workmen and all other residents of the city who are consumers of city water and pay water taxes," the petitioners say, "and the delay resulting from the granting of the injunction prayed for by the plaintiffs will unduly delay the construction of the new pumping engine, which is urgently needed by the city to supply the demands of the rapidly growing population."

It is alleged that the suit was brought by collusion between plaintiffs and the city authorities. "The city attorney," the petition says, "has frequently stated that he would make no defense, except a perfunctory one. The city attorney, by lack of training, is unable to comprehend the various questions involved in this action. The action will go by default unless the petitioners are allowed to intervene."

When the case came up last Tuesday morning, the city attorney had sneaked out of town and the attorneys for the Wm. Todd Co. filed an affidavit of prejudice against Judge Ludwig, who is noted for his anti-labor decisions, the Socialists joining in the affidavit. The case was therefore sent to the Circuit Court, but it is not known which judge it will go to.

When the case had been taken out of Judge Ludwig's hands and the attorneys and clients were leaving the court room, Mr. Neacy went up and shook hands with Judge Ludwig while he was on the bench—a most unusual proceeding. It had a bad look, as has most everything Neacy does. Translated into words it seemed to say, "Well, we feel thankful anyway for what you might have done for us."

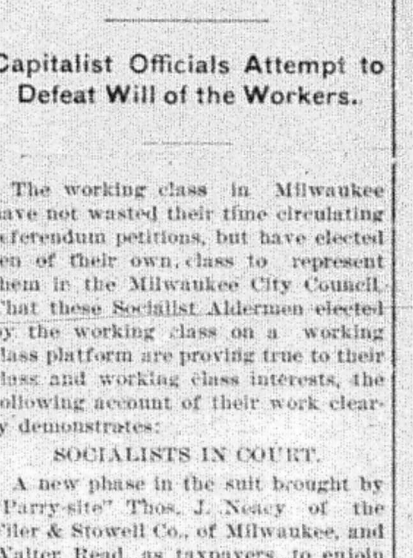
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After due consideration the Executive Committee is of the opinion that all street meetings should close at 10 o'clock.

All communications relating to street meetings should be addressed to Jas. P. Larson, City Organizer, 163 Randolph Street.

Complaint has been made to the police department that Socialists' meetings are blocking the passage at street corners and thereby preventing passengers from getting on and off the street cars.

Chairmen of meetings will please take notice and remove the above objections to our street work.

Notice—All street meetings commence at 8 P. M. unless otherwise stated.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 1904, 8 P. M.

- 51st and Roosevelt av. (2d Ward). Speaker—Mat Whalen, O. Rademacker. 57th and Wentworth av. (3d Ward). Speaker—C. W. Benton. 62d and Morgan st. (4th Ward). Speaker—Dr. Geo. Slater. 64th and Commercial av. (5th Ward). Speaker—S. Goldfarb. 38th and Erie Island av. (9th, 10th Wds). Speaker—Jas. O'Neil. 12th and Ashland av. (11th Ward). Speaker—A. A. Henry. 12th and Kedzie av. (12th Ward). Speaker—Mrs. Lillian Forberg. Wood and Chicago av. (14th Ward). Speaker—W. Links and H. J. Wiegell. Milwaukee and Paulina st. (16th Ward). Speaker—A. S. Edwards. Milwaukee and Center av. (17th Ward). Speaker—A. Wigness. Congress and Center av. (19th Ward). Speaker—J. W. Bartels. Sheffield and Belmont av. (25th Ward). Speaker—Sam Robbins. North and Western av. (28th Ward). Speaker—G. Y. Courtney. 48th and La Salle st. (29th Ward). Speaker—L. Dalgaard. 62d and Halsted st. (31st Ward). Speaker—E. M. Stangland. 69th and Halsted st. (32d Ward). Speaker—Len Button. 111th and Michigan av. (33d Ward). Speaker—B. Berlin. 12th and 40th av. (34th Ward). Speaker—W. E. Clark. 48th and Lake st. (35th Ward). Speaker—Geo. D. Evans. Chicago Heights. Speaker—A. W. Mance. Harvey, Ill. Speaker—Mark Bartlett. Melrose Park, Ill. Speaker—A. Harrack. Hill, Ill. Speaker—Geo. Koop.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 1904, 8 P. M.

- 30th and Cottage Grove av. (3d Ward). Speaker—Mrs. Lillian Forberg, and A. Henry. 32d and Archer av. (3d Ward). Speaker—Geo. D. Evans. 71st and Cottage Grove av. (7th Ward). Speaker—Mark Bartlett, Jas. O'Neil, Maxwell and Halsted st. (9th, 10th), 5 P. M. Speaker—S. Goldfarb, E. Lindquist. 20th and Robey st. (11th Ward). Speaker—G. Y. Courtney, J. E. Noland. 12th and California av. (12th Ward), 3 P. M. Speaker—Geo. Meredith and Len Button. Madison and Western av. (13th Ward). Speaker—E. M. Stangland, A. Hoedtke. California and North av. (15th Ward). Speaker—Mat Whalen; 4 P. M. California and North av. (15th Ward). Speaker—A. W. Mance and Walter Higgins; 7:30 P. M. Erie and Center av. (17th Ward). Speaker—J. W. Bartels. Wilson pl. and Clark st. (21st Ward). Speaker—Thos. J. Morgan. Diversey and Sheffield av. (25th Ward). Speaker—G. Y. Courtney. 51st and Center av. (25th Ward), 3 P. M. Speaker—L. Dalgaard. Kedzie and Armitage av. (28th Ward). Speaker—Sam Robbins. TUESDAY, SEPT. 20, 1904, 8 P. M. Canalport and Jefferson st. (9th, 10th Wds). Speaker—Dr. Geo. Slater. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, 1904, 8 P. M. 52d and Cottage Grove av. (3d Ward). Speaker—Jas. O'Neil. 20th and Wallace st. (11th Ward). Speaker—Mat Whalen and A. Harrack. 47th and State st. (6th Ward). Speaker—G. Y. Courtney. 18th and Erie Island av. (9th, 10th Wds). Speaker—C. W. Benton. 21st and Paulina st. (11th Ward). Speaker—J. P. Noland. Wood and Chicago av. (14th Ward). Speaker—E. M. Stangland. Madison and Aberdeen st. (18th Ward). Speaker—Geo. D. Evans. Congress and Center av. (19th Ward). Speaker—Len Button. 50th and Halsted st. (32d Ward). Speaker—S. Goldfarb. THURSDAY, SEPT. 22, 1904, 8 P. M. 29th and State st. (3d Ward). Speaker—B. Berlin. 40th and State st. (3d Ward). Speaker—W. Higgins. 10th and Halsted st. (9th, 10th Wds). Speaker—A. A. Henry. 24th and Oakley av. (12th Ward). Speaker—J. W. Bartels. Clark and Ohio st. (21st Ward). Speaker—G. Y. Courtney. Aldine and Clark st. (25th Ward). Speaker—W. E. Clark. Milwaukee and Robey st. (28th Ward). Speaker—M. J. Myers and Others. 51st and Kedzie av. (29th Ward). Speaker—Mark Bartlett. Madison and 40th av. (31st Ward). Speaker—Geo. D. Evans. Noble and Erie st. (17th Ward). Speaker—A. Hoedtke. Chicago, Ill. Speaker—A. W. Mance. FRIDAY, SEPT. 23, 1904, 8 P. M. O'Brien and Halsted st. (9th, 10th Wds). Speaker—L. Dalgaard. Madison and Aberdeen st. (18th Ward). Speaker—E. M. Stangland.

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PARTY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COMMITTEES.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS second Sunday of every month, 2:00 p. m., at 55 N. Clark street. A. S. Edwards, Secretary. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS every Tuesday night at the O'Brien, Room 27, 163 Randolph St. GERMAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS first and third Sunday of each month at 8 p. m. in Lautschbach's Hall, 55 North Clark street. Jos. Bernates, Secretary, 406 Union street. BOHEMIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Meets first and third Monday, corner 18th and Laflin streets. Chas. Fergler, Secretary. POLISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS every second Sunday of the month at Kusavak's Hall, 1844 45th street. J. Toblax, Secretary, 468 North Hermitage avenue.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE—Meets every Monday night, at 106 Randolph street. A. Harrack, J. B. Smiley, L. Dalgaard, John Hansen (17th), Peter Miller, J. O. Watkins, G. Froberg, E. M. Stangland, A. Eisenman, I. S. Brown, Gertrude H. Hunt, Geo. Meredith, T. O. Lewis, J. Scanzler, F. H. Coney.

WARD NOTES.

The Seventh Ward Branch meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 355 E. 63d street. Free discussion and everybody invited.

The Sixth Ward Branch are having some very successful agitation meetings at 47th and State streets, Wednesday nights. At the last meeting, Comrade Watkins, from South Chicago, spoke for two hours to a large crowd and kept everybody interested in explaining that the paramount issue, as far as the working class is concerned, is

and has always been, the question of bread and butter.

All comrades living in the neighborhood are earnestly requested to attend meetings at above mentioned corner.

Organizer Sixth Ward Branch.

SOCIALIST PARTY 6th Ward Branch. Public meetings first and third Tuesday, 8 p. m. at 355 E. 63d st. Good speakers. Free discussion. You are invited.

Twenty-third Ward Branch meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the month at 156 Mohawk street. Secretary, F. F. Hoitensen; 156 Mohawk street.

NOTICE.

63d Ward Branch, No. 2, S. P. There will be a special meeting at Grand Crossing Turner Hall Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of devising the best way and means of carrying on the campaign in the Thirty-third Ward between now and the election. Comrade Garson, the county organizer, will be present to offer suggestions and cooperate with the members in formulating and executing the most effective plans.

Every member of S. P. W. R. S. P. is requested to be present.

Ward organizers will please call at the office of the Chicago Socialist and get transparencies to be used at open-air meetings to announce our meeting at the Auditorium, Oct. 7.

Seventeenth Ward Branch meets every Tuesday at 256 West Chicago avenue, branch headquarters. Secretary, John Hansen, 570 Grand avenue. Organizer, A. A. Wigness, 304 West Erie street.

SOCIALIST STUDENTS NEEDED.

The present campaign is emphasizing as never before the need of such thorough, systematic study by Socialists as will be furnished by the Institute of Social Studies, which will be conducted in Chicago next winter. The problems which will spring out of the present great increase in Socialist sentiment will demand, above all else, men and women who have really studied Socialist philosophy, and the facts of past and present society, and not simply superficial agitators, who, while they advertise Socialism and arouse interest, sometimes mislead rather than instruct.

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PARTY NOTES.

Last Sunday was a red letter day in the history of the Cook County Central Committee. Charters were granted to three new branches. And applications were received from 232 persons for membership in the Socialist party of Cook County.

The street meetings are drawing larger and more interested audiences than ever before in the history of our open air agitation. And Organizer Larson reports that the work is only limited by the lack of a sufficient number of capable speakers. So, reader, if you know what Socialism is and can tell it from a "soap box," send your name to J. P. Larson, County Organizer S. P.

The reports coming in from the various towns in the different parts of the State are all of the most encouraging nature. Socialist speakers are well received wherever they appear, and the prospects are that our vote in Illinois this fall will give the capitalists to understand that they can no longer divide the workers on the political field.

The St. Clair County comrades held their county convention September 13, at Marissa, Ill., and nominated a full ticket. One of the comrades writing from there says: "While none of our comrades are what you might call orators or spellbinders they are able to fearlessly expound the principles of Socialism in an intelligent manner in language that workmen can understand. They are all workmen themselves, young, 'clear cut,' progressive and unselfishly devoted to our great cause of emancipating the working class from wage slavery."

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