

For President  
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OF INDIANA

# THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

For Vice-President  
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OF NEW YORK

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

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## CAMPAIGN POT BOILS MERRILY; INTEREST NOW AT FEVER HEAT.

### Collins Back in the Field---Stedman Out---Reports Still Show Intense Interest of Workingmen---Politicians "Up a Tree."

"If you fellows had voted at the last election the way you whooped," said Senator Tillman in his speech last week to the stock yards workers. "By-an-would have been elected." If the workers vote the way they talk now the Socialist party will poll 150,000 votes in Illinois this fall, and this is no idle claptrap, either.

All reports are simply magnificent. The workers everywhere are disgusted with both old parties and openly announce their intention of voting our ticket.

In most of the counties throughout the State the Democrats and Republicans are practically dead, now being able to arouse sufficient interest to put up the merest semblance of a campaign, while all the Socialist meetings, with but two or three exceptions, have been attended by good crowds that have listened attentively and applauded vigorously.

Organizations have been effected at many new points, several Italian locals being among the number, while agitation has been carried into districts that never before have heard the working class gospel of Socialism.

One fact stands out more clearly with every passing day—the small towns and mining camps surrounding the larger cities are rotten ripe for Socialism and need only to have agitation done among them to round them all up for the cause. It will be necessary to send an organizer to a district for a week or more to spend his time going from one small town or mining camp to another, making speeches and doing individual agitation among the workers. This will have to be taken

up by the State Committee immediately.

The committee has distributed 18,500 pieces of literature in foreign languages, principally to locals in the State. The 300,000 leaflets purchased by the committee have all been distributed, and if any branches or locals wish to secure more they should send in notice at once, as the committee will not have more printed if there is not sufficient of a demand to warrant it. Send in your request at once!

In a number of counties the County Clerk has refused to file the Socialist ticket, but when the law was quoted to them they invariably "caved in."

Five hundred copies of the special edition was donated to the Kankakee local to assist them in their agitation.

Local Sangamon County (Springfield) has sent in a request for a speaker for one week to assist in organizing the various mining camps in that district, which, according to the report of Comrade Boswell, only need a little effort to effect organizations in all of them. Comrade G. Y. Courtney has been selected and will go as soon as the comrades notify us of the date.

So far over seventy unions have signified their acceptance of the invitation to send committees with their banners to the big rally at the Auditorium next Monday night to hear Debs and Hanford. The sight of these representatives of organized labor seated on the platform with their banners ranged around them should be an imposing and inspiring spectacle.

H. Gaylord Wilshire has signified his intention of being here on the 25th, and will deliver an address, date to be announced later.

He has also donated 500 magazines to the party, which will be sold at the Auditorium.

Any person who wishes to hear Debs and has not yet secured a ticket should get one at once. Headquarters will be open all day Sunday.

Comrades, you are not doing your full duty on the campaign fund, as it is now beginning to drop off somewhat. If you wish the campaign to be carried on for the remaining weeks as vigorously as in the past you will redouble your efforts in this direction and send in all the money possible. We do not wish our campaign to fizzle out before election day. If you could see the letters coming in from all over the State and note the ripeness of the workers for Socialism you would, every one receive an inspiration that would cause you to redouble, and even triple, your efforts to secure funds for this work.

**OUT IN THE STATE.**

Comrade Teofilo Petrella, of New Jersey, was in Chicago Heights last week and gave a lecture in Italian. He had a large audience and roused them to a high pitch of enthusiasm and succeeded in organizing a branch of seventeen members, which will be affiliated with the Chicago Heights local.

A report comes from Freeport that Stedman spoke in the Good Tempers Hall to a large house, and for an hour and a half he held the audience in rapt attention as in a clear, convincing and eloquent manner he explained the philosophy of socialism. A politician, "Hon." S. Deneen was billed to speak at the opera house the same night, and Stedman, on his arrival, promptly challenged the "Honorable" to a joint debate, which that worthy declined.

Simons spoke at Galesburg to a crowd of about 400, and had a good meeting. He also gave a talk to the students of Lombard College, Galesburg, in the afternoon, at the house of Professor Wright, instructor in political economy. Simons is taking up more than enough to pay his wages and will probably have some money to turn over to the committee when he is through with his tour.

At Quincy Comrade Simons spoke to a large crowd in the City Hall. The politicians did not repeat the tactics pursued in the case of Comrade Brower, when they refused him in the City Hall at the last minute, having learned that such methods only helped to swell sentiment in favor of the Socialists. Our correspondent from there says Simons was greeted with cheer after cheer as he portrayed the class struggle and arraigned the two old parties for their betrayal of working class interests. The boys there report things are warming up and a still bigger crowd is looked for at the next meeting. Collection, \$5.36. Simons writes: "I hear good reports of Brower everywhere. He should be kept permanently in the field. There is a good live movement in Quincy and Jacksonville, and there will be good gains for the ticket, but in no place where I have been yet is there as good a field as in the coal districts. Arrangements should be made to organize the small towns around each of the larger cities at once. There is good opportunity for such work around Jacksonville, Rock Island, Rockford and Quincy. We must get at this right after election."

Comrade D. A. Boswell writes later

## IF YOU DON'T REGISTER OCT. 18TH YOU CAN'T VOTE.



The Wealth Producer Throwing Off His Shackles.

## AN OPEN LETTER.

From a Working Woman Who Can't Vote to Working Women Who Can't Vote, but Who, Nevertheless, Can Do Something if They Will Try.

Editor Chicago Socialist: I was pleased to see the letter I addressed to you printed in The Chicago Socialist of Oct. 8, in which I appealed to the men who can vote to save the workers from their present intolerable conditions. I sincerely believe they will do it in the near future. But in the meantime, although the women can't vote, there is abundant opportunity for them to do active and effective work for the great cause of humanity.

Probably the work that we women are best adapted to and can do most effectively at the present stage of the movement is the distribution of literature. Just consider how much the women could accomplish if they could all spend a few hours each week distributing literature in their own neighborhood. We may not be able to speak from the platforms or the "soap boxes," but there is abundance of good educational and campaign literature at the State and National headquarters, which can be secured for a very small amount of money. If you haven't got the money yourself, take a subscription list around among the men and get it; they will not refuse to provide what little is necessary for all the literature you can distribute.

My own experience is that the hardest part of the work is getting it. After that it becomes a real pleasure to work for so noble a cause. Remember, sisters, we are working for nothing less than the emancipation of the whole working class—for the taking of over 1,800,000 little children out of the factories and department stores and giving them a chance to develop healthy bodies and minds.

In my last letter I appealed to the men who are permitted to vote to do their whole duty. Now I desire to appeal to all the working women who read The Chicago Socialist and are interested in spreading Socialist thought among the workers, to do something. I know of one girl who distributes 100 Socialist leaflets every Sunday morning. Sisters, we are the ones who are suffering most under this competitive system, and we should do all in our power to bring about the change which will break our economic chains. Men are free politically, but we are still both politically and economically enslaved, and in most cases compelled to offer our labor cheaper than men to secure an opportunity to make a living. Socialism will abolish woman's artificial disadvantages, at least, and give her an opportunity to develop all her possibilities.

Now, sisters, will you not see and all do what you can, do all you can to enlighten the workers with whom you come in contact? The one work that I know from my own experience each one of you might do between now and election is distribute literature. The working people already know there is something radically wrong, but they don't know what it is. The Socialist literature that you can secure will show them where the trouble is. Sisters, it is within your power to deliver the message of Socialism to tens of thousands of workers between now and election who otherwise would not hear it. Will you do what you can? If you will, I know that it will be of vast importance to our movement. And if you once get started you will enjoy the work. It will give you something to do that will make your life worth while. Will you do it?

BERTHA SMITHERS.

## NOW CHANGE THE BULWARKS.

Comrades of Illinois: We have but four short weeks remaining for the most tremendous political battle that has ever engaged the working class of America, until Nov. 8 shall bring its respite and rest. Shoulder to shoulder the comrades of this State must set an heroic example of devotion to the working class of the republic.

Each must be a scout, a sharpshooter, with literature and logic he must wage a dogged, stubborn, relentless fight.

The capitalist hosts now feel our impact; they are giving ground. Up, comrades, altogether, charge!

A gambler "stands pat" when he has a winning hand, or thinks he has. The Socialists know the bluff and will "call" the gambler and his party.

JOHN COLLINS' \$2.00 HATS Represents the idea, backed by the merit. Union made from our factory to your head. Fall styles. Southwest corner Madison and La Salle streets.

## TO ACTION!

Up, Workers of America!  
Wake, Sons of fair Columbia!  
Break with one stroke your slavish chains  
And seize the governmental reins.

Oh, Workers, are ye dead or blind?  
How can you ever hope to find  
Relief by begging? Take by might  
Of ballots what is yours by right!

## THE GREAT AIM OF THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IS: THE POLITICAL SUPERMACY OF THE WORKING CLASS.

Comrades! arouse your fellow workers to realize this one great fact. Teach it, talk it, hammer it into the brains of your brothers! Ignorant of this fact, they are led astray by false promises. They are betrayed by their so-called leaders and fooled by scheming politicians.

## TEACH THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

Make the working people understand that the interests of the laborers and the capitalists are not the same, and that it is foolish to ask for favor from persons who would be injured by granting them.

Each age has its peculiar work to perform. In years gone by men fought for intellectual, religious and political liberty. Our fight is for ECONOMIC LIBERTY.

The doctrine concerning life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is a sham and a delusion under our present capitalist system.

Private ownership of common necessities makes a few the economic lords of the many economic slaves.

Private ownership for profit turns human beings into beasts of prey. It drives some to crime and others to the madhouse or a suicide's grave.

It fills our jails and divorce courts. It grinds the bodies of children into dollars and turns the strong man of forty-five out to starve.

This system, cruel and accursed,  
With blood of human victims nursed,  
Abolish it! our aim must be  
Full, economic liberty!

This can only be accomplished by changing the present competitive system, run for private profit, to a co-operative system, where each may secure the product of his labor.

Comrades, fill the hearts of your fellow workers with a noble sense of discontent—

Teach the class struggle.  
Preach political action.  
Organize the working people.  
Distribute literature.  
Let reason conquer prejudice.  
Fellow workers, join the Socialist party!  
For your own sake and for the sake of those depending on you, join us in the fight for economic liberty!

The dawn of a better day is breaking; the hideous nightmare of Capitalism will vanish, and the glorious day of the Co-operative Commonwealth will bring peace and plenty for all.

Then dreams and prophecies of old,  
Fulfilled, to children shall be told  
The while around the earth they scream,  
Behold! The Brotherhood of Man!  
E. M. STANGLAND.

that Simon's meeting at Springfield was very successful and resulted in much good for the cause. The crowd greeted the speech with frequent cheers. The Collins meeting will be made a rally. Comrade Boswell states that he will put in all his time during the balance of the campaign in working for Socialism.

At Decatur Simons had a good meeting and took up a collection of \$7.77. A portion of Simon's letter is as follows: "I went with Comrade Boswell to one of the mining camps between Springfield and Decatur and saw something of the situation. There were about fifty or seventy-five men in the camp, living in the worst lot of 'company shacks' I ever saw, and practically every one of them was a Socialist. But they were all Italians or Germans and could not understand English. So I did not attempt a speech, but talked to them individually, using an interpreter. I left some application cards, and they promised to organize a local. But what they need at once is literature, and I have the names of an Italian and a German who will distribute literature in their respective languages. So please send at once about twenty-five copies of each kind."

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## HALL MEETINGS.

### A List of Rallies to Be Held This Week.

Comrades and sympathizers are requested to note these meetings and attend them as far as possible and assist in their execution.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 15.

Clifford's Hall, Halsted and Englewood avenue, near 63d street, 8 p. m. Speaker, John Spargo, of New York.

Seventeenth Ward headquarters, 286 West Chicago avenue. Mass meeting of all West Side Scandinavians, under the auspices of the Seventeenth Ward Scandinavian Socialist Club, 8 p. m. All Scandinavians are invited to be present. Political issues of the

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Fall styles now ready. Comrades should go to this store for their head wear. 97 E. Madison, northwest corner Dearborn street.

day will be discussed. Come and bring your friends.

Evanston, Ill., Lyon's Hall, Davis street, 8 p. m.—Thos. J. Morgan will lecture on "Government, its Effects on the Physical, Mental and Financial Condition of the Working Class."

Dalton, Ill., Stahnke's Hall, 8 p. m. Speaker, Geo. Koop.

A. S. Edward will address Walty Lodge, No. 134, I. A. M., at its hall, corner Sangamon and Monroe streets.

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 16.

Krawczykowsky's Hall, 42nd and Throop streets, 4 p. m. Speaker, A. Elsenman.

Hattendorp's Hall, 6654 South Halsted street, 2:30 p. m. Speakers, A. M. Simons and Geo. D. Evans.

Globe Hall, 63d street and Ashland avenue, 2:30 p. m. Speakers, Mat Whalen and A. W. Mance.

Germania Hall, 2311 Westworth avenue, 2:30 p. m. Speaker, Thos. J. Morgan.

#### MONDAY, OCT. 17.

Auditorium. Debs and Hanford. Everybody come.

#### TUESDAY, OCT. 18.

Debs and Hanford Club, 215 West 12th street, 8 p. m. Speakers, Thos. J. Morgan and Peter Lissman.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19.

Winnetka, Ill., Town Hall, 8 p. m. Speaker, Thos. J. Morgan.

Kubica's Hall, 55 West 21st street, corner Spring street, 7:30 p. m. Speaker, J. B. Smiley.

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 22.

Maywood, Ill., W. E. Clark will lecture before the "Brotherhood of St. Paul" at First M. E. Church, on "The Principles and Aims of Present Day Socialism," 8 p. m.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 23.

Garfield Turner Hall, Larrabee street, near Garfield avenue, 8 p. m. Speakers, A. M. Simons in English and Robert Salliel in German.

For announcements of street meetings see page 4.

If every voter of the Socialist ticket would join the party and take some active interest in the movement he would soon put a stop to such remarks as "throwing the vote away" by so-called Socialists who support would-be reformers and "good" men on "dependent" tickets.

## RALLY COMRADES FOR THE GREAT SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATION!

# DEBS and HANFORD

OUR STANDARD BEARERS

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Purchase your tickets at once, if you have not already done so. Every hour lessens your chances for a seat.

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ILLINOIS STATE TICKET.

- Governor—John Collins, Chicago. Lieutenant Governor—J. H. Brown, Elmhurst. State Treasurer—A. S. Tibbits, Rockford. Secretary of State—Fenton Rowell, Chicago.

COUNTY TICKET.

- State's Attorney—Seymour Steadman, Recorder—James P. Larsen, Clerk of the Superior Court—Chas. W. Granger, Clerk of Circuit Court—John T. Catfield.

Chicago banks are "cramped with money" but a lot of Chicago pantries are short of bread. How the times have changed to be sure! It used to be said that "God rules in the council of nations."

There are signs, so the scientists say, that man will discard his little toe. What if he does? How is that going to help the capitalists? If man would only discard his stomach and get along without eating the capitalists would have cause for real joy.

Once upon a time a convention met in the Windy City by the Big Lake. It was capitalistic and harmonious. It adopted a platform that ignored the great problem of the nation, but which being boiled down reads as follows: 1. This country belongs to the saints.

Last week the capitalist papers published with flaring head lines the graphic description of a dog birthday party given by a lot of women of the fashionable set, who were suffering from "ennui."

of the means of life. Until then you will be treated with less respect and in fact deserve less than the dogs of the capitalist class.

SHE THOUGHT IT "QUEER."

At the close of the meeting held at Clark street and Walton place last Sunday night one of our comrades overheard the following conversation between a man and woman who had been listening to the speeches. The woman asked the man, "What is that meeting? I never heard such talk in my life before?"

The ideas that the Socialist speakers had been putting into the heads of working people was that they were entitled to the full product of their labor, and that the way to get it was through working class political action.

THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

This edition of the Chicago Socialist will go to many thousands of new readers; possibly a large proportion of them may never have seen the paper before. To those of our readers who may wish this number of the paper make a new acquaintance, we wish to say that the Socialist is not the private property of an individual.

Everything that is done to strengthen the Chicago Socialist in the work it is doing helps to fortify the organized movement against the assaults of capitalism. Every subscription added to its list means a weakening of the power of organized greed.

"URGES POLITICS IN LABOR UNIONS."

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"We allow the machine to nominate judges for us to vote for, and then when injunctions are issued by these judges we whine like babies. As it is with our mayors and judges, so it is with our legislators, governors, and all other officials.

The subject was introduced by Cohen with a reference to the recommendation of President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, that more be done by way of influencing legislation, but he went further than any of his predecessors, and the delegates were plainly with him.

There has never been a time in the history of the labor movement," he said, "when there has been such a determined and organized movement on the part of the employers as during the last year. These organizations have been formed for the purpose of defeating organized labor.

Men who formerly professed friendship for organized labor have opened up to themselves an avenue to make an easy living by coaching employers to ally themselves together to fight labor unions. Of these, one F. W. Job, who never would have been heard of but for the fact that he by the merest accident became a member of the State Board of Arbitration, is the chief.

Why did Mr. Cohen recommend that trade unionists organize a labor party? No one knows better than he that there is a labor party in the field now.

The rank and file of the trade unions know that the working class are already organized into a political party that has for its object the complete emancipation of the entire working class from all the evils Mr. Cohen enumerates.

If President Cohen had not been so strenuous in his opposition to "politics in the unions" we might have had several labor judges in office now. But, thanks to the Socialists, every trade unionist in America knows that it is "childish stupidity" to "allow the machine to nominate judges for us to vote for, and then when injunctions are issued by these judges to whine like babies."

It is childish stupidity to follow the old political leaders until "we are sent to the hospitals with our heads buried with policemen's clubs," what virtue is there in remaining stupid until after Jan. 1?

Trade unionists who know anything about the history of unions know that there is a ticket a union man can consistently vote for at the coming election. Why not vote it?

Now he admits such advice to be "childish stupidity." Yet for some reason he does not advise trade unionists to vote for their own class interests until after the election. Why does he desire us to remain stupid until after we have put one of the old political parties into power again?

Everyone at the State Federation Convention knows that what the President of the Federation says is true. J. H. Walker, of Danville, is reported to have said: "We are not going to attack one gang that is robbing us when this means an endorsement of another gang in the same occupation." And, according to the correspondent, that settled the discussion and showed that the convention would have nothing to do with politics.

Get up your tow-line and pull! "URGES POLITICS IN LABOR UNIONS."

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"I would recommend," Cohen said, "that you consider the advisability of taking steps after Jan. 1 to organize politically as well as economically throughout the State, so that we may be in position to force legislation favorable to us. The political feature need have no connection with the business of trades unions, but membership in the movement should be confined to trades unionists. It is the height of folly to expect radical, honest legislation from legislators selected by the political rings of to-day.

after a gang of bloodthirsty politicians have been bent to the crib by our votes for another four years before we go into politics. But we have been led to the era of "broken heads" just long enough. We thank you for telling all of us what the most of us already know, namely, that it is childish simplicity to vote for what we do not want, and this election we will vote for what we want by voting for Debs and Hanford, both trade unionists of many years' standing. They are on the only ticket that union men can consistently vote for—the Socialist Party ticket.

Would there be any clothing without labor, or any houses, or ships, or railroads, or machines, without labor? Would there be anything good for anybody without labor?

Has capital anywhere ever done any of these things? Do you know of a single mile of railroad in all the 300,000 miles that capital has built?

Do you think that all the capital in this world could produce this week's Chicago Socialist?

ANIMUS OF OBJECTIONS TO SOCIALISM.

It must be admitted that a great many good, wholesome people file objections to the philosophy of Socialism being forced upon them and theirs by our tireless host of propagandists, organizers, agitators and orators.

And so long as this is true an indiscriminating arraignment of those who oppose us as vicious, heartless and unclean would be in itself a vicious attack and an unjust reflection upon many worthy men and women, and doubtless would tend to further estrange them.

With this in mind I desire to assure all clean folk who have accepted in whole or in part as their guide in determining the ultimate demand of Socialism such criticisms as are hurled against us by those who fatten upon the vice of the social order and grow rich through the prostitution of government. That so long as they are ignorant of the fundamental principles of the Socialist philosophy we may safely follow Christ's example and "forgive them, for they know not what they do."

But these objectors, who "know not what they do" must some day render an account of the talents given them and in that day "ignorance" will not serve as a justification, save to the imbecile. For if a good man's ignorance is made to shield a criminal, while the way to knowledge is open to him—that good citizen must share in the blame which attaches to the criminal. Even more—it may well be said that the good man willfully ignorant is wholly responsible for the crime.

With this explanation of the exemptions we would make in our arraignment of our enemies, let us pass to a review of the objections raised and attempt to trace them to those who would most need under the existing system to give them to the world.

"Socialism would destroy incentive." This is probably first of the general objections made by those opposed to us. And its origin is easily traced to the haunts of gamblers, stock jobbers, grafters and puppet-politicians, who see in it the certainty that the incentive that moves men to prey upon society would be destroyed.

The successful business man, too busy fighting the rising tide of concentration in commercial and industrial life—too busy to give a thought to the social side of economics, looks upon Socialism as a scheme of reform. And having in mind the many reforms admitted, compromised and betrayed to death, he insists that "Socialism is a dream."

No other dream, if this be a dream, has had the power to rouse men to realize the extent of the nightmare, capitalism forces upon the world of labor, that Socialism has in its fifty years of steady progress.

The dreamer of dreams would do well to open his eyes to the hard economic laws upon which this philosophy of our rests and resists the buffets of all the engines brought to bear against it. Those who make of public office a private snare, those who prostitute their mentality for a price, those who justify dishonesty in business for profit, all the array of political expectants, every "bought" voter of both old parties contends that: Human nature would have to be changed before Socialism could be inaugurated.

You are too late with your advice, Mr. Cohen! We have followed you in the past and had our heads broken and been sent to jail. This year we are going to vote for one of our comrades who was sent to jail by the capitalist class for doing as you used to advise us to do.

ment in its blindness and devoid of a single trace of sentiment in its entirety assert boldly that, in "Socialism is seen an effort of sentimentalists to make the world too good to live in."

If any ignorant, doped critic takes his measure of manhood from steel as they, the criticism holds. These hyman hyenas and buzzards are a part of the capitalist system—a sane society would be too good for them and their standards of manhood.

"Socialism would destroy the home." This is the wail of the mammoth-fed priest and his ilk.

Those of us who have made a study of church history are neither surprised nor alarmed at this preconcerted attack on the part of the Roman church and the most plutocratic pulpit orators, amongst Protestant denominations. The same thing happened in other revolutionary periods. It happened in this nation over the question of slavery.

The wealthy congregations in the Eastern States, who feared a loss of business, should the abolitionists spirit ripen into antagonism against the South, closed their preachers' mouths with dollars and threats, until the rising tide of the common life demanding the restriction of the slave power in government or the emancipation of the slaves forced them to allow the truth to be spoken.

In the Southern States during that period, the church was as servile to the slave owner as an abused pup is to a hard master. I have yet to hear of a preacher in a Southern church who gave up his life in defense of the black man; yet the sacred institution of chattel slavery passed away. So, too, will the divine institution of wage slavery pass, and with it must go this narrow conception of religion, which centers to-day in individual salvation and makes it possible for good people to justify their ignorance of the social struggle, the soul-sore of the universe—because they have been "saved," the rest of the world be damned.

That Catholicism should take up the fight against Socialism in defense of the home may well surprise even the superstitious student of church history. The Catholic church has not used its voice in defense of the home, since capitalism began, until it discovered in Socialism an agency which threatened, not the home, but the ignorance of what a true home requires for its maintenance; that ignorance upon which is based the power of capitalism to prevent the toller-from having a home.

As the history of the world goes, the ink is hardly dry upon the parchments on which the leading scholars of this church set out their faith and held that woman, the queen of the home, was without a soul, without virtue, unclean and totally a product of his satanic majesty. And he remembered this mess of earth worms at Worms were inspired, infallible, holy, undefiled, etc., yet we find the church was finally forced to give the woman a soul—as it will be forced to give its men their economic liberty.

The Socialist party contending for individual liberty, for economic liberty, for equality of opportunity in the economic world, guarantees religious liberty, freedom of conscience and all that goes to make a truly religious life possible, to those who believe in the spiritual life. Every captain of industry, every sweat-shop slave driver, every Parryzed scab-hunting employer in the land, every corner of gold from the blood of the nation's children, every leech, every parasite, every criminal creeps out as one man, Socialism would enslave the workers and reduce men to a dead level.

Every "get rich quick" promoter, from Schwab down to the country banker, who aches to be a Schwab, whines that Socialism seeks to divide up the wealth of the world, then opines that should we win, within a year things would be just as bad as they are now. A direct admission that under this cruel system it is the exploiter and commercial financial free-booter who holds the world's wealth in his hands.

Every little business man and professional hanger-on of capitalism, who hopes by hook or crook to keep his place as a sort of upper servant and political go-between of the great American plutocracy, together with the army of political scabs in the ranks of labor, still afflicted with a burning desire to become capitalists in their own right, declare: "We can't do without capitalists." The contented (not slave) said the same thing about slavery. Slavery was abolished.

The hand-led serf who related the pleading of his fellow serfs to assist them in their struggle for liberty said: "They were dreamers. Yetseridomwent the way of slavery." So the worker of to-day, who is afraid that he will starve when capitalism is abolished would do well to begin his fast this fall.

And be it remembered we are not making war upon even the most degraded of those referred to above, as individuals, but we are warring to the death upon a social system under which these men are largely forced to put into operation the law of the jungle, the law of tooth and claw, against their fellow men.

SANGERBUND CONCERT AND BALL.

A pleasant evening is in store for all who attend the grand concert and ball to be given by the Socialist Sengerbund, Sunday, Oct. 16, at Brand's Hall. The musical program will begin at 3 in the afternoon. There should be a large turnout of comrades from all over the city.

EDUCATION.

The political tide will soon subside. After the capitalist tools in the various government positions, in the sheep's clothing of "the people's servants," will have been rejected, the capitalist world will have the usual sigh of relief, and the profit mills will continue grinding with as much vigor as the condition of the world market will permit, which is not a great deal just now.

The working class, after throwing their votes away by electing their own slave drivers and investing them with all the powers by which Labor is ground in the dust, will continue to sweat and toil and starve and grumble. They may toil harder, and sweat more, and starve in greater numbers, and grumble a little louder, but next time the majority of them will still continue to vote for the exploiting class against whom they are compelled to struggle. They have been "educated" by the official teachers in the future.

The class who rule this country and the world for their own benefit, which they claim is the benefit of all, will see to it that every progress of science and every invention serves only ruling class interests. And while they pay their hired scribes to extol their prosperity, grandeur and sublimity of their so-called civilization, the proud and patriotic workman will point with expanded chest to "our splendid school system," which has left him ignorant of his wage slavery, which leaves millions of children without even a capitalist education, and which leaves his children as ignorant as he is himself about the fundamental facts of life. As many children of the working class will be able to avail themselves of this school system, this boasted "opportunity" to become millionaires or presidents of the United States, will continue to listen with bated breath to the wisdom doled out to them, by capitalistically trained and controlled teachers from books published by the book trust and spread by all manner of corruption and crime.

Most of those teachers are afraid to own their own soul; for fear of losing their jobs, but they nevertheless glorify this "freedom" and celebrate the glorious Fourth with a vigor worthy of a better cause, and they inoculate their pupils with the same logical and noble independence of mind which they are so conscientiously displaying. What do we learn now even in the best schools? A recent editorial of the "World To-day" expresses it fittingly in these words: "Beyond the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic, boys and girls studied almost nothing that could ever be used after school. We taught them Latin, which they would never read; algebra with which they would never calculate; physiology which they would never observe; literature which they refused to read." And that is what the schools do to-day. The "World To-day" is mistaken when it says that "We are changing all this. We believe in the education of the hands as well as of the mind." For even the so-called new education is vitiated and nullified by the capitalist curse that makes all human endeavor subservient to the initiative of the masters of the bread and of the gold. And thus it will be, so long as the Stars and Stripes will be the side partner of the eagle, the bird of prey that stands as a fitting symbol for that God whom the capitalists adore above all others, because in his wisdom, suite though it be, he has given them control of the property interests of this country—the Dollar.

Capitalism, though compelling the capitalist class to set all the energies of man in motion, sets them to work only for the ultimate purpose of securing profits for the members of their class. These profits are intimately linked to the economic and political supremacy of that class. And this supremacy is even dearer to them than the profits themselves. But the one cannot be maintained without the other. Therefore all so-called education by the capitalistically controlled teachers, whether they be secular or religious, is stretched or trimmed to fit this Procrustean bed of class interests. And thus it is that education under the capitalist control does not educate.

The present school teaching carefully avoids everything which could become a weapon in the hands of a revolutionary class. No matter what may be the progress of science, no matter how startling and revolutionary may be the discoveries in astronomy, chemistry, biology, physics, etc., the capitalist mind at once erects a fence around them and declares to the working class: "Private property. No trespassing." In plain English this means: "The working class may learn to read and write and figure, but they must not think. They must not have the assumption to interpret the data of science different from their masters. We, the capitalist class, want to pour over the whole of society the spell of ideas that will make us safe in our possession and secure to us an unlimited supply of cheap and submissive laborers. Let those laborers be the victims of superstitions which we, the better classes, derive. Let them be in fear of authority, of vested rights, of spooks above the clouds in which we ourselves do not believe. Let them believe that this must be so for the good of all humanity, so long as we know that it is good for our class interests."

Science has long passed beyond the limits of transcendental imagination. Though more or less in the service of the ruling class, yet the very requirements of the ruling capitalist class compelled the scientists to combat the superstitions of the middle ages. And though the rules always considered themselves superhuman, they were human enough to be interested in the question: Whence are we and what will be our destiny in the future? And so the capitalist science itself was the first to abolish the belief in an omnipotent authority, although their very existence depends on the respect of the masses for that authority and its stewards here below. If the great masses have no longer any faith in authority of any kind, it is due to the early philosophers of the capitalist class. They can no longer control the spirits whom they once set free.

What does it avail the capitalists that they now insist on teaching the religions fairy tales, superstitions, idolatry, and weak-minded submission to the "eternal laws" of society, which they once repudiated and ridiculed when they were a revolutionary class? What does it avail the so-called higher criticism of some modern theologians to deny the divinity of the Bible and yet to attempt to retain the belief in an omnipotent monster spirit, a "carnous vertebrate," as Haasek calls him, a fakes and unsmokes everything by a mere word? They cannot out of the historical work of centuries of human development, and that points to the inevitable downfall of the capitalist class and their hypocritical system of secular and religious education.

The history of the capitalist class itself shows too plainly that capitalism is not "eternal." Neither are the ideas eternal which arose and developed with the growth of the capitalist system. So far as these ideas were the result of capitalist education, they will pass away with the class and the system. And the ideas which were in the human mind before the capitalist system arose, the search for the beginning and end of the world, for the "first and last causes" of everything, those will continue and develop in a way to be dictated by the system which will be the successor of capitalism.

What the schools do not teach, what the capitalist class would fain conceal from the working class, life teaches and drives home with giant blows. You do not want us to understand why we are compelled to serve you? That is an impossible undertaking. The very necessities of your capitalist production and education compel you to do that which will open our eyes. You do not wish us to think? Very well, we will raise our own teachers and have our own education. You will tell us nothing about the fundamental things of life, you will not show us the way out of this slavery and misery from which you benefit? Very well, we shall think for ourselves, we shall do the very thing which you dread most.

THE BUSINESS DESK.

It is well understood by comrades in Cook County that the Chicago Socialist, like nearly all Socialist publications, incurs a deficit each week. This condition is nothing new; it has always existed and is explained by the fact that the paper is primarily a working class publication, and for that reason is expelled from sharing in the enormous and wasteful expenditures for advertising, which provide ample funds for publications supporting the capitalist system. The Socialist, instead of deriving its support from commercialism, necessarily depends upon the activities of comrades in the movement for Socialism.

To cover the deficit and make the paper self-supporting, however, should be the aim of our county and State organizations. The best and most practical way to do this is to keep constantly at work getting new subscribers. If the comrades will take hold and put the circulation up to the 25,000 mark, all on the 50-cent basis, the deficit will be wiped out. It is the intention of the manager, beginning this week, to publish regularly a statement showing the losses and gains made by the paper. This statement it is hoped will serve as an incentive to comrades to work more faithfully for their home paper.

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If you depend upon the Republicans and Democrats expecting to obtain any concessions from the capitalist class, note the gratuitous manner in which you are getting municipal ownership of street car lines—in the neck. Modern civilization has not brought happiness to the working class. On all sides they see luxuries added, but their inability to buy back what they have produced makes this alleged enlightenment a mere farce. Why? Because of the private ownership of the land, factories, tools, machinery and means of transportation.

TRADES UNIONS.

By Henry J. Wiegel.

For many years past it has been impossible for one to find a daily paper without seeing therein from one to a dozen or more articles bearing more or less upon the subjects of trades unions or trades unionists; in other words, the labor question, for it has been the aggressiveness of the unions that has compelled not only the daily papers, but the weekly and monthly as well, to give space to this very important subject.

This mighty struggle of the working class fighting for its emancipation has been in progress for centuries; the conscious now going on within the present space of society are skimming its very foundations. The first outward manifestation of this struggle in modern times, as well as in the days of the Roman Empire, was in the formation of labor unions—men and women banded together for the purpose of resisting further encroachment upon their rights by the capitalist class.

From the very beginning trades unions have been antagonized by the dominant class, and members of unions were fined, jailed and persecuted. But notwithstanding all this the unions have grown and will continue to grow and will still be here when capitalism is a matter of past history. To attempt to even cite chronologically the ups and downs of organized labor would take many pages, much less to tell of the sacrifices that have been made, the number of lives lost and homes broken up, all for the purpose of endeavoring to better the conditions of those who create all wealth.

Now what are the conditions organized labor confront today? After all these years fighting and suffering through strikes and lockouts, what are the prospects for reaching the goal? With the introduction of the injunction, the charge of conspiracy, and the law of Illinois recently found on the statute books (but which apparently had been forgotten—making it a crime for men to picket establishments or speak to persons taking their places), and the formation of the Manufacturers and Employers' Associations—the pure and simple trades unions find that they must adopt new tactics or go down to ignominious defeat.

What are the reasons for this, and what are the new tactics? The first reason is because the trades unions have been organized on craft or trade autonomy lines; that is, each trade having its own separate and distinct union instead of being organized on the industrial plan—all the employees of a factory or shop being in one organization, standing together in one solid phalanx with this motto: "The injury of one is the concern of all," and all go up together or all go down together.

The second reason is because they have divided their strength at the ballot box on election day and put into power men who are opposed to the interests of the working class and who use their power only in favor of the capitalist class.

To accomplish their desires the working class must therefore organize industrially and politically; industrially, for the purpose of getting all the benefits they can while this system of wage slavery lasts, and politically for the purpose of abolishing the wage system which in the first place compels them to organize industrially.

Under the system of craft organization we see the carpenters fighting the woodworkers, claiming jurisdiction over them; members of engineers' and firemen's unions scabbing on engineers and firemen belonging to the United Brewery Workers; members of the Switchmen's Union and members of the Brotherhood of Trainmen taking turns about fighting each other in the same way as the carpenters and many others. In this manner organized labor on the craft lines is assisting in digging its own grave; one organization trying to swallow another, creating dissension among its ranks, etc., all of which the capitalist class are aware of and keep them at it by bribing or coddling an alleged labor leader here and there. Isn't it strange the rank and file hasn't got on to the game long before this?

With the unions organized industrially, millions of dollars could be saved and used for the purpose of fighting the common enemy which is now used for thousands of useless of ficers—useless because one set of general officers or a few sets could do the entire work; saving in office rent and similar expenses. It would be absolutely impossible to man a plant or factory if every man, woman and child would "stand pat" when a crisis is on. Seats for all their places could not be found and by concerted action they could tie up the same industry in every city in the land.

By the working class being thus bound together into one solid compact on the economic field they are taught the valuable lesson of possessing a united front on the political field. Therefore when Socialism is established the workers will be ready to manage and operate their respective industries. The United Brewery Workers or the Western Federation of Miners are thus organized and, to-morrow could handle the breweries and the mines without the aid of a single

capitalist. True, the trusts are also thoroughly organizing and their employees may continue to carry on the business under a Socialist government as they now do under private ownership, but being unorganized they would lack that cohesiveness and good will which otherwise would not obtain. There would still be the chance for one craft to do its best to injure another, for it must be conceded even when we establish a co-operative commonwealth there will be still a large number who are opposed to the change.

The labor leaders who are now advocating State political organization will soon see the shallowness of such a proposition and will realize that the entire control of the government must be had before a satisfactory solution of the labor-trades union question can be reached. If they are wise they will become Socialists and assist the Socialist party in doing the very thing they are blindly groping for, if they are blind, which I very much doubt.

ORGANIZE THE UNIONS INDUSTRIALLY AND VOTE INDIVIDUALLY FOR SOCIALISM!

CAMPAIGN POT BOILS MERRILY.

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of leaflet you may have in these languages." Comrade Simons has many suggestions to offer in regard to the agitation as a result of his experience and observation; but we leave him to write this up, which he will undoubtedly do on his return.

The joint meeting by Simons and Brower at Peoria was successful. The comrades and the crowd were well pleased. There were 500 in the audience, which would have been larger had it been Saturday night, instead of Monday.

Brower states he is having a fine time and enjoying his trip splendidly. He would be as happy as a clam in the surf if he had his wife and child with him and could get rid of the toothache, which is bothering him right along. The meeting at Canton was a good one; and Brower reports that the boys there are a fine lot of young fellows, and it will be possible to develop some speakers from among them. The Morning Register, of Canton, gave Brower a good write-up.

Comrade D. A. Boswell, of Springfield, writes very enthusiastically of the situation there, and in the country. He thinks it possible to organize all the mining camps in the country with a little effort. They will probably have Stedman speak at Auburn on the 19th, instead of at Springfield, and Brecken at Dawson or Riverton on the 25th.

As stated last week Brower and Block held a joint meeting at Springfield. Brower spoke first and had not got far in his speech when a policeman interfered, and tried to stop him, but was chased by Comrade Block. The interference only caused a bigger crowd to gather, and Brower, warming up, held them spellbound as he explained the philosophy of Socialism, and showed that Roosevelt and Parker were both hostile to the working class, and the workers could gain nothing by electing either of them. Block then followed and showed up the capitalist system in a way that made it hot for the capitalist class and their politicians. He pointed out the infamy of the politicians in passing the Dick military bill, which was rushed through Congress without even a roll call, and how it made every workingman a member of the militia and put the power into the hands of the President to call out the whole working class to shoot down their fellows in times of labor troubles. A capitalist apologist tried to interrupt, but was answered in a way that soon closed him up.

Brower was taken by the Springfield boys out to a country town—Pawnee—where he had a fine meeting. No previous arrangements had been made, but word was passed around, and in a short time a big crowd had gathered at the Park. Brower spoke from the bandstand, and seemed to be inspired by the deep and eager interest displayed by his auditors. Our correspondent says that he "opened his mouth like an alligator and fairly poured out the truths of Socialism." Farmers who had come into the town to do shopping and were preparing to leave, tied up their horses again and stayed to the end. Business men left their stores to hear him, and when called away on business hurried back again. After the speech \$5.00 worth of literature was sold in ten minutes. On the train back to Springfield Brower was surrounded by persons who had heard him and discussed the question in all its phases. The Springfield boys are jubilant over the sentiment aroused.

Brower writes briefly but to the point from Springfield Valley as follows: "Good meeting here Saturday evening. Collection \$5.06, literature \$1.15. James Waits, Carr, McDonald and others assisted. "Spoke at Marquette yesterday afternoon. Organized with eight members and more coming. You will hear from them. Collection \$2.70, literature \$1.00. "Spoke at Ladd last evening. Collection \$3.50, literature \$1.20. "The men who have made the movement in the Spring Valley district deserve great credit for the thoroughness of their work." Writing later from La Salle Brower says: "All records broken at my meeting in Peru last night. Organization starts with nineteen charter members. Collection \$8.50, literature sales \$1.70. Splendid hall, fine audience, good attention, and when the question hour

arrived we all enjoyed ourselves. Our new local here will certainly do things. It is made of the right kind of material."

Block's meeting at Belleville was very successful, and the boys expect to secure some half-dozen new recruits for the party as a result of it. They expect the speeches to be delivered by Stedman and Brower to result in still further plowing up the ground and adding materially to the growth of the movement. Block also reports his meeting as very successful at this point, and states that there are a few good comrades there who are workers, especially Comrade Wachter.

The boys at Pana think they have the hardest town in the State in which to draw a crowd to hear a Socialist speaker. Block spoke there recently to a small audience, but he must have enthused them as the collection amounted to \$2.00.

Block's meeting at Mount Olive was a success in every way—large crowd, keen attention and good collection. The Republicans and Democrats there are dead, and the Socialists will soon bury them.

Comrade Block has been touring through the southwestern part of the State, where conditions are not so good as in the districts being covered by the other speakers. In two places where there were no organizations and reliance was placed in sympathizers to do the advertising for the meetings, the work was not done and Block consequently failed to hold meetings. From all points where Block has spoken good reports are coming in. The comrades like him and state he makes a good impression on the crowd.

Comrade Teodoro Petrella spoke to a large audience of Italians at Joliet on the 9th, and was greeted with applause several times. He held the audience for an hour and a half with his telling remarks, and much good was done for the Italian local, which has been but recently organized, but is in a flourishing condition. Literature was sold to the amount of \$5, besides what was given away. Petrella goes out to Springfield.

Comrade Hulsen, of Dupue, president of Local Union 539, United Mine Workers, sends in a request for information in regard to organizing a local there. He says the workmen there are inquiring of him for party buttons and Socialist papers, and he and others have decided to put their shoulders to the wheel and help the movement along.

Comrade Hammond, of Belvidere, writes: "I have received the posters sent me for advertising Brown's meeting, and they will be plenty. I have made all the arrangements, and the meeting will undoubtedly be a success."

"The movement is gathering strength everywhere," writes Comrade Ben Smith, of Oglesby. "We are distributing literature broadcast and are pushing the propaganda to the utmost extent of our ability." The meeting at Peoria is well advertised.

Comrade Cooper, of Marissa, sends in a most glowing account of the conditions in St. Clair County. We would, if possible, but space forbids, publish the letter in full, so that the comrades in general could form an idea of the really wonderful change in sentiment towards Socialism on the part of the workers there, which is, however, only typical of conditions everywhere. The workers in the stock yards district of East St. Louis are ripe and clamoring for Socialist speakers and literature, while the same is true of the coal miners. Comrade Cooper states that if Organizer Collins could only be sent to that county for a week the whole legislative district can undoubtedly be carried by the Socialist party.

The boys at Herrin are very anxious to secure a good speaker, one of national reputation, if possible, for that district for several days. They had a speaker from a neighboring town billed one night and a large crowd assembled to hear him, but for some unaccountable reason he failed to show up, and the crowd was greatly disappointed. The old-party politicians have since been jibing at our comrades, who would now be greatly pleased to secure a good speaker, as the sentiment there is very favorable, and the capitalist politicians could be put "up a tree." There are also a large number of Italians there who year after year have been driven to the polls like sheep by the Republicans, and a good Italian speaker could do much good there, as they are now beginning to think, and there are many Socialist sympathizers in their ranks. If it is possible to induce A. M. Simons to go there he will be sent, but the request for an Italian speaker will have to be declined, as we have no speaker in that language.

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Chicago Daily News.

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MY POLITICAL CRED, OR WHY I SHALL VOTE THE SOCIALIST TICKET.

By Rev. George Elmore Littlefield, in the Arena for October.

I shall vote the Socialist ticket because I believe in Socialism. I have almost as many reasons for being a Socialist as I have for living, and life is as precious to me as to any one—indeed, all the more precious just because I am a Socialist.

Here are a few reasons or statements for being a Socialist, which I am ready to elaborate and substantiate any time for The Arena, or any of its readers:

First: Socialism means economic security to every worker; substituting co-operation and equal opportunity for competition and class-privilege. No "dividing up" as the "Standard Oil Crowd" does it, no drones, and saving the present enormous waste will assure all an easy and plentiful livelihood.

Second: Socialism will prolong human life and make it happier. The workers average thirty-nine years; capitalists, fifty-five years. When the People is its own capitalist, the treadmill of toil and the worry of loss will be eliminated, so that the average life will be nearer the Psalmist's three-score-and-ten, and happier on account of all these reasons.

Third: Socialism will foster nobler incentives. When our present chief incentive—the desperate scramble for the dollar—ceases, the incentives of art, truth, craftsmanship and social service will be released. Rational emulation will displace brutal competition.

Fourth: Socialism will help evolve a higher individualism. As the plant unfolds its beautiful individuality in a carefully cultivated garden, better than when cast along the stony, trampled wayside, so humanity—God's soul-flowers—will develop best in the social garden of Socialism.

Fifth: Socialism will advance morality. The present system is dishonest, for it allows a cunning capitalist class, by means of rent, interest and profit, to exploit the toiling masses, and breeds every form of corruption; graft, swindling, gambling, robbery and murder, as well as national sneak-thievery—speaking through Panama and thieving from the Philippines. Socialism will cease plundering and patching a rotten system and substitute justice for injustice, placing the premium upon the Golden Rule instead of on the anarchy of "every one for himself and the devil take the hindmost."

Sixth: Socialism will make religion real. Every known form of religion, including Christianity, at a certain stage of its development, has been perverted to sanction the social system of some ruling, exploiting class. This perversion causes the grossest materialism and atheism under sacred-dotal disguises. This hypocrisy will be removed, and the soul of man will naturally flower out toward Divine love when economic righteousness is established.

Seventh: Socialism will secure the home, save women from shame, and stop the sacrifice of children to the Moloch of commercialism.

Eighth: Socialism will make for temperance. The saloon will go out of business when the incentive of profit is removed, and men will less crave stimulants when we have more wholesome conditions of life.

Ninth: Socialism will purify politics and perfect true democracy. The efforts of the "outs" to get in, and of the "ins" to stay in, and the bribery of business, besides the fact that there is but one office to some four hundred seekers, corrupts politics. When all are "ins"—every one has a governmental position—and the social ideal of civil-service is raised, and business cannot bribe, politics will become truer to the definition: "The public welfare." Government of the rich, by the rich, for the rich will be replaced by government of the people, by the people, for the people.

Tenth: Socialism will abolish war. International comrades in a world-wide Co-operative Commonwealth will not kill one another.

Eleventh: Socialism will settle the labor question and thus avert another possible civil war. Industrial partners will not strike against themselves.

Twelfth: I am a Socialist because Socialism is inevitable. Capitalism and wageism, like two cobras, will crush each other. Besides, economic evolution shows that as slavery gave way to feudalism, and feudalism to modern capitalism, so capitalism must give way to socialism. Economic evolution also points out that first came the single proprietor; then partnership in business; then the corporation or partnership of partners; then the trust or partnership of the corporations, and now finally must come the merging of the trusts into a greater partnership, through the public ownership of all the means of production and distribution—the People's Trust, or Socialism. Either this, or else the world goes back into the melting-pot through another dark age of despotism.

SOCIALIST CARNIVAL AND BAZAR

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The important meeting of next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16, at the hall, 55 North Clark street, 2:30 o'clock, should not be overlooked, nor forgotten by the Socialist women of Cook County. There will be present members of the Entertainment Committee to tell what has already been done, what is contemplated, and also what is expected of the ladies to crown the great event of January next with success. The committee earnestly requests every friend of the movement, whether a member or not, to come to this meeting and give us the benefit of their advice and help.

The donations have already begun to come in. The receiver has booked two fine residence lots and other gifts and is after more. This is very encouraging when it is remembered how busy we all are in the campaign. Before the day of election it is expected that the committee will be able to announce gifts amounting to thousands of dollars, and after the election—well, the carnival and bazar will then be our principal business, and everybody will get to hustling. To go back to the starting point, however, don't forget the meeting of women Sunday afternoon—2:30, at 55 North Clark street.

Interesting developments are expected to result from the investigation as to who attempted to ruin the battle-ship Connecticut. One paper said it was a plot of the anarchists. Another laid it to union men. As the vessel was being built by union men in a government shipyard, and was being completed faster than another battleship in a privately owned yard with non-union labor, it's not hard to guess who the real conspirators were. No crime is too great if it will serve the purpose of the dominant class in society to weaken the under dog. "Amalgamated Copper in Fronted Finance" and "Standard Oil" by periodicals of large circulation tell a few tales.

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WOMEN SHOULD BE SOCIALISTS.

Women and Children Suffer Most from the Present System of Exploitation.

No Hope from Any Other Source.

(By Gertrude Breslau Hunt.)

Norwood Park is eleven miles out of Chicago, on the Northwestern Railroad.

One bitter day last winter I saw a shabby-clad woman sitting on the wooden bench by the depot, with a little coffin of unstained pine on her knee.

Her face was ashen-gray—utterly hopeless—prematurely aged by poverty, drudgery and misery.

Her clothes were threadbare—her eyes seemed to see nothing save that little box. She was resting a few minutes before she should walk the mile out to the place of graves.

The hands clasped around the little pine box were brown, seamed and knotted; her shoulders were stooped; she looked, O! so tired!

She had come about fourteen miles already.

She lived on Throop street, near 18th street. She had been in the country a year and a half. She washed and scrubbed when she could get it to do.

Big iron fell on his foot last fall, so he was out of work good deal this winter, but now he was working.

So she had come alone. Her mother lived with her, but she was helpless. Her good neighbor would have come, but she was too poor.

They were paying back their passage money to their cousin, who helped them get to America.

Such a common, disagreeable story. I thought of a news item I had read three days before and its connection with this woman's pitiful journey.

Reginald Vanderbilt, one of the owners of this Northwestern Railroad, got \$125,000 in one evening at the gambling table.

Well, why should he? He never did a day's work or earned a dollar in his life. This woman's husband and his army of fellow workers in blistering sun and biting frost footed those gambling bills and starved and froze to do it.

This is merely a vignette of capitalism. Every time this man and woman were allowed the chance to work at all they were exploited at the rate of 83 cents out of every dollar.

The latter proposition is Socialism. There are just the two parties in the field.

The other names are just the names of big and little fellows who are fighting to get the swag; that is, the product of our labor when they have exploited us to a finish.

mortgage and tools, besides living and being taxed over and over on everything he buys.

Given to women equal opportunity to produce and get full compensation in the product of their work, no uncertainty for the future, no starved and exhausted childhood, and men would have to deserve them to get them and deserve them to keep them.

Women have perhaps more than any other set of workers to gain by Socialism, because they are more exploited—their strength reduced by sex slavery—entirely disfranchised, having no vote to make the laws governing herself and the race she brings into the world.

THE MOVEMENT THAT MOVES.

A. M. Simons Writes of His Trip Through the State—Socialism Growing in All Industrial Centers.

The only movement that moves this year is that of Socialism. There is no apathy among that portion of the working class that have even caught a glimmer of the possibility of escape from capitalism.

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There was a large crowd present, who once more gave substantial evidence of its belief by contributions amounting to \$7.77. It was at Bloomington, however, that high tide was touched.

The last stop was Joliet. Here, even more than at any other place, the working class are in fierce, intelligent revolt.

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THE STATE PLATFORM.

The Socialist party of Illinois, in convention assembled, declares its aim to be the organization of the working class into a political party with a view to gaining the political power into the hands of the working people of this State and using this power for the purpose of transferring the productive forces of Illinois from private to collective ownership and transforming production for private profit into production for common use.

Under the present system of production, the great mass of the people can only acquire the means of existence by selling their labor power, and thus falling away from the capitalist minority, who own the land and the machinery of production and distribution.

Owing to the introduction and perfection of modern machinery, the concentration of industries in trusts and the ever-increasing tendency toward female and child labor, there is a continually growing army of unemployed, able-bodied men, who are driven to the brink of starvation.

But a minority party is easily defeated or obstructed in parliamentary activity. Only the party of the majority can win, therefore, we only what political parties can win in the whole nation, can permanent relief come to the majority of the toilers in the cities and on the farms.

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MONDAY, OCT. 17, 1904, 8 P. M. 28th and Halsted Sts. (5th Ward). Speaker: Eugene Cooney and R. B. Chaplin.