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IT'S A LIVE ONE AND A WINNER, SURE!

ONE LONG SQUAWK.

Capitalism Sees in Socialism Only Opponent Worthy of Its Steel.

EASLEY'S LIE IS EXPOSED.

The Ideal Union that Mr. Gompers' Federation Associates Desire Shown.

If squealing is a sign of getting hurt then the Socialists may well congratulate themselves with regard to their attacks on the National Civic Federation. The last issue of its bulletin is one long squawk. "Stacey" Easley evidently is afraid that his salary is going to get away from him. Not long ago he stated in private conversation that he could not have organized the Civic Federation if he had not had the Socialists to use as a bugaboo on the great capitalists. Now that he has sold his gold bricks he ought not to be quite so rough on the fellows who helped him make the deal.

Comrade Lee calls him down for his bare-faced lie that Socialism fights the unions and Easley simply replies by repeating his allegation and by quoting another lie from the United Mine Workers' Journal. The trouble with this sort of controversy is the assumption which Comrade Lee is kind enough to make that Easley was ever sincere in his life. Those who knew Easley in the days when he was playing fast and loose with reformers and gamblers in the city of Chicago know that he is a paid advocate looking for a job. He is familiar with the history of trade unionism and knows perfectly well that practically every one of the older and stronger trade unions of to-day was founded by Socialists. He knows, too, that Gompers and the most of his clique crawled into the movement and secured prominence only by claiming that they were Socialists. When the unions became a power, when workers came into them by the thousand without stopping to reason much why they came, often times coming largely because they were forced to come into them, then it was possible for politicians to gain control of their leaders. Then it was that it became possible for such a hybrid abortion as the Civic Federation to appear on the scene. It rests upon the intrigue of capitalism and the ignorance of union men and the dishonesty of union leaders. The moment that any one of these three props is destroyed the whole structure, Civic Federation and all goes down, and most horrible of all Gompers will lose his salary.

The Socialists are attacking all three of these props. It is enlightening the workers within the unions, exposing dishonest leaders and bombarding intriguing capitalists. Mr. Easley hastens to the defense. He tries to tell the union men that their ignorance and their leaders' dishonesty are the integral part of trade unionism and that whoever attacks these things are wrecking trade unionism. As well might you accuse the diver who cleans barnacles from the side of an ocean liner of trying to wreck the ship. Mr. Easley quotes with great parade the endorsement of two misrepresentative labor papers of August Belmont and Oscar S. Strauss. This effort to bolster up his structure by leaning one of the props against the other cannot be said to be very good architecture.

Why does he not tell about how the machinists by referendum vote denounced their misleaders and ordered them to take action which under the corrupting influence of Easley and his bunch they refused to take. This is a sign that the foundation itself is beginning to shake—something that is fatal to the whole Civic Federation scheme. But the thing in which he particularly shows his anger and his dishonesty is in his treatment of the new plan for industrial organization. Here he repeats the insinuation which he does not dare to put over his own name that "Parry and company are aiding Debs" in establishing the new organization. Of course he knows that this is so bare-faced a lie that only the most ignorant of union men will believe it, yet he gives it currency without a word. Yet it is significant that the article directly under it, printed without a comment reads as follows:

A unique union has been formed by Louisville carpenters. It will be known as Independent Carpenters' Union No. 1. Its objects are the open shop, no walking delegates, and no members except first-class mechanics, and to prevent strikes and lock-outs. It will be independent of all central organizations, and will not affiliate with the International body, but will accept all recommendations made by the Employers' Association, and work in harmony with that body.—American Industries.

This taken in connection with the proof furnished by the Appeal to Reason in the expose of the Cleveland spy system, that Mark Hanna, while publicly praising his love for labor

and desire for conciliation through the Federation, was really backing the Parry spy system, shows that there is really a community of interest between the Civic Federation and the Employers' Association. The fight between them is but a sham one. They are but two wings of the same vulture, the right and left hands of capitalism. One holds out a bribe, the other grasps a club to be used when the bribe does not succeed. Both fear and hate Socialism because its spread means both courage and intelligence on the part of the working class.

So far as the Socialist is concerned he fights them both alike. If occasionally he shows a trifle of respect for the open enemy and has only contempt for the sneaking corruptor it does not mean lack of honesty, and intelligent, militant hostility to both alike.

EMPLOYERS ARE CLASS-CONSCIOUS.

Job Appeals for United Action to Defeat Machinists' Union—Say His Organization Will Furnish Strikebreakers.

Mr. Machinist on strike, and other union men who may in the near future be on strike, just read the following resolution misrepresenting you and your effort to keep your living conditions at the life line. Just read it carefully and learn what you are up against when you go on strike for a few cents per day more, or to keep from sinking lower in the social scale. When you have carefully considered its full import ask yourself what chance there is of improving your conditions until you own collectively the means of employment. As things stand now the employers have every advantage. It will all be changed when the workers begin to think:

Whereas, Local District No. 8, of the International Association of Machinists, at Chicago, Illinois, has declared and is attempting to enforce throughout the United States a boycott against the product of the Goss Printing Press Company, of Chicago, as a desperate measure to succeed in a strike of about eight months duration, which is practically lost, and

Whereas, the cause of the strike was a refusal on the part of the Chicago Metal Trade Association to comply with the arbitrary demands of Local No. 8, of the International Association of Machinists, which demands were:

First, the abolishment of the custom of paying the wages of skilled mechanics to handy men who are employed on rough work, and

Second, the refusal of the members of the Chicago Metal Trades Association to increase the minimum wage scale of skilled mechanics from 30 to 33 1/3 cents per hour and of tool makers from 35 to 37 1/2 cents per hour, and

Third, the refusal of the Machinists' Union to submit the differences to arbitration, and

Whereas, The interests of employers and manufacturers throughout the country, and particularly the employers of machinists are directly affected by this unjust action on the part of the International Association of Machinists, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the of deprecates such unlawful and unjust methods of the International Association of Machinists, and we pledge to any newspaper which is threatened with such boycott the unqualified support of this association, and as advertisers and readers of the local papers in the city of we recommend that the members of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association take cognizance of this matter and such action in the premises as conditions warrant.

Note—Please have the above resolution dated and reproduced on the letter head of your association, supplying the name and location of your association in the first blank space, and the name of your city in the second blank.

Do not forget that we run a large employment bureau, and if ever you need workmen, let us hear from you.

Please do not give this to the newspapers as an item of news, and if you publish a paper or pamphlet I would rather you would not mention it in this publication at the present time. This requires your immediate attention, and in return for this favor I am now asking of you, please consider our association at your service in the future, as we have been in the past, for any help we can give you.
Yours very truly,
FREDERICK W. JOB,
Secretary.

CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Sunday, February 18, German Night

- 7:30 p. m.—(a) Singing Society of Bakers' Union, No. 2, "Hymn to Liberty."
(b) Ten-minute address, Seymour Stedman.
- 8:30 p. m.—Ladies' Section Turn-Verein Einigkeit, in Fancy Dance.
- 9:15 p. m.—Turn-Verein Einigkeit, exhibition by Active Members.
- 10:00 p. m.—West Side Damen-Chor.
- 10:30 p. m.—Liedertafel Einigkeit; soloist, A. Levin.
- 11:00 p. m.—West Side Sanger-Kranz.

Sunday, February 19, International Night

- 3:30 p. m.—Socialist Sangerbund.
- 5:00 p. m.—The Lincoln Quartet.
- 7:30 p. m.—Ten-minute address, A. M. Simons.
- 8:30 p. m.—D. H. Grant, Impersonator.
- 9:30 p. m.—The Lincoln Quartet.
- 10:00 p. m.—"Marseillaise." Socialist Sangerbund.

Is it worth while to visit the carnival and bazaar? Ask those who have already been there. Yes, it is worth any one's while to do that, especially for Socialists, who should be there at least four nights out of the eight. The program thus far has been carried out with but a single break, and that probably through a little misunderstanding. But the best things are to come to-night and Sunday. O, how that "Kraehwinkel" will be crowded Saturday and Sunday night and Sunday afternoon! How busy everybody will be! How much help we will need! What a blaze of glory will we close up with! Don't miss it. If you are not there Saturday, you will. There's a fine program and a big dance. Fancy the Lincoln Quartet and the Socialist Sangerbund in one evening! There will be a splendid exhibition of turning Saturday by Turn Verein Einigkeit, and three singing societies in one of the very best programs of the week.

Then, there's the bazaar! It's a real one! Such a variety of fancy articles and useful, from Cuba, Japan, Russia, China, Europe, which inventory at nearly \$1,400. Think of that! And all going at prices that anybody can

pay. Magnificent mirrors, rockers, oil paintings, lamps and chandeliers, water-color pictures, china and glassware, sofa pillows (a house full), millinery (see it—it's a wonder), candies of all kinds, nuts and fruits ("and groceries, too?"); sure, stock up at the grocery booth. There would be no propaganda matter in this issue of the paper if we printed a complete list of all the beautiful things (including the daintiest needlework of every description.) We can only say, come; do not have it to regret that you missed the carnival and bazaar.

There is good music to keep things lively, and if the Burgomaster breaks in upon your inspection of the great display, that is what you must expect, for he and his officers manage to keep something doing. So don't forget that your place Saturday and Sunday is at Brand's Hall, North Clark and Erie streets, for the party paper and the party organization. The single admission is 10 cents, or you can take seven friends with you on a season ticket for 50 cents. Let the comrades see to it that "Kraehwinkel" hums with the liveliest crowd of Socialists ever gathered together in Chicago. Each day the ticket office will be opened at 2 o'clock.

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST.

I have heard the child-slaves weeping when the world was fair and bright, Heard them begging, begging, begging for the playgrounds and the light! I have seen the "statesmen" holding all save truth a vested right, And the priest and preacher fighting in the legions of the Night.

I have seen the queens of fashion in their jeweled pride arrayed, Ruby-crowned and splendid—rubbies of a baby's life blood made, Richer than the gems of nature, of a stranger, deeper shade, On their snow-white bosoms quivered as the dames of fashion prayed.

Then I looked into the dungeons where the brute men cringe and crawl— Men to every high thought blinded—men who were not men at all— And my eyes glanced upward to the men whom we "successful" call, And the Beast was on their foreheads and their throats about to fall.

And I've seen my father lying on his death-bed like a beast, In his poverty forsaken, he a Southern soldier priest; Seen his broken body tremble as the pulse of living ceased, And his soul go outward, moaning, as the red sun lit the east.

And I've seen my little mother on her death-bed weep and moan For the babes she was leaving in the great world all alone; Heard her loving spirit, seeking something to atone— How she feared the god of hunger! How she feared the heart of stone!

And you talk to me "religion" and "rebellion" you "deplorable," You whose souls have never anguished at the death watch of the poor; You who rape the starving millions and yet grasp for more and more, Can you blame us if we curse you when the beggar's crumbs you throw?

In these wild and frightful moments I have felt my reason reel, Felt an impulse like the tiger's over all my being steal; Felt it would not be a murder if my hand the blow could deal That would brand upon your temple the death angel's mark and seal.

Then I heard a voice crying, "Workers of the world, unite!" And the vanguard of the Marxians broke upon my hopeless sight, High above them, proudly waving, streamed the blood-red flag of Right, As they faced the hosts of Darkness and the high priests of the Night.

Thoughts of murder vanished from me and the anarch ceased to reign, For the scheme of life unraveled, and, at last, God's work seemed sane, And I took my place beside them, there upon Truth's battle plain— And I stand beside them fighting, till the world we lose or gain. —Covington Hall, in the International Socialist Review.

The "postoffice" booth at the Bazaar is a winner. Get your "male" at the "general" delivery.

Buy your week's groceries at the Bazaar grocery booth. This is bargain week.

Get your supper Sunday evening at the Bazaar. The coffee is excellent and the waiters are pretty.

Well, well! It's worth a visit to "Kraehwinkel" to see how Fred Scholl does things.

Get ready for a big, big auction to-night and Sunday; will cost only a trifle, too.

The Burgomaster has sent orders for

the majority of its passengers know who they are, whence they came, where they are, or whether they are going.

But let the trade unionists climb up from their lower deck, and on past the main deck of the middle class, past the promenade deck of the ruling class, up to the masthead of enlightened class-interest. They will then stand above the fog-bank which enshrouds the capitalist horizon. They will see the sun of a whiter horizon shining brightly. They will suddenly see millions, and millions of other workers passing along in an endless procession through the same trials, beset by the same enemies, betrayed by the same traitors, deceived by the same tricks, and defeated by the same cruel force by which the workers of all ages have been crushed—by the ignorant and servile members of the working class itself. Labor has never been defeated by anybody but labor. And labor will never be freed until it frees itself.

Science, like a magic lantern, throws upon the background of history the scenes of heroic struggles of the working people, a struggle which has lasted so long as the written and unwritten records of the Aryan and Semitic races give us any information of man. And when I feel the anguish, the pains, the longing, that have for thousands of years stirred the hearts of the men and the women of my class, as they are still stirring them to-day, I often wish that I might have a giant magic lantern and that I might use the dark sky as a background upon which to flash the life's history of the working people. And those giant pictures would speak a language so revolutionary on one side, and so terrifying for the master class, that the artifices and wiles and the whole network of lies by which capitalist society now surrounds the workers would be dispelled so rapidly that no diplomatic ingenuity could ever use them again in the interest of reaction.

The question of the origin of organized labor is a part of the question of the origin of man, and this origin is a part of the question of the origin of life and of the entire universe. And no man can fully grasp the meaning and importance of any labor movement, unless he is ever mindful of the greater facts which form the basis of all life and thought.

Seen in this light, the labor movement of any period of human development is but an episode in the general struggle for existence which pervades the entire universe. And if we were to trace this struggle in its most general outlines, we should find ourselves within the very vortex of an apparently chaotic interaction of forces, in which man is hurled about as helplessly as the other animals of this globe, and as the plants, the rocks, the waters, the multitude of warring elements in nature. But a closer look would also disclose the fact that there is arising, by the very chaos of this play of forces, a succession of phenomena, which follow a certain order. And by studying the direction of their general course in the past, we are enabled to more or less accurately determine their course in the future, and to more intelligently understand their meaning in the present.

The full comprehension of the origin of organized labor requires more than a mere investigation of the sources of the modern labor movement in the United States alone. It demands at least an investigation of the causes of the modern labor movement in Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Russia, Japan; in short, in all other modern countries which are involved in the present competition for supremacy in the so-called world market. In this sense alone, if we merely limit ourselves to the investigation of the causes of the organized labor movement of our own times, we are dealing with a world question. But if we were to limit ourselves to this historical period, we should get only a very imperfect picture of the true relation of the modern labor movement to the development of modern societies and to the evolution of the human race. No sooner have we made a halt in our investigation of the American labor movement, in order to gather up the threads which lead to the formation of the first labor organizations in the thirteen colonies, when we find ourselves standing on Plymouth Rock, gazing out into the Atlantic Ocean to watch for the arrival of the "Mayflower." And with the passengers of this vessel, we at once find ourselves face to face with a multitude of new threads, which lead us across the ocean to Great Britain, thence on into the countries of the European continent, only to meet again and again forms of life similar to those which we found at later periods in the United States. And before the student realizes it, he is digging through the rubbish of the middle ages, and thence on past the ancient societies of Rome and Greece into periods, the mere mention of which conjures up the image of infancy.

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THE ORIGIN OF ORGANIZED LABOR.

The following is a partial report of a lecture delivered by Ernest Untermyer before the Federal Labor Union last Sunday afternoon. A full report of this lecture will be published in the March number of the American Labor Journal.

Those interested in the history of the struggle of the toilers of all ages should not fail to read it.

The question of the origin of a thing implies that it did not always exist. Then how came it into being? By means of other things which existed before it. And then the question arises: What caused those other things? And so on infinitely down to the question of the cause of all causes which no man has yet fathomed.

So the question of the origin of organized labor is intimately connected with a multitude of other questions of which most of the modern trades unionists never even dream. And the fact that they do not even dream of these connections is in itself a problem, the solution of which reveals the most secret springs of human evolution.

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IT WORRIES THEM.

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THE EVOLUTION OF SOCIALIST TACTICS.

The following timely article is from the "New York Worker." It deals with a burning and all-important question which is at the present time engaging the attention of all active American Socialists. In a couple of weeks more Chicago will be able to give the comrades of the country the result of practical experience on the subject, which is here dealt with only theoretically.

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FALL RIVER UNIONISTS

GET THE USUAL THING.

Under the above heading the New York American tells the oft repeated story of how union labor sets the worst of "settlements" or "strikes" through the mediation of the "friends of labor."

The latest information from Fall River is to the effect that the employers are not keeping their part of the agreement arranged by Governor Douglas for the settlement of the strike.

According to a Fall River special to the Boston American the five secretaries of the unions composed of Fall River textile workers have drawn up a long list of grievances for submission to Governor Douglas.

The grievances are the result of discrimination exercised by the mill owners against union men who were active in the great strike. It was agreed at the time of the settlement by the employers that there should be no discrimination.

The textile council tried in every way to get a meeting with the employers to discuss the grievances. The union representatives were told to forward their grievances individually. This the council refused to do, preferring to place the whole matter before Governor Douglas.

The weavers have a list of twenty cases of discrimination; the corders, six; the loom fixers, eight; the slashers, between twenty-five and thirty.

The textile workers made a splendid fight for their life through their own economic organization, with the assistance of organized labor all over the country. They were practically defeated, but went back to work under at least an honorable agreement to save their active members from being made victims of it.

They put their trust in a "friend of labor" and as the labor editor of the New York American well says, "The Fall River unionists got the usual thing," which workers get who put their trust in capitalist politicians and friends of labor.

Had the Fall River workmen and all the voters of their class throughout Massachusetts carried their strike to the ballot box last November with the same enthusiasm and devotion that they showed on the economic field and rolled up a hundred thousand votes against the capitalist class and the capitalist system they would have at least secured the respect of their employers who now ignore them as powerless victims, easily at their mercy.

If they had been true to themselves and their class they would not now be humiliated and going hat in hand begging crumbs from one who from the very nature of his class interests must be in sympathy with their employers.

So long as the workers remain divided on election day and vote for some Republican or Democratic friend of labor they may expect to "get the usual thing" when they come to settle their strikes.

TELLS OF CONVERSION. Joins with Socialists Legislators in Refusing to Use Railroad Passes.

Since the State Committee of the Socialist Party returned to the railroad companies the passes sent by them to the Socialist members of the Legislature it appears that there are others who have decided that the taking of passes from railroad companies by members of the Legislature and other public servants is hardly the proper thing to do.

Representative Comerford tells how he came to send back his passes. It makes quite an instructive story; he says:

"I was coming down to the inauguration and some Circuit Court Judges were in the car. I noticed all pulled out passes. I wondered how much influence such favors would have if a judge was called on to decide some question, like that of admission of evidence in a damage suit against a railroad. A judge is only human and if he travels on a pass and his wife goes to the Mardi Gras on a pass and his children go to college on a pass and back home on a pass, what would it count for?"

"Then I discovered down here that one railroad company had an office for the distribution of passes and that I was expected to call around and make the acquaintance of the gentleman. Then I found that railroad lobbyists constitute the third house of the assembly and are busy on the floor, and I decided I'd send my passes back."

RUSSIAN MEETING. Comrade Isadore Ladoff, of New York, is in the city. Meetings are going to be arranged for him. The details will be given next week. Comrade Ladoff will show the exact relation between the Russian Socialist movement and the American Socialist party. Comrade Ladoff is a Russian by birth, knows the situation in that country thoroughly, and his exposition as above indicated will be decidedly refreshing in view of all the conflicting reports and the attempts of the capitalist press to make out that one side to this question is of such a terrible nature and the other so mild and dove-like.

A Russian Socialist Democratic organization has been started in Chicago with a view to giving aid to the movement and educating the newly arrived emigrants in the principles of international Socialism.

Carnival and Bazaar opens Sunday, Feb. 12, at 4 p. m., and runs for eight days and nights—closing Sunday, Feb. 19. Lady friends will remember the Bazaar is to be open every afternoon; this will give them an opportunity to inspect the goods and make purchases.

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Swedish Free Thought League meets every Sunday, 2 p. m., at Volks Hall, northwest corner Chicago Av. and Wells St. Speaker for next Sunday W. H. MAPLE

20TH WARD PETER SISSMAN

will speak on the "Traction Question," SUNDAY FEB. 12, at 8 p. m. 943 West Harrison St.

S. S. S.

A. W. MANCE AND LILLIAN FORBERG

will speak FRIDAY, FEB. 17th, at 8 p. m., at the hall, N.W. corner Wabansia and California Aves.

Opening of the Spring Campaign by the Scandinavian Socialist Sick Society.

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COOK COUNTY BRANCH DIRECTORY.

This Directory will be published only on the last week of each month. This is necessary in order to save space. TWENTY-THIRD WARD (WEST END) Branch—Meets every Sunday forenoon at 10 o'clock, at 20 Willow street, cor. Rushing. H. Schumacker, Secretary, 817 N. Halsted Street.

A WARNING TO THE CAPITALIST CLASS.

And this capitalist class? What would be a wise course for them? What use to tell them? A ruling class at the height of its power becomes inevitably a fool class, and goes mad on its own success. Looking backward one can plainly see that Charles I. and Louis XVI. were little more than suicides.

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BLOW AT UNIONISM. The Colorado methods of the Mine Owners' Association are being introduced in the State of Nevada. At Searchlight, Nevada, the Mine Owners' Association has issued an ultimatum, and the following circular is self-explanatory: DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

IN MEMORIAM. Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 12, 1905. Whereas, In the natural course of human events, our comrade co-worker and valued adviser, Dr. Henry Brigham Fay, has passed away to the great beyond, therefore, be it Resolved, That in the early death of Dr. Fay, the Workingmen's Educational Club has lost one of its most valued members and that the cause of Socialism has lost one of its most active and indefatigable workers.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURES ON SOCIAL EVOLUTION

BY JAS. S. MINNICK The socialist who does not attend these lectures will miss something such as has never been seen in connection with the socialist movement of this city. They will give a wholly new view of social evolution and will furnish those who see them with a mass of material for socialist propaganda.

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A TRIP TO TOYLAND OR The Scandinavian Socialist Sick Benefit Society's GRAND PRIZE CARNIVAL

AT WICKER PARK, BOTH HALLS, 501 W. NORTH AVE. ON SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 25, 1905. Prizes amount to \$300.00. TICKETS 50c and 25c; at the door, 75c and 50c. Good Time Guaranteed. Entree at 7:30

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Comrade Frederick William Fritzsche, aged 80 years, died in Philadelphia, Feb. 4th. Comrade Fritzsche was one of the few Socialist members of the German Reichstag in the early seventies and was again elected from the Fourth District of Berlin, with an increased plurality after the dissolution of the Reichstag by Bismarck in 1877.

Comrade Ben Hanford is announced to speak under the auspices of the Philadelphia Second Ward branch of the Socialist party at Blaney's Arch Street Theater, corner Sixth and Arch street. The subject of his address will be "The Class Struggle in Russia and America."

WISCONSIN SOCIALISTS. Socialist Legislators Propose Amendment to State Constitution—All Existing Laws Favor Capitalist Class.

Last Thursday afternoon Comrade Rummel's bill, to give to cities of 200,000 inhabitants or over the power to acquire public utilities and city terminals, was considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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PARTY NOTES. The January issue of the Official Monthly Bulletin containing the annual report of the retiring National Secretary, Comrade William Mailly,

Comrades of Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada, report the perfecting of a Socialist organization at that point with forty-three members.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES. TO something over one month's time only one-half of the branches have sent in their quarterly reports on membership.

HALL MEETINGS. Third Ward—3125 Armour Ave. Friday, Feb. 17, 8 p. m.

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