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# Appeal to Reason

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OWNERSHIP of the EARTH

By ALL the People, and Not by Part of the People

**THE RESPECTABLE RICH.**

A scandal is brewing among the stockholders of the Metropolitan Street Railway in New York. From the dispatches, it appears that some of the stockholders have been comparing reports, and find that the men in charge of the property have charged three times for the same piece of work, and that work has been charged up to expenses at ten to twenty times a fair or reasonable price. But what else can be expected? Men who devote their lives to

Already preparations are going on for the celebration of Labor Day, Sept. 7 in many cities. Baltimore has already 10,000 union men enlisted for the day's march.

The election in Baltimore was very close, the returns giving the democrats a scant majority. The republicans contest but the democrats protested against the republicans having a watcher at the boxes during the count. That is how the democrats love justice! The Socialists cast 687 votes.

The massacre of the Jews in Russia was done in the name of religion—the religion that upholds the czar on the throne of Russia. The Russian government should be wiped off the earth and her people liberated from their degraded industrial and religious condition. But our government makes treaties with Russia! Capitalism is the same in Russia as here.

As to a matter of wages. When the

## DIED.

(Special Apology)

Haverhill, Mass., May 26, 1903.

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas.

Representative Frederick O. MacCartney, Socialist member of Massachusetts Legislature, died last night at Rockland of pneumonia after an illness of eleven days. The actual cause of his death was overwork, his activity in the legislature and speaking and working for the Socialist Party having hastened a breakdown.

MacCartney was serving his fourth term as Socialist Representative, having first been elected in 1899 and increasing his majority each year. Since his powers both as a legislative leader and as a lecturer for Socialism had steadily developed until he became recognized

Japan has abandoned its tax on land and put it on tariffs and revenue on the food and other commodities used by the common people, as a means of raising the revenue for a greater navy. All the land is owned by the few wealthy people. The common people pay the taxes to build the navy, man the ships and furnish the maintenance—but they are not good enough to vote in a land of which they are the supporters. In this country the people do the same—and vote to have it so! But they have tyranny in Japan—and freedom in America!

Nine thousand Christians of Novi Bazar, Turkey, were massacred May 5 by Moslems. This because of religious teaching. The Moslems had a castle and eighteen churches in the city—and they killed their neighbors for the love of God. You see the Christians did not pay any tribute into the coffers of the Moslem priests.

## FAILURE OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

The only reason that public ownership ever fails is because a set of thieves operate the public functions. The remedy lies not in doing away with the public ownership but in doing away with the parties that are controlled by such thieves as we see in power in St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and other cities, and that control legislatures like the closures in Illinois, Missouri and New York show. Still, so far as we Socialists are concerned we don't care very much if there is no taking over of public franchises until we are in control. We will do it the moment we control, and the public will not be burdened with a boodle-bought price, as it will if the capitalists take them over. Besides, the more the private corporations own and the more they extort, the easier it is to make Socialists. And the more willing will the people be to take the properties and bring suit for the extortions of the past from the robber corporations. All roads lead to Socialism.

## IN MONARCHY AND REPUBLIC.

Recently a German officer, a boy of 19, ran his sword through a fellow-soldier on the street because the soldier greeted him in a friendly way. (they had been schoolboys together) instead of the degraded form of acknowledging the superiority of the fool. The officer boasted that he had upheld the dignity of his office by killing his fellow. Nothing better shows the degrading influence of the army. The corporations here should get a detachment of these murderers to help kill the strikers in this country. It is just the kind of cattle they can and do use. A human who will take life at the dictation of another to defend the loot of that other, is a fool. Similar is the murder of Frank Rogers, an innocent man, shot by one of the hirelings of the railways at Vancouver, Canada, where there is a strike. The rich who own the roads do not do their own work or defend their own property from an outraged public—they make the laws so that those whom they are robbing will have to defend them. But the time is coming when the property will be taken by the public for the public, and there will be no private interests anywhere that need murderers to defend.

## STRIKE BREAKERS COMING.

All over Europe are advertisements telling of the wonderful prosperity of the United States, that wages are very high and living very cheap, that there are not enough men to do the work, and showing how cheap the people can come. This is being done by the steamship and railroad companies to get traffic and by the assistance of the great corporations to flood the country with cheap labor to beat down the labor unions. The arrival of immigrants at the one port of New York during April exceeded 90,000, while the schedule for May as estimated will exceed 100,000. The corporations need these ignorant people in their business of breaking up the labor unions. And the funny part of it—or rather the tragic part of it—is that the members of the labor unions nearly all vote the old party tickets that permit this corporation owned condition to exist, and vote against the Socialists who would make short work of these vampires and extortioners. Well, as they vote, so must they suffer.

In the postoffice scandal at Washington City it has developed that Congressman Loud appointed his niece to a place on the pay roll as a laborer, and later put her into a clerical position, against the law regarding civil service. This Loud is the fine, patriotic specimen of the genus virtue that tried to close out papers from the second-class privilege in the interest of the express companies. Scratch any of these fellows and you will find the same kind of public animal. Miss Loud has been dismissed. Loud should be taken into the public service again, and probably will be, just to reward him for his loyalty to the corporations.



rupting, bribing class. Some day the Socialists will carry the election, and they won't do a thing to these leeches.

## THE HONEST PARTY.

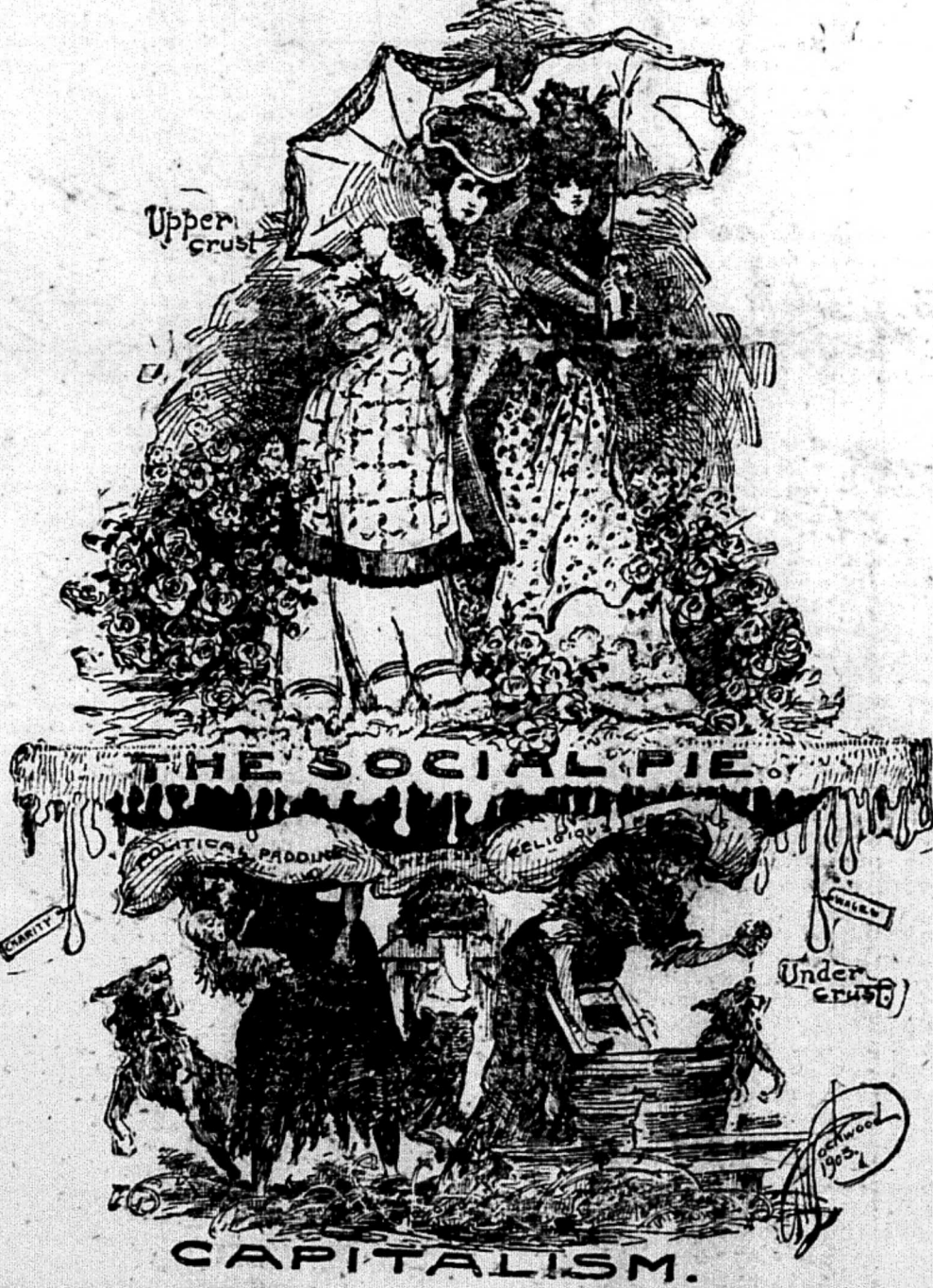
Have you been reading the "postal scandal?" Great set of officers the republicans send to Washington. They are the class of men who are so loud about election time against the dishonesty of the Socialists. But they form conspiracies with thieves to rob the public; they permit the mails to be used by swindlers and take part of the pay. Thus instead of protecting the public they join the thieves in robbing. It is said that officials have received millions of dollars for protecting thieves in using the mails. Seeing their principals engaged in such work, the underlings have followed the course. They marked letters sent to the dead letter office that contained valuables, so that when they were put up for sale they could have their friends bid on them. Running the postoffice is a fat thing. With what they can steal and get from railroads for allowing the latter some thirty millions annually more for pulling mail cars than an honest price, the service is surely a puddin' for the truly loyal yawpers for the U. S. P. But the odd part of it is that the millions of republicans who get none of this stealing and even have to pay their part of the loss, should like it so well. But then there is no accounting for tastes. Why it appears that the republican gang at Washington is nearly as honest as the democratic thieves in the Missouri legislature and St. Louis. How very alike they are!

Bishop Lawrence of the Episcopal church of Massachusetts told the annual convention that the church was losing its influence and holds upon the people. That is true of all creeds. While the nominal membership may be much greater the "hold" upon the people is fast losing its grip. That is because the creeds have been serving mammon and have left humanity to shift for itself. The people see no use for creeds that serve the capitalist system.

Why is it that the law will go to any



expense to protect the man who will work the cheapest? The troops are never called out to protect the man who want larger wages.



workers ask for more wages the masters refuse and employ non-union men. Then the public furnishes deputies to protect the men. The wages of the deputies added to the wages of the non-union men amounts to more than the union men demanded. But the public pays the deputies, so the masters don't care. The public issues bonds to get money to pay the deputies, the masters buy the bonds and the working people pay the taxes to pay the interest. Pretty good investment.

When the marine engineers refused to work unless they had their wages increased, the United States government took action toward taking away their license. Now the license is a certificate that the men are competent to the job, and the government of the plutocrats say a man loses his competency when he refuses to work for such wages as the masters dictate! When the workers vote the Socialist ticket and elect them to office things will be different—very different. Until that time the workers will continue to get it in the neck.

by the capitalist press and politics as a most formidable figure in Massachusetts politics. His popularity with his Socialist comrades increased with time, and no man in Massachusetts was more deeply beloved and highly respected by his co-workers than he. MacCartney was 39 years of age, and four years ago, gave up his church in Rockland to devote his whole time to Socialism. He remained a Unitarian minister to the last and the last public act he performed was the marriage ceremony for national secretary Mally at Haverhill on May 15th.

Mr. MacCartney's death leaves a place vacant in the Socialist party of Massachusetts almost impossible to fill. His sincerity, his love of justice, his devotion to the cause of Socialism, his faith in the working class movement, and in the future of the Socialist party, grew stronger with the years. He gave his life to the cause and those who love the cause. We should remember his devotion and revere his memory forever.

Wm. MAILLY.

It is all a matter of money or patronage. When the church has controlled any state it has always slaughtered its victims unless they were willing to pay tribute. The Christian (?) rulers of Europe don't care how much the Turk kills Christians—they are engaged in the robbing business themselves and have their own little games at home. Can't some power convert the Christians to Christianity?

The employers in even small cities are organizing to break up the labor unions. They have the advantage of the working people everywhere except at the ballot box. There the working people can overpower them many to one, and elect men to office who will expropriate them and render their economic advantage powerless. The longer the masses delay this action the more they will suffer. It is so easy to vote and so much suffering to strike. Why WILL the working people, especially the trade unionists, persist in voting the employers the political power to use in every contest against them? Isn't it strange that men will be so blind?

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# In Darkest Russia

THOU SHALT NOT KILL.—Fifth Commandment.

The daily press is teeming with blood curdling accounts of the atrocities perpetrated by Russian Christians against the Jews in Kishineff, Bessarabia. During the last twelve months, such accounts have multiplied with startling frequency. First, the students were disciplined, expelled from the universities, and forced into the army. The female students were flogged to death. Later, a mass of strikers was knouted and shot, and trampled under the hoofs of the cossacks' horses. Then the peasants, who revolted against the tyranny of the feudal lords, were driven into ditches and hunted down like cattle. Now, it is the turn of the Jews to be massacred.

That the Russian government is behind this massacre, as it was behind all others, is plainly proven by the following "SECRET" letter of the minister of war, to the governor of Bessarabia:

"I learn that plans are being matured in your district for a great attack on the Jews who are exploiting the people. In view of the general unrest among the city population, it is not at all desirable to create, by too severe outrages, a feeling against that part of the population who are not yet touched by the revolutionary propaganda. Your excellency will not fail to counsel a discontinuance of the massacre in good time, without, however, calling out the troops."

March 25, 1903.

PLERWE.

Read this letter and understand it well. It says in plain words that this massacre was prearranged by the authorities. It acknowledges that the government is afraid of the revolutionary propaganda. And it thus reveals the cause of the outrage. THE MINISTER OF WAR CONFESSES THAT THE MASSACRE IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOCIALIST AGITATION!

It is a subterfuge that the Jews are exploiting the people. The Russian Jews are among the very poorest of the Russian working class. It is the Christian Tsar and his Christian bureaucracy, priests, and the good Christian capitalists of Russia, who are exploiting the people. And if a massacre is the proper way to punish exploiters, then the instigators of the massacre ought to be the first to be massacred. But the truth is, that the Russian Jews, being among the most exploited of Russia's working people, and being the most intelligent part of them, are the most active in the Socialist propaganda, AND THAT IS WHY THEY MUST BE MASSACRED!

Whenever a working-class movement threatened the rule of the despots or any exploiting class, the attention of the non-class-conscious working men was always diverted from the real issue by stirring their race prejudice, their religious fanaticism, or their "patriotism." Nero massacred the Christians because they were the active spirit of the ancient labor movement. Bismarck kept the German working class divided against itself by wars of conquest. The American expansionist policy followed on the heels of the Greeley Labor Union party and the Populist movement.

In Russia the days of autocracy are numbered. The progress of capitalist production has completely undermined the foundation of Russian autocracy, and it must inevitably fall, just as feudalism fell in Western Europe, as chattel slavery fell in the United States, in obedience to economic laws. And because the Russian working class is uniting, because students and peasants and city wage-workers are rallying to overthrow the autocratic government, therefore the most class-conscious workmen of Russia, the Jews, are hounded to death, IN THE NAME OF CHRISTIANITY AND CIVILIZATION.

YEA, MORE EVEN. THE CHRISTIAN GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA HAS ISSUED ORDERS THAT NO JEW SHALL DEFEND HIMSELF WHEN ATTACKED. THINK OF IT! WHEN A MAN LIFTS HIS AXE TO SPLIT A JEW'S HEAD, THE JEW IS TO HOLD STILL! IF A JEWISH GIRL IS OUTRAGED BY RUFFIANS SHE MUST NOT RESIST! WHEN A CHRISTIAN TEARS A JEWISH BABY LIMB FROM LIMB, AS THEY HAVE DONE, ITS MOTHER MUST NOT INTERFERE! AND THIS ORDER COMES FROM THE SAME GOVERNMENT THAT ORIGINATED THE HAGUE PEACE CONFERENCE!

WORKING MEN OF THE WORLD, THIS CONCERNS YOU!

E. U.

question for both himself and his employer, who must then run his business at a loss or shut down." Well, how much more would the laborer get, if he asked for an increase individually? He would get the sack, that's all. And for how much should he ask collectively through his union? He has a right to ask for all he produced, no more and no less. But if he did that the employer would be precisely where he would have to shut down his business. The whole argument of the capitalist editor is simply an acknowledgment that under the capitalist system, the interests of the capitalists and the laborers are diametrically opposed, and that either the one or the other must suffer an injustice. There is only one way out of this difficulty, and that is for the working class to vote for Socialism and establish a system, in which labor will employ itself, and in which all will get the full product of their labor, even the capitalists. But I have no doubt that the capitalist editor will consider this extremely impracticable, for under Socialism the capitalists would not be able to appropriate the products of the labor of others. However, I don't care what the capitalists or their editors think about Socialism. I know that the working class can have it as soon as they make up their minds, and when they do, it will cut little figure what the capitalists want.

The Republic, a Catholic weekly of Boston, in its issue of May 10, repeats the silly slander that Socialism is against marriage. Because Socialism will give to the producer his product, give a free home to every family, abolish exploitation, and stop the war of man against man, therefore the Republic reasons it is against marriage. Well, if making a man economically free and fulfilling the pledge of the Declaration of Independence is a danger to marriage, then the Republic is right. But then, why not declaim against the Declaration of Independence?

Parry says that the result of arbitrary wage scales in New Zealand has been to restrict industry and to increase the army of the unemployed. If Parry is right, then the official statistics of New Zealand are wrong, for according to them, factories have increased 80%, the number of workers 25%, and wages 62%. But suppose he had not misrepresented the facts, what would his argument prove? Has not the arbitrary concentration of industries in the hands of a few American capitalists also resulted in a restriction of industry and an increase of the unemployed? And has not the working class the same right to organize and restrict production as the capitalist class? If they have, and there is no doubt as to their right, then why should they not unite and compel the capitalists to pay them fairer wages, just as well as the capitalists unite to compel the workers to pay higher prices for the products of their own toil? Why should not the workers unite against the capitalists and demand all they produce? Parry talks as if the working class was created for no other purpose but to create profits for the capitalist class. But suppose the workers conclude that they can get along without capitalists?

It is a spectacle for gods to watch the old party politicians throw bouquets at the South in the hope of catching the Southerners for their presidential candidate. Some flatter the negroes, and some flatter the whites, and some flatter both of them. Needless to say, that not one of the old party spell-binders points out to the white and colored working men of the South that their interests are identical as against the capitalists, and that their only salvation is to vote together against all capitalist parties. No, they cater to the race prejudice of the whites, and talk of the necessity of educating the colored people in industrial schools, as a means of solving the race question. But not one of them cares to explain that the industrial education of the colored people will intensify the negro problem still more, because it will make the colored working man a more formidable competitor of the white working man. Is it so hard to understand that the only way to solve the negro problem is to abolish competition for jobs by abolishing capitalism? And is it so hard to grasp the truth that co-operation will make it possible for each race to work out its own destiny, without interfering with the life, liberty and happiness of the other? No, that is easy to understand, but the old party politicians have an interest in making it appear as if the question would never be solved that way. Would you rather think with the brains of the capitalist politicians or with your own?

"The Truth About Socialism" occasionally gives pain to a capitalist, but is guaranteed to injure no other. Post-paid, 25c.

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# What Capitalist Professors Teach

A Capitalist Opinion of the Working Class Who Vote Capitalists Into Power

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 16.—Blue blood still exists. So says Harrison Smalley, instructor in the Department of Economics at the university here.

"The capitalist is the laborer's physical superior," he said. "The laborer is at a disadvantage in this world, because, among other things, of his physical inferiority. By this I mean a particular kind of physical inferiority; not that the capitalist is stronger in sinews, muscles or lungs.

LABORER IS INFERIOR.

"But comparing men merely as animal matter, the laborer is an inferior animal. A hundred years ago, it was believed that all men were created equal; that theory was all in the air. Thus we have come habitually to underestimate the fact—fact I say—that some men, as some animals, are inferior to others.

"This difference exists in all animals. We see it in the breeding of horses and dogs especially. The laborer has not the warm, rich blood which denotes physical superiority. This same blue blood, when thinned out, stands, of course, for inferiority, both mentally, physically and morally.

SOME ARE WORTH \$5.

"Some men are cart horses worth \$5 and other men belong naturally to the higher order of beings. This is

what I mean by saying that the capitalist is physically superior to the laborer."

Probably the majority of Americans have labored under the impression that the idea of one set of men having different blood from the common herd, was shot to death in the American and French revolutions. But the snake still lives. It is warmed into life under the influence of modern capitalism, just as it was under monarchy. It can never be killed until the capitalist, on which it feeds, is made the common heritage of the human race. It is no wonder that the capitalists and their henchmen think that there is a difference in the physical equality of the rich and poor, as well as a mental inequality. When the poor are such dupes that they vote to sustain a system in which they are the cart-horses to pull the cart of capitalism, the only way to convince these millionaire-paid professors of the equality of mankind is to vote for Socialism. You will prove to them that you are something more than cart-horses. Otherwise you will act mighty like cart-horses.



# Information for the Eager

Editor Appeal to Reason.

Will you kindly give me the criminal statistics for the last fifty years, or tell me where I can get them?—Student.

The criminal statistics for the last fifty years would fill several volumes of the Appeal. You can get them by writing to the U. S. census office.

Editor Appeal to Reason.

Under Socialism, would we have any money, and if not, how would trade with foreign countries be carried on?—Truthseeker.

The majority will decide whether the medium of exchange under Socialism shall be coin money or paper money, or labor checks, or what not. Trade with foreign countries will be carried on much the same as today. The "balance of trade," as the capitalists say, would be ascertained about in the same way as now, but it will no longer be a balance between capitalists, but between producers.

Editor Appeal to Reason.

Please inform me how much of the public domain is held by foreign capitalists, corporations, and nobles.—Inquirer.

There are no official statistics available on this point. But it is generally known through the daily press and private information that immense tracts of land are held and exploited by foreign individuals and corporations, some of whom have never set foot into this country, and who yet tax the American people, by their capitalist power, the same as King George taxed the colonies. There is only one way to abolish this taxation without representation, and that is the abolition of the capitalist system.

Editor Appeal to Reason.

Can you give me any information regarding the "soup houses" in Germany, or can you let me know where to get such information?—G. R. W., Richmond, Va.

The food prepared in the "Volkskuechen" of Germany is as good or better as that obtained in the average American restaurant. But the prices are cheaper, and the quantity in a portion is far greater than that given in our restaurants. There are no fancy dishes, but solid and simple food. Meat, potatoes, vegetables and soup form the main bill of fare. The houses are generally open from 7 a. m. till 10 p. m. If you want any information on this subject, write to the central organ of the German Socialists, "Vorwaerts," Berlin, S. W. 63, Lindenstrasse 69; Berlin has a very extensive system of soup houses.

Editor Appeal to Reason.

Please give the number of farmers in the United States, the number that are renters, the average number of acres each renter rents, and the average price paid per acre.—A Farmer.

The total number of persons engaged in agricultural pursuits in 1900 was 10,351,765. There were 5,737,572 farms on which lived 5,700,341 farm families. Of this number, 1,094,646 lived on mortgaged farms, and 2,014,

316 on rented farms, making a majority of 3,108,963 exploited by rent and usury. The acreage of the farms rented by cash tenants was as follows: There were 8,679 farms under 3 acres, 50,527 farms between 3 and 10 acres, 80,826 between 10 and 20 acres, 732,892 farms between 20 and 50 acres, 167,105 farms between 50 and 100 acres, 137,855 farms between 100 and 175 acres, 45,542 between 175 and 260 acres, 27,965 between 260 and 500 acres, 7,240 between 500 and 1,000 acres, and 3,504 over 1,000 acres. The farms rented by share tenants had the following acreage: 2,447 farms were of less than 3 acres, 44,271 between 3 and 10 acres, 146,522 between 10 and 20 acres, 407,871 between 20 and 50 acres, 355,858 between 50 and 100 acres, 253,240 between 100 and 175 acres, 82,453 between 175 and 260 acres, 56,020 between 260 and 500 acres, 11,627 between 500 and 1,000 acres, and 3,091 over 1,000 acres. The census does not reveal the average rent per acre.

Editor Appeal to Reason.

Now that the capitalist club in Washington, D. C., has passed the militia bill making the U. S. one vast nation of soldiers at the beck of a single dictator with the treasury at his command, we may look for almost anything else. It has occurred to me that probably the next step will be to disfranchise all except land owners. In order to vote one will perhaps be compelled to own at least his home. Will you please state in the Appeal what per cent of the present population would be disfranchised by such a law. Also please state your views on this subject for the benefit of your many readers.—T. L. S., St. Louis, Mo.

According to the abstract of the twelfth U. S. census, there were in the continental United States, in 1900, a total of 78,994,576 people, who formed an aggregate of 16,187,715 families. There were only 14,430,145 dwellings in this country, so that at the rate of one dwelling to each family, there would have been 1,657,570 families without a roof over their heads. But this does not portray the actual situation, for many families were crowded together in the city slums, and many country homes were going to ruin for want of occupants. The census bureau is satisfied to state that the average number of persons to a dwelling was 5.3. But such averages are worse than useless. And how many of those families had any homes? Out of that whole 16,187,715 families there were only 7,249,362 that owned a home. But even most of those did not own their homes in reality, for only 4,761,211 had homes free of mortgages, while 2,196,375 had mortgages on their homes. What of the rest of the families? There were 8,965,739 that lived in rented homes. And the tenure of 696,643 homes was unknown—probably because they were not inhabited when the census official called. Now what do these figures mean? They mean that 11,258,757 families had no homes which they could call their own. At the rate of 5.3 persons to a family, that would mean 59,671,412 people without a home of their own, as against 16,322,163 that owned homes. It is worth while investigating, how many of these families lived on farms. The census shows that there were, in 1890, a total of 5,698,901 farm families in the continental United States, and 10,488,814 other families. Of the farm families, only 2,422,678 owned homes free of incumbrances. There were 1,094,573 that lived in mortgaged homes, 126,507 the ownership of which was unknown, and 2,018,903 lived on rented farms and the tenure of 41,314 was unknown. Of the 10,488,814 other families, only 2,338,583 owned free homes; 1,101,802 lived in mortgaged homes; 6,351,826 in rented homes; the ownership of 175,213

# When Will Your Postal Come?

You who are sick and need help—when will you ask me for it? Why do you wait, while thousands are getting cured? They simply write me a postal—just as I ask of you.

I will mail you an order—good at any drug store—for six bottles Dr. Shoop's Restorative. You may take it a month on trial. If it succeeds the cost is 5.50. If it fails, I will pay the druggist myself—and your mere word shall decide it.

Don't you realize that such an offer would ruin me, unless I had a remarkable remedy? Could there be better evidence that I am curing the sick ones who write?

My records show that 39 out of each 40 pay for the treatment gladly, because they get well. There are 89 chances in 40 that you will gladly pay too.

My success comes from strengthening the inside nerves, which alone operate the vital organs. I have spent my life in learning how to do it. A weak organ means weak nerve power. It is like a weak engine that needs more steam. To doctor the organ is useless; what it needs is power to act. My Restorative alone brings back that power, and in most of these diseases no other way can cure. My book will tell you why.

Simply state which book you wish, and I will mail you an order—good at any drug store—for six bottles Dr. Shoop's Restorative. You may take it a month on trial. If it succeeds the cost is 5.50. If it fails, I will pay the druggist myself—and your mere word shall decide it.

Mid cases, not chronic, often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

was unknown, and \$21,300 were of unknown tenure.

It is impossible, therefore, to introduce any law aiming to disfranchise all those who have no homes of their own. The capitalists have destroyed the home so effectually that the attempt to disfranchise all but property owners would result in the uprising of the immense majority of the people. Of course, the capitalists of this country are liable to attempt it, nevertheless. They have shown themselves as reckless in their contempt of the liberties of the people, that we may expect any folly from them. But the result would certainly be disastrous for them. Anyway, whatever they may do, the coming of Socialism is inevitable, and the more strenuously they oppose it, the faster they are undermining their own foundation.

The Daily Globe, a Socialist paper, will shortly be issued in New York. No, we aren't growing! We are preparing to storm the citadel of capitalism. Whoop 'em up.



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# Gathered From the Capitalist Tree.

The Madison, (Maine), Bulletin, is deeply puzzled to explain how it is that working men combine in unions and ask for more wages. Incidentally the editor claims that people are getting better wages now than they were ever before, and that every man, woman and child who is able and wants work can get it at good wages. The editor has evidently not yet grasped the fact that a 5%

increase in wages and a 20% increase in prices mean a deterioration of the condition of the laborer. And I wish I could sentence that editor to answer the letter of every man, woman and child that is out of work, in spite of their ability and good will, at the present moment. "The laborer has a right," says the editor of the Bulletin, "to ask for an increase in wages up to a limit which his employer can meet, but when the limit is reached and the laborer still asks, or in a body demands, more wages than the conditions of his employment will justify, it then becomes a serious



HINTS TO THE APPEAL'S WISE WOMEN

By JOSEPHINE CONGER, Girard, Kansas.

Dear Comrades—In order to make my work of the greatest value possible to the Appeal and to the Socialist movement, I must become acquainted with the women who are interested in this department...

I AM INTERESTED IN SOCIALISM AND THE EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN. Name, P. O., Street and No., State (OVER)

JUNE.

Oh June! Bright June! Clear and rare: With your dreamy shimmering evenings Like a maiden's dusky hair.

"If you only love each other, Never will your love be blessed. Those who love the world together Love each other best."—Whims.

Good for you! You have signed the pledge.

That means that you are interested. If you are interested you will want to work.

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Do this by distributing literature. It is awfully cheap. You can get 100 of this edition of the Appeal for 50c.

If each woman who has signed the pledge will send us the names of one hundred other women to whom they want the Appeal sent—think what it will mean.

Or send for a bundle to be sent straight to you, and distribute them yourselves to the poor benighted people of your community.

When you have succeeded in getting them to think, you will have accomplished wonders; but don't stop there. Keep right on passing in the arguments. At first they will demur. That won't hurt a bit.

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There is a story that goes like this: The king, distressed about the number of thieves in the state, inquired of Confucius how to do away with them.

One day when a man saw Frederick William of Prussia approaching, he took to his heels and ran, but the king pursued, and catching up to him asked him why he ran.

have more time for sin and evil indulgence. Bless your heart, the Lord made us with some other desires besides those of sin and evil. I think we will have time under a short hour system to pay some attention to and indulge a little that unquenchable heart and soul longing, that reaching up for higher things that is naturally a part of every human creature born in the world.

But I am going farther than I intended to. I simply want you to start your local or your club in political economy, and see some things for yourselves. We will send you a list of books any time you want them.

ODDS 'N ENDS. "Everywhere, in everything, Soul of star and clod: Here in mote, in angel there, Thrills the life of God."

We do grow. Seventy years ago women couldn't vote anywhere. Now look at 'em.

Familiarity cheapens, while a certain amount of reserve enhances one's value ten per cent.

And now they are trying to prove that Thomas Carlyle was not an old bear at all, but a kind and affectionate husband. So mote it be.

John DeWitt Warner says: "You must be unselfish to succeed in life." Wonder how Hettie, J. Pierpont, John D. and the others managed it?

Mr. Rockefeller says he isn't worrying as he used to when he was fighting the world.—Wait until he finds out what the Appeal is doing.

"Only two reigning sovereigns have ever visited the United States." Gracious, think how the sovereigns (voters) of the U. S. have "broke" their purses and their necks to get aboard.

Poets sing of a delightful Utopia that will some time come upon the earth, preachers preach about it, artists paint it; but "I declare unto you brethren," we can't have it until we have settled this industrial question.

The majority of letters that come to my desk begin, "Dear Madam," or "Dear Mrs. Conger." Comrades, don't! The honor is very perceptible, but it is not ours. We are only a "poor lone female," confirmed in our loneliness, and—nuff said.

Of all the specimens belonging to that classification of animals known as asses, there is none so despicable as the carrion bird or vulture. He is only exceeded in repulsiveness by the wingless and featherless scavenger belonging to the genus homo.

Elbert Hubbard says, in regard to our woman's department: "I am glad indeed to see that you are doing such good work. We grow by doing things. Haven't I said that before somewhere? Goodness me! Anyway here is a hand clasp over the miles, and I am ever, your sincere, Elbert Hubbard."

There is a story that goes like this: The king, distressed about the number of thieves in the state, inquired of Confucius how to do away with them. Confucius said, "If you, sir, were not covetous, although you should reward them to do it, they would not steal."

A lady wants to know if the women are responding to our calls for interested workers. Yes, they are. We will have an army of women to be proud of after a little while. I am sure there are many interested who have not yet responded, and I wish they would send in their names, because we want an estimate of the whole force of "willing workers" among the women of the Appeal readers.

One day when a man saw Frederick William of Prussia approaching, he took to his heels and ran, but the king pursued, and catching up to him asked him why he ran. The man said it was because of fear that he ran. Whereupon the king gave him a whack over the head with his stick and said that he wished himself to be loved and not feared. I am sure the man loved him ever afterward—I would, wouldn't you?

The monied class is an educated class. The laboring mob is not. However, when Poverty does manage to send a child to school don't let it be to a capitalist institution that will fix upon the mind of the youth the falsehood that wealth is a divine right and that Divinity favors only a few. To believe in the divine right of capital doesn't help the poor man a bit.

FROM SUSAN B. ANTHONY. My Dear Girl: I am glad you are so absorbed in the question of the emancipation of women but I fear you are putting trust in men's party promises. I would not give much for the promises of any man for his party so long as that party is in the minority. It is always those who are ready to do everything for reform work. Still I am very glad that you believe in woman suffrage, but I wish you would work for it pure and simple. Sincerely yours, Susan B. Anthony.

To those pioneer advocates of woman suffrage, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, I feel indebted more than words can tell. Because of the peculiar construction of my own nature, I cannot be perfectly happy or contented so long as the members of my own sex are subjected to any degree of degradation either by individuals or the state. I know that women need as great an area as men for the expansion and growth of their mental, moral and spiritual wings. And to confine them to the Chinese shoit of conventionality and to the baby limits of "thou shalt and thou shalt not"—why it is distressing. We want the right to "sow and reap and spin" in our own sweet way; and who is he that shall condemn us, and say us nay? But after much consideration upon the matter, I am convinced that the emancipation of woman alone, will not bring about the desired results. Only the freedom of the whole race of men and women from the present industrial system will usher in the dawn of that era for which the higher nature of man has longed lo, these many centuries.

FROM MARY E. LEASE. In a personal letter to Comrade F. Wilder, of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Mary E. Lease says: I agree with you freely that all the reform movements so far have been steering toward this last great social unfoldment, and it may be that Socialism is a step toward something higher. But it is the NEXT step in human progress. I have been preaching its ethical truths and presenting its philosophy for the past four years on every occasion. But I do not pay allegiance or tribute to this leader or that leader. WE HAVE REACHED A TIME WHEN CONDITIONS ARE FORCING SOCIALISM UPON US.

Will be very glad to hear from you again, and have something more of the work in California. Victor Hugo says "We seek with infinite pains to translate the chapter, and when it is translated, the necessity for it has passed away." We are moving tentatively toward Socialism, but it is not the ultimate. With best and kindest wishes, I remain, yours for humanity, Mary Elizabeth Lease, 54 East 122 St., N. Y. City.

OPPOSED TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE. To the public at large Chicago, alias the "Windy City," represents the ne plus ultra of blow and bluster, of insanity and crime. She is always doing something to keep before the lime light of international publicity. Her people are so incalculably "nutty" that were a roof erected over her thirty-four wards there wouldn't be enough sane people left to act as keepers. For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, she can give "bleedin'" Kansas cards and spades and then rake in the jackpot just as easy! Here in manifold glory flourish the trades unionist, the single taxer, the Socialist, the anarchist, the woman's rights advocate, the Hopkins machine, the Dowieite, Koshlanity, Spiritualism, etc., etc.—Union Leader, Chicago.

But that isn't all. There exists in Chicago the queerest thing in the world; it is an "ASSOCIATION OPPOSED TO THE EXTENSION OF SUFFRAGE TO WOMEN." And a woman is the president of this association. This lady is Mrs. Corbin, and she is evidently a woman of years and experience. We don't understand at all how she manages it. We are absolutely incapable of figuring out the reason why any woman in this age can oppose the claim of her sisters to the rights which naturally belong to them, as intelligent members of the human race. Society has reached such a point in its development that any other course would be the sheerest madness, it seems to me. If nothing more is necessary there is the need of a fusion of new life into the legislation of the times. The minds of men seem to be worn out. They appear utterly incapable of making any longer wise or expedient laws. The platforms of the old parties in the last two campaigns were—what?—ludicrous! I saw men turn from "gold bug" democracy to "yellow dog" (accept anything the party puts up) democracy, and from silver republicans to gold republicans; I was in a democratic newspaper office through these campaigns, and after each struggle I felt myself so dizzy, so mixed up, so confused and surprised and ignorant of everything, that I thought it was just as well for women to keep out of politics altogether, and I said we don't want suffrage—we have suffered enough. But I found out that some of the men, too, were in as bad a fix as I was, because they worked

furiously for what they confessed afterward they didn't care about and didn't believe in. So, by gradually putting things together, I have come to the conclusion that the state needs new material and new life infused into its legislative bodies.

There is another argument for the suffrage of women, and that is, that nowhere in the universe is any condition, state or society found, in which both the male and female elements do not figure; everywhere are the negative and the positive, the spiritual and the material, the mental and the psychic, the ladstone and the needle—that is, they are everywhere save in the laws of men. Here the male element has figured altogether; here a race of men have made laws for a race of men—providing therein for women, children, imbeciles and slaves, according to the male conception of how these creatures should be provided for.

There was a time when the world was young, and minds and hearts were fresh and buoyant, and man lived closer to nature and adapted certain laws from her; in those days, simple days they were, it was very well perhaps for him to become the sole judge and lawmaker for the race. But to-day, such a complication of matters have set in, and man is so far from nature and a knowledge of her laws, that it is not only a serious matter, but it is a dangerous one to longer leave the responsibility of providing for the general welfare in his hands alone. We have reached a crisis in the world's history that demands the intelligent consideration of all people regardless of sex. The last fifty years have rushed us on at such speed that we find ourselves in the midst of a stream, the banks of which we know nothing of, hurrying to a destiny that means—what? Surely, somewhere on the shores of this turbulent river is a haven of rest, of peace, of sane and quiet motive; is it not time that we grasped the wheel of our old barque and steered her into this port? If we keep on at the rate we are travelling now, with pirate sailors at the helm, with men drunk with ambition and greed, with men blinded by passion, by brutality and oppression on the deck and at the ropes, what will be our end? We can almost hear the beams of our good ship creak and groan under the stress of the turbulent tides against which she is cast today. We



\$100,000,000 goes abroad every year to keep up the "titles" our girls have bought over there. Who asked "What's in a name?"

see mutiny among the oppressed sailors, and many are deserting—are willfully embarking upon that dark sea, from which no voyager returns, rather than bear the burdens and calumnies that are heaped upon them here. Shall we sit in quiet acquiescence to such a course because we happened to be born "mothers of the race" instead of fathers?

Mrs. Corbin says that woman's suffrage grew out of a sort of a Socialistic-communistic idea that prevailed in the minds of the anti-slavery movement, and with which the latter movement was "dangerously complicated." "In the anti-slavery convention held at London in 1840," she says, "this clique was represented by three women, to the dismay of the English delegates who promptly voted to exclude them. Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, though not a delegate, was present at the convention and took part in the peculiarly feminine tactics by which the excluded women proceeded to make themselves a thorn in the flesh of the convention, and there is no question but her ideas of woman's political rights were gained directly from Socialistic or communistic sources. Many women in this decade are advocates of woman suffrage who have no suspicion of its origin or tendencies; but the marks of its birth are on it still. Its advocacy of equal industrial rights, its determined attempts to obliterate all differences between the sexes in matters of education and employment, and its frantic setting up of the standard of independence between men and women; in place of that mutual dependence upon each other which is the only possible status in the marriage relation, and the corner stone of the home, all distinctly identify it with its communistic source." In making this statement Mrs. Corbin leaves us with a confused idea of what she means by "independence" and "dependence." I believe that two people cannot be "mutually dependent upon each other" until each is first strongly independent. A strong man, intellectual, educated, cultured, ambitious, would have a hard time "depending" upon a weak, simple, uneducated, unambitious, uncultured woman. Of course she could keep his house for him, bear his children and raise them after a fashion, but these requirements are not the only ones that constitute the home-maker, the companion, the true helpmeet. The woman who is in every respect the man's equal is also capable of taking her place as mother, wife and home-maker—she is infinitely more capable, indeed, and that is why we are so anxious for womanhood to have the advantages that will make her the splendid equal, and true mate of the man of many resources. "Our government," Mrs. Corbin allows, "was built upon the foundation of equal rights to all, as before the law; it ab-

jects classes and recognizes only people. When legislation is built upon any other than this safe and strong foundation, it topples, and is open to attacks from both avowed and insidious foes." That is just what we think too, and therefore we want ALL people, not the male element alone, and ALL classes, not the monied few only, to have free and equal representation. Nothing is fairer than this.

"Of all the problems to be solved," she continues, "scarcely one is more fundamental than that which is popularly known as the woman question. During the past century great changes have been going on in the status of women. Civilization has been exalting her in the point of privilege. Socialism has been scouting her privileges and claiming her rights. Between the two forces she has reached a point in her evolution where the two ideals of the new woman and the old stand squarely face to face appealing to mankind for approval. In the great coming social struggle which is to prevail?" Then she sets over against the dear, old-fashioned wife and mother, the woman who "votes, pays taxes, legislates, and pursues an independent career." Such comparison is impertinent and without weight. The old-fashioned woman was a product of the time, just as is the modern woman. We could no more have her now, with her manner of living, be it never so sweet and homely, than we could have log cabins, looms, prairie grass and deer in our centers of civilization. With the inventions of new ways and means of living, we have invented a new people. The old-time HOME is no more. Every husband is not a land lord, and wives living in cheap, ugly, rented boxes, with a fifty-foot front, and a hundred-foot back, in the towns, and in crowded tenement houses in the cities, with no yards at all, haven't the incentive to build up the "home" that woman once had. Besides, the majority of them are forced into the fields of labor for the purpose of making enough money for an existence. (Mrs. Corbin is inclined to lay the deterioration of the modern home life at the doors of Socialism and the woman suffrage movement. She says she has been a student of Socialism for thirty years. If she had spent some of this time studying the methods of capitalism she might have drawn different conclusions.) The all-controlling influence of mothers over their children, such as existed in pioneer days, is likewise impossible today. The public school system, the possibility of social intercourse, public libraries, and lecture bureaus are responsible for this. Would Mrs. Corbin decry these methods of education and culture? Our infants are placed in kindergartens at the tender ages of four and five years; from here they go to the public schools, or, if they are children of good Catholics, who are well-to-do, they are sent to convents. From these preparatory branches they enter the advanced colleges and universities. And how shall we have it otherwise? We feel that there is no degradation arising from such methods of education. The Socialist is only hoping to better systematize the process and make it more comprehensive. He knows that the children of the poor are not included in the general management, and that such a course will eventually create distinct classes—if it has not already done so—and this all fair-minded voters wish to avoid.

In large cities, for the sake of economy in space—and incidentally to increase revenue—many modern flats are built wherein accommodations for children are utterly ignored. It is capitalism here and neither Socialism nor woman suffrage that holds up a warning hand against an increase in the birth rate. Again Mrs. Corbin says: "To bear children and rear them to good citizenship is her (the wife's) mission. It is a task that will tax her utmost strength." It makes that unremitting physical toll which the labor market demands, impossible to her. Justice therefore requires that she should be protected and supported, and civilization and nature alike decree that this should be the task of the father of her children. To him, therefore, she cheerfully resigns those CIVIC RIGHTS WHICH BELONG TO THE UNITED FAMILY, that she may the more freely give herself to the ceaseless care, the tireless vigils which her vocation requires of her, as the mother of the race." But in "cheerfully resigning" those "CIVIC RIGHTS WHICH BELONG TO THE UNITED FAMILY," she hasn't in return received the care and protection that is justly due her. That's where the rub comes. The voter "cheerfully" accepts her resignation as a factor in legislating for humanity, but he doesn't as cheerfully live up to his supposed part of the contract. She continues to bear children and raise them, but in addition to this she is forced to labor in the open markets that they may have food to nourish them, and clothes to cover their nakedness. This is another beautiful form of capitalism, and husbands and fathers make capitalism possible by their votes. As long as they prove their fallibility in this manner, it will take a deeper and clearer argument than the president of the ANTI-SUFFRAGE SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS has presented to make me believe that the womanhood of America should sit passively by and see the old Ship of State steered straight to perdition.

I heartily agree with Mrs. Corbin in the following: "When home influences are what they should be, the home spirit will rule the world: It will be seen that TRUE GOVERNMENT IMPLIES THOUGHTFUL CARE AND TENDERNESS FOR THE GOVERNED, THAT THE WEAK ARE TO BE TREATED WITH THE PATIENT MOTHER INSIGHT AND FATHER CARE BY THE STRONG; that the man whose business is conducted in such a manner that is a SOURCE OF PROFIT TO HIMSELF ALONE, who practices selfishness and injustice in his daily life. TO THE DEMORALIZATION OF THOSE DEPENDENT UPON HIM, is not a use-

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OPPOSED TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

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ful or honorable factor in the life of the community. HE IS NOT LIVING UP TO THE HOME SPIRIT, THE SPIRIT OF FRATERNAL LOVE, and can never know the self-respect or the respect of his fellows which come to him whose life is planned ALONG THE LINES OF THAT BENEFICENCE WHICH FLOWS FROM THE HEART OF THE ALMIGHTY FATHER, AND IS THE HIGHEST END OF BEING, HUMAN OR DIVINE." (The quotations in this article are taken from "Woman Under Socialism.")

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CORRESPONDENCE.

"Yours is a wise step," writes Ada Gatchell, North Yakima, Wash. "The sooner we are able to get together and work systematically in the interest of humanity, the nearer is our own emancipation."

Dear Comrade: I am not only a Socialist, but think all women should be, for I have lived fifty-three years, and have never seen anything that would benefit women, as the Socialist movement promises to do.—Mrs. Carrie Peterson, Hornellsville, N. Y.

The discussion of Socialism is approaching a very spicy and interesting stage; unregenerate human nature loves a "scrap," and its latent good sense and love of justice will be brought out quickly under the stimulus of debate and controversy.—A Friend.

Dear Comrade: Just received the Appeal, and am immensely interested. Put my name down for 100 copies of your Jubilee edition. Like most of the sisters, am only a workman's wife, and have nearly all I care to do. But will put something to one side for a while in order to help a good cause.—Mrs. L. Helfrid, Chicago.

There is a woman suffrage society at Blair, Neb., with about seven members, doing an energetic work. The local order of Socialists are in sympathy with their cause and render them all the assistance they can. Each order is working for justice. When they understand each other better, they will everywhere work in harmony.—K.

Dear Comrade: I have signed my name to the woman's pledge in the Appeal, because I like to talk for Socialism. I firmly believe it to be the only remedy that will relieve the poor and starving of the world. Hon. John Chase delivered an address at our school house the evening of the 14th, and I think his talk will open the eyes of many. My husband has helped to organize a local in this county, and they are gaining converts. I am only a woman, but I talk to both men and women alike, and I feel it my duty as well as privilege, for the cause of humanity. The Appeal is the most welcome visitor in our house. I wish all the comrades God-speed.—Mrs. J. M. Endsley, Quinlan, Okla.

Dear Comrade: I am ashamed to have delayed so long in signing the pledge you offer us in the grandest of papers, the Appeal to Reason. It appeals indeed, to humanity and common sense, as nothing else has ever done. I have been a Socialist for fifteen years. I learned it from my sainted father. My husband also is a Socialist and is a member of the local in this town. I have two daughters and a son that will be educated in the New School. I sincerely hope that the ladies of our country will respond by the hundreds of thousands to your call. Why is it not possible to start small local subscription schools in every town, and help educate the rising generation whose parents are not able to send them to special schools or colleges?—V. Catherine Thorps, Parsons, Kan.

Dear Comrade: I am so thankful that you have taken the Woman's Department in the Appeal. I am so glad that others can do what I cannot—write and lecture for our cause, the GREATEST CAUSE. Your article in an April number pointed out so many truths of the condition of women that I have thought of it and you ever since. My heart aches for suffering humanity, and for my own sex, especially. I see the cause and the remedy, and if we could bring others to see it, to be interested in their own and others' welfare, so much could be accomplished. But too often, women, like men, are so narrow that they do not give thought or deep study to the questions that are of such vital moment. I sometimes grow weary of trying to induce people to think, but I drill away on my topic, to the wisest as well as the most foolish, trying to get them to see what, as to me, is so obvious. I would like to hasten the day of woman's emancipation.—Nettie Smith, Pleasant Hill, Mo.

Dear Comrade: I feel that I cannot pass this pleasant Sabbath afternoon in a better way than to sign this pledge

and express some of my views on Socialism, and here are three reasons why I am a Socialist: First, to me, it is the only true religion, according to the teaching of the New Testament. Second, I am convinced that it is the only intelligent way out of the unjust and unequal conditions existing at the present time, and last, but not least, it is the only thing that can or will strike the shackles from the feminine race and place her in a rightful sphere. Comrades, my whole being rebels, when I think of the injustice, the unreasoning, unrighteous, unintelligent selfishness of the moneyed class. I feel like I could work night and day for Socialism. Mothers, come, let us join hands and hearts and mental forces, and prove to the world that the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand to point the way to peace on earth, good will to man. Yours for the glorious cause.—Mrs. L. J. Whiting, Princeton, Ind.

Dear Comrade: Seeing your request in the Appeal for an acquaintance with women who are interested in the work of emancipating the workers from the present unjust industrial conditions. I felt a very strong inclination to respond to it immediately, but asked myself the question, What use? What more can I do than I am doing, which is only being a member of Monmouth Local, whose meetings I am unable to attend. Like Mrs. Cole, of Elk City, Kan., I also live in the country and engage in the same line of work that she is engaged in, for the cause whose good I have at heart. But on further reflection I thought perhaps I could receive a great deal of good by coming into psychic touch with noble-minded women whose souls are in a condition of spiritual activity on the plane of moral advancement of the race. To have our thoughts even momentarily lifted from the toils and cares of domestic life and live for a brief time in the larger one, is something for which many are devoutly thankful. I cannot fully understand the apathy of women in regard to Socialism appealing as it does to all the tender sentiments which cluster around the home. But suppose it is because they are not yet ready for it—have not allowed themselves to think outside the mental fences which the usages of so-called good society have built for us. Oh, if those fences can only be kept up, there will be but little difficulty in perpetuating the present infamous system, for is it not true that the hand which rocks the cradle is the hand that guides the world? I close my letter with the following quotations from an article by Lucinda Chandler, in Progressive Thinker, entitled, "Liberty and Justice": "The reckless abandonment of the welfare of the child, if not arrested, can but produce disastrous results to our country. The capitalist profit-seeking system today wrecks human bodies without remorse. Whether or not the child drops out a wearisome childhood and enters maternity in years with broken down body, or is prematurely cut off in life, is no concern of the profit-seeking employer. Oh woman of the twentieth century, wake up, cast off your mental lethargy and put your energy into a movement which is of all other movements the most important to the best interests of the race. Liberate those poor children, and let them have the freedom which every child ought to have, to camp in the woods and enjoy the fragrance of the sweet wild flowers, to hear, and perhaps mimic the songs of the birds, to expand their lungs, and give utterance to the song of gladness which ought to spring from the soul of childhood." I quote again from Lucinda: "Let us have a glorious revival of the spirit of 1776, and seek to secure the blessings of liberty to every man, woman and child. Then we can truly claim we are the land of the free."—Annie Wilson, Monmouth, Ill.

Dear Comrade: Through the kindness of a friend I came in possession of this valuable paper, and find there is a chance for me to give vent to my feelings about universal tyranny, and that the world may know that I, too, writh under it. I will grant your request by sending you my name and address, and you can count me a helper in this great cause—Socialism, even though it be little I can do. I am only a new-born babe in the enlightened cause, and I had heard it condemned so severely, I thought it a new organization started by some political fanatic. I had ceased investigating politics, as I felt they were going from bad to worse, and women have no voice, so what is the use of puzzling one's brain to solve the problem of gaining freedom, for there is none to be obtained under the existing circumstances; but I rejoice to know there is a gleam of hope of a brighter future, and that I, too, have a privilege of expressing my long pent-up sentiments, and that the rising female generation will have an opportunity of being more enlightened and expanding their brain for the benefit of humanity in a direction that I have been denied. Yours of April 11 I heartily appreciated as the truth. Three cheers for Sister Naomi Phelps; she is a woman of my own heart and experience. I guess Comrade Wells will be good now. I have often thought how this beautiful land of ours has been inhabited and governed by a people who have changed it from a Garden of Eden to a Hades—and why? And how could it be redeemed? But I do hope the time is not far hence when these centuries can be looked back upon, and reconsidered as among the dark ages, and the future inhabitants will enjoy only peace and plenty, and this world will be turned into a haven of rest. Oh, that we might live to see that day. We would feel well repaid for our present struggles; and there would be great satisfaction in enjoying the fruits of our labor. When man tries to improve the works of the Creator, and violates Nature's laws, by robbing her children of their talents, or compelling them to hide them under a bushel, and depriving them of the freedom he gave them, and moulding them into slaves for their own gain, we must expect just such results as

we see on every hand—a complete failure, and misery and death to their victims. May the world open its eyes and see where it stands today, and what it could be if it would, and let it take on the armor of Right and Duty, and fight the foe of slavery and poverty to a finish. It is high time we rebelled against such tyranny, and all line up into better forces, and at the command of our Socialist general.—Natural Laws and Freedom—stamp out the evil! Face the breastworks and open fire upon the enemy such as it never before experienced, and surprise even the angels of heaven with our victory. Hoping this may help to inspire some one as the thoughts of some expressed in the Appeal, have me, I beg to be counted as one of your sister workers.—Mrs. Era Black, Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Comrade: I am a Socialist from principle. Taxation without representation was wrong in 1775, and it is wrong today. Boston has been called the Cradle of Liberty. But there are 18,500 women taxpayers there who last year paid taxes on real estate valued at \$15,000,000. Now those women have no voice at the ballot box, but are citizens on the tax list. In the same city, 65,000 pay no taxes, not even poll tax. A vote to the highest bidder is all that they have produced. The Statue of Liberty and Justice is represented to be a woman—what farce! It would be better to have it represented by a man. Women have neither liberty or justice in either church or state, in free America. I am in favor of the church paying its share of the taxes.—Miss Mary Noonan, Hartford City, Ind.

Dear Comrade: I became conscious of my Socialist nature in the spring of 1898. The Coming Nation was the light that led me to read myself. My husband and I were about the first professed Socialists in this precinct. Last fall we polled a good vote, the Socialist governor receiving 45 votes. I am working with my pen, am soliciting subscribers for Socialist papers, and troubling the unconverted with my voice. I would like to say much, but will add just one more thought. We need not stand idly, blaming the men for our present position. We must create the desire for freedom in woman's breast before she can be free. It still remains a true saying, that "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." And if the mother has no desire for political freedom, how is her son to have that desire for her? We have woman's suffrage in Idaho, and I have gone to the polls and used that right twice, and our home hasn't suffered for it, either. Wishing you much success for educating American women, I remain—Mrs. Della Leisure, Nezperce, Idaho.

Dear Comrades: Enclosed you will find the pledge which expresses the stand I take, and shall maintain as long as the sole object of Socialism is "the greatest good to the greatest number." I note with much pleasure the natural growing tendency of the New Thought and Socialist elements toward a harmonious acceptance of each other's views, and I predict that in the future the two will be blended in one mighty whole, the force of which will create such a wave in the minds of all that none dare deny that "Truth is mighty, and must prevail." I respond with a hearty AMEN to the words of Hattie B. Fee, of Texas—yes, "Give us more of the New Thought doctrine, and then again—more." I enjoy the woman's department.—Ida H. Anderson, Ellicoit, Colo.

Dear Comrade: I am glad to see a Woman's Column in the Appeal. I have been interested in Socialism for several years and believe it the only solution for woman's emancipation. Having the ballot is a great step forward, but it will not cure all the evils in the woman's world, nor give her that real freedom that would place her by the side of man, as an equal, free in body, mind and soul. Wishing you success, and hoping that Socialism may become the power of the world, I am—Mrs. Anna P. Dewey, Oakdale, Neb.

Dear Comrade: There is no organized woman's local here, but the men have organized a Socialist club with twenty-nine members, and more coming in at every meeting. I am going to join soon. I think Socialism is the most promising movement we have ever had for bringing the world up to a high, ideal standard. I am going to do all I can for the cause.—Mrs. S. M. Ripley, Waco, Texas.

Dear Comrade: I am here to do all I can in the good cause of Socialism. My faith looks up to the time when our cause will be looked up to. For ten years or more I have been a Socialist, or advocated it, to be ridiculed or remonstrated with, but it did not change my opinion; kept right on advocating Socialism, and now I feel it is growing to where it cannot stop.—Mrs. M. E. Bellah, Georgeown, Cal.

Comrade Mrs. S. M. Ripley, of Waco, Texas, says: "Inclosed you will find my pledge to do all I can for Socialism. I never knew what Socialism was until I commenced to read the Appeal to Reason—it was not long in converting me. I intend to do all in my power for the good cause, for I feel like everything I do for Socialism is that much done for our freedom."

A HOME MAKER AND THINKER.

Dear Comrade: Greeting: Today, May 7, I am 77 years old, and yet I feel as much interested in governmental affairs as I have ever done since I commenced the study of civil government, and that was at the beginning of the civil war. When I was 16 years old I read an address by one of the delegates at the convention that heaped to frame the first constitution of Kentucky. The subject was, "SLAVERY INCONSISTENT WITH JUSTICE AND GOOD POLICY." From that on, I was anti-slavery. I was greatly interested in the Maine prohibitory law. That was all that I could understand very well until the populists sprang up. I studied the

principles of that party very closely, and a great deal of it I endorsed, yet it seems to me that one of the most important monopolies was ignored. Though Tom Watson was the first to let the people know how the government was managing the liquor business. When that party was broken up, I turned my attention to prohibition, woman suffrage and direct legislation, until I saw a copy of the Appeal to Reason. Since that I have taken great interest in Socialism. I said, surely this is a daughter of the populist. I think the principles of the Socialist nearer perfect than the populist. The prohibitionists say we cannot have Socialism until the liquor traffic is outlawed; the direct legislationist says we cannot have Socialism until we get majority rule; the pre-millennialist says we cannot have Socialism until Christ comes. I believe the reform parties in time will all unite and form a government after God's own heart. I read a good deal about the selfishness of Christian people, and especially the clergy. I speak from experience. About sixty-three years ago I joined a church that was purely democratic, so far as I could understand, every member, male and female, old and young, having a vote. Every member that is received, is, by majority vote, accepted; members are expelled in the same way. The church property belongs to the church or trustees. The pastor is chosen by majority vote, and a stipulated salary is promised him, and if he gets his salary he is doubtless thankful for it. If he does not get it, he does not call hard names or try to use any force. If there is not enough given him to make him a reasonable support, at the end of the year he tenders his resignation and the church lets him retire by majority vote. I believe in the ten commandments. Any person that can obey the first commandment can obey the second, can walk by the Golden Rule, can fulfill the royal law, and can obey every commandment in the decalogue. I believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. You know from this letter that I am not accustomed to writing; for the last sixty years I have been taking care of children. (I was married before I was 17.) First, I had the care of my own children, then my foster children, then my orphan grandchildren. I have the care of a family of orphan grandchildren at this time. I did not write this for publication, yet if there is anything that will be of interest or encouragement to the cause of right, you can use it. Yours in hope of the emancipation of woman, as well as the laboring class.—Mrs. M. A. Sholron, Massack, Ky.

Dear Comrade: Your article, "Woman and Education," finds an echo in my own mind. It is natural for institutions such as Mr. Rockefeller's, to start a campaign against co-education. Their plans are deep and well laid. (So they think.) Highly educated, unmarried women make excellent woman suffragists, of which the late Francis Willard and Susan B. Anthony are shining examples. While the educated married woman is more concerned as to the quality rather than quantity of the children she has, "What care we," say these capitalists and their defenders, "for the elevation of the race. What we want is larger families, with less opportunity for culture. The educational bill will see that they do not vote." Fortunately there are other colleges, such as the "American Socialist," where our daughters as well as sons, can receive a higher education and more suited to the needs of the times. Every intelligent man, not a hireling of the capitalist, who wishes to keep in line with the march of progress; realizes the fact that only by giving women equal power with men, can he ever hope to elevate the human race. Am glad to see the Appeal start such a movement, with a woman who understands the needs of her sex at the head. It takes the Appeal to be up-to-date.—Mrs. Elvira Bradford, Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Julia Coe, of Long Beach, Cal., says: "I wish more would make an effort to help the cause along. I am a student and teacher of mental science, follower of Helen Willmans-Post, and I am now putting all effort in the direction of Socialism. 'We must have Socialism. WE CAN, AND WE MUST.' It is a scientific fact that perseverance in the cause of justice and right must win. So let us keep courage while we work, and keep the desired goal in view. It is a powerful suggestion, in talking of Socialism, to say: "When we get Socialism it will be easier to live the Golden Rule." Leave out all "ifs." I wish that all mental scientists would join the cause of humanity and work for Socialism. One day an agent came to the door requesting me to purchase a copy of Christ's Teachings For Children, and it gave me an opportunity to discuss these questions with him. I showed him a copy of the Appeal, and glancing at the top of the page, he read a paragraph commenting on the awful fact of the inhuman ways that the czar and high officials of Russia, (awful) allow the poor to be treated, and killed without cause, and banished. The agent was from Russia, and said that it was only too true. He subscribed for the paper. Had never heard of Socialism and did not know its aims.

Dear Comrade: I sign the pledge, and am glad to see the women of the nation are beginning to take an active part in the movement for the emancipation of all mankind. The emancipation of woman will only come with the emancipation of man, through the adoption of Socialism. I look forward to the time when wage slavery is abolished, when our factories are not filled with our industrial victims, and women stand side by side with men, on a basis of universal equality. I am for Socialism because Socialism is for the people. May the day speedily dawn that establishes the era of peace on earth and good will to men. Yours for Socialism.—Mrs. Martha M. Stone, Leavenworth, Kan.

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to the very heart. I have a large family, and don't get much time to read, but I will do all I can for Socialism. Ever for the good cause, I am—Mrs. S. L. Pierson, Daniels, Idaho.

WOMEN AND WOMEN.

One of the most delicate subjects in the world is the relationship of one woman to another. It seems that nature has provided for the relationship of the sexes by inspiring them with an irresistible attraction for each other. But between women nothing like this attraction exists. I have never heard them say that they do not like their own sex. But there has never been a need for such an assertion, as their actions prove it beyond a doubt. Among men there is a sort of companionship and brotherhood, they do not hold among women. Men will fight for each other, stick to each other through all sorts of tests and undesirable conditions. The man who goes back on a friend when he is "down," is looked upon with contempt by his fellow-men. The man who does not show allegiance to the "boys" when they are in a "scrape," is repudiated, and loses his standing among them when they are out again. There are many friends of the Damon and Pythias sort in the world of men. But what of our women? It is sickening to me to think of the lack of true faith and friendship that exists among them in their associations with each other. There are friendships, to be sure, but they smack very much of the sentimental, and are conspicuous for the ease with which they are broken. For instance, what woman will cling to a sister of their clique after she has had the misfortune to fall among despoilers? Who is brave enough, or who cares enough to take her back into the fold after she has sinned? It doesn't matter how kind of heart she may have been, how generous in her nature, how helpful or intelligent, or brilliant, she is irrevocably lost to the "high regard" in which she was held. A mantle of frost suddenly enfolds the righteous shoulders of the erstwhile friends, and this coat is regarded as coming from heaven as a sure sign of their own purity and chastity; if such a mantle falls to enshroud one of them, and she feels a warmth and sympathy in her heart for her sister in need, this one is looked upon with suspicion, and is handled without gloved hands, until she, too, proves her chastity, by becoming a coward, and dropping the erring one altogether.

The excuse for this sort of conduct is that women are so sensitive, that they cannot endure even a suspicion of wrong among them, and they do not want their white souls contaminated by contact with evil doers. All of which would be very laudable, if it were true. But nothing is farther from the truth. They refute this argument constantly by their associations with men whom they know to be criminal in their deeds and impure in their thoughts. The seducer of a young woman knows that under ordinary circumstances he can keep his place in society and associate with the former friends of the one he has wronged.

In such conduct on the part of our women there is no reason, no justice, no strength of character or true womanhood. One woman does not drag another down. The cases are rare exceptions where women have fallen through association with other women of weak character. All the vice, all the foolishness and fripperies of the feminine mind are cultivated to please the fancies of MEN—who have fallen. Then why should we, who are strong in our purity and our womanhood, fear to touch the garment of a weaker sister? Is it not our duty, first of all, to give her the hand of assistance and forgiveness? Have we a right to make her feel that we hate her? DO we really hate her? I don't believe we do. One woman is never so low that another should despise her and strive to push her farther into the bottomless pit. What is your mission upon

earth? What is mine? Are we not the keepers of humanity—the care-takers? Is it not our mission to hold up the hands of the weak, and to lead into right paths the erring strong? Do we not do this constantly for men? What unequalled cruelty is it that makes us refuse the same succor to our sisters? The characteristics of our sex are supposed to be those of love, tenderness, forgiveness, infinite patience and loyalty to duty. Are we not forgetting these in their purity when we fail to exercise them save where 'the

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influence of sex selfishness comes in? Then I say, shame upon the womanhood of the land.

But my dear sisters, do you know what is the matter with us? We are not bad, or weak, or cruel, by nature. It is not in us to hurt any least thing that God has created. But we are not ourselves. We are timid and shrinking and afraid. WHY? Because WE ARE THE SLAVES OF SLAVES. We are afraid of the lash of public opinion. We would rather die than have a bad name. And all down the ages we have accepted rules and laws made by the other half of the race, and to violate one of these laws, no matter how unjust it is, is to subject ourselves to the severest criticism. We are not free. We cower within ourselves, lock the doors of our true natures, and dare not give expression to our souls, unless some man has proclaimed our right to do so. Why do we wear tight shoes, corsets, long skirts, high collars, etc.? Because fashion says we must. Who sets the style? Men, of course. The greatest fashion designers in the world are men, and the most expensive modistes are also men. They like to see us fixed up in a certain manner, and lo, here we are, ready to please them, no matter what the torture, the expense, the impracticability. I think we are a lot of doll-babies. Our thoughts, of course, are ruled in the same way. Somebody said we mustn't go to colleges and universities. Who said it? Oh, the men. Somebody said we mustn't speak in public; that we were "bluestockings," (whatever that means,) when we tried to write. Somebody said we mustn't vote. Somebody said we mustn't hold public offices. Who said all these things? Oh, the men. They said it, and of course, we mustn't even question their authority. But isn't there danger of a class growing a bit arrogant and tyrannical, when it has so much "say," and is never questioned? Oh, yes, they ARE tyrannical and arrogant, and it is time now that we rise up—as care-takers of the race—and prevent them from ruining themselves by indulging in too much despotism. It is our duty, and we cannot escape it—if we are true to human law and to our responsibility.

When we investigate matters for ourselves, we will see how useless and unjust is this scornful treatment of one woman to another. We will discover, too, how shallow and vain it is, and that we are prompted to it through our FEAR of mankind. In the days of our wisdom we will be actuated by no such fear. We will let our sympathy and our help flow freely, wherever it is needed, so women as well as men, and to our Pharisaical accusers, we will say, "Let HIM who is WITHOUT SIN cast the first stone." And I believe, even as one of old, we will be left to the silence with our sympathy and our consciences.—J. C.

FROM "THE COMING WOMAN."

By Lillie D. White.

Woman has passed through all the phases of bondage and slavery; she has been bought and sold, overburdened and beaten, caajoled and flattered, idealized and defied, and in all of them treated unjustly.

Woman has borne so long the burden of subjection, that for a long time she must bear the marks of her degradation and bondage. She will make ineffectual attempts to rise, many failures and mistakes, and man, in his superior strength and wisdom—who no longer wishes to own or beat her—laughs at her struggles and doubts the wisdom of her escape from obscurity. He decides that she is inherently weak, illogical, frivolous, emotional, that it is her nature to be so, and the best use to make of her is to assign her to her proper sphere, where these traits are appropriate, and he proceeds to put her into it, very much as a naturalist impales bugs and insects and classifies them—a sphere forever separate and distinct from the grand pursuits and attainments in which man—consistent, logical, clear-headed man—is so eminently fitted to engage.

There is not so much difference between men and women as we have been accustomed to believe. There is a vast amount of humbug in marking out the characteristics that are feminine and those that are masculine. The apparent differences are mostly artificial, the result of ages of one-sided education and wrong conditions. There is not one trait of human nature that is not found in one sex as well as the other. Strength, courage, wisdom, consistency, logic, are not inherently masculine; neither are weakness, ignorance, cowardice, gentleness, self-sacrifice, inherently feminine. There are strong women and weak men, brave women and cowardly men, wise women and ignorant men, tender fathers and cruel mothers, selfish wives and self-sacrificing husbands. There is a noticeable diffusion of good and bad in human nature, regardless of sex, and when we see clearly, we admire what is admirable, and despise what is despicable in both men and women. We might shudder to see a woman butcher an animal, hang a man, or pummel the heads of society's enemies—or victims. We have become accustomed to seeing these things done by men, but it is only a superstition to believe it is worse for women to do them.

If the ideal man, the personification of wisdom, strength, nobility, gallantry, could stand beside the ideal woman—tender, trusting, weak, dependent—he surely would not dare look her in the face. He has assumed to be her natural protector, taken the responsibility of doing her thinking, reading, teaching, voting, managed her property, supervised her financial interests, disposed of her children, undertaken to support and protect her, because she is too sweet and angelic to attend to these matters herself; and what is the result? If his intentions were for her good, he has miserably failed, through ignorance and incapacity. If he designed to keep her in subjection he has no claim to her love or respect, and in either case he shows a lack of the wisdom he assumes to possess in claiming to be her guardian and protector.

As a result of his protection and guardianship woman is helpless and demitute. Her home—the empire where she is said to be queen—has passed into the hands of Shylock; her children are tolling slaves in mills and factories; the concentration of wealth in the hands of the few, which has destroyed every civilization in history, is rapidly going on; labor is debased, disinherited, and at the mercy of capital; a sentiment of fawning, sickening servility toward plutocracy that should disgust every lover of liberty and equality is manifested by Americans, unequalled by royal snobdom anywhere; rank political prostitution prevails in every department of this "best government under the sun." Some time these wrongs must be righted, and woman with her usual magnanimity, will do her share in correcting the blunders men have made, and when the occasion demands, she will not be idle nor helpless.

Here is a sample of flowery direction for woman's guidance that sounds pretty, but suggests restrictive and narrowing lines and service to husbands. "Woman's finer and more intuitive nature reaches into the realm of mind, and brings back and deposits at her husband's feet the thought which his constructive nature materializes into the wonderful inventions, the perfect systems and the complex and complicated industries of the time. Such a woman—because of what she is—furnishes for him, in his depleted weary hours a sustenance, a stimulant and a strength, which is vitality and life itself." Now compared to some things woman has been taught and forced to do for her husband, this seems very pleasant. It may be quite easy and agreeable to skirmish around in the realms of mind and deposit thought thus obtained at her husband's feet. It is vastly finer to give him life and vitality that way than to wrestle with steaks and coffee and buttons, but it is quite possible that woman can utilize the thought she obtains herself. And how is she to gain sustenance in her weary and depleted hours? Can she acquire life and vitality by giving to and serving man? To live for others, to give her labor, her strength, love, and devotion to her husband and children, is the lesson she has been taught.

The coming woman is a merciless iconoclast. She is the Reformer, "smiting the godless shrines of man; along her progress she will shatter many a time honored and dearly loved idol. Society, religion, the home or family, founded on woman's submission or self-sacrifice, must give way to new and better conditions founded upon individual rights and personal freedom. I do not wish to be understood as despising or deprecating motherhood or the love of home, but I do want them stripped of the repression, drudgery, slavery and self-sacrifice they have always brought to women. When we truly understand our own and others rights, we will have happier homes and more loving families. This will come with the growth of wisdom, education, evolution.

THE W. C. T. U. AND SOCIALISM.

My sisters, what are we fighting? What is the foundation stone upon which the liquor traffic rests? What keeps every saloon keeper so perseveringly at his post amid the scorn and frowns of the world, and even the prickings of his own conscience? What is the power behind the throne that influences our legislators even though they listen with saintly smiles to our petitions, to immediately turn about and vote against them? Do you not recognize it as the greed of gold? While self-preservation under competitive strife breeds its brood of specious false standards in the heart of humanity, what can we hope for? A few palliative measures, mayhap, to silence our clamor and divert our attention for the moment, but as far as the home-destroying, soul-blasting liquor traffic is concerned, our gains are as driftwood in the mighty ocean. Then, what shall we do, you ask? That is well. The wise physician ever tries to discover the malady before seeking or applying a remedy. Have we not discovered it? Have we not through all these years of earnest effort been talked balked at every turn by but one thing—the selfish greed of self and power? Have we not seen enough of competitive warfare to recognize the true disease eating into the heart of our nation? Then why seek longer to waste our labors upon the outgrowth of this noxious weed? Why not up-root it at once, and plant in its stead a co-operative commonwealth that shall have no incentive to degrade its brethren, but on the contrary all the incentive in the world to uplift and make of them useful citizens?

We can do this if we will. That we will find ourselves a power when our efforts are concentrated upon the real issue none will deny. We have seen the prohibition party unavailing, too, was dealing with a man of straw. Shall we follow in its footsteps, or shall we arise and help to usher in the new day that shall see all motive destroyed, that tends to despoil our brothers and sisters of God-given rights, of a healthy mind in a healthy body. God grant that we be no longer blind to our work at hand, "for God and home, and native land."

Socialist Cartoons.

As the Appeal will shortly devote considerable space to pictures, which will be under the care of Comrade Lockwood, it will appreciate suggestions or sketches that will aid in the work of propaganda. You may not be able to draw a picture, but if you have a good idea of one, write it to the Appeal.

Bancroft's "Conspiracy of Capital" tells things plainly, and with a truth that gives a pain to capitalism. Tca

PARTY NEWS.

In this department we desire to print all the party news that will be of interest to the comrades throughout the country generally. Send us short reports of conventions, organization of new locals, and elections. State secretaries are invited to keep us informed concerning the state of the movement in the various states. Let us know about the extent of your agitation work, the number of speakers out, etc. Make your articles brief, and we will assure you space.

Pennsylvania Socialists hold a state convention at Reading, May 30. Activity in agitation from every part of the state is reported.

The Colorado Socialist is a new paper published at Denver. Neat, able and welcome. It begins to look like we were growing, eh?

San Antonio, Texas, comrades will hold their annual picnic on May 31. The picnic is a good scheme, and should be taken up by other comrades.

Rev. W. A. Hunter, Denver, Colo., said in a recent sermon, that the two old parties exist only for spoils, and that the Socialist party is the coming power.

The Minnesota comrades have started out a propaganda wagon, with Comrades Etherton and Martin in charge. Secretary Holman writes that the fires of enthusiasm are lighting up the whole state.

Local Springfield, Mass., has moved from the Court House Square building to the rooms at 769 Main street, where they have secured larger and better quarters. All sympathizers are invited to attend the discussion meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.—M. O. Frenier.

"We have a branch of the party here," says Comrade Chas. Kiehn, of Hoboken, N. J., secretary of the Longshoremen's local, of Hoboken, "and are taking in new members at every meeting. The state convention of the Socialist party of New Jersey will be held at Paterson on May 30.

The Appeal has been flooded with communications from the Oklahoma comrades regarding Comrade Chase's tour through the territory. We cannot print them, for it would crowd too heavily on our space. Of this much we can assure our readers: Comrade Chase is doing valiant service for the Socialist movement. He is an able speaker, and his tour is evidently doing much to broaden him in his conception of the American Socialist movement. We need to send our Western speakers to the East, and in return have our Eastern agitators come West. In this way we shall promote a harmony of sentiment and a unanimity of effort that can be secured in no other way.

The Appeal enjoyed a pleasant visit last week from Comrade Slanker, of Joplin, Mo., who is one of the ablest men in the movement. He has been out on an extensive organizing tour; during which time he organized at Neck City and Alba, Mo., and at Weir City and Coal Valley, Kan. He wants to make a tour to the Atlantic coast after completing his work in Missouri. We can say, with conviction, that there is not an abler speaker in the movement, and he is perfectly clear in his presentation of the subject. He is a man of magnificent vitality, and as he has no family, he should be given no rest, but be kept on the platform continually.

Comrade D. A. White, state secretary of Massachusetts, has been doing missionary work in the state of Rhode Island. The immediate result of his trip was the organization of a local in Providence, with 23 charter members. This is the first organization of the Socialist party in Little Rhody. One by one the states fall into line, and we are determined that when the line-up comes in 1904, there shall be no gaps in the battle line. The first piece of business performed after the Rhode Island local was organized, was to order 800 copies of the big Jubilee edition. Comrade Thomas, the new secretary, says he is going to try to make it 9,000 for the state. Well, if you do, comrade, there will be something doing in Rhode Island.

Ohio Notes.

Prof. Geo. Kirkpatrick will be the first speaker over the Ohio open air circuits and he will start at Dayton on June 6.

Father Hagerty will speak as follows: Dubuque, Iowa, May 25; Freeport, Ill., May 26; Hillsboro, Ill., May 27; Caaton, O., May 31; Sandusky, O., June 1, Toledo, O., June 2, McMechen, W. Va., June 3. Other dates to follow this list.

Walter Thomas Mills spoke in Dayton on May 13, 14 and 15 and his lectures were successful from every point of view. The comrades are a unit in declaring him to be one of the most able men in the movement. He is always welcome in Dayton whenever he can come.

Frank P. O'Hare has been making things go in Ohio and comrades are sending in reports of the excellent work that he is accomplishing. His tour in Ohio has been lengthened and he will be with us until June 2. He will be at the following places in closing the tour: Mansfield May 23 and 24; Burton City May 24; Canal Dover May 25; East Liverpool May 27; McMechen, W. Va., May 28; Zanesville May 29; Columbus May 30 and 31; Wauson, June 1 and Montpelier June 2.

The Ohio state convention at Columbus will be the largest convention ever held in the state notwithstanding that the representation is but one delegate for each local and one additional for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. Many comrades are coming from all points as visitors and the Co-

lumbus comrades are arranging for a parade on Saturday evening May 30. The convention will convene at 10 a. m. May 30, in Fraternity Hall, 111 1/2 S. High street and will last two days. Reduced rates at the hotel and on railroads. W. G. CRITCHLOW.

Thompson in Minnesota.

Comrade Carl D. Thompson has returned to Minnesota, after a vacation in his Nebraska home, and is once more touring the state. He left on the 19th for a trip toward the northwestern part of the state, speaking at St. Cloud, Willmar, Alexandria, Gardfield, Fergus Falls, Fargo, N. D., Hendrum, Halstad, Shelly, Crookston, Thief River Falls, Angus, Warren, Stephen, McIntosh, Fertile, Rannum, Sundahl, Twin Valley and Ada. This will take him up to June 25. Then he will go to Aberdeen S. D., to speak at the industrial encampment, from June 27 to July 4. Have been asked for over eighty lectures, but have been obliged to cut out a few of them on account of lack of time.

To every reader of the Appeal, I will say, that if Comrade Thompson comes in your vicinity, do not fail to hear him, and get all your friends to attend his lectures. The enjoyment and enthusiasm they will give you will amply repay you for every effort you may put forth to make his meetings a success.

I wish to say a word of commendation in reference to the work of the comrades in Norman County. They have a county organization, and are thoroughly canvassing the county in the interest of the party. Comrade M. A. Brattland, who is the organizer, is entitled to great credit for his excellent work. Every Sunday he goes to some point in the county to speak in the interest of the cause, and the demands upon his time are continually increasing. Am informed by the comrades that he is making a great success as a Socialist agitator. Six locals have been organized in that county alone, and there are more to follow. The comrades of that county have also formulated a very unique plan of propaganda. It is called "Recruiting Day." Some Sunday is selected, and all the comrades will start out on their wheels or by team, or on foot, in different directions, traveling in pairs.

They will make short visits for discussing Socialism, selling literature, etc., and will all meet again in the evening and compare notes. They are going to use this method for advertising the Thompson meetings. He will speak at twenty-seven points in Norman County. This county is fast becoming the banner county in this state for Socialism. We hope that other counties will follow this excellent example.

New locals have recently been organized at Heron Lake, Shelly and Ullman. Yours fraternally, S. M. HOLMAN.

Mills in the East.

Comrade Walter Thomas Mills has just concluded a very successful series of meetings in the east, beginning May 5 and concluding the 11th.

On the 5th he spoke in Cooper Union, New York City to an audience of about 2,200 persons, his address being the most clear and remarkable analysis and presentation of the class struggle ever presented on a platform from which almost every Socialist speaker of prominence has spoken. His handling of the Manufacturer's Association and its fight against the trade unions was something long to be remembered. Ben Hanford presided.

The next meeting was Friday night the 8th, in Newark, N. J., where he spoke to an audience that crowded one of the best halls in the city. Not only were the various professions all well represented, but almost every shop and trade union had numbers of their members present.

No meeting has been held recently in the city that created as much after comment and discussion, all of it favorable to the Socialist party as this one. A number of persons have already signified their intention of becoming part of the organization as a result of the meeting.

Saturday night he spoke in Philadelphia to a large audience that were highly pleased with his address. Sunday he spoke three times in Philadelphia to the Liberal League, to the Central Trades Council, and to the Miscellaneous Trades Council, concluding the day's work by crossing the state of New Jersey to speak to a much interested audience in Hoboken on the evening.

Monday night, May 11, he was in Trenton where the largest hall in the city was filled to hear him. The meeting has given a great impetus to the work there, he being considered the most convincing speaker yet heard in that city. One thing worthy of comment about his work is that not only is he thoroughly clear and true to the class struggle in his presentation of the subject, but also emphasizes the need of joining the organization, payment of dues and circulation of literature. Comrade Mills very generously gave his services without cost, charging only for railroad expenses. This and his collection speech brought out almost all the meetings self-supporting. GEO. H. GOEBEL.

Workmen, Stay Away.

The capitalistic combinations of the west are acting in concert to bring from the eastern states a tide of immigration, that will inundate the Rocky mountain regions and the Pacific slope, with no other object in view than to starve labor into abject servitude.

There are now thousands and tens of thousands of men and women in the west whose hands are tied in idleness. The seductive and alluring circulars that are being scattered throughout the eastern states are the products of a literary bureau that has been established by Employers' Associations, Promotion Companies and Mine Owners' Associations, whose capital expands as hungry and homeless working men become fierce competitors on the labor market for jobs. The voice of discontent is heard all

The Class Struggle.

Do you know what it is? In ancient Laconia the invading Spartans seized the country and reduced the natives, Helots, to servitude. In Rome, the Patricians oppressed the Plebeians, and later, both lived on the labor of slaves. In modern Europe the feudal nobility and clergy rode on the backs of the serfs. In capitalist countries the rich, in like manner, live on the labor of the poor.

Not all workers know this. They are not conscious of their servitude; when they become so, i. e., "Class conscious," they see the necessity for uniting to overthrow the political power of the capitalist class. This done, they may be trusted to legislate in their own interests, that namely, of the vast majority. In so doing, they will legislate in the interest of all. They will establish a Co-operative Commonwealth.

Working men need to be taught these things. They cannot be so taught in ordinary schools and colleges for these are controlled by the class which owns the land and capital. They permit only such teaching as is satisfactory to themselves. Hence the need for a Socialist college.

Such an institution has been established. Its faculty consists of men

who thoroughly understand the social problem and are resolved to aid in its practical solution. They purpose to train speakers, writers and organizers to help educate and organize the great producing classes.

This college provides preparatory and general education for those who need it. It instructs in the most practical and helpful way, prospective clerks, book-keepers, stenographers and accountants. It desires its students to be able to earn their way while fighting battles of Socialism. Do you know that the demand for good stenographers is never filled. We can make you such a stenographer as will be practically indispensable in an office, because we will teach you, not only stenography, but method, system, order, and a hundred things that the great business offices are demanding. In this way you can earn your living. Outside office hours you can teach Socialism. The more indispensable you are at the office, the less danger of your losing your place because of your Socialism.

Write for further information. We have had inquiries from twenty-six states. We want to hear from all the states in the Union, from Canada and the world. We want to help Socialism conquer the world.

Address, with Stamp, American Socialist College, Sedgwick Building, WICHITA, KAN. THOMAS ELNER WILL, Ph. D., President.

ever the west. Strikes, injunctions and boycotts are flourishing between the Missouri river and the coast, from British Columbia to Mexico, and should warn the laboring men of the east that his presence in the west will only enable the corporate interests to prolong the struggle of the masses against the robbery of exploitation.

Thousands of working men are being landed in the western states every week on account of cheap fares, and the misleading pamphlets that extend such generous invitations to the laboring men of the east. Stay away from the west! The volcanic rumbling of war between employer and employe can be heard in every state of the west, and it is the intention of the corporations to use eastern immigration as a strike breaking aggregation. Conflicts between organized labor and organized capital are raging throughout British Columbia, the Pacific slope and intermountain region, and the employers of the west who long for larger dividends, desire to pit the immigration from the eastern states against the men of the west, who dare to ask for a reasonable remuneration for their toil.

While wages in the west may be a little higher than in the east, the cost of living is far more expensive and the difference in wages is consumed by the higher prices in the necessities of life. Members of organized labor and all working men, stay away from the west until the storm cloud disappears from labor's sky.

The secretary is requested to read this letter at a regular meeting and give the same to the labor or Socialist press for publication. CHAS. MOYER, President Western Federation Miners.

Omaha Wins.

The members of the Socialist party have voted on the question of headquarters, and in our judgment have wisely decided to indorse the action of the national committee, and keep the headquarters at their present location. The vote is as follows:

RESOLUTION No. 1.

First—That the headquarters of the party be moved to Chicago; 3,484, yes; 3,527, no. A majority of 43 voting no.

Second—That the local quorum, until the next national convention, be composed of the members of the national committee from the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa and Kentucky; 3,747, yes; 2,965, no. A majority of 782 voting yes.

Third—That all acts of the national committee at its last annual session, in conflict with the above provisions, be rejected; 3,569, yes; 2,916, no. A majority of 653 voting yes.

RESOLUTION No. 2.

First—Shall the action of the national committee, in removing the local quorum be approved; 5,375, yes; 1,180, no. A majority of 4,195 voting yes.

Second—Shall the old local quorum be reinstated, if vote stands against approval; 617, yes; 5,709, no. A majority of 5,092, voting no.

Third—Shall the action of the national committee in removing the national headquarters to Omaha, Neb., be approved; 3,734, yes; 2,869, no. A majority of 865 voting yes.

Fourth—Shall the national headquarters be returned to St. Louis, if vote stands against approval of removal to Omaha, Neb.; 1,493, yes; 5,687, no. A majority of 5,500 voting no.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is correct. Signed:

J. P. ROE, Member Quorum. W. E. CLARK, Asst. to Nat'l Secy.

It will be observed from the above, that while Omaha has been sustained as headquarters, the present quorum has not, and as the vote stands, the quorum is to consist of the members of the national committee, from the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa and Kentucky. But according to the constitution, this cannot be, for that document plainly specifies that the local quorum must be chosen from the locality in which the headquarters is located. In accordance with this provision, only the Iowa member is elected to this position, for he is in the "locality" of the headquarters. The vote is a puzzle, and expresses just what might have been expected from a referendum not plainly stating the question at issue. In one case, Chicago has lost by an adverse majority of 43, and in the second amendment Omaha has won by a majority of 868. The

whole contention over the location of the headquarters ought never to have occurred, for the Socialist movement is perfectly safe in the hands of the comrades anywhere. We are all Socialists, with one purpose and a united determination. Let us settle this matter by leaving the headquarters where they are and with the present quorum in charge, and when we meet again let us place the headquarters somewhere near the center of population. The whole controversy over the headquarters has been a useless waste of energy. We did not see this at the time, perhaps, but we believe it has become clear to us all now. Let us have one purpose, one movement, and one united front to capitalism. A local quorum is now a useless appendage to the Socialist movement. The national committee, as a whole, should have charge of all matters demanding more than clerical attention.

Comrades, if you want the Socialism of your state to know how your movement is progressing, send us the news. Make it spicy and full of meat.

Iowa comrades should not forget that they will have an election on their hands this fall, and should get down to business at once. We ought to be able to place 50,000 copies of the Jubilee edition in the state. It will start the campaign, and make the work of the agitator and organizer easier.

Have you paid your dues for May? The local secretary should collect dues of all members, whether they attend the local meeting or not.

During the month Comrade Kraybill, state organizer for Kansas, has organized locals at the following places: Pajon, Osawatimie, Garland, Iola and Chanute. She is now in the coal mining region around Pittsburg. If the Kansas comrades will take the trouble to understand the dues system and pay 10 cents promptly each month, and forward to the state secretary there will be no trouble in sustaining the state organizer constantly in the field. This will mean a rising vote in 1904.

Comrade Healey spent last Sunday in and around Berry, Ala., addressing camp meetings and Sunday school conventions. Altogether he spoke about six hours and organized one local of 13 farmers. And now these Alabama farmers are meddling with Socialism too. What a pity.

A letter from Comrade Albright of the Lipscomb mining camp, Alabama, says that Socialism will sweep the Alabama mines. He says: "The local is growing. I am glad you will keep Comrade Healey here, for he is a dandy with a big D."

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# Information for the Eager.

Editor Appeal to Reason.  
Will everybody be obliged to work under Socialism, or will the capitalists be allowed to use the money they made in the form of profits from the working class, to buy the necessities of life from the workers?  
MIDLAND POST.

Everybody must work under Socialism, except the children, the aged, the sick, and the invalid. Whether the capitalists will have any chance to be compensated for their "services" as former exploiters will depend on the votes of the working class majority. We don't believe in compensating them. Others do. But that question will be decided by majority rule.

Editor Appeal to Reason.  
What did Christ mean when he said "The poor you shall have with you always"—J. W. C.

The capitalist apologists generally interpret this passage as an endorsement of capitalist methods of production by Christ. For this reason they quote that passage as our inquirer has quoted it above. But according to Matthew xxvi, 11, Christ said: "For the poor ye HAVE with you always; but me ye have not always." He used the present tense, not the future. And he was not teaching, but simply remarking with those who found fault with the woman that anointed his feet. Therefore, this passage cannot be exploited by the advocates of capitalism. Christ did not prophesy that there would always be poor in the world. He simply pointed out that he was with his disciples only a short while, while the poor would be with them after he would be gone. The capitalists who try to twist these words into an apology of their divine right to dispossess the working class, are using the name of their own God in vain.

Editor Appeal to Reason.  
I think the trade unions are misinformed when they feel the necessity for securing laws for compulsory education and for the regulation of child labor, all of them involving offensive inspection and medicine interference.

A CAPITALIST.  
This capitalist has written to the wrong address. He should have directed himself to Mr. Hanna's, Civic Federation or to the National Economic League. They would have been very glad to concur in his judgment. But since he has chosen to address the Appeal, we will be at least as obliging as the National Economic League, and we will charge only 25 cents for a subscription to the Appeal, while the League asks for 50 cents. Our opinion on the point in question is this: The protection of a working man's child by laws and by the inspection of the factory may be regarded as "offensive and meddling" by the capitalists. But the confusion that it is evidently proving these things in the first place. It shows that the capitalist is not treating the children right, or else he would not be afraid of laws for their protection and of a factory inspector. In the second place it shows the hypocrisy of the capitalist contention that they are friends of labor. And in the third place it shows that the capitalist does not believe in the harmony between the capitalist and laborer. From the working man's standpoint, it is perfectly sane and just that he should wish to see his child protected. To say that the working man is misinformed because he is solicitous about the welfare of his child, is a gross insult to a workingman's intelligence and paternal love, to say the least. If the capitalist were compelled to send his child into another man's factory and have it abused by another man's overseer, he would probably come to the same conclusion about the necessity of child labor laws and factory inspection as the trade unionist. That whole capitalist argument is a plain proof that a capitalist cannot respect the interests of the laboring class, as long as he is compelled to make the realization of profits the only standard by which he judges his relation to others.

Editor Appeal to Reason.  
Will you kindly publish in the Appeal the correct answer to the capitalist argument of the five talents, which they claim Christ taught as an endorsement of usury?  
A READER.

The parable of the five talents, as represented by the capitalist preachers, transforms the Lord God into a lord usurer by a sleight of hand trick. If you will look closely at that text, Matthew xxv, 14-30, you will find that in one place Lord is spelled with a small l and in the other with a capital L. The preachers expound it so as if the word were spelled with a capital L throughout the whole parable. But even if this were actually the case, the capitalists commit a grave sin against their God by using this parable in support of usury. For if this parable proves anything, it proves that Christ called the lord, who thus believed in usury, a mean man. This is the bible text: "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knowest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not sown; thou oughtest, therefore, to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received my own with usury." Here the lord calls himself a mean man. The capitalist preachers, in spelling Lord with a capital L, make God call himself a mean man. Is it likely that Christ would have taught God was mean? If you consider, furthermore, that the version given in our bibles was made up from a defective manuscript, as the italics in the text plainly show, it is evident that this parable was fitted up by the compilers of the bible to suit their purposes. We Socialists do not believe that a man would represent himself as a mean and hard master. The capitalist preachers would have it so. We think better of Christ. We prefer to believe that he was in earnest when he drove the money exchangers out

of the temple. A man who does that is not likely to recommend usury. The blame for bringing such a contradiction into the bible rests on the compilers, and on those who are trying to pervert the lofty ideals of the bible to their groveling purposes.

Editor Appeal to Reason.  
Some Socialists claim that the occupations in which the most time and labor is given should receive the largest pay. Will you mention in the Appeal a list of some of the occupations of men and women to which this would apply, and some, if any, to which it would not apply?—Investigator.

Under Socialism the producer will receive his product undiminished by rent, profit and interest. That is the point on which all Socialists agree. There is no use entering in any speculations as to who will receive little pay and who will receive much. If a man will receive the full product of his labor, the question of much or little pay cannot bother him or others. As long as you look at these questions through capitalist spectacles, you will never get an appropriate conception of what Socialism is aiming to accomplish. The wage question is purely a capitalist question. But once the workers will own and control their respective countries, remuneration for labor will no longer be a question of wages, but of the product. How this product will be valued in the Co-operative Commonwealth, will be determined by a majority vote of the workers themselves. No good can be accomplished by drawing utopian pictures of a possible way in which this or that industry might value its product. For it is a statistically established fact that under a system of co-operative production, in which machinery and the division of labor are scientifically applied, the average hours of labor will be so nearly the same in all industries that no marked distinction can be drawn between any of them. If a product is so complicated that it requires longer hours of labor than the simple product, it will be produced by different shifts of workers and their collective product will be valued in average hours of labor, the same as the product of a single shift. All the disagreeable work will be done by machinery. Under the present system most of the dirty and disagreeable work is done by manual labor, simply because human beings are cheaper than machinery. Machinery and the division of labor will therefore, make the average returns of all kinds of labor the same.

Editor Appeal to Reason.  
I read in newspaper that R. Parry, president of the National Manufacturers' Association, had said in New Orleans that the aims of the trade unions and of the Socialists were identical, and that the only difference was that the trade unions were trying to obtain their desires by force, while the Socialists were striving to win by the ballot. Is Parry right?  
INQUIRER.

Mr. Parry's words must not be taken too seriously. He is a very impulsive and not always tactful man, who does not weigh his words when he is aroused. He is doubtless, wrong as far as his remarks about the trade unions are concerned. In the first place, the trade unions are not using force any more than the capitalists and the Socialists are. If blacklisting and locking out are considered legitimate means of treating trade unions, then striking and boycotting are certainly no less legitimate. The disturbances that occur during strikes are nearly always caused by the hired thugs of the capitalists, and once they start to introduce force into the proceedings, the capitalists must not complain, if the trade unions retaliate.

In the second place, the aims of the trade unions are not identical with those of the Socialists. I wish they were. But the trade unions recognize the right of the capitalists to own the earth, and consent to asking a master for a job and a chance to live, while the Socialists recognize no master. The trade unions are simply bargaining for the terms under which they will sell the labor power of their members. They are perfectly willing to submit to capitalist slavery, as long as they can in some measure dictate the terms of that slavery.

The Socialists, on the other hand, recognize that the pure and simple trade unionism is defeating its own ends, because it only aims at symptoms and never thinks of striking at the cause. That cause is the capitalist system. With the Socialists it is a question of abolishing capitalism and all exploitation. Therefore they do not waste their time in economic struggles in which the capitalists always are certain to get the best of the trade unionists. For the Socialists recognize that even a winning of a strike, which may bring an increase in wages and a reduction of hours, in the end means a defeat for the trade union, because the capitalist class has the economic power to take that improvement out of the unions by the roundabout process of increasing the prices of necessities. Instead of fighting on the economic field, the Socialists, therefore, strive to conquer first the political power. For it is the political power of the capitalists that assists them in defeating the economic struggles of the trade unions.

To sum up, the trade unions leave the economic and political control in the hands of the capitalists; the Socialists aim to get first the political control into the hands of the working

class, in order to use it for the purpose of gaining the economic control also.

## Capitalists Watching Us.

The San Francisco Call, the organ of the sugar king Spreckels, contains the following article in its issue of May 5th. This article deserves our notice for more than one reason. The main point, which at once attracts our attention in reading it, is the clear conception of the trend in American politics toward Socialism, and the open acknowledgement that the radical democrats are using the Socialist sentiment for the purpose of retaining their political power. No better argument is needed to prove the inconsistency of those who claim that the Socialist success depends on their supporting the "practical" politics of the radical democrats. The men who vote for the radical democratic demands are ripe for the Socialist scythe, and if we do not get their votes it is simply because we neglect our duty and do not assert ourselves sufficiently to command their respect. Not to lengthen the life of the democratic party, but to eliminate it completely from the political field, that is the mission of the Socialist party. Read the following article and consider its significance well:

"Socialism as manifest in politics has now become so notable in the East that after every election the students of political tendencies devote considerable attention to studying the returns for the purpose of obtaining data to serve as a basis for calculating the increase or decline in the new movement. The spring elections in various cities have furnished the latest opportunities for obtaining information of that kind, and accordingly the completed returns have been carefully gone over by those interested in the subject.

"There is as yet no agreement as to what constitutes a true test of the strength of the Socialist element in our politics. Some authorities count the successes of Harrison in Chicago, Johnson in Cleveland and Jones in Toledo as virtual victories for Socialism. Others count nothing as a test of Socialistic strength except direct votes for candidates running on avowed Socialist tickets. There is an element of truth on each side. It is unquestionable that the municipal platforms of Harrison, Johnson and Jones represent a Socialistic tendency, and consequently the success of those candidates implies a willingness on the part of a majority of the voters in those communities to accept certain parts at least of the general Socialist programme.

"The one significant feature in the showing of the results of the various contests is that wherever the opposition to the republican party triumphed at all it attained its success on something in the nature of a Socialist platform. It thus appears that whatever the conservative wing of the Democratic party may be doing in the South, the Western rank and file remain substantially true to Bryanism. There may be no further campaigns for free silver, there may be no further renomination of Bryan, but the extreme populist element of the party is in control in those states where there is likely to be a close contest in the next presidential election. The men who will go to the next democratic convention from Illinois, Ohio and the middle west generally will be followers of Harrison and Johnson. They will confront the claims of the conservatives by pointing to the successes they have achieved while the conservatives were plotting in secret or feasting at ten-dollar banquets. Thus whether democracy as a whole desires to follow Socialist programs in the future, it appears quite likely that it will be forced to do so in the next campaign or sacrifice every chance of carrying any state in the middle west.

"Meantime the Socialists of New England have been showing themselves sufficiently formidable to compel the democrats of those states to compromise with them, and in a large measure to co-operate with them. They cannot promise to carry a New England state for a democratic candidate for the presidency, but they can give assurances of carrying a city now and then, and accordingly they will not be without influence in determining the character of the New England delegation to the national convention. In that section, therefore, as well as in Illinois and Ohio, Socialistic democracy is apt to triumph over conservatism and help to bring about the nomination of a Bryanite despite all that the reorganizers can do."

"American Industries, the organ of the American manufacturers, throws the following bouquet at organized labor, just to show that there is harmony between capital and labor: "In a very few years a man will be ashamed to announce that he is a member of a trade union, because it will make all the difference between a slave and a free man. Trades union meetings are generally a mixture of beer and anarchy. Organized labor makes a specialty of yelling 'scab,' but as a scab is something which grows upon a healthy body, and as 90% of the workers are free (ah, yes, very free) laborers, then organized labor is a 'scab' which has grown upon the healthy body of free American workmen." You can give the right answer to this insult at the ballot box by voting for Socialism.

A California farmer who recently slept in the Grand Central passenger station in Chicago, was robbed of \$150 while he slept for a moment, and is now ruined. Practicable system this, isn't it, that turns a man into a pauper, just because he may happen to lose the medium of exchange which represents the products of his toil. Under Socialism, the product will be the producer's, even if he should lose all the medium of exchange with which he is credited. But people prefer to vote for capitalism, which leaves them at the mercy of little and big thieves. Whoever votes for capitalism, must not complain of its effects on him.

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# Leo Tolstoy's Appeal to the Clergy

Not only is the Church teaching harmful by its irrationality and immorality, it is specially harmful because people professing this teaching, while living without any moral demands to restrain them, feel quite convinced that they are living a really Christian life.

People live in insensate luxury, obtaining their wealth by the labour of the humble poor, and defending themselves and their riches by policemen, law courts and executions—and the clergy in the name of Christ, approve, sanctify, and bless this way of life, merely advising the rich to allot a small part of what they have stolen to the service of those from whom they continue to steal. (When slavery existed, the clergy always and everywhere justified it, and did not consider it inconsistent with Christianity.)

People strive by force of arms, by murder, to attain their covetous aims, personal or public, and the clergy approve, and in Christ's name bless preparations for war and war itself, and not only approve, but often encourage these things; holding war—that is, murder—not to be contrary to Christianity.

People who believe in such teaching

are not merely led by it into an evil way of life, but are fully persuaded that their evil life is a good one which their is no need for them to alter.

Nor is that all: the chief evil of this teaching is that it is so skillfully interwoven with the external forms of Christianity, that, while professing it, people think your doctrine is the one true Christianity, and that there is no other! It is not only that you have diverted from men the spring of living water—were that all, people might still find it—but you have poisoned it with your teaching, so that people cannot find any Christianity but this one poisoned by your interpretations.

The Christianity preached by you, is an inoculation of false Christianity, resembling the inoculation for smallpox or diphtheria, and has the effect of making those who are inoculated immune to true Christianity.

People having for many generations built their lives on foundations irreconcilable with true Christianity, feel fully persuaded that they are living Christian lives, and thus they are unable to return to true Christianity.

## A Coal Mine Horror.



A sudden crash, a dull roar, a crushing and falling of timber, and darkness envelops the bruised and maimed forms of a dozen ill-fated miners. Some of them are dead, some are only unconscious, and a few are alive, but unable to move. The awful stillness is only broken by a few occasional groans, and the cracking of a piece of timber under the heavy pressure of the earth. The sickening smell of the extinguished lamps, mixed with the penetrant odor of powder and fresh soil, adds to the desolate and hopeless solitude of the buried men. Buried alive, with sure death creeping upon them.

"Jack," calls a hoarse voice; and again, after some heavy breathing, "Jack, oh Jack."

There is a faint stir in the darkness and a smothered groan.

"Jack," calls the same voice again, "Jack, for God's sake, where are you?"

A light is struck by some one. The whole horror of the scene is exposed in the dim gloom. Where is Jack? Ah, there he is, with his head crushed under a pile of broken timber, dead. And how many are alive? Two, three. A few others are feebly stirring. Is there any possibility to escape? They crawl toward the side which is nearest to the shaft and tap the walls with a pick. The heavy and solid sound tells their trained ears that the whole length of the gallery is filled up. It will take a whole day for any outside help to get to them. The air is already suffocating. In half an hour it will be all over with them.

What of wife and children? God help them. God? Mr. Baer's God, who gave the control of these mines and the power to kill the miners by the carelessness of the bosses to the corporations? Only yesterday the miners had complained to the office that the gallery was not safe. And what had been the answer of the operators? If they did not like it, they could quit. There were plenty of others to take their places. Quit! With their family unprotected for! To quit meant to die of starvation. No, better take chances with your life. And now it has come so suddenly. And the wives and children—the God of the Baers and Markies will do nothing for them.

Is it a wonder that some die with curses on their lips?

You don't see the capitalists in this picture. They are earning the fruits of their abstinence—abstinence from work, especially from dangerous work—by attending a dinner given in honor of the president. Others are attending a banquet where much fiery oratory flows about the dignity of labor, the freedom of democracy, the glorious prosperity of "our" country. The telegram informing them of the horror in their mine reaches them in the middle of the wine and genuine Havanas. They quietly put the telegram into their pockets, loll back leisurely on the soft cushions and blow the smoke of the delicious weeds smilingly toward the gold-decorated ceiling. A handful of miners less. Fshaw, there are a dozen others for each one that is just now breathing his last down there in that buried mine, a thousand feet under the sunny surface. What are they here for, anyway?

The wives with their haggard and careworn faces, and the crying children are crowding around the mouth of the mine. Is there no hope? The last rays of the setting sun throw a pitying halo about the shivering forms of the bereft and helpless watchers. When darkness falls over the landscape, they are taken away to their cheerless homes. Some have to be carried off by force, for they would throw themselves down on the cold ground and perish in the despair of that hour.

What will become of them? Will the Christian men, to whom God in His infinite wisdom has given control of the property interests of this country, care for them? Yes, the rights and the interests of the miners—and of their families—will be cared for.

## A SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

Some two hundred workmen in a textile factory at Crefeld, Germany, struck for reasons that to them were satisfactory, when all the other factories closed down throwing 20,000 people out of work and refuse to reopen unless the 200 workmen return on the bosses' terms. This is a sympathetic strike of the masters. But when the working class strike in sympathy it is anarchy! But that the working class go to each other's assistance is the thing that is causing more alarm among the capitalists than any other act—except the fear that working people will vote together. If the Socialists were in power the factories would be controlled by the people who worked them and they would not close unless the people voted to close them. This they would not do, as they would get the full value of all the products. When a majority of the working people vote for Socialism this Good Time will be inaugurated.

What do we mean by class-consciousness? We mean the realization of consciousness of being slaves—that the world is a slave pen in which the capitalists are the masters and all the rest menials. It matters not what wages one receives, the condition of slavery remains. Some slaves receive enough to live well, others not enough to cover their necessities, but wherever men work for the profit of another there is slavery. It does not alter the condition because a slave may become a master, or that some may be given ten times what others receive, no more than it altered slavery because some were well groomed and attended their masters in their travels. The working people exist solely for making wealth for others to possess. When they realize this truth they will strive by every means in their power to abolish the system, just as they would if a law were made by which they were legally classed as slaves and their conditions prescribed as was the case in serfdom or chattel servitude. There are many forms of slavery, but one principle runs through ALL of them—that they are PROFIT-MAKERS for those who direct their labor. And that principle is the most prominent in the lives of the working class in modern life—no matter how many declarations or laws that slavery has ceased to exist. Slavery was once thought to be right by the slaves. They became more intelligent and now refuse slavery—such as existed ages ago. The masters, no longer able to control in the old ways, revise their methods and get the service of the working class just the same, while preaching the freedom of the race. The modern kind of slavery is called capitalism. It is the most profitable kind. Spurred by the hope of becoming masters themselves, the workers create more wealth than in other forms, and the whole of this goes, sooner or later, into the hands of the most cunning. Being conscious of this state of things is what makes class-conscious Socialists, and not one who ever realized this condition ever got away from it. It is the sphere of the modern state and church to prevent this view being realized by the working class.

The Christian Standard says that unless the present political parties take up the problem of limiting the prices at which monopolies sell their products, that the Socialist party will grow more rapidly than its past wonderful strides. Sure. We know we will grow for we know the old parties will do nothing of the kind. When did the king curtail his power? Socialism is all right. It is the coming power and we know it just as the abolitionists knew they were the coming power years before the war. We smile every time the corporations raise the price of products and bribe public officials. It takes these things to awaken the people.

Liquid air is being sold in Berlin for 38 cents per quart. It is gradually taking the place of ice, being more convenient, less bulky, free from impurities and leaves no water in its wake.

The bandit who sits on the German throne shipped a train load of horses and equipments from Berlin to use during the hour that he called on the pope at Rome. Just to show the pope that he had a few million fools who made wealth for him to squander in silly display. Only a savage mind would desire such display. The emperor and the other robbers who support him are the only things that prevent the German people enjoying all the good things of life. Hasten the day when the people will drive him out of the Fatherland.

Those who are looking for a position or other appointment, are forming Roosevelt clubs. Their patriotism bubbles over—when there is a graft in sight. Postmasters and all other officials should be elective and there would be no selling of their birthright for a place, and official corruption would be greatly less.

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# Hot Shot From the Appeal's Battery

## LITTLE THINKLETS FOR THOUGHTFUL THINKERS

### THE BENEFIT OF IT.

Editor Appeal to Reason.

I am a pharmacist, 35 years old; I started as a section hand, and have worked up to my present situation without a day's idleness, under the capitalist system. I work thirteen hours a day and have an income of \$30 a month from salary and interest on my savings. How shall I be benefited by Socialism?

A SUBSCRIBER.

You will benefit by having more than double the income for half the time you now work. You will benefit more than this by having a system that will give your children a better opportunity than you had, and can feel assured that they will never want for any of the material needs of life if they will do their share of the social work. You have been doing more than your share to get a little, and in doing it have had to deprive yourself of many things that go to happily and develop life. You are not assured against want. What you have saved easily takes wings and flies away. Men who have come up under similar circumstances and whose incomes were millions have died in poverty and distress. Under Socialism provision for all would be made by all, so that want would be impossible, unless one would refuse to do his share of the work during the years of his able manhood. There would be no saving and skimping—it would not be necessary. There would be no striving against one's fellows to get the advantage—that would avail nothing. I am much better fixed in this world's goods than you, and yet I am a pauper compared to what I would be under Socialism without a dollar of private capital. And I would be no better off than every other citizen.

### ECONOMY IN SYSTEM.

Capitalists have bought up many milk routes that traverse cities in the east and systematized the delivery like letters are distributed. Thus in one city fifteen milk wagons do the work that formerly required 150 wagons, leaving the milk in better condition because it is jolted over less streets. The men who are wise enough to see that combination beats competition are reaping a harvest, while the little fellows who are afraid their fellows will get a penny more than they are not getting any pennies at all. The way to live is not to try to pull each other down but to help build all up. The 125 drivers who

will have to seek other employment will make competition fiercer in other vocations, thus this incident affects others who know nothing about the milk deal. The horses and wagons saved is also another large item. Horses on the new routes will last longer, as they will not be driven hard, stopping at every house. What is done here will be done in all cities in the near future—not only with milk, but with meat, groceries and other deliveries. Under Socialism the benefit would go to the working class by giving them the same wages and reducing the hours, thus throwing no one out of employment. But the Workers vote for private ownership and thus permit all the benefits of such savings to be taken by the capitalists, who sit in their fine offices and grow rich.

In ancient Egypt it was the law that the body of no person who died in debt should be mummified; and it was a disgrace to all the relatives to have the body buried like a dog. It was the law also that if any relative of the deceased would assume the debt that the body could be decently laid away. Thus some relative would step into the slavery to pay the debt and in time the masses were slaves where they had been free. When we look back at such conditions we see the low cunning of the usurers and rulers and the greiveling ignorance of the working classes. But what do we find at home in this twentieth century? Is it not a disgrace to have one's relatives buried by the public in the potter's field? And if they are poor when they die is this not done unless some relative or friend will serve the coffin trust by paying for a casket at least fifty times what it is worth? Are not the living robbed because of their respect for their dead now just as they were in Egypt at the time of the Ptolemies? When the coffin trust was first organized and began its robbery there was a cry of indignation—but time has healed that and the masses sink into willing submission to the robbery. And even the church teachers are silent on this matter, though it comes clearly within the province of their earthly activities as saying the last word over the bodies of the dead. The church does not seem to care anything about the temporal salvation of the people.

That would cause them to denounce the robbery of the poor as did the Christ and the prophets—and there are none of that kind of people in the churches today. They prefer to vote for the rich rather than to cry "Woe unto the rich."

By the courtesy of Claude N. Bennett, manager of the Congressional Information Bureau, I have a list of the trusts. The information was made use of by Congressman Littlefield in his speech February 6. Should you want a copy, write your congressman or senator for that speech. In studying the exhibit I was struck with this phase of the trust problem. For instance: The leather trust capitalized their various properties at \$128,000,000. Their properties were worth not over \$20,000,000 at the very most. Then they issued and sold to the public \$52,800,000 of bonds. Thus you see they sold their properties to the bondholders (the public) for more than double their worth and still retained the real ownership and control. Thus the public bought their properties, yet is compelled to pay them a dividend on more than seven times the value of the plant! Yet the trusts claim to own the property! The people own them. They have paid for them. Some day they will quit paying over and over for the same goods, and will operate the plants themselves for themselves, and the skinners will either go to work or go hungry.

When a town wants to issue bonds, the law prevents it until the people have voted on it. The people of a town are supposed to have more judgment than the council in such matters. Bonds are issued here without the consent of the people. I notice that the treasury department is expending the old expired 3 and 4% bonds by issuing long time 2% bonds. This to give the banks scope so they can issue the full face of the bonds in bank notes—thus having their bonds and yet having the money, too. But the people are too ignorant to see the cheat. They would not have asked to be consulted in the matter of town bonds if some legislator had not proposed the matter giving them a voice. And if the right to vote on such matters were taken from them they would think it all right.

A roster of the multi-millionaires in Southern California, enjoying a recreation after a season of hard work skinning the masses, shows that at one hotel controlling thousands of millions were registered. The poor, deluded working masses, whose labor supplies them with means, do not go to California for their health. Not on your life. That would be anarchy. They stay at home and work and raise children for servants for the next generation of these blood suckers. And still the working people are afraid of Socialism that would make these millionaires do useful work for the benefit of the whole instead of all working for their benefit. These men have possession of the national wealth because, and only because, the working people vote it into their hands, by voting the republican and democratic tickets. And the dupes do not see it.

The more vicious the laws passed, the more extravagant the officers, the more oppressive the laws, the more the legislators vote for measures in restriction of the ballot, the refusal to adopt constitutional amendments for the referendum and other popular measures, the better it is for the Socialists. We have educated a great mass of people to want reforms, but they feel that they will get them through the old parties. These acts play exactly into our hands. We couldn't do it better if we had the directing of the old party machinery. Everything works for Socialism. That is why we are making such phenomenal gains.

The white house has just had a \$10,000 piano installed, while men, women and children are starving and freezing in every city in the land. Great is republican simplicity! This is the old Roman idea of justice and equality. When will the working people quit voting for such a condition? When will they vote for themselves instead of those who use the public revenues for personal aggrandizement?

Schwab says that the rich owe the poor a duty. The trouble is the rich never pay the debt. The rich owe the poor all the wealth they possess and will some day have to pay the debt in full. A few millions doled out in alms to the poor will not be accepted as restitution for the century long robbery.

If they will scrub the office floors. Wonder what those working men have their brains for.

One of the most recent legitimate business ventures which "our glorious prosperity" has produced is a strike breaking agency. One man has the monopoly of the business and all who are willing to sacrifice their lives for the sake of earning dividends for the capitalists when organized labor strikes may write to "Boss" Farley, in New York city. No recommendations needed but the nature of a dare devil and a complete lack of principles of any kind. No past records investigated. The strike breaking organization draws no class line. Lawyers, doctors, students, European noblemen, preachers, unsuccessful business men, toughs, burglars, hoodlums, thieves, all are welcome as long as they have nerve and are willing to defeat the cause of labor in order that profits may go on.

The Chicago American is running a serial symposium on "Success," in which so-called prominent business men, lawyers, politicians, and preachers give advice to young people how to become as prominent as they are. Not one of them, however, makes it clear that under the capitalist system one man's success is another man's misfortune. Not one of them, who is candid enough to proclaim the truth, that the prominence of the capitalist spokesman is gained at the expense of the tears of widows, the despair of the downtrodden, and the crushing of countless children's life. Under Socialism, one man's success will be everybody's success, because no success can be gained under Socialism by economic, political or spiritual oppression of others. Each individual can only make success along lines that will promote the progress of all humanity. Nobody can, for instance, become successful in the coal business by overworking, underpaying, and freezing others. Nobody can become successful in the fruit business by destroying tons of fruit in order to drive the price high, while millions are pining for a taste of cool fruit. Nobody can become prominent in the sciences, because others feed, clothe, and house him, that never get a chance to read a book or take a good look at the starry heavens, or get an inkling of the immense wealth of nature in animal, plant, and mineral forms. Nobody can become prominent as a labor leader under Socialism, by selling out and betraying the rank and file to any capitalist exploiters. For there will be no capitalists and no exploitation. And no preacher can become famous by teaching the masses to submit tamely to the will of a ruling class, for there will be no ruling class under Socialism. Humanity will make its living by co-operation. Men and women will produce food, clothing, and shelter in common, each working according to his or her ability, and all will satisfy their material wants from the products of their co-operation according to their needs. No, there will be no possibility under Socialism to become prominent by success as a monopolizer of the means of existence. But every one will have the fullest opportunity to delve deeply into the sciences, literature, arts, and to develop body and mind to their fullest capacity. And the success of any one in the cultivation of the body or the mind will redound to the advantage of all mankind.

Editor Appeal to Reason.

You Socialists are dreamers. Your fecundity in inventing schemes for the betterment of humanity has no limits. But we shall never get Socialism in the United States. It is foreign to our institutions and will never be tolerated by the native Americans.

There are two kinds of dreamers. One class of dreamers dream of a bright and happy future for humanity, the other class dream of the past in the midst of the most revolutionary changes all around them. Pilgrim belongs to the last named class. Part of his memory is still attached to Plymouth Rock and handicapping him so that he cannot see that the America of the Pilgrims and that of the Morgans and Rockefellers are as different from one another as night and day. If I had the choice, I would rather be a dreamer of the future than a dreamer of the past. But the fact is, the Socialists are not dreamers. They have been dreamers, all of them, the same as our pilgrim friend. But they have been rudely awakened, while he is still dreaming on. We are glad to admit that the fecundity of the Socialists has no limits, but it is not a fecundity in inventing schemes, but in arousing their contemporaries from slumber and propagating the knowledge of the FACTS that make Socialism. This propaganda is rapidly adding to the numbers of the Socialists, and their fecundity of numbers does not draw the line at any race, creed, color, or condition. It is welding descendants of the pilgrims, of the revolutionary fathers, of the civil war veterans, and of modern Americans together with workmen from all zones into a political party. This party is not a dream, but a very live reality, as the capitalists and the old party politicians are finding to their great consternation at every election. And while Pilgrim and his like are continuing their peaceful dreams of an eternal reign of Mammon for the benefit of the capitalist class, the American working class is rising to shake off something which is very "foreign to our institutions," viz., oppression. This capitalist oppression will "never be tolerated by the native Americans," and for this reason they are joining the Socialist party. Socialism is, therefore, no scheme. It is the necessary product of the capitalist development. Its success depends simply on the intelligence of the working class and on their waking up. See?

From the clippings sent to this office, it would appear that the Catholic church has become a political organization. Its clergy is doing yeoman service for the trusts and the old parties.

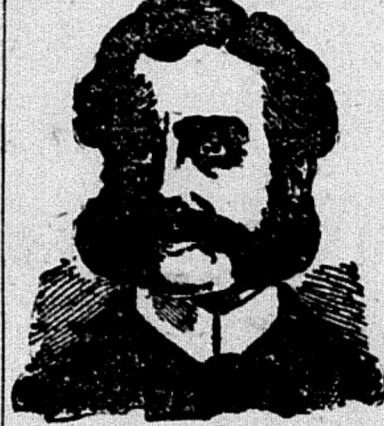
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DR. JAMES WILLIAM KIDD, the startling announcement that he has surely discovered the elixir of life. That he is able with the aid of a mysterious compound, known only to himself, produced as a result of the years he has spent in searching for this precious life-giving boon, to cure any and every disease that is known to the human body. There is no doubt of the doctor's earnestness in making his claim and the remarkable cures that he is daily effecting seem to bear him out very strongly. His theory which he advances is one of reason and based on sound experience in a medical practice of many years. It costs nothing to try his remarkable "Elixir of Life," as he calls it, for he sends it free, to anyone who is a sufferer, in sufficient quantities to convince of its ability to cure, so there is, absolutely no risk to run. Some of the cures cited are very remarkable, and but for reliable witnesses would hardly be credited. The lame have thrown away crutches and walked about after two or three trials of the remedy. The sick, given up by home doctors, have been restored to their families and friends in perfect health. Rheumatism, neuralgia, stomach, heart, liver, kidney, blood and skin diseases and bladder troubles disappear as if by magic. Headaches, backaches, nervousness, fevers, consumption, coughs, colds, asthma, catarrh, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs or any vital organs are easily overcome in a space of time that is simply marvelous.

Paralysis, locomotor ataxia, dropsy, gout, acrofula and piles are quickly and permanently removed. It purifies the entire system, blood and tissues, restores normal nerve power, circulation and a state of perfect health is produced at once. To the doctor all systems are alike and equally affected by this great "Elixir of Life." Send for the remedy today. It is free to every sufferer. State what you want to be cured of and the sure remedy for it will be sent you free by return mail.

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Having made a great medical discovery for the benefit of my fellow sufferers, I have decided to bestow my knowledge upon the world. I have discovered a new and powerful medicine, which I call "Woman's Own Medical Advice." It is a simple home remedy, which will cure all the ailments of women, such as: Pains in the back or bowels, irregular menstruation, nervousness, headache, dizziness, indigestion, or falling of the womb, profuse, scanty or painful periods, leucorrhoea, or gonorrhoea, swollen breasts, or sore nipples, or any other ailment of the female system. It is a simple, safe, and powerful medicine, which will cure all the ailments of women, such as: Pains in the back or bowels, irregular menstruation, nervousness, headache, dizziness, indigestion, or falling of the womb, profuse, scanty or painful periods, leucorrhoea, or gonorrhoea, or swollen breasts, or sore nipples, or any other ailment of the female system. 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