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A GLANCE OVER THE POLITICAL FIELD.

When the re-organization of the democratic party was completed at St. Louis, and the convention had adopted the platform which utterly repudiates every principle for which the party formerly stood, ex-senator Pettigrew solemnly declared:

"Nothing now remains but to nominate Roosevelt and make it unanimous. There is only one party in the country; why have two candidates?"

Walter Wellman, in the Chicago Record-Herald, just after Parker's nomination, said:

"For eight years the democratic party has been a Bryan party, a silver party, an anti-Wall street party, a radical tariff reform party. Now, it becomes a Parker party, a gold standard party, a Wall street party, and, more amazing still, a party which stands for the sort of tariff reform which in the last analysis is only a surrender to the forces ranged behind the protective tariff."

W. J. Bryan, on his return home from the convention, gave out a public statement in which he said:

"A democratic victory will mean very little, if any, progress on economic questions, so long as the party is under the control of the Wall street element. I pointed out several months ago that the triumph of the Wall street element of the party would deny to the country any hope of relief on economic questions. Judge Parker's nomination was secured by crooked and indefensible methods and nothing good can be expected from him on the money question. On the whole, however, the democratic platform is better than the republican platform and for that reason I shall support the democratic ticket, but I shall not misrepresent the situation, or appeal for votes for the ticket upon false grounds."

American politics presents a peculiar front to the approaching presidential campaign. Roosevelt, Parker, Debs, Watson and Swallow, each at the head of a political organization, championing a variety of political principles, are in the field bidding for the votes of the American working class. It becomes the duty of the working class, therefore, to lay aside party prejudice and personal animosities and to examine the platforms and history of the several parties in the field, ascertain the interests each of these parties represent, study to understand the characters of the respective candidates, and, if possible, find out who were responsible for their nominations.

The Socialist, populist and prohibition parties have never carried a national election; therefore, their candidates and principles remain untried. The republican and the democratic parties, however, have alternately administered the affairs of government almost since its beginning; as a result their history is a matter of public record.

Under a series of democratic administrations lasting through a period of more than forty years, human slavery flourished and the common people were treated with superlative contempt.

Under Grover Cleveland's administration the privileged classes were given additional strength and power, and the organized working classes were told to keep off the grass. Federal troops were ordered out to suppress their demands, while their masters were taken into the confidence of the administration.

Under the reign of republicanism capital has organized and concentrated, the wealth of the nation has steadily gravitated into the possession of a few powerful multi-millionaires, the army and militia have been strengthened to preserve the interests of plutocracy, strikes have been crushed by the military, and labor has been flouted on every hand.

Today the working class of the nation, organized and unorganized, are reduced to penury, with thousands standing on the verge of starvation. At least half a million men and women workers are on strike, resisting a further reduction of wages, while twice as many more are idle through lockouts and wholesale discharge from their jobs. Robbery and murder are rampant in every city in the land, with no hope of cessation of the crimes, and the hellish brothels of prostitution are rapidly claiming the virtuous daughters of the poor.

Workingmen, is it not about time to dispel the political nightmares of the past, look the situation squarely in the face and find out if something cannot be done?

What promise of a change do you find in the republican platform? What hope for the future can labor expect from a party whose convention refused to consider the miners' strike in Colorado? What conclusions do you draw from an administration that turned down the resolutions of organized labor asking for recognition of the eight-hour day? What do you think of Roosevelt's action regarding the open shop proposition for the government printing plant? What do you think of his attitude in ignoring the stream of petitions that poured in upon him from organized labor throughout the United States, requesting that he interfere in the reign of lawlessness inaugurated by the military in the Colorado gold miners' strike?

Can't you see that republicanism stands for a continuance of the present arrangement, and that Roosevelt intends to treat you in the future as he has treated you in the past, with a possible addition to the severity of the treatment?

What promise of a change do you find in the democratic platform? What possible hope is there for the working class from a party completely dominated by the money power of Wall street? What can you expect to gain from a president who won his nomination through subterfuge and political trickery? What do you think of a presidential candidate who claims to believe that the productive capacity of most men is so small and the productive capacity of a few men is so great that most men should be satisfied with a meager existence while a few men are enjoying colossal fortunes? If Wall street thought its business interests would be interfered with by the election of a democratic president, do you think it would put its money on Judge Parker?

Can't you see that democratic success in November, means that the present system of commercial piracy and industrial slavery of the working class will continue in operation as before?

First, last and all the time, both the democratic and republican parties stand for the uninterrupted continuance of the capitalist system.

They both endorse and will prolong the robbery, prostitution and enslavement of the producers of wealth. Between Hill and Belmont, campaign managers of

the democratic party, and Depew and Platt, campaign managers of the republican party, the working class will find themselves ground between the nether stone of democratic Morgan and the upper stone of republican Rockefeller.

No matter which party triumphs in November, the capitalists class wins and the working class loses.

What have the prohibitionists to offer? The abolition of the whiskey traffic. It is enough to say that no people can be reformed by law. Until the conditions are removed that are responsible for the drink evil their party will be chasing a foolish impossibility.

And the populists—who wants to still further enslave the working people of this country by issuing interest-bearing bonds for the purchase of the railroad and telegraph lines while the capitalist system remains intact? Theirs is an expiring party of meaningless protest. Its face is toward the sunset. In a short while it will have drawn its last gasp, given its last kick, and its remains will lie still and cold.

International Socialism, however, is growing, youthful, buoyant and world-wide. The Socialist party of America is facing the dawn. Its organization is planted in every state of the Union and its advocates and organizers are working night and day to strengthen and perfect their position. It is the only party that champions the cause of productive labor, that calls upon the working class to unite, and holds out hope to the toiling millions of the earth.

Socialism contemplates a sweeping change of base in our entire industrial system that will terminate the reign of plutocracy by abolishing its ownership of the means of production and distribution. It intends to open up the resources of nature to every man, woman and child who cares to work and guarantee to every worker the full products of his toil. It will promote the organization of industry and the perfection of machinery until the working day has been reduced to the lowest point compatible with a healthy livelihood. Socialism will prevent strikes, destroy slavery, eliminate waste, abolish poverty and add to the wealth of human happiness through the inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Contrast the personality of the candidates of the three dominant parties.

Roosevelt is a warrior and an adventurer; Parker is a lawyer and a judge; Debs is a student and a working man.

Roosevelt never created a thing of use and value in his life. He has ever been a destroyer and a parasite since his birth. If he had never been born the world would have never missed him so far as his services to the world are concerned.

The same is doubly true of Parker. He belongs to that class of men who succeed only as others fail. If murder and robbery and crime should cease, Parker would starve to death.

Eugene V. Debs is one of nature's noblemen. His life has been a succession of heroic sacrifices in the service of his fellowmen. He spent a large portion of his life in productive toil, but, realizing the wrongs of his class, he has dedicated his life to the proposition of wiping out those wrongs.

The great fight to be fought on the political battlefield this fall, therefore, will be waged between the Socialist party of the working class and the democratic-republican party of the capitalist class.

The issue is Socialism versus Capitalism. Eugene V. Debs, a workingman, leads the fight and champions the interests of the working class.

Parker and Roosevelt lead the fight and champion the interests of the capitalist class.

Under whose flag will you fight? With whom will you vote?

The Appeal gets many good articles that it cannot print for lack of space. Why don't you turn your talent on your local papers, and, thus get the thoughts before those who, otherwise, would not read anything except what the masters are pleased to write? Most local papers would print a well written article dealing with the current news of the day. Get busy with the local press.

Under serfdom the mechanic produced for his master three pairs of shoes for which the master guaranteed him enough food to live on and a shelter to protect him and his family. Today the slave in the factories produces an average of twenty-seven pairs of shoes per week for which he is given enough to live on and a shelter for his family. That shows how much more profitable wage slavery is than serfdom was.

This country has been forced into the active state of monarchy. No king has powers that are not given to the president. Congress has virtually abdicated in his favor. If it hadn't, the president would not let them appoint the officers in their district—and they would be laid on the shelf by their very patriotic (for revenue) constituents. The courts will decide any case as the presidents of the trusts desire. Yes, like Rome, we have "got there."

Out of work and nothing to eat and no prospects of escaping the trust prosperity, J. R. Michaels killed himself, in San Francisco, leaving wife and family. Roosevelt wants the people to raise large families! If one got fifty thousand a year and \$200,000 a year for household expenses out of the hide and tallow of the poor, as does the president, one could afford large families. Great is the prosperity of the nation! The trusts must smile.

A Berlin dispatch, dated June 25th, says: "The traffic in young girls from the provinces for export to America is on the increase, according to the anti-vice societies." Some very foolish people believed that black slavery was abolished. Maybe it was, but white slavery of the worst form and for the worst purposes still flourishes under the stars and stripes. And men with large means are the ones who carry it on and to whose lust it caters. Large private wealth makes brutes of men and women. Chastity is the exception and not the rule with them. Will you vote for the system that makes a business of selling girls for prostitution, this fall? You will if you vote the old tickets, controlled by the trusts and the rich. You are free to do so if you wish.

MR. WORKINGMAN, WHICH?

ROOSEVELT & FAIRBANKS. Politician and Multimillionaire.

PLATFORM: Gold Standard; Protective Tariff; "Good Trusts."

Supporters: ROCKEFELLER, Oil King.

SPECKLES, Sugar King.

SENATOR PLATT, Capitalist, Arrested for Forgery.

PERRY HEATH, Boodler.

SENATOR BURTON, Convicted Boodler.

SENATOR DIETRICH, Convicted Boodler.

SENATOR SMOOT, The Mormon.

DOWIE, Sub-god.

PEABODY, Colorado Bull Pen.

JOHN MITCHELL, Labor Leader.

PARKER & DAVIS. Politician and Multimillionaire.

PLATFORM: Gold Standard; Protective Tariff; "Good Trusts."

Supporters: GUFFEY, Oil Magnate.

BAER, Coal King.

SENATOR STONE, Agent Baking Powder Trust.

BUTLER, Boodler.

SENATOR CLARK, Montana Land Pirate.

BELMONT, Wall Street Banker.

MARSHALL FIELD, Merchant Prince.

SENATOR HILL, Professional Politician.

STUNENBERG, Idaho Bull Pen.

SAM GOMPERS, Labor Leader.



Yes, Mr. Morgan is quite well satisfied with the two tickets. It's a case of heads he wins, and tails you lose.

God, Baer & Co., coal merchants. Wonder how much God's dividends are?

Most men in politics would sell their country for an office or a graft. Socialism would make such deals impossible.

Lordy! How the capitalists do love the workingmen about this time of the year! Wage slaves, vote for your masters.

Wonder if Rockefeller has paid God His part of the dividends on oil? God furnished all the oil and in the partnership should have some of the profits.

The capitalists have now submitted the men whom they expect the working class to elect. The working class have nineteen votes out of every twenty—but will give them to the masters to control.

Windsor Castle, England's royal abode, was built by forced labor paid one penny a day. And the working mules of England were taxed to pay the one penny! How could the people exist if it were not for the employment which capitalists give them?

The struggle between the grafters to see which side shall have the spoils of office is now on. Two hundred thousand offices with the usual stealing is the prize. If there were no appointive places there would be less strife. It is a fight for jobs. The ones engaged in it have no more interest in the public, whom they are to skin, than a lion has for the good of the lamb off which it dines.

The capitalists are importing the scum of Europe into this country so they will have cheap labor. Millions are pouring in. And the working class vote the capitalist tickets so it will continue! These poor immigrants will take the jobs of the American voters for a low wage. Under Socialism the men would own their own jobs and no employer would have any interest in bringing in cheap labor. See?

Under serfdom the worker gave half his time to the master. Under capitalism he rents a farm and gives half the crop. Then he had no machines to help him, now he has many and raises ten times as much as formerly and consequently gives ten times as much to the master class. Under serfdom he knew he was a subject of the lord—today he believes he is free!

A Paris telegram, dated July 2nd, to the New York papers says that the wives of America's representatives in Europe "contend that our ambassadors would get more recognition if they were made dukes. For God's sake give titles to them. The rich have the whole nation and might as well have titles and all. The fool Americans are too stupid to see what is going on, and would throw up their hats for dukes and barons and lords just as they do for the millionaires who have more power than these pigmy kings of Europe. Why not abolish the title of president and substitute the title of Emperor? We have empire and military despotism and might as well have the name along with the game. Great is America!!!"

The Socialist candidate for governor of Indiana was arrested for speaking on the streets of Marion, Ind., last week. The capitalists do not propose to permit any one to teach their wage slaves how to better their condition. The suppression of free speech is in line with old party politics. Great, free country, when candidates for office are arrested for speaking to the people! This country is fast becoming Russified. The millionaires can buy up courts, legislatures, and city governments—but they are not molested. But just let some citizen attempt to talk to the people about their oppression and how soon the servants and hirelings of the rich will pounce upon them. Will the laboring class vote for their continual enslavement this fall, as usual?

"MONARCHY IS SOMETIMES HINTED AT AS A POSSIBLE REFUGE FROM THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE."—Lincoln's message to congress, 1861. What would Lincoln think today if he were here and saw the power of the trusts?

The republican platform of 1888 denounced the democratic party for trying to demote silver and for loaning government money to pet banks! What do you think of that! Both old parties are corrupt and their own evidence is proof.

The trusts captured both republican and democratic conventions and will control no matter which the working classes elect. The wealthy are determined to rule the working class, no matter the means or cost.

What difference would it make to you if there were a hundred times as much wealth or money in the nation if you had none of it? Wouldn't it only make the capitalists stronger and you that much more helpless?

Parker's running mate, Davis, is quoted at twenty millions. Any man who has succeeded in skinning the working class out of that much should surely receive the votes of the victims! If there is anything that the working class worships it is a man who has skinned them out of their wealth.

What do you mean by the working class?—Reader. By the working class is meant all who work with the machinery of production they do not own, but work for the pleasure or profit of others. This includes those who work for wages, no matter the position or salary. But some workers are also capitalists and their interest as capitalists are greater than their interests as wage workers, and such would be with the capitalist class.

All the great papers are owned by millionaires. They know the power of giving the working class their reading matter, as well as owning the leaders of some of the great labor organizations. Elections are carried by feeding the people's minds on capitalistic lies and false advice of labor leaders. All these oppose the working class voting a working class ticket. Why?

"That the people justly view with alarm the reckless extravagance that pervades every department of the federal government."

That sounds like a democratic wail, doesn't it? Now, where do you think you would find that sentence? You will find it in the republican platform of 1860. At that time the expense of government was about \$2 per person—today, it is over \$8 per person. How the republican party has progressed!

Mitchell, the mine owners' pet leader and republican, has ordered the Colorado coal miners to return to work on the terms of the bosses or lose their standing and support from the United Mine Workers. Wonder how long it will take the miners to get onto the game being played on them? How many years, how many defeats, how many humblings before their masters will it take? Mitchell is a "friend of the president" and is working for his election—not for the benefit of the miners. He will be taken care of by the plutocrats when the miners throw him over.

Suppose that the government were to enact a law compelling the people to give up one-fourth of all they produced for the government to squander? What would be the result? Revolution in its worst form would cover the land with blood and destruction. But you will dumbly submit to having the trusts take from you more than that. Hardly an article produced by the trusts that you do not pay from two to five times the cost of production—which is the same as taking half to three-fourths of what you produce. And you will vote the trust tickets this fall, so the extortion will continue, and imagine you are better off than if you got the full results of your labor! What kind of brain works here you?

The king and the king's upholders use many arguments and contentions to prove that the king rules by divine right, and that those who oppose the claims of kings are public enemies, rebels, anarchists, repudiators and confiscators. But every argument used to uphold kings is used to uphold capitalism. If capitalism is right then kings are right, for the capitalist who masters the field is as much king of those who have to bow to him as is the ruler of any oppressed people on earth. Let's have a rule of the people in industry, by which the people live. Have we not long enough been subject to wealth? Let's have wealth serve the people, instead of the people having to bow to wealth.

Sioux Falls, S. D., held an election for building a municipal water plant, carried it, issued the bonds, built the plant. When the plant was ready for business the local water monopoly got a permanent injunction from a United States judge to prevent it furnishing itself with water from its own plant! But we are a free people! One judge can tell forty thousand people that they cannot use their own property. The corporations can get anything they want. The people are simply children, too ignorant to transact their own business! Good. The more the corporations jab it into the jaspers who uphold private capital the better. Only a set of stupid would bear such conditions. The judges are the kings of the land.

Professor Hadley of Amherst College, Massachusetts, in the baccalaureate sermon, said: "The fashionable society of our cities is a society of the wealthy. The rich vie with each other in the expenditures of food, drinks, clothes and decorations. Their MORAL STANDARDS ARE LOW. THEY ARE THE DEGENERATES OF THE CITIES." He might have added that they are the ones who tell the working class that Socialism is in favor of free lust, which they themselves practice until the paternity of their offspring is always a matter of doubt. The rich families are without shame in their social relations as has been hinted at by Prof. Hadley. They have nothing else to think about as they have no duties to perform. They are just like the ruling class in all nations have been—licentious and degenerate. A pretty set of debauches to care for the chastity of a nation!

THE CLOSED SHOP DECLARED ILLEGAL.

The labor unions are up against the real thing. The Citizens' Alliance is the first united effort of the employers to combat the unions. The unions will be beaten until they take up Socialism, when they can carry elections in every city. The Illinois Appellate Court has decided that it is unlawful for an employer to have a "closed shop," according to the San Francisco Post, of July 8th. Other decisions of like character are sure to follow. The Alliance will have all the court decisions it wants. The Post referred to says that the Alliance must deal with merchants who refuse to bow to the Alliance without mercy. The Alliance, with its combined force, will prevent the merchant from buying goods, and other "effective" means that are not mentioned. This is an "economic" fight, and has been predicted by the Socialist philosophy, by which alone, it can be understood. This question has been coming up for years, gathering force with each season, and yet, the old parties have ignored it and fooled the people on an old campaign cry into keeping them in power to help the millionaires hold and rob the people. They have done like Buchanan of infamous memory—turned the power of government over to the enemy of the people—the trusts.

The working class are now helpless before the laws, for the trusts have made the laws; are helpless in the strike, for the militia is in control of the grafters who serve the trusts. And there you are. The Appeal has remarked that the working class have hard times ahead of it—and it will be the hardest that the working class EVER faced since it was first sold into slavery. Now watch the plutes smile as it divides the workers into its two parties and thus prevent them from voting the Socialist ticket. Later, the intense suffering and pain they will get for their good old party votes will make them vote the Socialist ticket, which they might as well do in the first place and saved all their misery. But the working class learn slowly and only with intense pain and repeated disappointments.

Later—Judge Ludwig, of Milwaukee, has just rendered a decision that the closed shop is against public policy, and is, therefore, an unlawful agreement. Now, will the labor unions be good?

SLAVES, SERFS AND HIRELINGS.

Savages killed the prisoners they took in their battles for the extension of their hunting or fishing grounds; when the victors had developed to barbarians and begun to raise flocks and crops they made slaves of their prisoners and forced them to do the work while the victors devoted their time to fishing, hunting and fighting; later the victors found that if they gave their slaves an interest in their work they would produce more and they established feudalism, in which the victors held the land, requiring half the serf's time for the use of the few acres set apart for the serf, when the victors became more civilized they found that they could get more out of the serfs by owning the land and tools and then the victors turned the serf loose and the wants of the serfs compelled them to seek the masters for the privilege of working. The conditions of labor have been, step by step, forced on the workers by the victors and in no instance have the workers forced from the masters a better condition. The masters have changed the conditions of labor to best suit their interests. Will the workers ever wake up to realize that they are still working under slave conditions? In every condition the workers have accepted the conditions the masters have imposed and fought against any change that would benefit them. The men who work for wages today think their condition is the best that can be and that they are free, and their masters do all they can to make them believe the lie. Working for wages is only one form of slavery. Those who work provide for those who do nothing useful, just as they did under chattel slavery and serfdom. White men have been held as slaves just as easily as have black or yellow men. Children raised up under any condition or belief cling to such condition or belief. Today, the workers have the power to change the conditions of labor, but they are held in their peculiar kind of bondage that is piling up millions for their masters by reason of their training to believe in the condition. The masters control the school and the books and children are being trained to take the places of their parents in the industrial armies of the monopolists when they grow up.

The capitalists know that the way to conquer the working class is to divide them or control those in whom they have confidence. This was the game played in preventing the Socialist Labor Party from growing, under DeLeon, and which gave rise to the Socialist party, by those who wanted the movement to grow and succeed. The capitalists must be furnishing the money to run the S. L. P. which has just put out a ticket opposed to the Socialist party, in order to deceive and bewilder the working class. But the working class which is looking toward Socialism as a relief will not be deceived by the capitalist supported Socialist Labor Party.

The working class of Alabama have just waked up to the fact that the capitalists have disfranchised three-fourths of them because they are poor. The capitalists are not asleep. The working class is. The property qualification of \$300, now in operation in eight southern states, done all in one winter, is getting in its work. But will the working class never wake up to see how they are being deprived of a voice in government? This will be adopted in the north this winter.

The workers in the great Dominion Iron and Steel Co., Sidney, Nova Scotia, are on strike and the troops have been ordered out to protect the plants. All over the world labor is in revolt against the oppression of capitalism—yet is too stupid to use its votes to elect men to office who would take these plants and use them for the public benefit, instead of private graft. The workers deserve no better treatment than they ask for with their votes. Now, do they?

Knox, late Attorney General of the United States, now senator from Pennsylvania, on request of the steel trust, presented a bill for \$600,000 attorney fees to the steel trust which that trust paid. So says Hill, of the Northern Railroad. Was this for not prosecuting the trusts, as was his sworn duty? It looks like it—and nothing is too base for the hirelings of trusts to commit.

The Passing of the Democratic Party

The Rise and Fall of Political Parties

A Brief Review of Political Organizations Which Have Played Their Little Parts in American Politics and Disappeared.

From the "Struggle for Existence," by Walter Thomas Mills.

Political parties have arisen in the modern political world as the means of peacefully representing conflicting economic interests in the councils of the state.

The Last Alternative.—Whenever the defeated party in an election refuses to submit to the result of the election, there remains no other alternative than a reversion to the old and only remaining arbiter, that is, a resort to arms.

The Revolutionary Parties.—The earliest American political parties came into existence as a result of the disputes which led to the Revolutionary War.

The Parties of the Constitution.—When the war was over new questions of administration arose. Some of the colonies, now independent of the mother country, maintained a protective tariff and others free trade.

Washington's Cabinet.—In the organization of Washington's cabinet, representative men from both parties which had been developed in the contest regarding the constitution, were made members of the cabinet.

The End of the Federalists.—The new republican party became the war party in dealing with the commercial questions which led to the second war with England.

to exist, and Monroe became the president in the succeeding election as the choice of all parties. For many years American politics dealt with no such serious problems as to force a reorganization along the lines of conflicting economic interests.

Whigs and Democrats.—Finally the struggle between President Jackson and the National Bank led the general public to take sides on a direct economic question which again divided the country.

Commercial interests of the very greatest importance were involved in this second election of Mr. Jackson. The war at the ballot box has been rarely equalled for the determination and bitterness with which the campaign was carried on.

Back Sighted.—And then again, for many years these parties survived, not because of new questions which divided them, but because of the antagonisms which had been created in the Jackson and Clay campaigns.

The Northwest Territory.—But the disposition of the Northwestern Territory presented to the American government the greatest economic question with which it had been obliged to deal since its organization.

New England land speculators were buying up the western land and holding it out of use for speculative purposes; southern slave owners were anxious to occupy the western lands and to organize this territory into great slave plantations.

Land Speculators and Plantation Owners.—The whig party was controlled by speculators in the east and by plantation owners in the south; the democratic party was controlled by speculators in the east and by plantation owners in the south.

Surrender or Fight.—In the election of 1860, there were four candidates: Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Douglas both standing for the freedom of the northwestern territory, but with different programs for securing that end.

The speculators surrendered at the beginning of the Civil War, because they were obliged to fight or surrender, and for the further reason that the Civil War itself furnished a greater opportunity for immediate speculative transactions than had before been offered by the western lands.

The plantation owners surrendered at the close of the war because, having chosen to fight, they had exhausted to the utmost the military resources of their disposal.

Voting and Fighting.—In all these instances it is seen that the party organization is always a possible military organization. Out-voting has always been a preliminary to out-fighting, should the defeated party refuse to abide by the result of a general election.

Ordinary Issues.—But there are many public questions which are widely discussed and settled by common consent without forcing a reorganization of political parties, and with no threat of war as a possible result of defeat at the ballot box.

No Political Parties.—Mere Appetites for Office.—It will be seen from the above that Burke's remark concerning a political party, made more than a hundred years ago, will still hold.

If this is correct, and if the above observations are substantially true, it is easily seen that the democratic and republican parties in the United States are not new political parties as related to each other.

Both the republican and democratic parties are the survivals of old controversies between them, and are not now the representatives in politics of conflicting economic interests, so serious and so determined that nothing less than a resort to an organization or reorganization of party lines along the line of this economic controversy can settle the dispute.

There is a Real Question.—There are, however, such conflicting economic interests. They are the interests of the few who are masters in conflict with the interests of the many who are toilers.

Read this article to your wife and together consider seriously the future of that sturdy little boy and that winsome daughter. It's up to you to protect them.

A Word With You, Mr. Workingman

From "Unionism and Socialism," by Eugene V. Debs.

The present system of private ownership must be abolished and the workers themselves must be made the owners of the tools with which they work, and to accomplish this they must organize their class for political action.

What intelligent workingman can hold out against the irresistible claim the Socialist movement has upon him? What reason has he to give? What excuse can he offer?

None! Not one! The only worker who has an excuse to keep out of the Socialist movement is the unfortunate fellow who is ignorant and does not know better.

In his ignorance he has taken the word of another for it, whose interest is to keep him in darkness. So he continues to march with the republican party or about with the democratic party, and he no more knows why he is a republican or democrat than he knows why he is not a Socialist.

It is impossible for a workingman to contemplate the situation and the outlook and have any intelligent conception of the trend and meaning of things without becoming a Socialist.

Consider for a moment the beastly debasement to which womanhood is subjected in capitalist society. She is simply the property of man to be governed by him as may suit his convenience.

She has to compete with men in the factories and workshops and stores, and her inferiority is taken advantage of to make her work at still lower wages than the male slave gets who works at her side.

The debauching effect of the capitalist system upon womanhood is accurately registered in the divorce court and the house of shame.

In Socialism, woman would stand forth the equal of man—all the avenues would be open to her and she would naturally find her fitting place and rise from the low plane of mental servility to the dignity of ideal womanhood.

Breathing the air of economic freedom, amply able to provide for herself in Socialist society, we may be certain that the cruel injustice that is now perpetrated upon her sex and the degradation that results from it will disappear forever.

Consider again the barren prospect of the average boy who faces the world today. If he is the son of a workingman his father is able to do little in the way of giving him a start.

He does not get to college, nor even to the high school, but has to be satisfied with what he can get in the lower grades, for as soon as he has physical growth enough to work he must find something to do, so that he may help support the family.

His father has no influence and can get no preferred employment for him at the expense of some other boy, so he thankfully accepts any kind of service that he may be allowed to perform.

How hard it is to find a place for that boy of yours! What shall we do with Johnny? and Nellie? is the question of the anxious mother long before they are ripe for the labor market.

"The child is weak, you know," continues the nervous, loving little mother, "and can't do hard work; and I feel dreadfully worried about him."

What a picture! Yet so common that the multitude do not see it. This mother, numbered by thousands many times over, instinctively understands the capitalist system, feels its cruelty and dreads its approaching horrors which cast their shadows upon her tender, loving heart.

Nothing can be sadder than to see the mother take the boy she bore by the hand and start to town with him to peddle him off as merchandise to someone who has use for a child slave.

To know just how that feels one must have had precisely that experience. The mother looks down so fondly and caressingly upon her boy, and he looks up into her eyes so timidly and appealingly as she explains his good points to the business man or factory boss, who in turn inspects the lad and interrogates him to verify his mother's claims, and finally informs them that they may call again the following week, but that he does not think that he can use the boy.

Well, what finally becomes of the boy? He is now grown, his mother's worry is long since ended, as the grass grows green where she sleeps—and he, the boy? Why, he's a factory hand—a hand, mind you, and he gets a dollar and a quarter a day when the factory is running.

That is all he will ever get. He is an industrial life prisoner—no pardoning power for him in the capitalist system.

No sweet home, no beautiful wife, no happy children, no books, no flowers, no pictures, no comrades, no love, no joy for him.

Just a hand! A human factory hand! Think of a hand with a soul in it!

In the capitalist system the soul has no business. It cannot produce profit by any process of capitalist calculation.

The working hand is what is needed for the capitalist's tool, and so the human must be reduced to a hand.

No head, no heart, no soul—simply a hand. A thousand hands to one brain—the hands of workingmen, the brain of a capitalist.

A thousand dumb animals, in human form—a thousand slaves in fetters of ignorance, their heads having run to hands—all these owned and worked and freed by one stock-dealing, profit-mongering capitalist.

And this system is supported alternately by the republican party and the democratic party.

These two capitalist parties relieve each other in support of the capitalist system, while the capitalist system relieves the working class of what they produce.

A thousand hands to one head is the abnormal development of the capitalist system.

A thousand workmen turned into hands to develop and decorate and decorate one capitalist paunch!

This brutal order of things must be overthrown. The human race was not born to degeneracy.

A thousand heads have grown for every thousand pairs of hands; a thousand hearts throb in testimony of the unity of heads and hands and a thousand souls, though crushed and mangled, burn in protest and are pledged to redeem a thousand men.

Heads and hands, hearts and souls, are the heritage of all. Full opportunity for full development is the unalienable right of all.

He who denies it is a tyrant; he who does not demand it is a coward; he who is indifferent to it is a slave; he who does not desire it is dead.

THE REIGN OF TERROR. Vicious Actions of the Victor Mob of Citizens' Alliance and Mine Owners.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

VICTOR, Colo., July 12.—Denver papers and the local press are trying to minimize the outrage against the four union miners who were beaten, robbed and driven from the district last week by members of the Citizens' Alliance and Mine Owners' Association.

Mr. George Thomas, who lives about a mile from Victor, on the Canon City road, to a representative of the Appeal today, said:

"My attention was called to a noise up the road about 11 o'clock in the night when the men were driven past by the Citizens' Alliance crowd. The noise proceeded from blows, and at first I thought it was a lot of boys beating a burro, but directly I heard loud moans and cries from a man who said: 'For God's sake, shoot me at once and don't kill me piecemeal with that club!'"

Mr. Thomas was pressed to give the names of those whom she thought she recognized in the party who came up to her door, and while she never denied that A. E. Carlton, president of the First National Bank, was one of them, she refused to give any names for fear of having the house burned down over her head by the Citizens' Alliance crowd.

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"He Can't Come Back."

Associated press dispatches are playing up the death of T. P. Airhart, president of the Citizens' Alliance, with dramatic effect. This brutal ruffian met his death in a runaway railway accident on the Short Line between Victor and Colorado Springs, Saturday.

Airhart was noted for his immorality and inherent inclination to steal. An order was issued from military headquarters the day of the funeral for all work to suspend in the district between five and six o'clock while the procession passed. Besides the military escort, six pall bearers and three carriages accompanied the hearse.

Women Hounded.

Every conceivable excuse is being presented in order to arrest women and young girls by the Alliance thugs. The majority of the people here are on the lookout for actual outrages that may be committed on the persons of union women, and it is the unwritten understanding among the "great third party" that the first assault against a union woman will be avenged by a general uprising against the Citizens' Alliance and the Mine Owners' Association.

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"The most significant feature of the election is the growth of the Socialist vote from 579 votes in 1902 to 6,419 in 1904. At this rate of increase it will not take long for the Socialists to carry the state."  
—Portland, Ore., Journal.

# COMING NATION

The Milwaukee Daily News is authority for the statement that the Socialists will poll 100,000 votes in that state this fall. Who said we are not growing?

## The Lines are Clearly Drawn.

**T**HE notoriously plutocratic party, known as the republican party, has held its national convention, the proceedings of which have passed into history. The erstwhile, would-be democratic party, known as the democratic party, has held its national convention, the proceedings of which have passed into history.

The republican party, in convention assembled, adhered to its plutocratic principles. But the democratic party is no longer democratic. It does not even pretend to be. It has pulled the last remnant of its skirts from the lingering clutch of the common people, and has taken up its abode under the shadow of the trusts and the gold standard. "The Cross of Gold" is no longer its slogan. It is as one principle with its former opponent. Psychically, the two old enemies have become one. Physically they are represented by two heads but the plutocrat is safe in casting his vote for either head. There is no choice. Under Roosevelt great consolidations of capitalistic interests have been made, and trusts have flourished. Judge Parker is a chosen candidate of Wall street, and August Belmont, a Wall street millionaire banker, was his principal sponsor and backer through the pre-convention campaign.

The line between the old parties and the cause of the "common people" has at last been drawn tight and clear cut. There is no blurring, no intermingling of principles, no misleading statements. He who runs may read, and the reading says: "We stand uncompromisingly for the interests of the plutocratic class of this country."

Mr. Workingman, you have no part in it. Mr. Small Businessman, you are relegated to the rear. Widows and orphans and maimed and blind, you do not so much as exist in their minds. O, motley crew; O, unfortunate "Common People." Hearst made promises to you, but Hearst was cut down like a vine in its budding time. Bryan thought of you, but Bryan was carried away with the tide. Their backs are all turned upon you; your cries are unheeded by them. You are facing economic and social storms such as your country has never known. Nothing short of political power can save you. But instead of giving you that power these leaders say, "I know you not."

Common People what are you to do? Numerically you are strong, but in organization you are weak. You are broken into small warring factions which are scattered about the country. Some of you have been clinging to the promises of Hearst, some to the vagaries of Wm. Bryan. Several millions of you cast your votes for Bryan in his two races for the chair. But he is no longer your leader. Hearst is no longer your leader. Both have declared for Parker, and Parker has declared for the gold standard. There is no question about these two. They are stars that have passed out of your constellation. They shot away from you in a night, without a word, without a warning, and left you stranded and in the dark, rayless and pathless.

There is no idle significance attached to these facts. There is a meaning to them of such vital importance that it should not be allowed to pass the mind of any workingman. The meaning is this: That the greatest class struggle of history is being waged today, and that the time has come when the leaders of the great political parties have been forced to show their colors, to take their stand. And they have taken it with the monied class. Mr. Bryan said in the St. Louis convention that "the battle today is one between plutocracy and democracy." And he took his stand on the side of plutocracy. If the leaders see and acknowledge that the issue is "plutocracy vs. democracy," is it not just and fair to himself that the laborer should see and acknowledge it also? His position in society is unsafe until he becomes as class conscious and as clear cut as are the men of the other side.

Workingmen, unite. Your petty warring factions avail you nothing. You have a common cause, a common enemy. Your enemies are organized to a man. In numbers they are weak. In organization and equipment they are powerful. But were you equally organized, equally class conscious, their power would be to yours as a zephyr is to a whirlwind. They are strong because of your lack of co-operation.

Today you are as the sands of the sea shore, individual, scattered here and there by every wind that blows. The billows of plutocracy lash you mercilessly, and wash you from place to place, allowing you no permanent abiding home.

But tomorrow you will discover yourselves. You will become alive to your interests, and the tie that binds will cement you together until you are as the mighty rocks of the seacoast, against which the billows of capitalism will roll and break, and from which they will recede helplessly, because of your mighty organized strength.

"Democracy vs. Plutocracy." This is the issue. Democracy is your only hope. Plutocracy is your arch enemy. Wall street is the capital of the enemy's kingdom. Money is the scepter that subdues and crushes the millions of toilers, or subjects. The "Four Hundred" of the cities form the court, which is called "Swildom." To this court, to these rulers, are all other factions in the land subservient. And the larger the number of factions the greater the subservitude; the stronger the hold of the court.

Workingmen, unite. You have a common cause; it is democracy. Socialism is the only true democracy. Socialism stands for you; under its banner you will gain your freedom. Otherwise—you are slaves. JOSEPHINE CONGER.

### THE POWER OF PLUTOCRACY.

"While modern plutocracy is not a form of government in the same sense that other forms mentioned are, it is, nevertheless, easy to see that its power is as great as any government has ever wielded. The test of governmental power is usually the manner in which it taxes the people, and the strongest indictments ever drawn up against the worst forms of tyranny have been those which recited the oppressive methods of extorting tribute. Tithes are regarded as oppressive and a fourth part of the yield of any industry would justify a revolt. Yet, today, there are many commodities for which the people pay two or three times as much as would cover the cost of production, transportation and exchange at fair wages and fair profits. The monopolies in many lines actually tax the consumer from 25 to 75 per cent of the real value of the goods. Imagine an excise that would approach these figures! It has been shown that under the operation of monopoly or aggressive competition the price of everything is pushed up to the maximum limit that will be paid for the commodity in profitable quantities, and this wholly irrespective of the cost of production. No government in the world has now, or ever has had, the power to enforce such an extortion as this. It is a governing power in the interest of favored individuals, which exceeds that of the most powerful monarch or despot that ever wielded a scepter.

"The individual has reigned long enough. The day has come for society to take its affairs into its own hands and shape its own destinies. The individual has acted as best he could. With a consciousness and intellect of his own he could do nothing else than pursue his natural ends. He should not be denounced nor called names. He should not even be blamed. Nay, he should be praised and imitated. Society should learn its great lesson from him, should follow the path he has so clearly laid out that leads to success. It should imagine itself an individual, with all the interests of an individual, and becoming fully conscious of these interests it should pursue them with the same indomitable will with which the individual pursues his interests. Not only this, it must be guided, as he is guided, by the social intellect, armed with all the knowledge that all individuals combined, with so great a

### CANDIDATE PARKER'S ESTIMATE OF WOMEN.

Roosevelt the Strenuous has placed himself on record as pointing out to American womanhood that her chief purpose in life is to raise large families. The Woman's Tribune gives the following story of Judge Parker:

"A man whose wife was killed at a railroad crossing brought suit against the railroad and obtained a verdict for a large sum of money. On the trial the lawyers for the plaintiff exhibited to the jury a photograph of the wife, who was indeed a beautiful woman. The case was appealed and Judge Parker set aside the verdict of the jury because the photograph of the beautiful woman had an undue influence on the jury. He said:

"The court erred in admitting in evidence the photograph of the deceased. The action was to recover for pecuniary injuries resulting from the death of the deceased. Such injuries are to be compensated on the basis of the monetary value of the services of the deceased to her husband and children. The introduction in evidence of the photograph of a handsome woman could not be expected to accomplish any other result than to introduce the personal element for the consideration of the jury."

Thus the Silent Parker has placed himself side by side with his presidential opponent in his estimate of women. That the beloved wife and mother is worth the "monetary value of her service to husband and children" is the verdict of this would-be head of the nation. Mother of Mercy! Women were the first slaves; are the elements of savagery still clinging to the brains of our "leading" men, that they should have today so low an estimate of woman's purpose and place in the world? What sane man places a "monetary value" upon the services of his beloved mother? What man thinks of his devoted wife as a useful commodity? And yet, the majority of men insist upon being represented by such demoralized specimens as Roosevelt and Parker. Wonder which of these, the women of the equal suffrage states will vote for

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The Idaho State Convention met at Weiser, on the 4th of July. The Socialists of Idaho expect to poll not less than 6,000 votes this year. In 1902 the vote was 1,200.

## ...Fifty Thousand Against Ten...

Fifty thousand employees of the Meat Packing Trust, are out on strike. This trust is one of the worst robbers in the nation and if the laws were enforced the men at its head would be wearing prison stripes. The public is held up for extortionate prices for meat, while it has, contrary to law, combined to cut the prices of cattle and stock used from the farmers. To say that the trust cannot afford to pay higher wages is a lie so apparent that no one believes it. Millions are being piled up for the idlers to buy titled profligates for their daughters, and the ostentation of the suddenly-rich pigs are a disgrace to the nation. But with all this in favor of the strikers, they are on the wrong LEGAL side of the matter. If the Packing Trust are to be recognized as the LEGAL OWNERS of the plants they have the right to run them as they see fit, to employ whom they please at any wage they can get accepted. If the workers do not like this, they should elect Socialists to office and Socialists will LEGALLY take these plants and turn over the management and operation of them to the employees. If the employees will not do this, they are wrong in demanding any control in any business which they admit BELONGS to the trust. Workers, do the thing legally. Why have your heads broken by the policemen whom you pay when you could have the policemen break the heads of the trust owners, who violate the laws every day with impunity because you persistently vote democrats and republicans into power, and these parties BELIEVE in private ownership of the industries and must defend that private ownership against your demands?

If you believe in the private ownership of the packing plants, you should not interfere with other people's business. If the packers have a right to the plants, they have the right to run them or shut them down, as they please. They have plenty of means to live and won't lose any meals because of your strike, but many of you will. Why can't you see a problem as simple as that? Do you like to be slaves and come and go at the beck and call of the men whom you are giving millions a year by your labor? Wouldn't you rather have the ownership and management of the plants where you work? Wouldn't you rather have all your labor sells for (than to leave two-thirds of it with the packing trust)? If so, why are you so stupid that you will not vote for your own interest instead of voting for a system that the packers and their kind vote for? Do you think the packers will vote for your interest? Don't you know they won't? Then, why vote their tickets? Vote for Socialism and then all the industries will be made PUBLIC property and all the workers will have a place to work and get the full products of their labor, and there will be no bosses except such as you select, no rules for employment except such as you make. If this is not what you want, quit kicking and go back to work. If this is what you want, why don't you vote to have it and do LEGALLY what you are striking to enforce? The man who has a RIGHT to own property has a right to run it to suit himself. But you can, by your votes, take away the ownership, and do it legally. How many centuries of strikes will it take you to learn so simple a lesson?

## "Hot Cinders"

By E. N. Richardson.

A St. Louis comrade writes about the democratic convention: "It was a regular 'wake' and the funny part of it is, the corpse doesn't know it is a corpse."

The greatest bit of wisdom that can come to any man is a knowledge of how little he knows.

It has been suggested that it would be appropriate for the notification committee of the populists to write out the notification on black-bordered paper and deliver it to their presidential candidate in a hearse.

By a recent decision of the supreme court of Illinois, the prison labor contract system has been abolished in that state. The prisoners at Joliet now have nothing to do but sit in their cells and meditate over the mistake they made in not being legal robbers instead of just common illegal thieves. The capitalist editors are expressing grave fears that the prisoners will go insane through their enforced idleness. Great gods of sympathy for the idle men in jail!

But not a drop for the million and a half of idle men out of jail! Every day the newspapers are filled with accounts of idle men outside of the jails starving, going insane or committing suicide and it is a rare case when any editorial mention is made of the fact. The idle workingman in jail, at least, gets enough to eat, which is more than can be said of the idle workingman who is no so fortunate as to break into jail.

Mr. Hearst and Mr. Bryan will both support the "train robbers."

George Williams, colored, has been sentenced to four years in the pen for grand larceny by a Denver judge. But the jury returned a verdict of guilty Williams jumped up, cracked his heels together and turned a hand-spring. He then thanked the jury and judge and as he was removed to the jail, his face beamed with delight. He explained his joyful actions by saying he was now sure of getting three meals a day for four years. Great country! Great system! Great lot of chumps!

Ex-senator Davis, of West Virginia,

FOR PRESIDENT,  
EUGENE V. DEBS,  
Of Indiana.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
BENJAMIN HANFORD,  
Of New York.

democratic candidate for vice-president, is worth twenty millions. What a strong representative of labor he will be. Rats! But the chumps will vote for him just the same.

The democratic candidate for vice-president, the Hon. Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, will contribute a half million to the campaign fund of his party. He agrees, so says a dispatch, to see that West Virginia goes democratic. Do you hear that, you slaves of West Virginia? Your master says you will vote to perpetuate your slavery when he cracks the whip. You'll be a fine lot of chumps if you do it.

A law making it necessary that a man must know how to read and write before he can vote would hurt the Socialist party. It's the ignorant worker that votes the republican and democratic tickets.

It is claimed that 200,000 farmers in this country are now organized along trade union lines. This farmers' union is especially strong in Texas. In addition to this organization, the American Labor union is organizing the farmers into the A. L. U. unions wherever possible, especially in Montana and Washington. This is all interesting as showing how the farmers are waking up to a realization of the truth that their interests are identical with those of the city and town wage worker.

Socialism is a world problem, not a local issue.

A successful twentieth century artist—the man who can draw four aces when there is a jack-pot to be opened.

Under the present system, the all absorbing object of the human race is the struggle for existence. Is it any wonder that in the thousands of years that our so-called civilization has existed, that we

know so little about the universe in which we live? The wisest man in the world today cannot answer five questions that the average American child will ask him in as many minutes. The distance between the knowable and the unknowable hasn't been widened much in the last ten thousand years. And it can be set down as a truth that the world will never advance very far as long as the struggle for food, shelter and clothes must of necessity occupy first place in the minds of the majority of earth's teeming millions. The only road to knowledge leads through the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Several of the present branches of our government will be eliminated under Socialism—for instance, the Standard Oil and the New York Stock Exchange.

Under Socialism the senate of the U. S. will cease to be a branch of the New York Stock Exchange.

Under Socialism the seat of government will be moved from Wall street and Oyster Bay to Washington.

Under Socialism the working class will relieve Mr. Rockefeller of the duty of running the government.

I heard a good definition of a tramp the other day: "A superfluous human being looking for an unoccupied spot on a privately owned earth."

It is stated that between April 15th and June 10th, fully 75,000 railroad men have been laid off. These workers, every one of them, should be handed a copy of Bellamy's "Water Tank" story. They will then understand that their present condition is due to the fact that the "Tank" is getting full and, some of them at least, will see the necessity of all the people owning the "Tank" and managing the distribution of the supply. Every comrade should carry a supply of "Water Tanks." Fifty cents will bring you 100 copies postpaid.

The Maryland Socialists met in convention at Baltimore, the 3rd, and nominated eight (the full quota) presidential electors. A state organization was effected, and the national platform adopted as state platform, there being no local issues of importance.

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## Too Warm for the Examiner.

(Shortly after the late democratic convention, Hearst's Chicago Examiner telegraphed Eugene V. Debs for his opinion of the democratic candidates and platform. It was evidently too warm for the Examiner, as much of it was cut out. Comrade Debs furnished the Appeal with a complete copy of its document. It twists the tail of that decrepit old donkey to a standstill.)

In a burst of virtuous indignation, Senator Tillman declared that the democratic party could always be relied upon in a critical hour to make an ass of itself. The late national convention of the late democratic party outrivalled the republican convention as an exhibition of the triumph of the trust in American politics.

The democratic party is no more. It ended its career by unconditional surrender to the gold standard plutocracy, signed, sealed and delivered by William Jennings Bryan.

There are now two republican tickets in the field. Whichever is elected, the trusts win and the people lose.

The common people who supported William Randolph Hearst are left without a candidate, without a platform and without a party.

Hundreds of thousands of workingmen who would have enthusiastically followed Hearst will refuse to vote for Parker, because:

First, he is one of the supreme judges of New York who declared the eight-hour law unconstitutional.

Second, he is the proxy of Grover Cleveland, alias Wall street, and if elected the trusts will have free use of the troops to enforce wage-reductions and crush organized labor.

Third, he is the plant tool of the Standard Oil Company and the implacable enemy of union labor.

Fourth, he is the personal choice of John D. Rockefeller, whose criminal crew are responsible for the bloody war on union labor in Colorado and a vote for Parker is a vote for Governor Peabody, Sherman Bell and the Christless gang of Standard Oil pirates who are making a torture chamber of union labor and a slaughter pen of Colorado.

Six weeks ago William Jennings Bryan passionately declared that no democrat with a particle of self-respect could vote for Judge Parker, the gold standard candidate of the Standard Oil Company.

The "peerless champion of the common people" is now supporting Parker and in so doing certifies his own political degeneracy.

The alleged democratic convention placed two thousand reserved chairs at the disposal of the Business Men's League of St. Louis; not a seat was tendered to labor, organized or otherwise.

The convention breathed the spirit of plutocracy. Grover Cleveland was the patron saint. When Hobson pronounced him the only president who had ever used the troops to help corporations crush labor the delegates went wild.

Parker's telegram in the expiring hour, stamping the seal of the gold standard on the platform, was saltpetre in the death wounds of Bryan and the sixteen to one element of the old party.

The platform is a political omelet made chiefly of decayed eggs.

The sole object is to break into office and riot in spoils. The jimmy and dark lantern would make a fitting party emblem.

As "prosperity" has run its course and hard times are due, the trusts have picked Parker as the winner and when business is paralyzed and labor is idle and hungry, the organs of the trusts will blame the people for turning out the republican party and inaugurate the campaign for the restoration of republican rule and the full dinner pail.

This will be an epoch-making year. The desertions from the old lines will amount to a political revolution and in the new alignment, Socialism will appear as a full-fledged factor in the politics of the nation.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 11th. EUGENE V. DEBS.

## A Republican Editor Speaks Out in Meetin'.

From the Lingerwood, N. D., Broadaxe (Rep.).

The nominating speeches at the republican convention were great efforts and to a great extent are, although eulogies, very fair and just as to the nominees, George A. Knight, of California, it high pitch, aroused the convention to a high pitch of enthusiasm by his terse epigrams. One was wildly cheered.

"Socialism can have no place among us. Anarchy cannot live in America."

That sounds very fine—but like some better epigrams—it won't bear analysis. Anarchy can have no place in America—then is Colorado in Russia? What is anarchy? It is simply without or against government. The very trusts that rob the people of this country are anarchists. They defy not only the moral laws but the actual statutes of the country. There is no anarchy in defying the anti-trust laws of the United States. There is no anarchy in defying and breaking the laws of a half dozen sovereign states. Believe us, brethren, Anarchy—the horrid, bloody red-flag anarchy of Europe may never get a footing here—but a worse than that is with us. The life of one ruler,

or one statesman may be taken and still the nation may live. But take the nation's life away in the continual infringement of the nation's rights and laws and we are with an anarchy that cannot be curbed or controlled. Who fears a few filthy, wild talking, hard drinking plotters in some dark haunts in a city? Who may not fear the well-groomed, clear-headed rascal who sits in his office and boldly advances to do as he wills regardless of what the people will? So, indeed, then there can be no anarchy—and Socialism may have no place amongst us. Socialism has won for itself a very respectable place amongst us. The fact of the matter is that Socialism is going to win more of a place than ever unless this anarchy is curbed. If men will not conduct the great industries without allowing their greed to lead them on to anarchy, some day the people will put in power a set of Socialists who will place the coal mines, the railroads, the oil wells, the telegraph, the telephone and a hundred other great enterprises in the hands of the government. Epigrams are very good and may arouse enthusiasm, but they want to be handled carefully.

The main feature of Wayland's Monthly for July is "Pa and Young America" and other short illustrated stories by Lockwood. The average working-

ingman is not much of a reader and it is very hard to get him interested in any serious work on Socialism. He needs a "starter." These "pa" stories are good starters and for that reason this little book should have a wide circulation. Just order a copy and we are sure you will help push it along. Ten cents per copy. Per dozen, \$1. Per 100 \$5.

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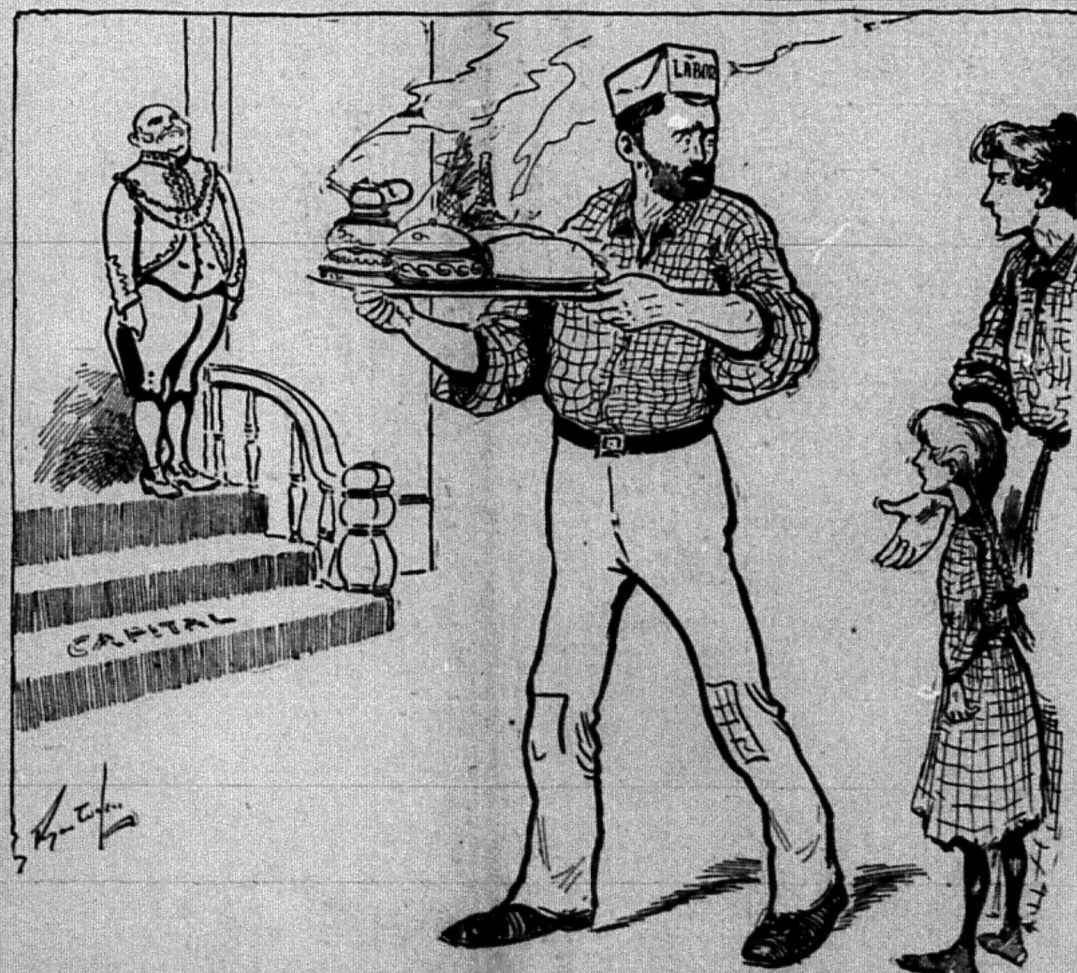
## A FEW WORDS TO THE ARMY.

The "History of the Appeal to Reason and Coming Nation," is nearly ready for the press. As I write I can see the "One Boss" bending over his typewriter grinding out the closing chapters of the story of his life's work. So intensely is he interested in the task that he does not observe the man with the camera; he does not hear the low growls of the office bull dog or the silvery laugh of the "Red-headed" girl as the picture man touches the button.

Yes, there will be pictures—the book will be full of them. There will be a picture of the office girls, pictures of the composing room, the linotypes, the big press, the two book presses, the job presses, the folder, the stitcher and the power paper cutter. In the composing room our Iowa comrades will note the smiling phiz of their old comrade and former candidate for state auditor, T. J. Grant. There will be various interior and exterior views of the office. Pictures of your managing editor, Fred D. Warren, and your own Josephine M. Conger. Comrade G. H. Shoaf, who wrote the Colorado story and stood beside the brave (?) Adjutant General Bell when the bullets fell like rain (?) at the battle (?) of Dunsmville, the bald-headed circulation man and his assistant, George D. Brewer—their faces will also grace the pages of this great book, and last, but not least, the bull dog and the "Red-headed" Fairy will be there in all their glory.

This book has been prepared exclusively for the Appeal Army, none others can secure a copy under any circumstances. Money cannot buy it. It is not being printed to sell.

Next week I will tell you how you may get a copy of this book without money and without price. Watch this page. —E. N. R.



You see this Workingman? He has gathered together the daintest dishes he can find, and is taking them to the Man in the Fine Mansion. This Mansion is also the gift of the Workingman to the Parasite. The Workingman's wife and daughter get only the crumbs as they fall from the Big Man's table. You wonder why the Workingman is so foolish. I do not know. Ask the next one you meet on the street why he permits his family to go hungry and oft times nearly naked, while De BOSS gets the good things.