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## THE SOCIALIST BAND WAGON.

It kind o' surprises the fellow who tells you that the politicians and schemers will capture the Socialists when you draw one of your red membership cards on him and explain that no one who does not hold such evidence can have any voice in the party, no matter if he does vote the ticket, and that each card must have been issued a year before its holder will be eligible to receive the nomination for any office! It's a revelation to him. We show him that if the politician attends our meetings for a year we will either convert him or find that he is not worthy of membership; if he does not attend he will prove that he does not have any interest in the movement for the emancipation of the working class from wage slavery, and certainly should not be entrusted with the reins directing the movement. In this same connection I would like to say that Crawford county has made arrangements to employ an organizer for a year, and comrades have guaranteed the amount of his wage, so that he may devote his entire time and energies to organizing locals, addressing them at frequent intervals, seeing that the membership is kept up and dues collected, organize choirs and musical festivals and picnics, lecture courses and everything that will attract public attention to our movement. He will make a complete poll list of the county, with the political leanings of every one, with a record of what literature each has read, and see that each gets tracts during the year and that each school house has lectures and other entertainments. We shall endeavor to get this done in all the adjoining counties, and then our speaker can exchange "pulpits" with those of other counties, and thus the public will have the advantage of different personalities in presenting the philosophy of Socialism. The time has come when Socialists must feel that what they put into the movement is better spent than for any other purpose. The trusts will get what property you have, sooner or later, and you might as well spend it in the way you think it will do the most good. Spend it now, and the fruit will be abundant. It is a very poor Socialist who cannot pledge himself for at least fifty cents a week to support the movement for his own emancipation. In six months an organizer ought to build up a party in any county with membership enough so that the ordinary dues, etc., would defray the expenses of the work. Now, make it your business to see a few of the faithful and look out for a competent organizer and speaker to do the work. What is the use of waiting for years when we can put the soul into it and do it in four years? See that your county does things.

## PROSPERITY.

Now that the election is over and the country has been saved again it is pleasing to look over the battle field and see the victors and their prisoners. A wall comes into the office by way of a clipping from the Springfield (Mo.) *Republican*, written by the ex-police matron of that city—and such a wall! She says that there are twenty-six trains coming into that city daily, and that they are dropping off helpless people and that the city has no means to care for them or send them further on their journeys—that is, dump them on some other town—and that the misery of it all is just horrible! This is the prosperity that the voters supported at the polls. The system we live under produces such results just as naturally as rain produces mud—but the very, very wise citizens do not realize it. Ask them what system of society they live under and they will look at you with a blank stare. Under Socialism there could be no such condition—but then Socialism would be awful, so it would. It were better to have a robber system than to have justice and mercy. Remove the cause and the effects will disappear.

## SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN.

Louis Borland, Elizabeth, N. J., out of work and starving, killed his wife and himself.  
The three little Roming boys, says the *Baltimore World*, were crying on the street for their mamma, who died the day before. They were 3, 5 and 8 years old. Great civilization, to treat the babies that way, eh? Are you not proud that you voted for it to continue?

## PLUTOCRACY TAKES CARE OF ITS OWN.

The president has offered Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, a place that will keep him on the backs of the people whom he has so ably helped to keep ignorant and suppressed.  
THE Maine *Socialist*, at Bath, discontinued before the election for want of support. It was a good paper and did good work. Its life was not in vain. The working class will let those who plead for them starve now, but more and more of them are waking up. Comrade Larabee will be heard from after a while.

Two hundred persons at Chester, Pa., attended a dog's funeral Nov. 14. The dog was encased in a beautiful and costly casket, says the dispatch. On the same day two sisters, Louise and Valarie Atel, died of starvation, huddled in each other's arms, in their bare room in East 51st street, New York. What a wonderful prosperity—for dogs!

H. H. BUXBAUM, republican member of the council for ward 12, Boston, is held in \$5,000 bail for robbing his employer, according to the *Boston Post*. He is one of those fellows who is opposed to Socialism because Socialists "want to divide up!" All these loud-mouthed fellows who support the present system are of like character. Being dishonest themselves they cannot conceive of honesty in others.

The militia and army have never in but one instance been used to protect labor in this country. The trading class control the government and use the government in its own interest, naturally. When the working class vote the Socialist ticket—the working class ticket—the army, navy and militia will be used to protect the working class against trading class extortion. Until labor does this labor deserves to get the treatment it now does.

It is rather a coincidence that in a New York dispatch to the *Chicago Record-Herald* of November 18 the statement is made that half a million dollars has been raised to make war on the shoplifters, while in the same article it is stated that the suits against the ship building steal, by which a few millionaires had robbed another set out of \$23,000,000, have been dismissed by mutual agreement! The rich condone crime in themselves, but in the poor and needy—never! And we are civilized!

D. F. MURDOCK, prominent republican politician, Portland, Me., has been sentenced to five months in jail for receiving stolen postage stamps! Had he been a poor man he likely would have gotten ten years—but the system favors its own. Murdock was opposed to Socialism and tried to make its principles as odious as possible. Under Socialism he could not have profited by such an act, as there would be no business men to buy or sell to. To have stamps for sale would be evidence of being a thief. See?

THE French government, fearing that the skimmers have been cutting too close to the flesh and that a revolt of the working class victims is likely, is proposing a pension to all persons 60 years of age and over. If they will quit stealing from the poor—by means of interest, rent and profit—the poor will not need the charity that degrades. What we do, as Ruskin says, is to take from the poor a hundred dollars and then give back twenty-five cents in charity to ease our conscience and placate the victims. The poor have been so stupid they have been willing to compromise and starve in silence, but now they are getting wiser and make more fuss. Hence the pension.

It is amusing to read the reports of banquet talkers about the meaningless Socialist ideals! The masters, sitting in their sumptuous parlors, dressed in the finest raiment the wage slaves can make, fed the finest viands the wage slaves can produce, covered with the finest jewels the wage slaves have been able to delve, waited on by the wage slaves themselves—think of these men giving advice to their slaves that the slaves should heed! What these men say the slaves should spurn. They are the enemies of the working class—as much so as were the tyrants of old who lived on the lives of the poor they held down by force. These parasites never produced the value of a biscuit in their lives; they are to the working class what maggots are to the sick bodies of the poor who rot in poverty and disease. How long will the poor vote the same tickets as their masters?

## EMPLOYERS THREATEN CIVIL WAR.

The following from *The Message*, San Francisco, an employers' organ, shows what the rule of plutocracy intends. It intends that the minority shall control the majority, whether or no, even if it produces war. Here is anarchy and treason galore. What if Socialists should say they intend to have their way, in peace or war? And then to think that the Gomperses are serving the same capitalist society and keeping their followers out of politics so the masters can keep control! I don't blame the masters so much; they are working for their interests, but that the working class can be so easily duped—it passes belief that reasoning creatures could be so easily hoodwinked. The members of organized labor voted the same tickets as the writer of that article. They therefore voted to have the shotgun injunction and Colorado kind of diet. The employers have evidently been exceedingly busy with men high in the councils of the labor unions, else such insane or corrupt advice as keeping out of politics would never have been given or accepted. In time, however, the workers will be forced to open their eyes—and then some of those who have sold them out will be given fat government positions for the part they played in delivering the working class into the power of the masters. Read this and you will see what you are up against!

## DEATH TO THE CLOSED SHOP.

Open the shop! That is all the public asks—peacefully if possible, but open it!  
The public prefers the peaceful method. I'm with the public in that. But the public says that the shop must be opened, and if peaceful methods do not suit the closed shop folk—then there'll be war!  
War is hell!  
And the public is prepared for it.

## GOVERNOR-ELECT ADAMS MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT PUEBLO THE OTHER DAY:

"It is all foolishness that I would take sides with labor against capital. As governor of the state I am bound by my oath to see that all interests are protected. The interests of capital and labor are identical and it is my hope that I may be able to bring them closer together."

Of course, Adams will not take sides with labor. Adams is a capitalist and should not be expected to take sides against his class. Labor is the only thing that takes sides against its class. It has elected a man governor whose every interest is against labor, and it will get it in the neck for the next two years, or the next two hundred years, until it elects officials who are in favor of labor against capitalists. So long as we have a capitalist government the government will serve the capitalists' interests. If labor thinks it can sneak up on the blind side of capitalism it is too foolish to be let out in the yard. The laboring class of Colorado have only themselves to blame for the ills that they are suffering—they have insisted on electing capitalist-minded officials, and they have been getting just what they voted for. Conditions will not be better for them under Adams than under any other capitalist governor. You can always depend upon capitalists combining whenever their interests are threatened, and in the day that the working class of Colorado rise in their might to demand their unalienable right to the whole of their labor products that day you will see Adams and Peabody and all the other fleecers of capitalism lay aside their differences and join hands against their common enemy—the working class. But when their interests are not attacked they will divide and play with the working class as a cat plays with a mouse. It must be a stupid animal that suffers every time it does an act and still insists on doing that act. Workingmen, unite under the Socialist banner and take possession of the earth and use it for your own and your children's benefit. Any less demand, any less ambition, is not worthy of consideration.

GO AFTER your local paper and get it to print articles on Socialism. Learn to write yourself so you can defend Socialism against all comers. Study will soon enable you to become a power. Why waste your idle hours when you can make such excellent use of them? Life is brief and it should be used to the best advantage.

MONTANA voted overwhelmingly for anti-child labor and eight-hour day amendments to the state constitution. Wonder if they also will have a Colorado ending? I think so, as they were foolish enough to elect republicans to enforce the law.

## THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESS WILL PREPARE A BILL THAT WILL DENY TO THE RURAL CARRIERS AND ALL OTHER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE UNIONS!

Think of that for free America! The capitalists know how to keep their slaves in subjection.

JAMES HENDRIX was found dead on a shed over the American National Bank, Montgomery, Ala., with burglar tools, dynamite and pistol. He was evidently killed while trying to cut an electric wire to aid in robbing the bank. He was one of the most prominent young men in town, and, of course, a republican democrat, who was opposed to Socialism, that would enable each to have plenty without robbery, if each would do his share of useful work. A victim of the vicious system we live under. How do you like it?

How will Socialism benefit me as a laborer—Ezra Smith, Sardis, Tenn.  
By making absolute your right to employment at the average production of labor—something like \$2,000 a year for an eight-hour day. It will also give this right to your children and your children's children forever. It will also be able to continue such income after you have reached the age of fifty, without requiring any further labor from you. If an income of about \$800 a day would benefit you, then Socialism will be a benefit. None would have an income who, being able, would not work at something useful.

A NUMBER of the leading republicans of Jersey City have been arrested for running young girls, according to the *Boston Post* of Nov. 3. The details are too shocking to print. These are the men who denounce Socialism because it would ruin the home, don't you know. Capitalism is ruining the homes. The daughters of the poor are considered merely as playthings for the lust of the class that rules. The four hundred thousand common women reported are proof that the social system is rapidly destroying the homes of the last. Chastity among the idle rich is a virtue that is the exception to the rule.

"SOCIALISM will kill the home life" we are told by the press owned by the capitalists. This is said to deceive the workers, most of whom have no home fit to be called such. To give each worker about \$2,000 a year for an eight-hour day would destroy the home! Men would cease to love their wives and children if they received six or seven dollars a day for their work. Being able to live in a good house, surrounded by plenty, would destroy all the affections! If this be true, then why not take away the riches of the few and thus make them love their families? If having plenty would destroy the home, then the rich have their homes destroyed and should welcome some system under which men could not become rich. Do you catch on?

The capitalist press is trying to console the dupes who rely on them for information by telling them that Socialism has reached its limit; that it is not like European Socialism; that it cannot grow in this country! And it is growing all the time! The Socialists demand just the same in this country as in every other country on the globe—they demand the collective ownership and democratic management of the means of production and distribution. The German emperor has for years been telling his dupes that Socialism will play out, while it has crawled up until it now registers the highest number of votes in the empire and his time of rule is about to close. Whistle as you pass through your graveyard—Socialism is marching on.

There is nothing in the Socialist program to appeal to the active, energetic American citizen. Many of the ills of which the Socialists complain are evident and admitted by all. But the Socialists have no remedies that will stand the scrutiny of practical men, and the wrongs will be righted as much as possible in the good old American style.—Leavenworth, Kan. *Times-Republican*.

If there are ills in society, which you admit, why don't you trot out a remedy? You have the full power. Why don't you advise the people to read Socialist literature, just to have them see how silly and impractical it is? The way to fight Socialism is to get people to read it. They will find there is nothing in it that appeals to them! And then your party will be safe! What is your "good old American style" for remedying the evils you admit are here? Please tell us!

A RUN on the bank at Berlin, Wis., closed the institution. All the banks would close if the depositors would demand their own. But the people are easy—that's the reason they're poor.

## THE USELESSNESS OF DRONES.

Suppose all foreign and domestic capitalists were to leave this country, in what would the people be? I am at a loss to know what support the people of this country would have in such an event.—Thos. Henning, San Francisco.

If all the capitalists were to die today would all industry cease and the people starve? When the owner of a railroad dies does the road stop? The capitalists do not support the people—the people support the capitalists—and if the latter were to leave the country the people would be that much better off—providing they were denied the right to draw an income. They are merely parasites living from the labor of the industrious. Perhaps you think they would take their money or capital with them. But just how they would take the great industries and the land is not clear to me; is it to you? So far as money is concerned, they could take only the gold and silver, but we could easily supply the deficiency by public banks and credits. We would not be poorer if all the gold of the earth were sunk into the sea. People are not fed with gold, but with the results of labor, and as the people have brains and brawn they would still work and keep the full results of their toil, and not have to divide it up with the fleecers who get more than four-fifths of all products. The more of them that leave and have their income stopped the more the working class will have left—and Socialism is a working class movement by the working class and for the working class. This nation, with its people and wealth, will remain no matter what becomes of the capitalists. If the capitalists will do anything useful they can have an equal share of what is produced—but they propose to continue to have the greater share and produce nothing. I know they claim that labor could not get along without them—but that is just what every king and emperor has always claimed. These people who are stealing, under forms of law, the billions of wealth which the labor of America are creating, will not hesitate to lie to their victims, think you? Has it ever been that the master gave right instruction to his slave? Hasn't it always been to the interest of the ruling class to lie to and deceive the victims that were producing the wealth? The working class not only do all the labor but also direct all the labor today. The capitalists only arrange the mechanism to get the products after labor has produced them. Take any industry you will and see if men on a salary are not doing and directing all the processes of production and distribution. What need have they for a capitalist? Haven't they sense enough to proportion the products according to the time employed? Until they have, the capitalists will do the dividing-up act—and take all except enough to keep their slaves and dupes in such physical health as will enable them to do the work and reproduce another generation of human machines to serve the children who will be left behind to own the machines and continue the game, just as kings leave heirs to carry on the game of deception and make the people believe that they reign by divine right. The sooner the drones leave the country the better for the working class.

When a confidence man, or a three-card monte man with a shell game, plies his trade and is caught he is put behind the bars as a swindler. When a man sends out an alluring prospectus containing false promises buttressed by the names of great financiers and thus receives money by false pretenses he goes scot free and is called a promoter. Why the difference?—Milwaukee *Journal*.

The difference is that between the man without money and the man with money. The laws are made by the money class to protect them in their robbery of the people—and they want a monopoly of the business. The trading class are all in the same boat—all of them are out for the profits, and the adulterations, frauds, extortions and bribery show how well they live up to their character. Such are the morals of trading class society. Little of their holdings are clean. Their finery is red with human blood and their fortunes are built with the tears and agony and bones of the poor and helpless. They do not rob because they have need—they rob when they have more than they can possibly use—they are so debased in their worship of Mammon that they offer up human sacrifices on its altar. And even the trading class press admits the swindling character of society and its laws, yet dare not teach a remedy. Its advertising columns would soon feel the whip of the swindlers.

## IN CAPITALIST AMERICA.

Robert Hunter, whose marriage to the daughter of the multi-millionaire, Stokes, in New York two years ago, was the talk of the town because he was a radical social reformer, in an interview, the other day, said:

"There are in the United States about 10,000,000 poor people. By that I mean people who are in actual want, or else who are living from hand to mouth, and who frequently go hungry. Why, in New York City alone from 50,000 to 60,000 children go to school every morning who have had no breakfast, or else who have had but a crust of bread. Think of these figures when you hear people say that the United States is prosperous."

"From investigations that I have made I find that out of 1,000,000 babies in the tenement districts of this country at least 200,000 die annually. Out of 1,000,000 babies born to the wealthier classes, only about 50,000 die in a year. These figures speak for themselves."

"New York has the most congested and the largest proportion of poor people of any large city in the world. Conditions here are terrible. One thing can be said for the poor of New York, that they will undergo any hardship and suffering to bury their dead decently. The poor have a horror of the Potter's Field, and when a member of the family dies all will spend their last cent to see that the deceased is buried in consecrated ground."

## THE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

The following paragraphs are from the Sherman anti-trust law. Do you believe they are violated? Do you think that the public officials (usually in the pay of the trusts) do not know of any such combinations? As I have repeatedly said, the laws are made by the rich to be enforced against the poor—to hold the poor while they are being robbed. The rich do not have to obey the law—they own the law. It is their private property, just as much as it was during the feudal ages. If you will send for a copy of the *Implement Age*, Philadelphia, issue of Nov. 3, you will see evidence of the existence of trusts from their own printed contracts.

Section 1. Every contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce among the several states, or with foreign nations, is hereby declared to be illegal. Every person who shall make any such contract or engage in any such combination or conspiracy, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both said punishments, in the discretion of the court.

Section 2. Every person who shall monopolize, or attempt to monopolize, or combine or conspire with any other person or persons, to monopolize any part of the trade or commerce among the several states, or with foreign nations, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both said punishments, in the discretion of the court.

## BROKEN PLEDGES.

Both the old parties in Milwaukee declared in their platforms for a municipal electric light plant. The lights are now furnished by the street car monopoly that practically runs the politics of the city. When the matter came up in the council after the election the council voted against it—that is the republican and democratic members of the council. The Socialists voted for the measure, as they were pledged. The *Daily News* (democratic) says that the democratic members of the council, as well as the republican members, "are self-confessed harlots, and are bound together for no other purpose than public plunder." After a while the people will learn that the Socialists are the only ones who are true to their political program, and that it is folly to support a party to do certain things when it don't want those things done, or can be bribed by corporate interests not to do those things. Had this vote of the council been made before the election the Socialists would have elected their entire ticket, but they will elect it next spring, and then the rule of corporation interests over dose of the people of Milwaukee will cease. The Socialists can feel jolly at the results. There is a tomorrow, and the pain suffered by the people will not have been in vain.

## THE COLORADO STRIKE.

The whole trouble in Colorado grew out of the refusal of the smelters at Telluride, Colo., to obey the eight-hour law. After months of fighting, the loss of many lives and millions of property, these same employers now come and post notices that they will work only eight hours and pay the union scale! And all this because of the power of a few capitalists to control the jobs! Private ownership is a curse to any nation. The employes in public industries, controlled by the workers, could only strike against themselves

—and that would be absurd. The wealth should be taken for the public good, for the present owners have shown their incapacity.

It isn't often that I write anything about buying books, that matter being left to the book department, but I feel impelled to say that the great need of the movement is the creation of a great army of men and women who can answer any question that comes up in every community concerning our movement. Until we have created these minds, which can only be by study, we are not fit to take charge of the affairs of the nation. The men and women who do apply themselves to this work will naturally be those who can be used by the movement and put in the places of trust and responsibility. Don't feel that you cannot afford to buy good books—cloth bound books—and apply yourself to mastering them. You can't afford not to do it. You might as well live to some purpose as waste your existence in amounting to nothing. *Mind* rules the world, and if you fail to develop yours you will be used by those who do. There never was a time in the world's history when a man or a woman could so certainly rise by a little study as now. You ought to appreciate possession of such books more than even a full stomach or fine clothes. These will be added to you if you develop your mind. The more sacrifice you have to make to get knowledge the more that knowledge will be worth to you. Can't you remember many things that you learned by sad experience that will never leave you? Things that come easily are soon forgotten—things that require sacrifice are permanent. You can afford to do with less to eat to get good books and learn what has made other men great—development of mind. Don't you feel weak when someone puts up an argument about Socialism that you cannot meet? Yet there is not an argument that can be advanced against our position that cannot be refuted effectually. You don't know it, that's all. Study and become a master.

THE Los Angeles *Daily Times* (plutocratic) tells of a Mrs. Durian, a widow with three children, who set out to pull a spring wagon and 300 pounds of household goods from Fullerton to Porterville, Calif., a distance of 300 miles, because she had no horse nor money. And this in a land of railroads and rich beyond the dreams of avarice! And the ruling class want the people to pay more profits so they will be still richer! And the *Times* supports such a system, and in doing it is just as guilty of injustice as if it had robbed this woman of her substance for its own benefit. Shame on such barbarism as controls this country! Pile the riches higher and drag humanity lower—the day of retribution will as certainly come as violated laws produce their logical effect.

WALL street has offered Parker a \$50,000 position for the part he played in helping the capitalists control the country. The workingmen cast aside their generals and let them rot—not so the rich—they know that would be suicidal. But labor is getting wiser day by day, and will yet overwhelmingly demand its own.

It is strange that such a thing as 600,000 Socialist votes should worry the capitalists, who have control over thirty times that many, isn't it? What is there about that 600,000 that causes them to apprehend something, I wonder?

Question Box.

1. What would you do with the farmer who had worked hard for years to get a forty-acre farm paid for?

2. Suppose a farmer dies and leaves his son a large farm, is the son not entitled to all he can get of the land?

3. How would the farmer do about hiring his lands when he is not able to do the farming himself and knows nothing else to do?—Ralph Gorham, Avon Ill.

Socialism would arrange farming and other industries so that a man would not have to work hard for years to secure land on which to work. Why should a man have to work for years to own the tools of production, giving, in the meantime, nearly all he produces to keep up a lot of drones called capitalists? Let them do something useful for their living, the same as you have to do.

Will Socialism have a tendency to induce farmers to move to the cities, where the hours will be shorter than on the farm, where the work is from early morn to late at night?—Casper Tusch, Minneapolis, Minn.

Socialism will have a tendency to induce more people to follow farm work than labor that necessitates being housed up in buildings. Today, on account of the poor reward for farm labor, the energy and vigor of the rural population is drifting to the cities, but every one knows that outdoor employment, within reason, is healthier than indoor work.

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and would live in large towns and go to and from the farms by rapid transit, which would be cheaper than keeping up the many million miles of dirt roads and the teams and other expenses now necessary. There would be tremendous savings and greatly increased happiness in this system over the costly and isolated lives now endured by farming individually. I would recommend that you get and read Simons' "American Farmer," 50 cents, and you will be able to get a clearer view of the problem.

1. What will prevent Mr. Bryan slipping in on the Socialist platform or something similar?

2. What disposition will the Socialist party make of the liquor traffic? Admitting that the present social system is composed of masters and slaves, don't you think that the slaves might better themselves by leaving it alone?—C. L. Drake, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

1. The same reason that prevented Bryan or Parker from slipping in on the republican platform, "or something similar." When the people want something they will align themselves with those who want the same thing. Besides, the Socialist party has the able exponents of Socialist philosophy, and they are imbued with a religious devotion to it and cannot be side-tracked. The people have no confidence in the democratic party or its leaders. The democratic party cannot appeal to the working class, for it can be pointed out that where the democratic party has absolute control—in the south—the conditions are even worse than in the republican north. The people will not tie themselves to a disappearing party. It is a lost dog.

2. Liquors will be made by the public as it will make arsenic and other poisons—pure—and they will be sold at the labor cost, so that no one will have any incentive to go into the business. Then it can make regulations regarding the conditions of sale, do away with the gilded saloons and enticements which profit-mongers now use to make money. In time, when the mental stress which this system puts on us is over, drinking will disappear, just as it now increases because of the growing strenuousness of life. It would be better for the working class to not drink, but we see that that they do drink and that conditions must change or they will continue to drink. If all the drunkards were to become sober and capable would they not apply for the positions that are now filled by the sober and capable and thus throw those now employed out of work? And would not those thrown out of work become despondent and discouraged and many of them go to drink and the bad? Don't you know that men who live in poverty soon want to stay away from such a home, and that the saloon is more genial? Do away with the system of competition and we shall soon see the abolition of the liquor traffic, for the men in it can get a better living in something more congenial to them, and the patrons will find other places more congenial.

How will a Socialist government regulate wages justly to all?—C. Q. M.

Under Socialism all people will be working people. They will operate all industries. They will select the foremen, managers and superintendents. They will make the regulations that determine the labor in each article, which labor will be the cost. As each will be interested in the product that will determine the "wage," or price, there will be no shirking, for shirking will injure each of the other workers as well as the one who shirks. They will make the regulations governing such mat-

ters. Each will have the interest that a proprietor now has in the amount of products and the quality. Each will likely get the same part of the total products, for it is unreasonable, to suppose that, under such conditions, any workmen would agree to take less food, clothing, shelter, instruction or entertainment than others. Yet that is what it would mean to get less for the same time in labor. If some products were produced under more difficulty than others of the same kind the workmen should not receive less because they had thus been directed by the management so to employ themselves. The total products of any given kind would be divided by the total time employed on them and the quotient would be the time cost of such articles.

Should the Socialists secure control of the government, how would they proceed to regulate the holdings of the monied class. Would their money be confiscated, or would they be allowed to retain and use it as at present? If confiscated, what would be done with the old and helpless who are unable to work?—H. C. Mack, Goldfield, Neb.

No great change could be effected instantly. What changes are made will be those which the majority shall decide are practical and just. To answer in detail would be too long for a newspaper article, but you will find these subjects fully treated in two pamphlets, "Introduction to Socialism" and "Methods of Acquiring Possession of National Industries," which will be mailed you for 5 cents each.

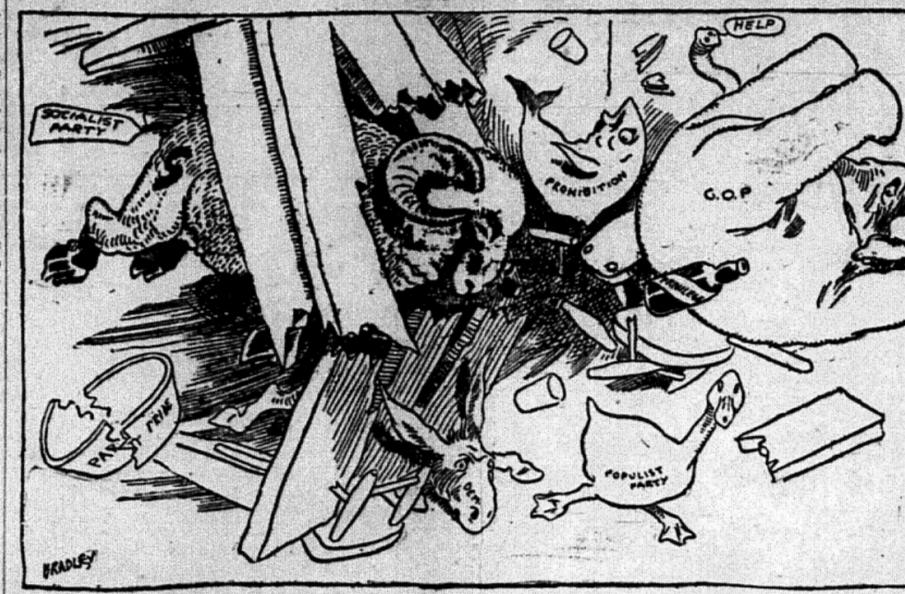
If I were a working man and if I could bring up my children only to poverty and starvation and wretchedness, do you think I would not be tempted to any kind of Socialism? I would. I would.—Father Wm. O'Ryan.

The majority of the people of this country are bringing up their children just that way. Can't they take the hint? This is an admission by the priest that Socialism would be better for the poor. That is all that Socialists claim. Why suffer ills that your vote in electing and controlling Socialism will cure? Do you think that you cannot trust yourself that you just vote as the capitalists vote and mind what they say? Haven't you been poor and miserable long enough to satisfy your curiosity? The g. o. p. is elected by your vote and you will find life in the future just as hard as in the past. The victors are feasting and rejoicing—but you are not feasting. See?

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Editor Appeal to Reason: Who gets the handling of the monthly contributions to the propaganda fund required of all Socialists in order to have a voice in the movement? Why don't the Socialist party organize so as to own its papers instead of leaving them in the hands of private individuals, competing with each other for patronage? They preach Socialism, but practice competition.—Thomas Owens, 902 South G. street, Tacoma, Wash.

The contributions are handled and accounted for by representatives elected by the membership. The funds thus raised are used to pay for literature and speakers who devote all their time to the education of the people in the Socialist philosophy.

Private ownership of the papers has grown up out of the necessities of the movement. The papers preceded the party. They have made the party possible at the present time. Socialist papers do not compete. Each gets its product out as cheaply as possible, so the little funds of the workers will buy the greatest quantity of literature. The membership of the party controls the papers, just as capitalism controls its papers—by the patronage it can give or withhold. The Appeal could not run a month if the Socialists should lose confidence in it, which is also true of all other Socialist papers. Socialism cannot be practiced under competition. Under capitalism we must fight under its rules or not fight at all—that is, do nothing and starve. The Appeal costs the movement less than if it were owned by the party, as it is making considerable thousands annually on commercial work, not related to the movement, and all that goes into the Socialist movement. The party could hardly go into commercial business any more than it could go into farming or merchandising. When Socialism is inaugurated the printing business will be conducted by the public—the public will own the material used—but even then any set or creed will be able to have a paper printed to suit it, regardless of what the mass of the people believe in. The Socialist press seems to

be filling its mission very satisfactorily to the members. Many papers have been published by personal sacrifices that never would have been endured had the party attempted to do it, and of such sacrifices has grown up its powerful press. None of the publishers are making any money out of the movement.

A. P. Brown, Rome, Okla.: The ship subsidy bill has not yet become a law, but the shipping companies have for a long time been receiving a subsidy, not enough, however, to satisfy the greed of the ship trust. Request the amount of meat exports of the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. Yes, you can get the labor reports by making request of the Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington City. The railroads received \$53,331,557 from the postal system in 1899.

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From November 15th to December 15th a copy of one of the following books will be sent to the sender of every club of 20 yearly subscribers reaching this office on or between the dates given above.

The American Farmer, by Simons, cloth, 214 pages.

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Note on your list which one of the books you want. They will not be sent on orders for postal subscription cards—only on lists of actual subscribers.

These books were written by comrades who are masters of the subject they have undertaken to handle. There is a crying need for their wide circulation, and the Appeal takes this way of getting them into the hands of the people who are hungry for them.

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These are the nerves that wear out and break down.

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A man bought a horse and with the aid of a leather whip, out of which he received his board, rags and bed. All the rest went to the owner, who, in time, took this profit and bought another slave, and by continuing this process became wealthy and a good democrat.

The Northern capitalist hired a slave—no, I mean a "free and independent" American workman. And with the aid of an invisible whip, called "fear of starvation," forced him to create wealth out of which he received wages enough to pay his own board, buy his own rags and rent his own bed.

The capitalist class, recognizing that the government was a good thing if rightly used, like any other good thing, abolished the first kind of slavery and made the second kind constitutional; but, realizing that they were few in numbers, though strong in the possession of wealth, and that the workers were strong in numbers and feeble in having little wealth, the capitalists, seeing the danger from the workers by their superior numbers, captured the government by voting together and proceeded to divide them into opposing forces by forming two political parties, one the democratic, the other the republican.

The first was supposed to stand for free trade—except where there were merchants' associations to fix prices—the second for protection from the pauper labor of Europe—except where convict labor was used to compete with them. Then, by setting the Catholics on one side and the Protestants on the other, as in the A. P. A. movement, where Blaine represented one faction and Cleveland the other, and by playing the east against the west, with the fakir Bryan on the silver question, and the north against the south with the negro question, as shown in the agitation over Booker T. Washington and Roosevelt:

Knowing that the workers were slow thinkers and too honest to see the tricks of professional politicians, they laughed to themselves about the com with which they could fool the common people. But, as elections drew near, they showed through their guarded utterances in papers they owned, and with which they kept, the workers divided, that they feared the lack of interest in the approaching election. And yet why should they fear? Surely they must know that in the last days of the campaign that by the use of sky rockets, red fire, roman candles, fire crackers, torch light parades, brass bands and hearty welcome, liberal use of free drinks and free carriage rides for the innocent workers, they could easily get them to cancel each others' votes, by supporting just once more the candidates chosen for them by the capitalist class at the republican and democratic national conventions.

Oh, workers of America, can't you see that you are not only the workers but the worked? Read the names of the candidates of both republican and democratic parties, see who they are, count the millionaires, count the employers, then count the union men, and the names of those who work for wages. You, 2,000,000 organized workers of America, representing all the skilled trades, you who can create all useful things sold in the store—what do you expect to get in return for your vote? For heaven's sake don't give it away—at least make the capitalist class pay you for it—Free Lance.

Reorganizing the Democratic Party.

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THE HEAVY ARTILLERY

Led by General Enthusiasm, Will soon commence the march "On to Washington."

Comrades: The man with the fly pasture on top of his head and who looks after the circulation of this paper wants to talk to you about a stick full. It is estimated that not less than 20,000 Appeal postal subscription cards are now in the hands of comrades. I want to ask all comrades who have sub cards to put forth every effort during the next ten days to dispose of them. There certainly was never a better time to do it. Do it now, while the most intense interest in the subject of Socialism has been aroused all over the land. At present 200 to 250 sub cards filled out are received daily. This should be increased to a thousand a day until all are in. On to the million, boys, let's make things hum. "OLD BALDY"

WANTS THE RIGHT THING

Dear Comrade: I received the History of the Appeal and Coming Nation. That little book is a fine piece of work from all points of view, except the likeness of the old "One Hoss."

NOT HALF A LOAF

Dear Comrades: I wish to speak a word to the Appeal Army. Let no number of that gallant band show the white flag; a good Socialist should never retreat; let your watchword be advance, for our cause is just, and conquer we must. Some visitors came to see me yesterday—for I am ill with pleurisy—and they questioned me about the meaning of Socialism. I asked them if they would be satisfied if, after going to the bakery for a loaf of bread and paying for it, the baker would give them but half a loaf. They said of course not! Then I said that the laborer is not satisfied after doing a full day's productive labor to receive one-half or one-third of it in pay; he wants all that is coming to him. Only through Socialism can he get it. I advised the reading of the Appeal to Reason and took some subscriptions. Fraternally, F. R. Jenkins, New Waterford, Ohio.

EVEN IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS

Dear Comrade: A vote was taken in the high school here and resulted as follows: Republicans, 22; Socialists, 10; Democrats, 57. The principal said that he did not know that he had any of these kind of people—meaning the Socialists. Don't blame him; he doesn't want to lose his job. He will wake up some of these mornings and find that Socialism is the real thing, and good teachers wanted at a salary double to what he is getting now. And be an independent man!—D. O'Brien, Port Angeles, Wash.

WANTS THE BOYS TO GET READY TO HEAVE ANOTHER BRICK

Dear Comrade: When I received my Appeal last week the first thing that caught my eye was, "Who Heaved That Brick?" I cast my eye down and discovered that the brick had struck capitalism on the head, and that his hat was flying through the air; still glancing downwards, my eyes fell on that 500,000 Socialist vote, and after gazing upon them for a few minutes, I sprang to my feet with a whoop that loosened my daughter's tongue in mild reproach for making such a racket. What Socialist wouldn't make a racket? Say, tell the boys to roll up their sleeves, let their suspenders tight around their spit on their hands, and with a stiff upper lip and their eyes fastened on the Co-

A FEW IDIOTS

Dear Comrades: I am still in the ring for Socialism. Out of 44 ballots cast in this district six were straight Socialists. Last year we cast two. O stock buyer came sixteen miles and voted our ticket. He said that hogs had dropped 50 cents in one day, and there was not enough to supply the fresh meat demand. Several of us here are about to lose our homes through an illegal irrigation tax. Some of our republican friends hoot at the idea of "a few idiots changing the government." Yet they are doing it—Rokkeller, Morgan, Gould et al.—Fraternally, G. W. Godfrey, Almeria, Neb.

BEHIND STONE WALLS

Sirs: Please find enclosed \$1 for the Appeal to Reason for one year; also sample copy of Industrial Independent, the remainder of the money to go for the good cause. You can see by this letter-head that I am behind stone walls, and money is rather hard to get. It was through the want of employment that I got here. I had to starve or steal. I got four years because I was hungry. I am an engineer and mechanic by profession. I would like some information regarding the growth of Socialism in the past, and in fact, its whole history. Wishing success to the cause of right and not might, I am, with best wishes, Geo. Barbydt, Deer Lodge, Mont.

PRINCIPLE AT STAKE

Dear Comrades: Enclosed find money order for subs. This is my first shot at capitalism since election day, but I trust it will not be my last. I stayed with the babies on election day while my wife and her sister walked five miles and back to cast their votes for Debs and Socialism. Upon their return, they were waited until midnight to get votes for Debs, and then walked home, filled out my card to the Appeal, and mailed it on the stage next morning. There is a principle at stake when people will walk 10 miles to vote their sentiments. Have spent more of my hard-earned money in this campaign than ever before, and am proud of it.—Grant B. Cox, Cottonwood, Idaho.

CRADLE BEFORE YOU

Comrade:—Before you can regain the tools that you have lost control of, you will have to have the majority of votes of this county for Socialism. So long as you, whose stock in trade is brain and muscle, vote the old time tickets, the politicians are unconcerned; so long as you give up all you make in profit to the distributor the capitalist class is equally unconcerned, but when you co-operatively own stores, they go so far as to demolish them. Co-operation is the weapon that you have at hand, one that you know use of.

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Albuquerque, New Mexico, offer an opportunity for another surprise by giving you the chance to own the machines that make your woolsens (write them for information), and to co-operatively distribute the products, saving to yourself, half of what you are now spending for adulterated goods, besides the profits that are made in manufacturing.

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## Women and Machinery

By JOSEPHINE CONGER.

Women were the first laborers. The first tools of industry were made by them.

Back in the infancy of the human race women gathered together the flat stones—the "upper and the nether stones"—between which they ground their grain into breadstuffs. They beat, tanned and chewed the hides out of which they made their tents and clothing. They fashioned their dishes from clay and water. They scratched the earth with crooked sticks and planted the seed. They invented and improved various little devices for the household use—for all industry pertained to, and grew out of, the household necessities—the family relation.

In those days men occupied themselves with hunting and warfare. And this state of affairs lasted many centuries.

Thus women were the original "captains of industry." Later, through some strange, incoherent process of reasoning, they were forced far away from their primitive standing and today occupy a most peculiar position in our socio-political life. They are in it, but not of it. They must bear its consequences, but can have no voice in its formation. They are carried in its ebb and flow with all the helplessness of inanimate driftwood. When it rushes into war, they have no word; when it makes a stride forward along lines of progress, they share none of the glory; when it lies itself in hopeless entanglements they have no responsibility. Yet with all, they must share the pain, the vicissitudes. They are mere fungi upon the body politic. If this body is rotten, if it is poisonous, they have no power to detach themselves, to change conditions, but must absorb the virus of the general environment. With the loss of their industrial position went also their voice in the management of communal and tribal affairs.

Will women be content with this position much longer? As the brain becomes active, as it broadens through common school and collegiate intercourse, is it going to continue its trance-like inactivity in things social and political? Will it always be satisfied to be a dead weight upon a civilization that is fairly groaning in its effort toward further evolution? Will not the great irresistible wave that is socializing the other half of humanity, forcing it to co-operation along various lines, catch hold of women and bring them to see that they, too, are a part of the human life, and must join in the co-operative effort to reach a higher plane?

But their hands are tied. They have no voice. All political rights were taken away from them when their industrial rights were absorbed by others. With this political paralysis can they ever be anything but a helpless drag upon the wheels of evolution? What can they do?

They can talk loud and long for the resumption of industrial rights—for the ownership by all the people of the machines of production and distribution; for the possibility of again receiving the full share of their own labor. And with these rights restored will come all national rights. For the economic development of a class determines all other privileges of that class.

name) is a regular account in the affairs of every corporation having a quasi-public character, and of all the important ones of a private character. It is interesting to note, for instance, that though the product value of the private gas plants of the nation increased during the last decade by only 32.9 per cent, yet the expenses under the somewhat mysterious entry, "advertising, interest, insurance, repairs and other sundry expenses," increased by 74.8 per cent. There is no doubt as to what this means. Nor can any one well doubt, from the study of recent developments in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, New Orleans and Grand Rapids the enormous growth and general prevalence of this worst form of lawlessness—bribery.—W. J. Ghent, in "Mass and Class."

### Six Socialist Legislators.

The six Socialists elected to the Wisconsin legislature are: Jacob Rummel in the Sixth district for state senator; William Aldridge in the Fifth Assembly district; Frederick Brockhausen in the Eleventh Assembly district; Edmund J. Berner in the Ninth Assembly district; Herman G. Hansen in the Fifteenth Assembly district; and August H. Strehlow in the Sixteenth Assembly district. Comrade Rummel is a foreman in a cigar factory, Comrade Aldridge is a machinist and a union man, Comrade Brockhausen is a cigarmaker and state secretary of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, Comrade Berner is a cigarmaker and a union man, Comrade Hansen is a tanner and an official in the Tanner's Union, and Comrade Strehlow is a painter and a union man. All are measurably young men and full of the young blood that political life is so much in need of. They come from the people and will do our cause proud.—S. D. Herald.

### Getting on Very Well, Thank You.

We are very glad to read Thomas E. Watson's denial of the report that he was working on a plan to unite the "radical" democrats, the populists, and the Socialists into one new party. We respect Mr. Watson enough not to wish him such a sad disappointment as would be in store for him if he expected to assimilate the Socialist party. We are getting on very well, thank you. Populists and democrats, and republicans, too, who have learned by experience and who now wish to hasten the coming of Socialism in the only way it can be hastened, by advocating and supporting it frankly and uncompromisingly, will be very welcome in our ranks. We know no other way of "getting together."—The Worker.

### Massachusetts' Loss.

Debs gets 12,854 votes in this state and Corrgan 2,640. In 1900 we had 9,607 and the S. L. P. had 2,590. Last year, however, we had 25,251. We lose official standing. The slump is general all over the state. The light vote for Debs and Hanford is a surprise. Ransden, the Socialist member of the Legislature, was defeated for re-election by nearly 200 votes. Drew, legislative candidate in Comrade MacCartney's old district, was again defeated by 58 votes, the same as last year. Carey ran ahead of the ticket for congress in the Sixth district, polling nearly double the heads of national and state ticket in Haverhill. Bellefleur, legislative candidate in the Fifth district, which Carey formerly represented, was defeated by 170 votes.—N. Y. Worker.

### NEW BOOKS.

**The Open Shop,** by Clarence S. Darrow. The Hammersmark Pub. Co., 151 Wabash Ave., Chicago; 32 pp.; price 10 cents. A strong and fair presentation of the claims of organized labor for the closed shop.

**After the Bells Have Rung,** by Victor Gage Kimbert. The author, 1602 Brooklyn Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; 12 double pages; price 25 cents. An interesting essay on the art of home-making addressed particularly to newly-wedded home makers.

**History of Civilization,** by Julian Laughlin. Published by the author at St. Louis, Mo.; 526 pages; 8 vo., \$2.

**The Legal-Tender Problem,** by Percy Kinnaird. Ainsworth & Co., Chicago; 338 pages, \$1.00.

### IT'S BUSINESS, YOU KNOW.

The Interstate Commerce commission, in its report for 1901, declared that the decision of the United States supreme court in the Trans-Missouri case and the Joint Traffic association case had produced no practical effect upon the railway operations of the country. "Pools and agreements exist now as they did before the decisions, and with the same general effect." Practically all transportation companies habitually transgress the law. The frightful General Slocum disaster, with its nine hundred dead, was made possible only by a studied violation of every legal provision for the safeguarding of life on passenger steamboats.

Bribery is lawlessness—a kind of lawlessness freighted with far more peril to the republic than any violence of striking workmen. And yet it is practiced hourly, daily, by the pillars of religion and society, the men from whose lips is heard so unobtrusively the appeal for law and order. Bribe-money is put forth as a business investment in our municipal assemblies, our courts, our state assemblies, and even in congress. It is not too much to say that the bribery fund (though, of course, it appears under some other and more euphemistic

UP to date the human race has developed strength through competition; Socialism comes for the development of the race through co-operation. Capitalism proceeds through the brute struggle of the survival of the fittest; Socialism comes for the fitting of all to survive. Capitalism causes every child to be born with the world as its enemy; from the beginning of consciousness the child must fight a pitched battle—a life long and blood-red battle—with civilization for bread; Socialism comes to surround every child from the moment of its birth, with all the resources and opportunities, the love-making facts, and will-making forces, that the co-operative labor and good will of the world can produce.

GEO. D. HERRON.

## The Fool o' th' Family

By INKY IKE

Chapter VI. Socialism and the Bible.

THE Smith household seemed to be very well pleased with the result of the election. Mr. Smith, with the triumphant election of the republican ticket—Jakie with the splendid increase in the Socialist vote. The hired hand rejoiced with Jakie while the girls supported their father. Mrs. Smith was non-committal.

"Mrs. Goode, wife of the Peachville postmaster, called on me yesterday," said Mrs. Smith, "and she says that the Socialists are opposed to the church and religion. I told her that I hadn't read anything in Socialist literature that would justify such an idea, but she insisted that all the leaders of the Socialist party are atheists and that the real aim of Socialism is to destroy religion and morality."

"What do you think about it?" asked Jake.

"Why, I know so little about it that I am hardly competent to form an opinion," replied Jakie's mother. "What position do the Socialists take with regard to religion?"

"Much the same that the republicans and democrats do," answered Jake. "Socialism and the Socialist party has no necessary connection with the bible or religion any more than the republican and democratic parties have. It is purely an economic movement, the purpose of which is to secure to every worker the full product of his toil or its equivalent in the product of other workers. So far as I know the movement contains men and women of every shade of religious belief. This talk about Socialists being immoral and irreligious is only a cunning effort on the part of our enemies to divide the people and combat Socialism by trickery, since they are unable to meet its arguments."

Mr. Smith was of the opinion that the Socialists were certainly offensively irreligious, for he had seen a pamphlet written by an English Socialist in reply to the pope's encyclical.

"Well," replied Jakie, "what Socialist is there in the American Socialist movement who is prominent in opposition to any religion? What Socialist, for instance, has been such a notorious infidel as that great republican, Robert G. Ingersoll?"

There was no reply. The hired hand snickered softly and Mr. Smith confined his attention to the hot biscuits.

"I could tell you a great many interesting things about Socialism and the bible if you care to hear them," continued Jake, "for, although I am one of those Socialists whom your postmaster's family would be pleased to denounce as atheistic, I have attended Sunday-school and learned something about the contents of the book."

Mr. Smith sniffed perceptibly, but Mrs. Smith gave the boy a look of encouragement and Jakie proceeded. "The bible is full of sanctions for Socialism. Some are direct and literal while others are told in parable and in the figures of speech so common to all oriental literature. Take the story of Samson, for instance.

"Samson was born subject to the slavery of his people to the Philistines, just as the child of working people is now born subject to wage slavery. Samson was a slave and of a race of slaves. His first mistake was in marrying a Philistine woman, which may be seen often in our own time when a workingman marries a woman with a capitalistic mind, and the results are much the same today as they were in the time of Samson. There was nothing in common between Samson and his Philistine wife any more than there is in common between the man who earns his living by honest labor and tries to support a butterfly wife with a taste for champagne and fine feathers.

"His wife was, as usual, more loyal to her tribe and class than she was to her husband; and instead of glorying in his strength, she plotted with her people to rob him of his power, just as the modern society-struck woman would sell the strength of her husband to his employer that she might dress in silks and satins. So Samson was brutalized by unkind treatment and wreaked brutal vengeance on his enemies.

"Next, he was betrayed by his own countrymen, just as the strong men of the working class in our own day are betrayed. Through all his history Samson is the type of labor with the strength that both rears and destroys the gates of cities. Betrayed continually, his strength, instead of being employed in worthy effort, is consumed in vengeance destructive to himself and society. His eyes were at last put out, which corresponds to the blindness of ignorance, and when he is finally held up to the ridicule of the riotous Philistines, he pulls down the temple of mammon about their ears just as the brutalized populace of Paris sought to destroy a civilization that had become unendurable.

"Labor, like Samson, is in prison; but,

## HOT CINDERS

By E. N. RICHARDSON

Here's a tip for the man who didn't get turkey on Thanksgiving. In most of the penitentiaries the prisoners were served with turkey last week. Next time break into jail. See?

The daily press states that the beef trust investigation has been completed and that the report is now in the hands of the president. Wonder if it contains any explanation of how Special Agent Robertson was celled off at the request of Mr. Armour because he persisted in hitting below the belt?

When one doesn't know the size of Mr. Armour's campaign contribution one should not judge Mr. Cortelyou too harshly.

The working class have again indicated by their votes that they uphold child slavery.

So as not to be behind the others, the M. K. & T dashed off an impromptu wreck last week with one killed and ten injured. Dividends must be paid somehow.

Wreck on the Iron Mountain at Newport, Ark., one killed and 16 hurt. And thus the game of profit goes merrily on.

It must be true that most people are fond of works of fiction or the daily papers wouldn't have such large circulations.

The Kansas City grocery stores have decided to close up on Sunday, but their landlords will still continue to collect rent for that day as well as for all other days. Rent and interest never take a lay off.

"A landslide doesn't fully express it," says The Yellow Jacket. "It was an avalanche of American patriotism." Strikes me that it was an avalanche of American ignorance on the part of the working class and dollar-mark patriotism on the part of the capitalist class.

Wm. Williams' gift to the United States of a statue of Frederick the Great reminds one that it's but a short step from setting up the statue of a king and setting up a live king. And the thing does seem to be headed that way.

The democrats (what's left of them) want to smash the trusts; the republicans want to curb them (or pretend they do); the Socialists want to own them and WILL.

The only men who have a cinch on their jobs today are the criminals serving life sentences. Nice system!

The work on the material used to build the Texas state building at the St. Louis fair was all done by Texas prison labor. That's the kind of prosperity they have in Texas.

According to Lawson, in Everybody's Magazine, the Standard Oil crowd have improved on the good old game of cinch. The way they play it is a regular cinch-the-cinch.

When a man loses his temper in an argument his arguments are not worth the energy expended in making them.

The old farmer with a shotgun loaded with a charge of salt was chasing a lot of boys out of his watermelon patch. "I now see the answer to the vexed question, 'Why do the boys leave the farm?'" meditated a Kansas philosopher who was passing that way.

The bad man always comes to some bad end—in the play.

The poor working girl always marries the rich young man—in the play.

The poor farmer boy always gets rich and goes to congress—in the play.

"Ninety days on the rock pile." The young man bowed his head in shame as he heard the verdict.

"Next time I'll play the game according to the rules," he muttered.

"How is that?" asked the lawyer.

"I'll steal the whole railroad instead of a ride and they'll send me to congress."

Certainly Gompers doesn't want the militia abolished. Roosevelt stands for the militia and Gompers stands for Roosevelt. See?

Gompers knows it is only a matter of time before he loses his present snap job, and a nice fat federal office would be a soft place to light. Like most every man, Sammy is governed mostly by his economic interests.

Here is a little ad. clipped from the N. C. Star, and they tell us there are no classes in America:

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## BOOK TALK

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In a recent number of the Appeal a chapter from this story of the Colorado war was printed and an opportunity given our readers to decide whether the whole story should be printed in book form or not. Up to this time 520 copies have been spoken for. When 1,000 copies are contracted for we will proceed with the printing of the edition. It will make a book of about 100 pages, and will cost twenty cents per copy. Let us know how many you can use.

## BOOKS WORTH WHILE.

**The Co-Operative Commonwealth,** by Laurence Gronlund. The popularity of this book seems to lie in the fact that, while scientific, it nevertheless goes into detail and tells a great deal of how things will be under Socialism. We have 500 copies on which the price is cut from fifty cents to thirty-five cents. There will likely be no more at this price when they are gone. If you want a copy send thirty-five cents today and get one before it is too late.

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How that grows! I wonder if it will ever bear fruit? —From the Pittsburg, Pa., Post.

## The Hour Has Come

When the day comes that we write down the events of now as history, November 8, 1904, will be stamped as one of the great turning points from which new eras date. Although still far fewer in numbers than either of the so-called great parties (and how pitifully small their greatness looks, as seen in the light of coming events), yet the fact is that the day is already here for which we have been waiting, when Socialism should confront plutocracy in the political arena. There are really but two parties in America today, whatever there may have been a week ago. Whatever desperate contentions the alignment of the dummy parties of capitalism may henceforth take, the real fact they can never again conceal is that beneath the red banner of revolutionary Socialism is marching the only compact army antagonistic to dominant plutocracy.

Yes, it is here—the day we have all been waiting for, the day when we should break at last through the conspiracy of silence, pretended contempt and insolent superciliousness, down to the very heart of capitalism and force its prostituted press to shriek and cringe and crawl and curse.

And Illinois may well be proud of the part that she will play in the future that is now upon us. Destined by the very hideous extreme of her capitalist evolution to become the general industrial center of the world, with all the horrors that accompany that, she has, as her reward, the position of flag-bearer of the advancing Socialist host. And that generous sore of capitalism that has ever been the very heart of plutocratic Chicago, Packingtown, has at last borne the ripe fruit that often springs from a foul earth. The murdered babes that have cried out as they were stifling in the slime and smoke "back of the yards" are being avenged. They told us the strike was lost; they told us that when the workers crept back into the grime and slime and smoke of the mighty packing houses that their fetters were forged past all possibility of breaking. But today is the hour of victory: TODAY THE FIRST TWO MEMBERS TO EVER SIT IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURES AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORKING CLASSES COME FROM THE STOCK YARDS DISTRICT.

In 1894 they told us that Cleveland had crushed the spirit of revolution amid the Pullman workers. Today the Pullman war was carried by a tremendous majority for the Socialist representative, and only the rallying of the capitalist element in an adjoining ward included in the same legislative district saved Pullman from also sending a Socialist to represent her in the Illinois legislature.

But this great victory, for victory it is, carried with it dangers and responsibilities. Already there are flocking to our standard a mass of hangers-on of

capitalist politicians who hope to ply anew their trade within the ranks of the Socialist party. Hearst, who was unable to see or hear of the great auditorium meeting, now suddenly discovers that the Socialist party is the great party in Illinois, and his front page blazes with exaggerated accounts of its growth. He sees that in the great political rummage sale engineered by him, in company with Bryan and Watson, that he will have no goods to deliver, and hence can make no terms in the political deal. He therefore hopes in some way to gain control of the young and powerful Socialist movement and wield it in his interests.

Now is the time of trial. The next few months will decide whether or not the Socialist party is able to rise to the tremendous task and opportunity that lies before it, or whether the social revolution is so much greater than their powers of organization that it may sweep on in a blind career into possible disorder and despair. The task that lies before us now is infinitely greater than the one to which we rallied so strongly six months ago. That was really but the work of preparation. Now comes the time of realization, and utilization of the powers that we have conjured forth.

The great cry from now on must be "EDUCA.E AND ORGANIZE." Trained thinkers, drilled workers—these are the essentials of further progress. Every local must be a training school, every member an emissary of organization. Our party must be as detailed in its workings as the intricate manifestations of capitalism, as comprehensive in its scope as the influence of the competitive system.

To those who may chance to read this and are not now members of the party—do not let a single hour go by until you have taken steps to enroll yourself in the organized movement. Step out of the mob; enlist in the army. Alone, you beat helplessly against the mad forces of plutocracy; united, you are one of a multitude that sweeps resistlessly on to victory.

To those who are already members, the word must go forth to seek out every man who has within him the possibilities of a Socialist worker and see that he is enrolled. Every membership card is an organizer's commission. Every Socialist should be a drill sergeant, seeking eagerly for recruits for the army of Socialism. Now is the time to work. Delay is doubly dangerous. It gives time to the enemy to gather its shattered army together, for the seeds of disintegration to arise among us.—A. M. Simons, in St. Louis Labor.

Of course, the re-organizing of the democratic party will be postponed until the coroner's jury has time to report.—The Yellow Jacket.

## A Prize for Everybody DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

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