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No man is great enough or rich enough to get this paper on credit or for a longer time than paid for. It is published as an advocate of International Socialism, the movement which favors the ownership of the earth by ALL the people—not by a PART of the people.

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GOOD NEWS FOR THE PLUTES.

The APPEAL subscription record since the first of the year:
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ALL HANDS BOOST!

The thermometer is just fairly boiling. The members of the APPEAL Army have their coats off and their sleeves rolled up and I know what that means!

The capitalist press has been anxiously referring to the slump in the APPEAL's circulation, a announcing with much gusto that it indicated a falling off in the Socialist sentiment in the United States. These same sheets were very careful to refrain from printing the "official" reasons for this slump...

Will you add your name to the list of comrades who propose to stay by the paper till it reaches the safety mark—250,000?

The owners of the railroads and other great corporations have so much at stake they can afford to spend millions to control congress—and you feel that they are doing it. If the roads were public property the men who keep lobbies there wouldn't spend their good money to do anything of the kind—they wouldn't have any interest more than you or I to have any particular law or court decision.

On page 24 of the 13th annual labor report of the United States labor commissioner we are shown that 25 pounds of rice are produced for a wage of one cent! What do you pay for 25 pounds of rice? Do you wonder that capitalists are amassing millions out of your work and ignorance? Don't get mad at Socialists for muck-raking this. We didn't print the government report. Get wise. Don't be a dummy.

Referring to the "Idaho Murder Trial," the Kansas City Journal remarks: "As was to have been expected, the defense began with objections and motions for the dismissal of the case."

Former Governor Steunberger was killed because of his fearless and honest prosecution of the violators of the law. "Just as might have been expected from a pro-corporation paper owned by a scab railroad."

So far as the drovers and cattle men are concerned, they have no business with good prices if the people must eat unborn calves for potted chicken, cows' udders and things unmentionable here for choice head cheese! Then whose government is it—the packers' or the people's? Down with the privileged and favored.

The New York World complains that New York state has no representation in congress, that Depew is in a sanitarium, likely never to return, Fla. a trifling monetary seldom seen, and whose only interest is to have his express company left alone. Most of the states are unrepresented so far as the people are concerned.

An exchange says that "the most effective promoters of Socialism today are the giant trusts themselves. They seem to leave the people no other course in defense," and then asks, "Shall we suffer and die rather than question the perhaps empty terror of a mere word?"

At no epoch in the world's history have the work people understood the methods by which they were enslaved to the property class. And they don't to this day. Get wise. Don't be a dummy.

Hurry up with that order for letter-heads, envelopes, etc. You will be out before you know it, and then we'll have to hurry—but you bet your boots we can do it.

That May subscription record was a corker. (Can the Army beat it for June? Let's try!)

How often have the politicians gath'ed you to their bosoms and squeezed your fat into their fire!

Why doesn't Mr. Armour write more about beef? Sinclair evidently made him wish he had never learned to write.

By getting together, the ice dealers of Cincinnati are charging forty cents a hundred for what cost them four cents, just because they can. Nice system!

The Socialist writers are not making as much use of the offers of the New York World and St. Louis Post as they should. Write brief explanations and arguments for Socialism and send them to these papers.

Even the capitalists cannot hide the wonderful growth that the demand for Socialism is making. It creeps out in all their papers now. Before the war public men tried to suppress the discussion of the slave question, and for years succeeded, but finally the question became so intense that it could no longer be ignored, and then it was but a few years until it was the question of all questions. That is becoming the condition today regarding Socialism.

"It is said that the Montana senatorship was included in the price paid for peace by the Amalgamated Copper Company."—Chicago Record-Herald. And the people quietly submit to see the public offices, the law-making offices, put up and sold, like cattle on the market! And they talk of a free country where the people make the laws! History tells us that things were done so in Rome, and that Rome paid the penalty. Do the people now expect to avoid the penalty? Could the working people be more criminal if they tried? A workingman's government would be a great improvement over a capitalist government. Let's try it.

Socialism is not a cut-and-dried affair; its coming will be an evolution like the production of the great machinery of modern times. The perfection of machinery today was not made at one jump. It has been a growth, little by little. So the Socialist state will be built. Our present political system did not come made to order. It also has been a growth. The difference will be this: That Socialism starts from an entirely new base or viewpoint. It will veer from the present in a different direction and will be what the majority, voting direct, will believe to best serve their interests, and will not be left to politicians.

The most intelligent slaves tried to escape from the jobs their masters gave them to do; the most intelligent wage-workers today are trying to escape from the wages slavery by voting for Socialism. The stupid workman today knows only wages as a means of living. The black slave wanted to get away from the master because the master took part of his products. The white slaves seem willing to give up part of their products. Slavery does not consist in the amount taken from the workers—slavery is anything taken from them. No man is free who has to give up part of his labor to some master, no matter what that master is called—employer, master, capitalist or tax eater.

Every day Socialism grows stronger and thus has more power to make greater growth the next day. Why don't the capitalists stop it? What are all their papers, magazines, pulpits and office-holders doing to thus permit this enormous "cloud" to rise? What's the matter with them? If they are unable to stop it, doesn't it stand as evidence that it must soon overwhelm them? If they can't check it while it is weak how do they expect to check it when it grows strong? It is amusing to see their antics. They dare not meet it. To misrepresent it is only to get the horse-laugh from those who know what it is; and then when some fellow who has been deceived by their statements reads some book and sees the game, he, too, becomes suspicious of everything he reads in the capitalist papers. Every kick is a boost.

WHAT A STRANGE animal man is! If you desire to explain to him some new process or method of doing any work, he will listen attentively. If it be some plan to make more money under the usual methods he will listen eagerly. If some new invention he will gulp it all down and never make a face. But just once try to show him that there can be improvements made in governmental affairs—and he is off at once, and you have roused an opposition that is frightful. He will neither listen nor weigh what you say, much less try to understand and see if it will not benefit him. And yet it is true that he can get more out of his work, more out of his life, more for his children and his children's children by just such political methods than by any other process on earth. The capitalists fatten off his political prejudice and credulity.

When capitalists are preparing some plan to scoop in more wealth they don't cry their plans from the housetops. They cry things that they want the people to think so the people will take their bait. So it is with candidates for office—they never tell the people how they are going to help them, but speak glibly about glory and patriotism and divert their minds to other things while they proceed to go through their pockets.

How many of the laws passed by congress have you read? Do you know that your members of congress have voted for no grafts? If they have voted for one it shows that they have no character and that they have voted for every one they could make anything out of. They know you never read any of their acts, and as they know the newspapers are controlled by the same interests (they often own the papers you read) they are safe in voting for every graft that comes up. And they do.

The Hour Has Struck.

The country is in a seething ferment! The American people stand aghast at the revelations brought to light by the president's packing-house investigators!

The work started by the APPEAL a little over a year ago is bearing remarkable fruit. The APPEAL and Sinclair, the author of "The Jungle," stand vindicated before the world.

At the same time, there is no convenient place to sit down and rest—the work has really just started.

That period of time which you and I have been looking forward to for so many years has arrived. Men and women are willing, year anxious, to listen to the story of Socialism. They are breaking away from their old moorings—the political and industrial system of their fathers is no longer adequate to meet the exigencies of the present.

Never, NEVER! In the past has there been such an opportunity to present our side of this controversy. It is not likely that such an opportunity will again come to the Socialists in America! Oh! if I could but make you see it—if I could but burn into your brain the necessity of action NOW—not tomorrow—there would be a world redeemed, a nation saved and the beginning of Co-operative Commonwealth!

Clear heads and willing hands are needed at this minute—men who can see through the mists and fogs of corrupt capitalism to the end so near!

This splendid frenzy of an aroused people, must be organized and directed in the proper channel—and that means: first, educated to a clear understanding of the principles of Socialism, and second, the firm conviction that only through the Socialist party can the revolution be accomplished.

Comrades, the time for work is NOW—let's be up and doing!

THERE can be no peace between laborers and employers. The interest of the workers will naturally cause them to organize to better their conditions, and the employers will always want to make more money by either decreasing wages or increasing the price of their products, which mean the same thing. The employers may win here and there, but the men will only feel more aggrieved and resentful, and it will be merely a passive truce awaiting the time when activities will again break out. At each step the forces get farther and farther apart, and it is inevitable that the time will come when the workers will make use of their ballots to secure men who will make laws to secure them what they have not been able to secure through the strike. With the officials on the side of the majority, who are workers, the capitalists will be as babes. If they revolt they will be forced to submit by the arm of the law if it takes the army and navy to do it. And this is the thing the nations of the earth are up against. It is not a question of this country merely, but of all countries. The common schools that have taught the workers have also given that development of mind that revolts at any kind of servitude. You will notice that the best-paid vocations are the quickest to resent any advantage being taken of them. The most intelligent workers are the bitterest foes of capitalist exploitation. This is natural and indicates as clearly as anything can that the present system of wage slavery is doomed. True, but a few see it today, but that has been true of all indications that point to the changes in the past. Socialism is inevitable.

In Russia land is bought, sold and rented just as it is in this country; houses are bought, sold and rented just as in this country; goods are bought and sold at a profit just as in this country; men and women work for wages just the same as in this country. The prices for any of these things do not alter the character of the society. The people there even have votes, now just as in this country—but they are not free, nor are the people who live here under similar conditions free. No man can be free when another can dictate his wages or the conditions on which he may use the earth or the prices he must pay for necessities. Can you ever get that through your head? See if you can't.

You often hear people say that light and air are free. That is because they have heard others say it and have done no thinking for themselves. Both light and air are commercial quantities, bought and sold on the market at a price. Don't believe it! Well, just try to rent a well-lighted, well-ventilated room in the city and see if you don't pay more for it than one of similar size without light and ventilation. Under Socialism we will not have to be jammed into dingy holes. The people will build good homes, well lighted and ventilated for every family. Work will be distributed so that a million people will not have to work in a few square miles in some dingy, dirty city. Get wise. Think.

There is a lawsuit between the widow of Joe Jefferson and her children over the distribution of the estate. Thus we see the system of private property tends to destroy the closest family ties. Under Socialism the wealth would all be common property, and each would have the use of whatever he could use for the production of more wealth, and there would be family affection never torn by a wild scramble for the loot of a lifetime. Still there are some who think that Socialism would destroy the family!

There may be a "good many kinds of Socialists," but they are united on one thing—they each and all demand the common ownership and democratic management of the means of production and distribution.

MONEY is a device used by the cunning to keep the many poor so they will have to be their servants. The poor are not mentally wise enough to understand the game, that's all.

If the earth belongs to God some men seem to have usurped His title.

THE thermometer for week ending June 2d shows 207,000. Who can name the week it will touch the 225,000 mark?

EVERY cause must have its martyrs—but the blood of the martyr is the seed of the cause.

Most of the people in Russia think they are free, but we can see they are not; most of the people in this country think they are free, but I can see that they are not.

THE small business man is doomed. Not by Socialism, but by the ever increasing power of trusts, monopolies and department and mail-order establishments. Socialism is the only thing that will save him from falling into the ranks of wage slavery. He will recognize it in time.

To give you the exclusive use of as much of the earth as you can use does not require a title deed. Title deeds prevent men from having the use of the earth. The great landholders tell you that you wouldn't want some fellow to take your little patch away from you, if you ever get one. That's what you support him in a system that makes you pay him rent. You are not wise enough to see the trick, that's all.

THE mind is the finest tool a man has to work with, yet it is the one tool that the majority never try to use! You will put skill into your hands, fingers, eyes, ears or taste; you will supply all your muscles or make them hard for heavy work—but improve your mental understanding, never! Yet you can plainly see under capitalism that the men who work are ever poor and the men who develop their minds are on your back. I can hire all the men I can use to do physical work for two or three dollars a day—but to men who know how to use their minds I have to pay five to ten dollars a day. And corporations give hundreds of dollars a day to mental workers. Get wise and improve your mental understanding—get knowledge, and you must become book-readers to do it.

If Socialism were such a bad thing as its opponents say it is, don't you know that some Socialists who are always studying the subject would find it out? Do you think Socialists would want something established that would injure them? Do you not know they know more about it than those who do not study it? You must remember that every effort at progress, of establishing more freedom, has been opposed by those who occupied the seats of power in all the systems that have come and gone? Especially in politics, but hardly less true in religions? Do you not see that you are occupying just the same position now that the opposers of the printing press, astronomy, chemistry, free schools, the franchise, etc. in their time—that you are copying their stupidity? Don't do it. Head and be convinced or know why Socialism is a bad thing.

As a person who works for a living, you do not want to oppose a thing that will honestly help you. That would be unnatural. And you don't do it if you know it, either. Nor does anybody else. We tell you that Socialism will help you. But that is not enough. You must know it for yourself, and the only way you can know a thing is to investigate it. You will investigate a new tool when you are told that it will help you just a little. Why not investigate something that will help you more than all the tools in existence? Three million German voters ever twenty-four hours old have investigated it and vote for it, among them thousands of professional and scientific men of world reputation. They opposed it until they investigated—every one of them. Four hundred thousand in this country have investigated and voted for it. They investigated, mind you. Have you?

How will you learn what Socialism is? Not from the newspapers. I do not believe you could get at the foundation of it even if you read every line in the APPEAL every week for a year. The APPEAL will give you glimpses of various phases of it, but you will need the thorough instruction that can be had only from books if you would be well grounded in the science. A book you can follow from the first premises through all the arguments, statistics and statistics to the end. The APPEAL would not be large enough to do that. You would not think of understanding biology or electricity by taking a paper, would you? To understand anything requires that the mind must dwell upon the subject long enough to grasp it. If you would occupy a place in the coming struggle, get books, sit down and go after the foundations of society, understand how the seeds were planted, how they grew, and what the inevitable fruit will be.

"How can the cost of articles be determined under Socialism?" is asked. By the average time consumed in production. For instance, the 600,000,000 bushels of wheat produced in a season will be divided by the number of persons multiplied by the number of days each has worked. The product will be the cost in days of so many bushels. The market today does this in money, which leaves some of the workers only a small part of the amount they are entitled to because of distance from market, poor land, bad machinery or lack of proper direction of effort. Socialism will equalize this, and by providing every worker with all the facilities will give them more than they can now get, even though products were shared equally. The price of an article will be the time necessary, on an average, to produce it, plus the percentage necessary to pay the teachers and other public functionaries whose products are not salable, but are given to the public like the services of teachers.

Which Is Which?

The Appeal to Reason is a traitor to all things moral and decent—Farm and Home, West Virginia, etc.

Well, that depends on what one considers moral and decent. If supporting a system that produces hundreds of thousands of prostitutes is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that produces 200,000 saloons is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that produces 150,000 cases of insanity is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that produces more than 100,000 feeble-minded people is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that causes ten thousand suicides annually is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that puts 100,000 in the poor-houses is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that makes 95,000 criminals is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that produces ten thousand murders annually is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system in which laws are sold to the highest bidder is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that fosters graft, such as we read about, is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that permits a few men to own the jobs and enslave their fellow men, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that puts a million little children into factories and mines and grinds out their lives for the profit of a few greedy millionaires is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that puts a million mothers in shops, factories and mills, making them unfit for motherhood, is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that is rapidly making this nation of millionaires and paupers is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

If supporting a system that permits employers to bribe men to desert their fellow workers to enable the Farm and Home to break up labor unions is moral and decent, then the APPEAL is a traitor.

The Farm and Home supports all these things by supporting the system that produces them, and is, therefore, according to my understanding of morality and decency, both immoral and indecent.

So there now.

Don't let anybody fool you into voting the "good-man" racket. It were folly to say that all or even a small part of the republicans and democrats who have been elected are dishonest or incompetent to fill the positions required under existing conditions. The fault lies not so much in their dishonesty as in their failure to realize that the system is to blame for producing the ills you are fretting under. Had I been elected to congress, or any other legislative office twenty years ago, when I was training with the republicans, I would have honestly voted for laws that would have perpetuated the existing system, with all its ills, because I would have known no better. I am not more honest now than then. I simply know more about the subject, because I have studied. Good men who want the present system, because they know of no other, are just as dangerous, even more so, than bad men, for they give an air of respectability to a bad system. Personally, I would prefer to have the worst men the old parties can find in office, for that would wake you up to study the matter quicker than anything else. Good men who don't know can't establish a different system. And that's what is necessary. See the point?

"Who will do the dirt" work under Socialism?" is often asked. Those who are not qualified to do any honest work. Every industry will be organized and have its boards of examiners; those who can pass the best tests will have the choice of places in that department. Those who will not prepare themselves for anything but common labor will have to do common labor, much as they do today; but none will be able to get positions because of their wealth, for each will be able to have as much as another. When men are holding positions and some new member of society can pass an examination showing that he is better qualified, has more knowledge or skill than the lowest on the list, the new applicant would take precedence and the lowest one would have to drop into whatever position he could best fill. If he wanted to re-enter the vocation he would have the time and opportunity of improving himself and taking back his old or higher place. Today we have men totally incompetent holding places because they have the wealth power to command it.

Would you like your children to own a farm or home? Of course you would. What of it? Well, I was just thinking how much easier it would be for them to own it if the prices were very low. It was easy to get a farm when the government sold land at \$1.25 an acre—but difficult when the price was raised to \$100 an acre. But most of you seem to be delighted when the price of property rises, thus making it more difficult for your children ever to own any. It would be cheap if lands were permitted only to those who actually used them with their own hands. You play the game of the speculators when you don't understand it, and the consequence is that a large majority have neither farms or homes of their own. You are so wise! And you vote with the same wisdom.

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THE APPEAL WINS!



Embargo in Canada Raised and the Little Old Appeal Continues Its Mission of Enlightenment.

Ottawa, June 4, 1906. Editor APPEAL TO REASON, GIRARD, KANSAS: Sir—I have today directed that the order excluding your newspaper from the use of the Canadian mails be rescinded, and the privilege of such mails restored to your newspaper from this date. Yours faithfully, A. E. AYLESWORTH, Postmaster General.

Every member of the APPEAL Army will be glad to know that, after a vigorous contest of over two months with the Canadian government, this paper is now entitled to transmission through the mails of that country! The APPEAL was excluded by the authorities of Canada on the ground that it was "seditious, scurrilous" and a lot of other things. Notwithstanding this official opinion, the men and women of Canada who believed in fair play wanted the APPEAL because from no other source could they get the truth about the industrial situation in the United States.

The APPEAL is not always gentle and lamb-like—it talks so the common man can understand and it uses the language of the street. To tell the truth about capitalism in the United States it is very often necessary to say things that do not sound well in polite society. I don't blame the capitalists of Canada for getting excited. If the APPEAL is permitted to circulate it means, shortly, a political revolution that will put the capitalist out of a job.

Some of the Canadian politicians have soft snaps—graft is rampant in the Dominion—and the working class is awakening! No wonder the APPEAL is not wanted by the government officials! But so strong, so vigorous, did the clamor call for reinstatement ring out that the politicians decided it was better to appease the rising wrath, and trust the future to find a way to head off the little old APPEAL!

The APPEAL has bumped up against many tough propositions; it has had to fight continuously and vigorously for existence, but it has won—won gloriously—because back of the APPEAL stand thousands of determined men and women. So long as the APPEAL Army stays back of the APPEAL, just so long will it flaunt itself triumphantly in the faces of its enemies!

THE MOYER-HAYWOOD TRIAL. The latest telegraphic report from the Appeal's staff correspondent indicates that the prosecution will be successful in its efforts to postpone the trial of the Federation men until after the United States supreme court passes on the habeas corpus proceedings, which is set for October 9th.

UPTON SINGLAR is at work upon another epoch-making story which will make its first appearance in the columns of the APPEAL. But of this more anon!

The eight-hour labor bill was reported to the house, but I want everybody that believes it will ever be enacted under the present system to stand on his head.

"The Jungle" is to be dramatized this fall. It will make its first appearance in Chicago with a strong cast of star performers. That it will make as striking a success as a play as it has as a book, there is no doubt. And it will tell the story of Socialism behind the footlights of the greatest playhouses in America! Score another triumph for Socialism! And the men who are doing things!

Socialism and the Saloon. The Socialist party of America denounces its total mission to suppress the republican and democratic parties in the control of the government, because it assumes no definite position on the liquor license question to a referendum vote of the citizens.—New Voice, Chicago. The New Voice is in error. Socialism proposes that every question shall be submitted to a referendum. If you even farther. It proposes that the liquor, like all other productions, shall be a public function, so that no set of citizens will have any personal gain interest in having it operated. If there were no profit to individuals in the liquor traffic today, does it not stand to reason that there would be no one fighting for its continuance? The traffic is kept up because of the personal gain to those connected with it. The Voice will please correct itself.

CANADIAN SITUATION

The following comments from Canada's leading newspapers will give you some idea of the general feeling against the exclusion of the Appeal.

Canada Not Russia. There is a publication on this continent devoted to the Socialist cause called the Appeal to Reason, which has been excluded from the mails by the all-wise F. M. G. Aylesworth...

Advertising Socialism. Despite the fact that the Appeal to Reason, the Socialist organ, has been debarred from the mails and cannot even be shipped by freight or express into Canada...

Effect of Persecution. The postmaster general of Canada has given the Socialist paper, the Appeal to Reason, the biggest boost that it ever had.

The Postoffice Bull. When the postoffice authorities were applied to for the reasons which had led them to prohibit the Appeal to Reason from the Canadian mails...

Impetus to Growth of Socialism. Opposition and persecution, like all other things in this world, thrive upon what they feed, and the action of the Canadian government in denying the Appeal to Reason...

wherein it tends to disturb industrial thought which might eventually result in the removal from power in Canada...

Mankind is so strongly inclined and so generally prone to condemning, persecuting and crucifying that which does not harmonize with its wishes or that tends to disturb its reign of ignorance...

The Appeal to Reason is asking men to think. It is urging them to contrast their privileges with the privileges of others. It is against caste and class and for humanity.

Very Vigorous. The Appeal to Reason is a very vigorous weekly Socialist paper published at Girard, Kas., that doesn't bow the knee to place and power...

Canadians Should Know. A Socialist paper, called the Appeal to Reason, published in Kansas, has been excluded from the Canadian mails because, it is said, a recent number of it contains a manifesto of Mr. Eugene V. Debs...

Such Conduct Indecent. The Hon. Mr. Aylesworth is a lawyer and a cabinet minister at the same time. Judges are appointed by the cabinet...

An English View. It is not pleasant to find the Canadian government emulating the Russian autocracy. Yet such is the case. The Canadian postoffice has debarred the Appeal to Reason from the Dominion mails.

An Arbitrary Exercise of Authority. The Canadian government has written itself down an ass by forbidding the importation of a Socialist paper called the Appeal to Reason.

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Not Choice, But Necessity

By KATE RICHARDS O'HARE

In the recent death of Susan B. Anthony the women of the United States lost, perhaps, one of the best and staunchest friends and defenders we have ever had...

Grover and a few other wisecracks of the masculine persuasion have debated and settled the question in the negative, and gravely informed us that we don't want the ballot...

Twenty-five years ago the same class of idle dabblers in literature who are discussing the ballot for women now decried and settled the question of woman's advent into industrial world...

Women did not desert the fireside, leave the home and relegate the cradle to the dim limbo of the past because it was their wish, but because it was a case of submit to changing conditions or perish.

Robbed of the shelter of the home, thrust unfledged and unarmored onto the industrial battlefield, forced to compete with man, machine and child...

Still Serves Its Purpose. "Say," complained the stranger, stepping inside the drug store, "this weighing machine in front of your place is out of order."

What's a Socialist? The following little story of the past and present is told by the Bulletin of Sidney, N. S. W., and is well worth repeating.

After being duly equipped I picked out the largest member of the flock, a patriarchal old gander, the acknowledged boss of the barnyard.

Capitalism has plucked the human gander clean, wingfeathers, tailfeathers, pinfeathers and down. If they have squawked a weak protest now and then in the trade union, they have voted solidly on election day that they did not mean it.

THE FUNNY SIDE.

The Syracuse college president who calls the president an anarchist for his attack on Standard Oil, talks suspiciously like an eligible for the United States senate from Rhode Island.

"Gentlemen," said the president of the gas company to the board of directors, "I have called you together to officially announce what you must have seen in the daily papers.

"But, as I was going to say, Providence is with us. Of that last lot of 100,000 meters over 98 per cent register over 30 per cent in our favor, and the good work of drawing dividends and founding orphan asylums will still go on."

The Welcome Home. Billions, the trust magnate, had come back to his native village, the little, lonely burg among the hills.

Clear Case of Slender. "Sir," said the theatrical-looking man, dropping into a lawyer's office and breathing deeply, "has a humble Theophrastus no recourse against the unenvied tongue of slander?"

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What Others Are Saying

By D. M. Ferry.

The coffin trust has raised prices 25 per cent. The medical association is trying to agree on a minimum birth fee. From the cradle to the grave the plain people pay.—Ex.

"Fuel is being added to the flame by the steady addition to the list of converts to Socialism of wealthy men who are at last realizing the awful injustice of a system which permits some of the people to revel in luxury while others are equally worthy and with equal rights to a living are confronted with semi-starvation all their lives."

Notwithstanding the nauseating disclosures which have been made recently regarding the methods of the meat packers and the revolting conditions in some of the packing plants, it is very improbable that any appreciable quantity of tainted or "poisoned" meat finds its way into the local market here in Kansas City.

Sooner or later men will be "true to one another." Those that work will vote together as they work together. The drones and the hired agents of the drones will see the end of their day, and the earth will see the end of that civilization of which Phillips was ashamed and of which every man must be ashamed today, unless he ranks, morally and intellectually, with the hyena.—San Francisco Examiner.

Rather than allow Socialism among their mill girls, the great Coates-Clark thread trust has canceled its orders for new mills in Paisley and decided to send its work abroad.

How to Eat Poisoned Meat. It is too much to expect that the Chicago packers will clean up until they are compelled to do so for people who still wish to eat meat from cans a word of advice may be convenient.

"Poor Always With You." Cleveland.—In Bratenay, a suburb where only sixty-five persons own property, all of them millionaires, the assessor found only \$48,360 worth of personal property.

Prosperity. That there is extraordinary prosperity in this country is proven by recent figures furnished by Dun's Commercial Agency.

What Is He? He has arrived! Blew in when the door opened! Said he was Socialist. Didn't like Weyland nor the APPEAL. Didn't like Berger was a Socialist. Didn't like Mailly's style in The Socialist.

Two Points of View.

AS THE CAPITALIST SEES IT.

- 1. A citizen shall be given a state number, instead of a name. 2. He shall receive from the state kitchen three-quarters of a pound of food per day. 3. No citizen shall weigh over one hundred and ten pounds, or exceed five feet in height. 4. Male and female citizens shall wear as raiment the common scarlet garment provided by the state.

AS THE WORKINGMAN SEES IT.

- 1. A workingman shall be known by the tag on his cap, instead of by his name. 2. He may receive three bowls of soup per day at the free soup kitchen while out of work. 3. He will not weigh over one hundred and ten pounds if long out of work. 4. Male and female citizens who are poor must wear rags and shoddy, provided by charity.

AS THE CAPITALIST SEES IT.

- 1. All citizens shall rise each morning at the ringing of the state bell. 2. All citizens shall pray for sixty seconds each morning at the ringing of the state prayer bell. 3. The speech of each citizen is limited to one thousand words per day. 4. The step of each citizen is limited to ten inches. 5. Each citizen shall laugh aloud once every half hour. 6. No citizen shall snore in the public dormitories.

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