





DOWN IN CHAOS.

"And the world was without form and void, and darkness was over all..."

MORE CONCERNING OUR BI-ETHICAL STANDARD OF CONDUCT.

Badly mixed as are the morals of the people down in Chaos concerning Sabbath-keeping, they are still worse impaled on matters of far greater importance than Sabbath-keeping.

STRENGTHENED BY THE ENGLISHMAN'S COMPANION-COUPLET.

It is a greater To steal a pike.

Our magistrates and petty judges—those first pickets and sentinels at the portals of the Temple of Justice—have been well drilled, too, by the universal conscience to be very, VERY severe with petty thieving, and invariably give heavy and long sentences for the theft of a penny cake or a pickled pig's foot...

So far and so good for our private conscience, but when all we private believers in the wickedness of stealing get together in a community or a class, how differently do we act. We say, practically, there is no prohibition against a crowd doing what is wrong for an individual to do.

Now, it is somewhat queer that although so much of the world is now particularly the Christian world regards the wholesale and national taking of another's as stealing, there is not a community in the world that does not regard the taking of ITS OWN goods by another community as stealing of the most thievish kind; hence every community always resists to the very death its own despoilment; all which proves conclusively that in spite of the hypocritical pretence that we abhor thieving we still live by the primitive savage's good old rule that:

THE BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

This document is issued, by order of the National Executive Committee, for a general discussion of all questions upon which the National Convention may be called to act, in order that the action taken may be the outcome of thorough deliberation.

THE CONSTITUTION.

The various plans of electing the National Executive Committee and of re-constructing the National Executive, heretofore submitted, are fatally defective, and therefore not acceptable.

AS TO THE PLACE.

Now that the matter of choosing the place of the next National Convention is to be submitted to party opinion, I desire to give mine. Philadelphia is the place. Any Western city, or city of the Middle West, would require the expenditure of too much money.

THE CONSTITUTION.

The subject of the national organization of the party will undoubtedly be a leading one in the Convention. It will be a difficult one to settle. There is the question of how the N. E. C. shall be elected and how it may be solved.

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Notice: The date of the Convention of the S. L. P. is January 22, 1900.

Socialism vs. Capitalist Law: Editor The People—Having waited patiently for an expression of opinion...

National Executive Committee: Meeting of the National Executive Committee, November 20.

Convention Committee of Section Greater New York: The committee elected by Section Greater New York to prepare a plan for the discussion of various questions...

Letter Box: [No questions will be considered that come in anonymous letters. All letters must carry a bona fide name and address.]

Second District: Counties, Branches, Votes, Members.

Third District: Middlesex, 2-150; Monmouth, 2-34; Somerset, 1-9.

Fourth District: Hunterdon, 1-16; Morris, 1-89; Sussex, 1-15; Warren, 1-13.

Fifth District: Bergen, 3-162; Passaic, 3-1108.

Sixth District: Essex (part), 4-1,035.

Seventh District: Hudson (part), 11-1,723.

Eighth District: Essex (part), 1-172; Hudson (part), 1-41; Union (part), 1-527.

Ninth District: Hudson, 11-1,723.

Tenth District: Essex (part), 1-172; Hudson (part), 1-41; Union (part), 1-527.

Grand total: 35 5,338 752.

Brooklyn: The regular meeting of the Socialist Literary Society was held on Monday, November 20.

Queens County: The Queens County Central Committee met on Monday, November 20.

Attention!: A special meeting of the 22d, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 30th Assembly Districts will be held on December 2.

Thomas J. Morgan, Lawyer: We obtain PATENTS and are engaged in the GENERAL PRACTICE OF LAW.

Regular Meetings of Socialist Organizations in Philadelphia: Philadelphia Section—2d Sundays, 8 p. m.

Resolutions: With a view to immediate improvement in the condition of labor we present the following demands: 1. Reduction in the hours of labor...

Grand Labor Festival: Thursday, November 30, 1899. In Grand Central Palace, Lexington Ave. & 43rd St. for the benefit of the LABOR PRESS.

Workers' Call: Clear, Clean Socialist Paper. Contains each week: 1. Discussions of Science of Socialism. 2. News of International Socialist Movement.

I Would Like to Know Some Thing About Socialism and the Co-operative Commonweal: Merrie England, 190 pages, book. Uncle Sam in Business, Bond.

The Crime of Ruby Rochfort: A RAYBIDGE STORY. It is a story of emotion, adventure and villainy of a thrilling kind.

Socialist Labor Party of the United States of America. Platform: The Socialist Labor Party of the United States, in Convention assembled, re-asserts the inalienable right of all men to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Workmen's Furniture Fire Insurance: Organized 1872. Membership 19,000. Principal Organization, New York and Vicinity. Carl Klingelhoeffer, Graduate of the University of Berlin.