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ee was much that is good in Socialism, he had several ob to it but no arguments or facts to up his objection. As a matter of course he trotted out that old, old bugbear that under Socialism with the "serve of com-petition cut the arm of industry would be paralyzed." He quoted this paper as saying that the average carni the workers of the United States at the present time is \$10 per day or over \$8,000 per year, and that under Socialism with the wastes of the competitive system eliminated, this amount could be earned by the average worker in a fourhour day. He said so long as people could be found who would believe such sophistry the Socialist vote would continue to increase, but that it was the baldest stupidity to think that with the nerve of competition cut this could be done." A mere statement, however, proves nothing. The assertion that the moon is made of green cheese bears no conviction to the man of average intellithe existence of a dairy large enough to furnish the milk required for the making of the cheese. In a communication to Ill., says:

"According to census bulletin No. 150, issued by the government at Washington, D. C., the average annual production of wealth per worker is \$2,451, per worker is only \$487, or about onesixth of his product.

"Under Socialism, when industry shall have been thoroughly systematized; when all the useless wastes shall have been eliminated, and when all the idleness and all those engaged in useless work shall have been put to useful, proamount."

producer of wealth. In fact, he appears to think it is a destroyer of wealth. According to Rev. Smith a man who receives only one-sixth of what he produces will work harder than one who receives all he produces, and he is undoubtedly right. If he didn't he would starve to death. This is the sort of lash the Christian slave-drivers of this year of our Lord 1903 use on their slaves. However, if workingmen would have to work as hard under Socialism as under capitalism, there is nothing in the former that would appeal to them and a change from capitalism to Socialism would be useless. The very basis of Socialism is exploits and robs the worker of fivesixths of his product and consequently compels him to work like a slave. Socialism proposes to give him some leisure time and an opportunity to live a full and complete life in place of the slave like existence which he gets under the present system.

But the reverend gentleman pleaded for a Christian Socialism—the Socialism of the Christ. Presumably the "nerve of competition" would not be required under this kind of Socialism. At least to be consistent it could not be tolerated. Competition is strife-war, if you please -and not in accord with the Golden Rule. Why the absence of competition for bread should be fatal to "political" Socialism, as Rev. Smith calls it, and harmless under Christian Socialism is incomprehensible to anyone, save perhaps a theologian. Furthermore, the reverend gentleman said there are some good things in Socialism—the public pay no attention to them. In fact we ownership of some utilities is desirable. Is he willing to sacrifice progress in those departments? If in a few why not in all?

To make a practical test of Socialism and carry out their principles, why, asks Rev. Smith, don't the Socialists of the community pool their wages-the \$100 a month man and the dollar a day man -and divide up equally? Now he knows very well that this is not Socialism, but, as Josh Billings would say, "damphool-

without a "reign of terror beside which the French Revolution would look sickly nd pale." He said a right "dis-position ot position" was needed. The church has been trying to preach a right disposition into men while they were in a ong position for nineteen centuries and this "consummation devoutly to be wished" is as far away as ever. How much longer will the church continue this folly of dealing with effect instead of removing the cause? The Socialists propose getting the right disposition by first getting the right position.

Rev. Smith was fearful that if the Socialists carried out their contention that the humblest laborer is as necessary to the welfare of society as the most skilled and should therefore receive equal remuneration, J. P. Morgan would give up his job and no one could be found to take his place in running the steel ingence when unaccompanied by proof of dustry. About a week ago Gov. Cummins in a speech in this city said: "]. Pierpont Morgan knows no more about the steel business than a hog knows the Chicago Record-Herald of recent about logarithms," and the governor date Dr. J. F. Sanders, of Bloomington, was probably right. Morgan is undoubtedly an adept in the "steal" business, but the running of the steel industry he wisely leaves in the hands of Schwab. And Schwab goes to Monte Carlo, leaving the steel industry in the hands of and the average annual wages received under-paid subordinates. Strange to say, the steel trust goes right on paying dividends. Of all the weird hallucinations that befog the brain of the "worker with the capitalist mind" this one that without the captain of industry the world would go to smash is the strangest. It is true, as Rev. Smith remarked, that some of these captains may work sixteen ductive labor, the workers will produce hours a day, but it is all useless labor. not less than \$5,000 per worker annually Why? Because they may work all day and each will receive the whole of that and lie awake nights inventing schemes to defeat their competitors and still not This doctor does not seem to think add one iota of wealth to the world's the "nerve of competition" is a great stock. Merely to take wealth from another is not to create it. And this is the kind of work these captains of industry perform, while the actual work of wealth production is left to a subordinate—the real laborer-the man with the hoe.

> Chicago is in the clutches of a coal famine. Two public schools are closed because of lack of fuel and others are threatened with a like predicament. Six of the largest office buildings of Chicago have suspended their elevator service because of lack of coal required to furnish power. Scores of manufacturing establishments will soon be compelled to close down. The Chicago Manufacturers Association has been investigating the cause of the coal shortage and finds that the railroads are confiscating the coal intended for Chicago to their own use. This is claimed to be part of a conspiracy between the railroads and the coal dealers of Chicago to force up the price of coal. Levy Mayer, attorney for the Manufacturers Association, says:

> "It has been years ago held to be criminal to purchase necessaries of life. such as fuel, in quantities to preclude competition and to hoard the article for a higher price. It has been well said that one who uses the power which money or credit gives him to play a prank like this upon the community is as deserving of punishment as a thief or

On the other hand, a prominent coal official, who is evidently some near relative of "Divine Right" Baer, says:

"I just came to tell you that we are not afraid of all your threats and will mean to raise the price of coal still higher."

The anthracite coal strike commission is again at work. In his testimony the sheriff of Lackawanna County said that President Mitchell had several times during the strike assisted him in preventing trouble. He also admitted having employed fifty deputies which the coal companies paid for.

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astiled portions of the us could have its worth 000,000 acres of semi-40,000,000 acres of of Alaska, 300,000,o acres of timber in Alaska, with an undance of coal and iron deposits, and ough natural resources all told to supert a population of 150,000,000. If the fources of government holdings are as this, it is apparent that a big major of the course of the cou Socialist experiment really could be carried on without inconveniencing the opponents of the scheme, and the result would be either the conversion of the opponents or the final and complete re-sudiation of Socialism

The suggestion of Mr. Gibson will not be acted upon, of course. But it is in-teresting to consider how comparatively simple could be the disposition of the vexatious problem one way or the other if men were wise, far seeing and courageous of action. There can be no doubt that Socialism is growing. It cannot be predicted when, if ever, it will have at-tained a degree of power adequate to control and enforce its policies on the country. It is always possible that the old parties, or one of them, will wake up to the true condition of affairs and treat it in such a way as to take most of the wind out of the Socialist sails. No political party will fail to act along lines of popular demand when it sees its own supremacy menaced, and the main hope of the Socialists must lie in too great a delay on the part of the old parties in waking up. Wise mea know positively that the present tendency toward private monopoly cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely. The and must see either the abolition of such monopoly or its transfer to government control. The latter means Socialism. The country can have its choice, but it must inevitably choose, Already the leaders of the great parties are going on record as loubting if a congress made up of either republicans or democrats will ever ade-quately deal with the question of private monopoly. But it must be that they fail to recognize the alternative. They don't know what they can possibly do when they have to act. When it comes to a they have to act. point where choice must be made be tween Socialism and the abolition of private monopoly, the lesser evil, as it appears to the opponents of Socialism at that time, will be chosen. And when the time comes, will the monopolies have grown to such proportions that their abolition would amount to a disastrous upheaval? Will it then be deemed wiser to keep the monopoly, but harness it under government control? No one can predict today. But the man of the most ordinary intelligence and common sense knows now that it would be a wise precaution for congress to give thorough attention to private monopoly without delay.—Sioux City Tribune.

This contains both a prophecy and a warning. "It is always possible that the old parties, or one of them, will wake up to the true condition of affairs and treat it in such a way as to take most of the wind out of the Socialist sails." Every indication points to the control of the democratic party by the radical or Hearst element of that party in 1904 and the adoption of a platform whose radicalism will make the Chicago and Kansas City platforms look conservative. Even now Hearst's Chicago American is running at the head of its editorial page a platform of its "internal policy," the first plank of which declares for "public ownership of public franchises." On another another page we print an article under the heading "Dangers to Socialism," by Marcus W. Robbins, which shows the danger to Socialism from this source. In this connection it may also be well to call attention to the last paragraph of the Socialist platform, which is as follows:

But in advocating these measures in steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the ex-ploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

The Coming Nation suggests that if it is true that the Chicago Chronicle is edited by a paroled patient from the Kankakee insane asylum, his friends should take steps to see that he is returned to that institution at once. This suggestion is also germane to several other editors of capitalistic shoots.

The net earnings of the steel trust for the past year were \$182,662,000.

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The steel trust is selling stock to its employes. A good scheme (for the trust) to prevent strikes. And the wage earner is biting.

"Canada Is Booming. All sections Prosperous and Outlook Never So Bright," is the head over an article in a Chicago paper. In the body of the same article the fact is made known that this issue. The International Socialist the rich in Canada made special efforts to care for those in need. Strange, that where there is so much prosperity, there is also much suffering.

The recent railway wrecks, which have resulted in many persons being killed and injured, are the direct result of the greed of capital. Engineers and train crews are overworked, boys are employed as telegraphers and train dispatchers. Under Socialism such accidents would not occur, as men would not be overworked, boys would be in school and trains going in opposite directions would not use the same track.

In a speech in Boston on "Public Ownership" Dr. Edward Everett Hale is reported to have said:

"The city owns its water supply, but, am told, that if we were to undertake to sell coal we would go to the bowwows. Our commonwealth means our wealth in common.

"In the water which he buys from the city the billionaire washes his face, with it brushes his teeth, with it he adulterates his whiskey. But he will not favor public ownership of other public necessities.

The bituminous miners of the country are preparing to ask for an increase in wages of from 18 to 20 per cent. A strike of the soft coal miners would make fuel a luxury if it is not already such, as the following would seem to indicate:

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 7.—There are several districts in the Third, Fourteenth and Eighteenth Wards in which the condition of the poorer classes because of the coal shortage is as near destitution as it can well be.

Scraps of wood are gathered with religious care in streets and alleys, and ashes used to fill the back yard for many seasons are being raked up, sorted over and fed to the stove.

There are entire districts in which the householders have no coal whatever, and many who have never before done so are thinking seriously of applying to the poor office for help, as it is understood that the county has a supply of soft coal on hand for distribution among the actually needy.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the "Outlook" and successor of Henry Ward Beecher in the pulpit of Plymouth \$2,451. Of this the average worker gets

"I think that every man should by industry put as much into the world as he takes out of it. I consider the man who loafs in splendor on a yacht or in a palace car just as much of a tramp as he who, with ragged garments, tramps on railroad ties. If he is wandering about the earth without bringing any thing into it he is a tramp, no matter what kind of clothes he wears.

"A man should contribute more than support to his home. He should give a part of himself to it. If social conditions are such that it requires all of his energy and vitality to earn that support, so that he comes home at night almost without a soul, conditions are radically wrong; and they must be changed.

"Destroy the home and the nation will perish; destroy the nation and leave the home, and the nation will grow up afresh. I love my country, but I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that I love my home better.

"Our government should prevent child labor. It is a shame that a child, ten or twelve years old, who ought to be at school or enjoying his little life in harm-less play, should spend those weary hours turning the grindstone to help eke out his father's meager wages

This nation needs a public opinion which will put being above possession, character above position, and manhood above millions. Ask what a man is worth, and you usually get an answer in dollar marks. as though we could measure men as we do pork, with maybe a little more for the avoirdupois. need a public opinion which will mea ure a man by what he is and do rather than what he possesses, or who he happens to be.

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At the present rate of increase in the Socialist vote in the United States, a Socialist president will be elected in

It is significant that in the states which show the smallest percentage of illiteracy the gain in the Socialist vote was largest.

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has come out squarely for Socialism. It is one of the most widely circulated papers of that state. Read our great offer on page three of

Review, regular price \$1.00, a standard cloth bound book worth 50 cents, and The Iowa Socialist, one year, all for \$1.00. "We hear a great deal about 'Christian Nations," says Rev, J. F. Conant, of Dubuque, "but these same Christian

nations have gone to heathen nations and taught them sins that no heathen ever dreamed of before." And that's no dream. The city council of Detroit has appropriated \$50,000 for the purpose of

buying anthracite coal to be retailed at cost price to needy consumers. Wonder if this city council is not afraid that these poor people will have no "incentive" to burn coal if it is furnished to them at cost.

I. P. Morgan was referred to the other day by a pulpit orator as the "Herald of Peace" and was also compared to John the Baptist, which causes "Die Wahrheit" of Milwaukee to remark that this may not be so untrue as it appears, because Morgan is preparing the way for Socialism and like John the Baptist is using water for the purpose, although the degenerate world which will not see this says the water is used for inflating

London, Jan. 7.—A movement is under way here among charity organizations, in connection with the Salvation Army, Associated Charities, Volunteers of America and other charity organizations in America, to call an international conference in Washington, D. C., looking to a practical solution of present and future conditions and welfare of large cities' unemployed, many of whom, with their families, are objects of charity against their inclinations and because of industrial conditions.

Why not get at the root of the matter and change the industrial conditions.

A great majority of the people of this country imagine that we have a free ballot. As a matter of fact it costs the average workingman \$2,014 to vote once a year. You ask, how is that? The average annual production of wealth is church, in a lecture in Chicago this week \$437. This is because of the competitive wage system. By voting for the republican or democratic parties, which uphold this system, you throw away \$2,014. Oh, you're a generous cuss. And you never throw away your vote

> The Socialists of the eastern provinces of Germany have heretofore divided their votes between the German and Polish candidates, each of these nationalities having insisted on putting up candidates of their own. This division resulted in cutting down the Socialist representation in the reichstag. Recently the Polish Socialists of these provinces decided to hereafter support the German candidates, and consequently a large increase in the delegation to the reichstag at the coming elections is confidently expected.

> Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 80.-A statement of the condition of the state and savings banks of Iowa is not expected before the new state auditor comes into his office. The returns from banks are coming in slowly, and about a dozen are to be heard from yet. The returns thus far indicate that there will be for the first time in years a distinct falling off in nearly all the different items. It is certain that the larger savings banks in the cities are reporting smaller deposits than before and generally less business, and this state of affairs has not been known before for a long time.

It has also been a long time since the price of fuel, food and other necessities has been so high as at present,

on the face of the earth the democratic find out the best means of circumvent-party is the most decrepit. ing a possible enemy and blowing him

What is the matter with having re-Newfoundland?

The latest violation of the Jeffersonian, constitutional, inalienable right of per- It seems that one was not enough, alsonal liberty is the order that the rail- though a man up a tree would think it roads shall disinfect the cars used for was one too many. If the disinherited the transportation of live stock. This is citizens of the United States had been a good idea. Of course we could not able to realize the causes and the tenexpect the present authorities to have dencies of the great strike of '94 there disinfect the coaches used for the trans- the part of the Pullman employes or portation of human beings. But we congratulate them on the remarkable stride monwealth would have been already inthey have made in even having the stook augurated. But the people are slow to cars disinfected. Did it ever occur to learn. That great strike did indeed give you that practically every good thing we have in the way of government is an interference with the stark individualism that some undeveloped individuals insist upon? It goes so very hard with some people to be required to do the square great coal strike and thousands of minor thing.

A press dispatch from Vienna says among the poor and unemployed on account of the cold weather. It adds that sary before they will realize the truth. the immigration agents are doing a They are, however, coming over fast. thriving business; that the best workmen The end is in sight. The day is dawnare leaving for the United States and ing. thereby helping this country to compete with Europe. It then proceeds to roast the ruin of their own country. Oh, yes, workingmen, you must stay at home and die of patriotic starvation. What does colder. What's the reason? it matter if you and your wife and babies do without bread and coal until your wasted bodies are frozen stiff, just so your grand country shall be able to triumph over the United States in the selling of a few dollars worth of goods to remote barbarians? Don't be so foolish and treasonable as to answer that if your would not be a single case of small-pox country wants your services it ought to in the land today if it were not for the guarantee you an opportunity to earn a living for yourself and your family. Didn't I just tell you that you don't amount to anything? Your first duty is doctors get paid in accordance with the to see that your country wreaks proper vengeance on the United States. If you starve or freeze to death in the meantime it's all right. But, by the way, be careful that you do not jump out of the frying pan into the fire. There are already shorter his hours of work will become. hundreds of thousands of people in the The public will, furthermore, have the United States who are on the point of starving and freezing.

The manufacturers are making a vigorous protest against the passage of the their foul, ill-ventilated dwellings and all men and women, they are so blinded eight hour bill by congress, although it their unhealthy surroundings will be a by the mote of class-selfishness in their only applies to work done for the government. They say that if it were of small-pox and other epidemics will see, the God-given rights of others. passed it would operate as a stepping therefore cease to exist. stone toward the application of the eight hour day to all manufacturing enterprises, whether engaged on private or all night in the anthracite mines for are they who cultivate the mind on all public contracts. If they were half sixty-five cents a night. The people of questions pertaining to government, the bright they would welcome legislation the country became properly indignant even to the extent of covering private over this, but they ought to know that contracts, for experience has shown that child labor in even worse form than that don't study or I don't meddle with polithe eight hour day does not lessen production. Even if it did the diminution tory system in the United States. Capwould fall equally upon them all and the italism is the enemy of childhoood. Soprice of the product would rise accord- cialism will be the child's paradise. ingly. Moreover, it would delay the day of alleged overproduction. But it is folly to expect them to see beyond the ends of their noses. Their protests will in all probability kill the bill, for the other cheering sign of the times. Likesenators and congressmen are their servants, not the servants of the workingmen who want the bill passed. What the deuce can you expect from your indications point to a time, not far disenemies anyway?

The United States navy is again engaged in tactical evolutions. All sorts almost in a body.

work hard and have nothing, while you don't get half of the benefits.-Boone don't work at all and have more than Independent. you need?

Brother to the Fox-I vote for my interest, while you, instead of voting for your interests, vote the same ticket that ited time only. I do.

Brother to the Ox-I don't understand why, if we vote the same ticket, I don't get half of the benefits.

Brother to the Fox-I know you don't

Of all the infirm toothless old frauds of schemes are carried out in order to into kingdom come. Nine-tenths of our wars are due to the property interests of ciprocity with each other as well as with private individuals. Socialism will bid them good-bye.

Another Pullman strike is threatened. sense enough to require the railroads to would be no need of another strike on anybody else. The co-operative comthe Socialist movement a host of valuable recruits, but to the great majority its meaning was hidden, veiled under mere outward circumstances. They have had to have a great steel strike and a strikes, with all their bloodshed, starvation, hatred, distress and misery, and a great many of them have not yet seen that there is great suffering in Austria the light. More struggles, more militia, more blood, more suffering, are neces-

The papers are full of news of bank them for leaving and thus assisting in robberies, burglaries, shop-lifting and other property crimes. They become more numerous as the weather grows

> Small-pox is beginning to boom again. made that remark to one of the enemy the other day and he laughed scornfully and said, "Well, what's that got to do with the question? Is Socialism a cure for small-pox?" It surely is. There fact that the owners of private capital object to paying taxes for extensive disinfection and the further fact that the prevalence of disease. The more cases the more money. Under Socialism the doctor's income will not depend upon the amount of disease. The more he succeeds in wiping out epidemics the means and facilities for universal disinfection, without having to cater to the capitalists. Moreover, the slum with thing of the past. The breeding places eye they cannot see, and also refuse to

> It now develops that little girls work is one of the regular phases of the fac- tics, in the same words says, I have no

.The news that DeLeon's Pennsylvania contingent is at outs with him and may unite with the Socialist party is anwise, the fact that Lucien Sanial, De Leon's erstwhile first lieutenant, has they will curse and rend you. withdrawn from the organization. These tant, when DeLeon's followers, at last disillusioned as to the nature of the man and his tactics, will come over to us

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I brotect him tight, might lock und key, De door he cannot pass; Uf I did not, dot foolish mule

Would get out on de grass. He works from morning till in night, I do not let him stop;

He never lose his chob. I didn't hear him grumble once, He minds me as I like; 'Brotection' makes him satisfied, He doesn't want to strike

So long dot he behaves dis way

Vot for do I brotect dot mule. Und gif him dings vot's good, Vy stroke his ears and pat his head, Vich looks like gratitude?

I tell you vy, if you keep still. Und don't say it out of school. I gife "brotection" efery time, Because I ride dot mule.

It was so in de Faderland, I find it yet dis day, He who brotects, gits hold de reins Und makes de mule obey.

My mule is like some workingmen Who gets a chob to pull, Or has a saddle on his back So his "dinner pail" gits full.

Who votes de ticket efery time, Whose heart is full of Charity For all the loafers riding him, Who brag of "our Brosp rity."

If my old mule had half de sense Vot vorkingmen dink dev've got. He'd lift his legs and take good aim, Und kick my dam brains oud.

"Vy don't he kick?" some people say, 'Und get oud on de grass? My mule don't know to help himself, His fader was an ass.

-H. F. Hetzel.

Few Breezes

By L. J. Smith

To expose a secret or falsehood is rather dangerous.

To love the truth is to hate a lie.

The greatest obstruction in the way of collective intelligence is educated igporance, which churchianity, labor and fraternal societies are responsible for. And among the educated ignorant we find many well read but ill-informed, many of whom are up-to-date on oneeyed politics and one-eyed religions and other one-eyed societyisms, but when it caprices and private interests of private comes to the science of government, the will of God, and the God given rights of

> Those who climb the ladder of fame to the snow-capped peaks of intelligence will of God and the God-given rights of all men and women. He who says I respect for the words of God and the struggling masses of humanity, and also says I am serving myself. For proof of this assertion see Isaiah 58: 1-2. To reject a truth is not wise. Where ignorance is bliss, wisdom is folly. To convince wise persons of their mistakes they will bless you and glorify God, but when you show the foolish their folly

Unionism must adopt Socialism or Socialism will adopt unionism and organize a Socialist labor union, including all branches of industry, issue all charters under one head and establish a Socialist labor union congress, employing the in-Brother to the Ox-Why is it that I understand it. That is the reason you itiative, referendum and imperative mandate. They must do or be done. That's all there is to it. But as they are not allowed to discuss politics I presume it proper to take such steps. By this method we can combine labor for political action. No other remedy will work a labor unionist is not allowed to read this to his union, for his mammonized masters will not allow him so to do-those who tell him that Socialism

If the working class is looking for amelioration at the hands of the old parties, the surest and quickest way to secure "concessions" is not by voting for old party candidates, but to build up a powerful party—even though it be a minority one—and the law-maker will concede all the concessions in his power. The workers will then have an opportunity to test the value of these conces sions—they can't be worse than the present. On the other hand, if the workers continue to deliver their votes to old party candidates, "to have and to hold forever," they will continue to get just what they have been getting.-Coming Nation.

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John J. Fitspatrick, organis-icago Federation of Labor. cancago Federation of Labor, predicts a hard fight in the immediate future be-tween the unions of that city and the manufacturers. ufacturers' association. He says: "Everything looks peaceful now on the surface, but underneath there is a troubled current which threatens the serenity of the situation. I do not look with disfavor upon the organization of the employers, because I believe that more favorable conditions may be maintained by central bodies treating with each other. But the moment there is friction the trouble will come, and it will be of a character the like of which the All employes are compelled to furnish city never saw. For a time the sympathy of the people will be with the workers, but when the choice must be made between organized labor and the employers capital the middle man, who may be called the great unorganized mass, is likely to throw the influence of public sentiment toward the employer, unless the unions are sure of their ground and have justice on their side, as was the case in the great coal strike. I believe if organized labor be conservative and moderate in its demands, changing conditions and wages gradually will win in the long struggle. But should the workers become unreasonable, and should hot-headed leaders forge to the front, I would not want to be held answerable for the result."

Cleveland, Ohio, molders, who are out on strike are gradually bringing their bosses to time, five firms having the home. vielded to the demands.

Painters international union has adopted a label. Five sizes will be loaned to local unions.

Chicago union teamsters will assist the printers in their fight against Conkey. They will refuse to haul any material which comes from the Conkey plant.

Fifteen hundred members of building trades in New Rochelle, N. Y., have been locked out and the bosses declare they will destroy the unions.

Laundry workers have organized twenty-three new unions in the past three months.

Structural iron workers at Easton, Pa., won their demands for an eight-hour day

and 60 cents an hour. Tin workers at Martins Ferry, Ohio,

struck against a 25 per cent. cut. The bituminous miners will make a demand for 15 to 20 per cent, increase in wages the latter part of the month. The national convention will meet at Indianapolis Jan. 17 and immediately thereafter the district conventions will be held where the different scales will

will aggregate \$2,000,000 a year. Organized labor of Illinois is fighting Lorimer's candidate for speaker of the legislature, John H. Miller.

be adopted. It is estimated the increase

The International Cigarmakers Union is to bring suit against the Michigan ern capitalists to form a national organboard of control to prevent the manufac- ization of non-union men for the purture of cigars in the state prison.

A Business Proposition

The election is over and another cam paign on. The Socialist vote of last month must be doubled next year. This will require hard work, agitation and education. One of the best and cheapest ways of getting Socialism before the people is through the Socialist newspaper. The comrades of Iowa have been given a splendid opportunity of doing this through the establishment of The Iowa Socialist. It should go to the homes of not only the 6,860 who voted the ticket at the last election, but all of these should make an effort to get it into the homes of their neighbors. In order to add much needed equipment to our plant and to improve the paper we need a larger subscription list, and we ask every comrade in Iowa and elsewhere to assist us in this matter. Socialism is international and not bounded by state lines. Socialist papers are devoted to the propaganga of Socialism and because a paper may bear the name

of any particular state does not neces-

Brewers will hold a special national onvention in February.

Cincinnati glass workers gained the ine-hour day.

To show that the interests of capital nd labor are identical capitalists of Spokane, Wash., have organized a ommercial club to combat unions.

The Reuter brewery of Boston is now nion in all its departments. The nonunion men have been paid off and discharged.

The Southern Pacific railway is putting a new blacklist plan in operation. two photographs, besides the usual descriptions, and one of the pictures is kept by the company while the other is forwarded to the Railway Managers' As- Dangers to Socialism sociation in Chicago. Other roads are adopting the same plan.

Mrs. Amos J. Cummings, widow of the late New York congressman, printer and editor, who has been visiting the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, says that her late husband's library will shortly be given to the home. Mr. Cummings was one of the original trustees of the home, and had frequently said that he would bequeath his books to the institution. Though his will failed to contain the provisions, Mrs. Cummins has provided in her own will for the gift. The library is extensive and very valuable. Mrs. Cummings expresses herself as greatly pleased with states. The truth I wish to bring out

Representatives of the two national team drivers' unions will meet in Indianapolis, Jan. 12, for the purpose of adjusting their differences and amalgamat-

Miners at Victor, Col., dedicated a \$7,000 labor temple.

Painters, printers and carpenters in Ashtabula, Ohio, secured a 25 per cent. raise without going out.

Carpenters in Fort Worth, Tex., won their demands for \$3.50 per day of eight hours and the card system goes.

Another labor law has been knocked off the statute books. Judge Simonton, of Harrisburg, Pa., has declared the "store order law" of that state, which imposed a tax of 25 per cent on the face value of store orders unconstitutional.

The waiters' union is recognized in eighty-four restaurants in San Francisco.

Machinists at Des Moines have been given an advance of 25 cents by the M. & St. P. road.

Zanesville, Ohio, molders have been granted a 25 cent advance.

Lumber workers in Olympia, Wash, were advanced 25 cents more a day and given privilege to board where they pleased, virtually abolishing company boarding houses.

A movement has been started by west pose of protecting the "right" to scab.

sarily limit its usefelness within the con fines of that state. We want a subscription list of 10,000 within the next few months and we want your help in securing it. However, we will not ask you to work for nothing, but will make a very liberal offer for your services. We cialism is coming. These men will be shall not promise you a premium on our fair weather friends and they will condition that you send in a certain number of subscribers within a certain time, or on condition that the number sent in by you is the largest. There is no element of chance in our offer. All will have the same opportunity whether they send in one subscriber or a hundred. For every 50 cent cash subscription to The Iowa Socialist sent to this office we will allow a commission of 10 cents. For every 25 cent or six months subscription 5 cents will be allowed. This is a commission of 20 per cent.—20 cents on the dollar. We trust every lowa comrade will avail himself or herself of this opportunity of advancing the picket lines of Socialism. Forward, march!

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And the dawn shall grow in splendor To the fullness of the day When the hands of greed surrender What from toil they tore away.

For the land to all was given-It belongs to you and me; Let monopoly be driven From the fortress of the free, And let liberty bid welcome To the government to be.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

By Marcus W. Robbin

One of the greatest dangers that will confront the program of Socialism in the next few years will be the fact of its success. What do I mean? Simply this: Anyone who has looked at the election returns of 1900 and 1902, and who considers also the sentiment of the general public, must plainly see that by the year 1904 the Socialist party will hold the balance of power in the majority of northern states. The danger that lies in this can best be expressed by the one word "fusion." The democratic party will be the minority party in these same can best be shown by one of the old Greek legends.

Once upon a time there lived a great general named Ulysses who made a certain voyage on the Mediterranean Sea. On one of the islands which he had to sail past lived a number of fascinating young maidens called Sirens. These maidens sang songs with such bewitching effect that passing sailors were attracted to the shore only to meet with death. But there was this peculiarity about the life or existence of these Sirens: If any seaman could resist the enticements of their magic music the Sirens ceased to exist from that moment. Now, Ulysses was warned by a good old lady named Circe of the dangers to be expected from these Sirens. So, thus forewarned, he stuffed the ears of his companions with wax and lashed himself to a mast until he had sailed out of hearing of the fatal song. He afterward lived to a good old age and died peacefully at home.

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I could hardly be classed as an old lady, still I think that it would be a good idea for several of the Socialist brothers to stuff their ears with wax. Or, if they are bound to listen to the Siren's song, that they at least take the precaution to tie themselves to a good stiff post. We can get this consolation out of the story: If the sailors could get safely by without landing, the Sirens died. Now I will ay it under my breath: If the Socialist party can get safely by Democracy-!

But can she? Men will come into our party from now on who have not been trained by persecution and derision to stand steadfast. We will also have the men who are greedy for office, spoils, the sucking of the public tit. In the next few years we will gain the hypocritical Socialists, the men who have been shrewd enough to forecast a page or two of history and who see that Soleave us in our first adversity. So fellowcomrades, who doubtless have been Socialists longer than I, let us cry together, "No compromise!" "No fusion!" I took "Dangers" for my subject. The other danger that confronts Socialism is found in the republican party. This danger can be illustrated by a law of nature. When any life or organism is threatened with extinction by reason of being out of touch with its surroundings, it is the tendency for such life or organism to adapt itself to its surroundings. The plainest example of this is found in the chameleon, which is a species of lizard that changes its color to correspond with its background. For instance, if it is surrounded by green leaves and twigs it will assume a green color; or if the surroundings chance to be brown its skin will change to that

hue. In Africa are found certain in-

Every boy has noticed how hard it is to distinguish a grouse from its surroundings. I give these examples to make clear my statement that when the capitalist leaders of the republican party per-ceive that there is danger of Socialism thrusting them out of power they will proceed to adapt themselves to their new surroundings by foisting on the workers government ownership of railroads or coal mines and stop with that What would be finer for capitalism than to have its railroads, telegraph systems and coal mines turned into government bonds and the workers paying them interest. Capitalism would be relieved of all responsibility of management and would get paid on all its watered stock. They would strengthen their position by saying: "Ours is conservative progress and is therefore the only safe kind." Don't you think there are some dangers confronting Socialism? If I should say which was our greatest peril, it would be that the class-conscious worker was in greater danger of being deluded by capitalistic co-operation than he was by the Siren song of Democracy. But both believe in the continuance of the competitive wage sytem, and therefore both are to be avoided.

A dispatch says that King Edward gave Christmas presents of beef and game to the employes on his estates; and that Emperor William gave presents of gold pieces to his attendants. There was no hint, however, that either king or kaiser contemplate giving their subjects justice. That would be too costly gift for crowned heads. -- California

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Sioux Crrv, Jan. 6, 1903. The Sioux City local starts off the ew year with very flattering prospects. st meeting in the new year, last Sunday, was the best for many months. ating capacity of the large hall was fully taken and many were compelled to stand during the meeting. Everybody seemed very much interested and held their seats for two long hours without any display of uneasiness. The subject discussed was, "What the Socialists will do in 1903." E. J. Hanson was the first speaker. He explained to the audience how only a few years since it was almost impossible for a Socialist speaker to obtain an audience; but how later on the working people began to think for themselves and now every Socialist speaker on any occasion is greeted with large and interested audiences. He showed how the Socialist vote had grown from 21,000 in 1900 to 400,000 in 1902, which is the largest vote ever cast by a third party in this country. He showed how in ten years the number of Socialist standard has grown from two to over three hundred. For 1903 he predicted that the publications would inwould be increased from 400,000 to 8,000,000 or 4,000,000.

Comrade Bennett was the second speaker. He held the floor for over half an hour and made one of his strong characteristic speeches. Comrade Bennett is a forceful talker and is in his glery when pounding the truth into a large crowd of workers. Among other things, he said the working classes of this country have passed through a worse condition of degradation and slavery than the negroes of the south or of central Africa ever passed through. It is one continual struggle for bread. The talk about individual opportunity is all bosh. I would like to see a laboring man start out to become a millionaire prosperity of this country is a great big and attain it. You can bet there is plenty of capital right on the scene to take in everything that offers a profit.

"Because one man is more shrewd and cunning than his fellow man is no reason why he should be allowed to ride upon the back of his neighbor and oppress him. Four-fifths of the profits of the poor man's labor go to the rich.

"We contend that the trend of competition is monopoly. The trusts are the outgrowth of natural conditions. The trusts have become international. How is this government going to legis late against trusts that reach around the world? The trusts are bigger than the government.

"Our national congress is a great big farce. The legislators meet to build armies and navies, gather taxes and talk about the tariff. Congress has not passed a law in the interest of the laboring men for years and years. If a laboring man were to be elected to congress and sent down to Washington he would be ridiculed by the capitalistic press until he would have to leave. All this, and yet the laboring people are fools enough to again.

"Our prisons and insane hospitals are filled to overflowing with people on account of our competitive system. Thieves and prostitutes are the victims of present society; society is not the victim of these people."

throughout his entire speech.

Comrade M. M. Curtis, who has been Woodbury county, also made a very enthusiastic talk. He believes that if the Socialists will furnish literature to the farmers that before the end of 1903 Woodbury county would give a majority vote for the Socialist ticket. Continuing he said: "The farmers are men of intelligence; they have libraries, and do lots of reading. They are becoming Socialists. Why, you might as well try to stop the waters of Niagara Falls from falling over the precipice as to try to stop the Socialist movement."

Other speakers followed, all of whom were enthusiastic over the great prospects ahead for 1903. It is impossible to keep a Socialist from working for the cause.

The Socialists, having come face to face with the problem of the unemployed, decided recently to open and operate a free employment agency. The work of securing jobs for the hundreds of unemployed men and women of our

d. Consider maintaining such an agency the com-rades thought it wise to try to interest our city councilmen in the good work. Knowing that almost to a man, these poor unfortunates voted for the pre city council, and believing that this would be an opportunity whereby the city officials could show to the world that they were in sympathy with the poor and as willing to help them as to help the rich, a petition was duly presented to the city council asking their financial aid to the extent of \$100 to aid in caring for the unemployed during the winter. The petition was coldly referred to the committee whose business it is to quash all worthy pleas and the council agreed that "they did not have any right to engage in such business." Voters should remember these things next election. No such action was taken when it was asked to pay out \$1,500 of the peoples' money to erect a monument at the grave of Sergeant Floyd; no, indeed, the capitalists asked for that help and the money was quickly given. Shame on such actions. Would it not be much more honorable to feed regular papers published bearing the the hungry living than to waste money on the graves of the dead. We think the living should be considered first. As a further mark of the inconsistency of crease 200 per cent and the party vote the capitalistic class, I relate the following: Just following the application to the council for help the agency received a letter from the Consumers Ice Co. which read as follows;

"Before asking the city to give you \$100 to run the free agency please find me fifty men to cut ice. Have them re-port for work Monday, Jan. 5th."

In answer to this request thirty-eight men were sent out and all reported for work and out of the thirty-eight two were employed. So you see that while the capitalists make a great blow about there being plenty of work and offer to ake all the men we can send them, they absolutely fail to keep their promise. The fact is the great talked of wind bubble. Only the rich are pros-"KRANK."

Party Notes

The Dakota Ruralist is now a Socialist organ.

Comrade John W. Ray is organizing in Tennessee.

Socialists have organized a branch at Scanda, Iowa.

The national committee will meet in St. Louis Jan. 29, 1903.

Cincinnati Socialists are talking of starting a weekly paper. Comrade John Collins is speaking in

he bituminous coal region. Comrade Debs spoke at California

state labor convention Jan. 5. Rev. Thos. C. Wiswell, of Seattle.

Wash., has joined the Socialist party. Comrades Thos. J. Hagerty and Edward Boyce start on their western tour

A. M. Simons will edit a new labor paper to be published in Chicago by W. D. Boyce.

Comrade W. R. Healey, of Longwood, Fla., will represent his state as national committeeman.

The national committee has issued a charter to Pearl River, La. The southern states will soon be in line.

H. Gaylord Wilshire will meet Prof. E. R. A. Seligman in joint debate at Mr. Bennett was heartily applauded Cooper Union, New York, Jan. 16.

Comrade McCartney, of the Massachusetts legislature, addressed the Twenputting in considerable time all over tieth Century Club of Boston on Socialism.

> James S. Roche has been elected a member of the local quorum of the national committee, to succeed L. E. Hildebrand, resigned.

> New Orleans, La., Springfield, Vt.. Montreal, Ark., and Prairie Creek Mine, Ark., have been granted charters by the national committee.

> Socialists of Erie, Pa., are endeavoring to start a daily paper. Aug. Klenke is secretary of the board of directors who have charge of the matter.

> Mrs. Marion H. Dunham, of Burlington, Iowa, who is corresponding secretary of the Woman's National Socialist Union, has been state president of the Iowa W. C. T. U. for thirteen years. Mrs. Annie W. Clark, of Columbus, O., recording secretary of the Woman's National Socialist Union, is president of the Ohio state W. C. T. U.

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SOCIALIST PLATFORM Adopted at Indianapolis, Ind., 1901.

The Socialist party in convention assembled reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire process.

recast of production and distribution into contective ownership by the entire people.

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keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of liveliheod gives the capitalists the control of the sovernment, the repeat the sulpid and means or invalued gives the capitalists the con-trol of the government, the press, the palpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and witted larger.

virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indis criminate slaughter is encouraged and the de-struction of whole races is sanctioned in order

of the transition to So. e. ism also depends upon
the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We therefore, consider it of the atmost importance for the Socialist party to support all
active efforts of the working class to better its
condition and in elect Socialists to political offices
in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate:

1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public
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wholly to the increase of wages and shortening
of the hours of labor of the employes, and to the
improvement of the service, and diminishing the
rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of
labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the
share of the worker in the product of labor.

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crease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected from the revenue of the capitalist class, and to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inanguration of a system of public industries, credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.

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