

City Ownership

The race course at Doncaster, Eng., is the property of the city, and this week the Racing Committee accepted tenders for land and booths adjoining the course.

The city of Glasgow, Scotland, has a water plant on which it has expended \$14,000,000. Pure spring water is piped from the mountains, 34 miles away, and is laid down to the people at a very low rate.

Before many months have elapsed, Bradford, Eng., will be in possession of a municipal hotel and public-house. On Wednesday the city applied for a full license at the Brewster Sessions.

There are two balconies, or as commonly known, a balcony and a top gallery. The interior decoration, which is a predominant tone of deep empire red, intermingled with rich olive and gold, is the work of the William Eckart Company of Chicago.

Perhaps the most striking feature is the proscenium arch. It is declared to be a novelty in the theater architecture of this country. It has the form of a semi-circle and is of sufficient width to admit of the construction of two private boxes on either side within the base.

The theatre is under the personal management of John D. Cudahy, who was elected to this responsible position by the City Council. He is a leading citizen, being president of the First National Bank of Calumet.

A word should be said as to the characteristics of the community in which this work was possible. As already pointed out, Calumet is the center of some of the richest copper fields and mines in the world.

These people are well governed. The present head of the municipality is Mayor John Ryan, who has served in this office for several successive terms to the satisfaction of all parties.

It was formally opened to the public about two months ago, the attraction on this suspicious occasion being a comic opera company, which was taking in the bustling northern town by special train from Milwaukee and received by the representatives of the municipality with bands playing and banners flying.

Some traveling men from Chicago, New York, Boston and other big towns, who happened to be in Calumet that night, were in doubt as to whether evening dress would be the proper form at the theatre's opening performance.

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SOME OTHER DAY.

There are wonderful things we are going to do Some other day. And harbors we hope to drift into Some other day. With folded hands, and oars that trail, We watch and wait for a favoring gale To fill the folds of an idle sail Some other day.

THE WORKINGMAN'S "FREEDOM." We crouch at the feet of our masters, And whine for a crumb of their spoil; We grovel in humble submission, Begging leave of our tyrants to toil, Begging leave to earn back a pittance Of the profit our labor has won; And this is the freedom we boast of, Handed down from father to son.

Acknowledges the Corn.

With the passing of the political campaign there will be a chance for the country to turn its thoughts to some matters of great concern upon which all citizens are agreed. One such is the irrigation of the arid lands of the West.

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Another View of It. An observant eastern newspaper has under taken an improvement on the appeal for help for the starving millions in India, which began "two cents a day will support one life," etc., and here is the result:

Two rifle cartridges a day will support one life. One six pounder shell will save a life for two months. One twelve pounder shell will save a life until the harvest.

One pair of cavalry boots will save man, wife and child until the next crop is gathered. One minute's discharge of a maxim gun will save a whole family from death. The cost of war for one second will save ten lives for four months.

The octopus is the most hideous of monsters. It is a sea-fish, if it can be called a fish, with a huge nucleus for its body about the size of a sugar hogs-head with from six to ten tapering arms ten or fifteen feet in length. On the under side of these arms are suction valves size from a quarter to dollar silver piece. It seizes its victim exhausts the air and holds him in a vice, while it sucks him to death.

Confucius said, when a country is well governed poverty and mean conditions are things to be ashamed of; when a country is ill governed riches and honor are things to be ashamed of. How is it at present in this country?—Peoples' Paper.

Borrowed Plumes

Keep track of the number of political office seekers who do not shake hands with you after November 6.—Zanesville Labor Journal. The working people, suffering deeply by the exploitation of the many by the few, will one day say, let the people own the capital, as the capitalist has hitherto owned the people.—Labor Journal.

"The meek shall inherit the earth." Not by a jug full. They have inherited poverty, hunger and dirt up to the present, and so long as they are meek this will continue to be their portion. Rockefeller and Morgan own a big portion of the earth, but it wasn't acquired through "meekness." A word to the wise.—Labor Advocate, Jacksonville, Fla.

Last year the banks of New York loaned \$8,000,000,000 of credit. At 4% interest on that amount they drew \$320,000,000 from the hands or pockets of productive business. The government, through government banks, could have transacted the same amount of business for the people for \$40,000,000, if not less, leaving in the hands of the industrial classes the snug sum of \$280,000,000.

A staff correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce has been investigating the conditions that prevail in some of the textile industries in Concord, N. C. He states that he received a shock when he was told that many negroes, both male and female, were whipped to secure "proper performance of duty."

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The WORLD OF PROGRESS. WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.—Marconi recently transmitted a message by the wireless system, without the use of tall poles, a distance of sixty miles. The dispatch was received on a cylinder only four feet high. This indicates important progress.

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The Great Issue. THE Kansas City Journal, commenting on an article in the current Cosmopolitan on the wastes of competition, says that too much consolidation means socialism. Yes, and some consolidation means capitalism—a few robbing all the balance. As a clincher the Journal asks: "Where is the man who would be willing to exchange his ambitions for the surety of obtaining a living with only two hours work out of twenty-four?"

Bread Cheaper Than Stealing. UNDER the best conditions with the machinery in use in 1896, according to United States official statistics, (Labor Report 13,) labor produces 29 bushels of wheat for 66 cents, or about 3 1-3 cents a bushel. By this is meant that the ground was made ready, the grain put in, taken off and threshed and put in the sack. This was done on a bonanza or capitalistic farm of 10,000 acres in California, and was the average cost for the entire product of that farm.

An American Prophet. Extract from a lecture of Dr. Wm. F. Channing, on the elevation of the laboring classes.—Published February 1840. Such are my hopes of the intellectual, moral, religious, social elevation of the laboring class. I should not, however, be true to myself, did I not add that I have fears as well as hopes. It is also possible in this mysterious state of things, that evil may come to them from causes which are thought to promise them nothing but good.

Spread the Light. The Appeal reserve fund is now \$55.10. This fund is increased from the profits of book sales, which are laid aside to build up the fund. You can swell it by purchasing books. In case you would like to give this fund a boost, the following books will give you good value, and are great things for propaganda.

ADVERTISEMENTS are accepted under this head at 100 lines per week with order. Ten words make a line. No display for time or space. Only one column will be sold. FOR SALE CHEAP—Brick and Tile Factory; liberal terms; good business; good reason for selling. A. Dawson, Woodward, Kan.

Do not send articles to this office urging a "union of reform forces." Socialism must rise alone and fight its battles unaided. It cannot give quarter, it can take none. It cannot compromise and on its banners must rest full and complete—not partial—victory. The step-at-a-time man is a good deal like a passenger on a long journey who would get off at every station and stop over for the next train, and congratulate himself on his progressive steps.

The man or woman in the shop, mill, factory or on the farm is not employed by the man or corporation from which he gets a stipend. He is employed by society through the hirer. If society did not need or demand the products of the workers they would not be hired. So employment is from society, and if society had as much reason as it should, it would employ the workers direct and not permit the hirer to pay as little as possible for the work, and get as much as possible for the products.

The Socialists in other places besides Dubuque had trouble in having their votes counted. A letter received by Warren Beals from Sumner, will be of interest to Debs' followers. It is as follows: Sumner Iowa, Nov. 7, 1900. Dear Comrade—My object in writing this to you is to find out, if possible, if I could not get aid from the state Social Democratic committee in having my vote recognized.

Fraud in Iowa. On the face of returns Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist candidate for president, polled 64 votes in the city and eleven on the outside. The prohibition ticket polled eighteen votes in the city and 56 on the outside. Debs' supporters claim that they have many more votes than the returns show, and they are considering taking steps to secure a recount.

what you need. To push the work without undue expense to yourself. "Nequa." A book that tells you how and sells fast. "Intensely interesting and instructive."—Philosophical Journal. Teaches practical establishment of socialism. Worker wanted. Address, Equity Publishing Co., Topeka, Kan.

An Italian organ grinder trains his monkey to gather up the nickles and pennies. If the monkey could not or would not do this the Italian would not have him. Did he ever occur to you that the same use is made of working people by the corporations? The working people do the work and gather the nickles that make the idle, useless class millionaires. But the working people are not monkeys! No, they are free American voting kings!

At a special election in Gotha, Germany, the other day the socialists elected nine out of nineteen members of the state legislature. And it's comin' for a' that, that men will brothers be. We are not doing a thing to capitalism these days. You know the prophets and poets of all ages have told that the Twentieth Century would be ushered in with great social changes.

Perhaps the fears now expressed may be groundless. I do not ask you to adopt them. My end will be gained if I can lead you to study, habitually and zealously the influence of changes and measures on the character and condition of the laboring class. There is no subject on which your thoughts should turn more frequently than this. Many of you busy yourselves with other questions, such as the probable result of the next election of president, or the prospects of this or that party.

Trust the Common People. A little event may create a suggestive thought. Recently was opened to the public the great Phelps sanatorium, the largest and most thoroughly equipped institution of the kind in the world; a six story castle built of rough field stone.

Looking Backward. This great book by Bellamy sells for 50 cents in the United States. It can be had postpaid for 10 cents or \$1.00 per dozen. U. S. stamps, addressing H. G. Wells, London, Canada.

The trusts are now in the saddle and riding rough shod over the people. Talk to what the people voted for and they will get all of it they want before another election. The iron trusts have raised the price 60% since the election. Good. It's prosperous, don't you know! The people prefer corporations to own the industries rather than own them themselves, so everybody is happy.

Small Dealers vs. Capitalists. John T. Boyd, at one time a well-to-do business man of St. Louis, but of late a wandering tramp, is a United States prisoner at the Four Courts, of his own volition. Tired of bumming around and unable to procure employment, he deliberately broke open a mail box at Fourth and Locust streets, knowing that he would be arrested and committed to the penitentiary.

Why I Am a Socialist. Our early Socialists were men who had themselves experienced the bitterness and devastation of life that comes to labor in the service of capitalism; they were men who spelled out their Karl Marx in the hideous misery of sweat-shops; men who pawned their threadbare coats for money to print their tracts.

A Pastor's Decision. Editor Appeal to Reason—The editorial in your last issue entitled "Past, Present and future," expresses my sentiments. I had intended writing you the day after the election, but my multitudinous duties prevented me from doing so. I am an old-fashioned Southern democrat (or have been) and for twenty years have voted that way, yet in many respects I have been a Socialist, even while associating the name with communism, anarchy, etc.

Even Republicans See It Coming. The defeat of William Jennings Bryan and that wing of the democratic party portends the death of the democratic party in the United States. Four years from now, a party will spring up that will unite all the farming and labor vote solidly, and that party will be the Socialist party.

Judging from the Socialist literature that has been bought by the public, there are three million voters who are favorable to Socialism. Most of them were flanked by the democrats. If they will work for Socialism from now on we will elect the president in 1904.

As the cold weather came he grew desperate. He decided to commit a crime that he might be sent to prison, where he would at least find shelter and food. "When I found that I could get nothing to do," he said, "I became maddened. I walked downtown. I was walking around the levee about 9 o'clock, thinking of jumping into the river, when a better impulse came upon me and I started west in Locust street, for fear I might try to drown myself. At Fourth street I came across a mail box. A policeman was in sight. I knew if I broke the box I would be violating a Federal law, and I knew how rigid the Federal authorities are. I took a rock and smashed the box. I gave myself up and here I am."

Count as new subscriptions on the Tennessee Store contest—which opens at 6 a. m., Saturday, December 1st. Why I Am a Socialist. Our early Socialists were men who had themselves experienced the bitterness and devastation of life that comes to labor in the service of capitalism; they were men who spelled out their Karl Marx in the hideous misery of sweat-shops; men who pawned their threadbare coats for money to print their tracts.

Ab Lincoln A Socialist. Did you ever notice that the iconic words of Lincoln to some foreign snobs who were taking his time, points as plainly as the needle to the pole the fact that Lincoln was a Socialist in fact, although he may never have heard the name? With a perfectly sober face he said to these visitors: "Gentlemen, you will have to excuse me now, as it is time for me to black my shoes."

Some of the finest hotels in the world are in New York. One of them cost \$120,000,000. A millionaire who stops at this gilded palace pays \$500 a day for a suite of rooms, while thousands in the same city find it difficult to pay ten cents for a bed. Such a life in a world where more than half the people are fools, and the balance honest men or grasping pirates.—The Ledger.

Twenty-four out of 45 counties in Florida report 635 Socialist votes. The Socialist vote in Rochester, N. Y., was 1331. As soon as the official vote for the nation can be had it will be published by the Appeal.

He was born in Boston, Mass., and came to Missouri with his parents, who are now dead.—St. Louis Republic.

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