

Why Railroad Men Should Be Socialists:

By J. A. Wayland.

A Plea in Their Interest.

WELL, in the first place they should be Socialists because it is to their interest to be. Of course this is no reason to those who do not understand the principles and operation of Socialism, so it needs some explanation...

jobs would depend on your voting for the party in power. Are they not over-solicitous about not wanting the party in power to stay there? Do they not want to be maintained in power? The railroads prefer to have you divided now—to be a republican where they predominate and a democrat where that party is the stronger—and thus they are able to control legislation...

Remove the Cause. Mrs. Frederick Nathan, president of the New York Consumers' League, is lecturing throughout the state against bargain mania. She declares that bargains obtained at the cost of anyone's privation, suffering and desperate necessity are immoral. Mrs. Nathan is correct. Commercialism is not a moral institution...

Sky Bright With Discontent. The American Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer says: "There is trouble in Illinois over the letting of the Joliet convict labor for chair manufacturing. Parties who have had the contract wish to continue and parties who have not had it, desire to secure it..."

How Debs Became a Socialist. My grip was always packed; and I was darting in all directions. To tramp through a railroad yard in the rain, snow or sleet half the night, or till day-break, to be ordered out of the roundhouse for being an "agitator" or put off a train, sometimes passenger, more often freight, while attempting to dead-head over the division, were all in the program...

A Few Pertinent Questions. Editor Appeal to Reason. Some people say the railroads under government ownership would not be as well managed as they are now. But could they under any ownership be worse managed? Are there not enough wrecks every day? Do not the railroad killings number more than those slain in battle year for year?

Solving the Problem. Battersea, England, is always undertaking new experiments in municipal ownership. The latest venture is the establishing of municipal milk shops where sterilized milk may be obtained. The high infant mortality in the borough has aroused the authorities to make great effort to provide pure milk for the babies...

Private Property in Pants and other personal property is thoroughly discussed by Walter Thomas Mills in a little pamphlet on "What is Socialism." The idea that socialism will interfere with the private property of the home is exposed, and the fundamental principles of socialism are set forth in clear and convincing language...

INK LINGS.

By INKY IKE.

Who owns the Arkansas river? The sleepy old stream has meandered so long through Kansas' back yard that the state claims it. But Colorado contests the claim. Like a wild colt the waters rush down from the Colorado Rockies, hurry off to the state line, and breaking through the boundary, move leisurely on. Colorado is willing for Kansas to own the right of way and road bed, but she claims the rolling stock since it is made in her own shops...

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Two Pictures of the "Best Government on Earth."

Hanna's Horses Live in Luxury. In the stable are seventeen horses. Their stalls are all oak, trimmed with iron gratings and brass. On each post is a brass ball ten inches in diameter and a straw skirt, made by hand in many colors. Back of the stalls is a long hand-made straw mat, which looks like a hedge, the inner edge being fastened down, while the other ends of the straws are not secured and stick up in the air...

Third Time to the Poor House. "My God, do all roads lead to the poor house?" asked feeble Matt Ratzel, eighty-three, late Monday evening, as for the third time in his luckless career he left the city dispensary for the home of the poverty-stricken. He carried with him four small market baskets containing his entire earthly belongings...

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railroad manager, as does the average poor farmers or manufacturers, saying, "Will you kindly carry my goods, and how much will you charge?"

Beneath the Flag We Love.

Some Things That You Can Change.

Socialists were denied the right of suffrage at Springfield, Mo. Democrats were treated that way by republicans after the civil war.

A woman in Kansas City, Mo., whose husband was out of work, owing to the consolidation of two daily papers, tried to prevent the birth of a child to share her poverty...

What Many People Believe.

"All things are not what they seem."—Longo-fellow. That crises comes without cause. That competition is the life of trade.

Brothers of the Auld Sod.

With Them We Are Inseparably Connected. A cook in Ceylon is paid \$3.50 a month; a nurse the same; a coachman, \$4; a gardener, \$3.

Our National Prosperity and Contentment

A Peep Into the Industrial Field of Today.

Patterson, N. J., bakers are planning a great strike. Chicago bricklayers have struck for higher wages.

question by telling the workers that the Bible commands them to "Be content with your wages." and that it is a sin against God to strike.

War Scenes That Rulers Dared Not See.

Franklin H. Wentworth, in the Pilgrim

Verestchagin is a Russian painter. The fellows who claim to know—artists mostly—say he is not great. They say, in fact, that he is seldom artistic; that he paints impressive facts, while he has only a limited sense of their artistic possibilities.

The World Moves.

Bishop Andrews of the Baltimore Methodist conference addressed a graduating class of candidates for religious orders, in which he said: "We do not think now as we did half a century ago.

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