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We are on a gold standard, but how much of the standard do you see?

Crime has increased along a line parallel with the concentration of wealth.

Eleven suicides in New York City on the 5th. Well employed, prosperous, happy people kill themselves just for joy!

The new charter of Los Angeles, Calif., gives the people the right to vote on every ordinance, if a small number of citizens petition for it.

It is awful if laborers strike for more money—but it is business when the capitalists refuse to let you eat unless you pay them more money.

Millions for war ships but not a cent to employ American citizens at something useful and productive. It would be paternalism or anarchy to produce something useful!

The official Socialist vote in the state of Washington gave the party for supreme judge 4,739; the S. L. P. \$34 on the same office. Thus the Socialist vote was 5,573 or over 5%. The Appeal estimate before the election returns were in was 4,500.

A trust robs the people, then the gamblers have a tournament of skill to see who gets the swag. Never was a people stripped of the results of their labor like are the Americans today.

In New York, Baltimore, Chicago and other cities the papers report cases where men commit some petty crime to get arrested that they may get into a warm jail and have something to eat.

Who get passes on the railroads—the poor who need them or those with means to pay their fares? The railroads put their passes and half fares where they will do the most good in keeping the public ignorant of their extortion.

The Statute of Liberty in New York is to be transferred to the war department. The rulers of this country do not seem to have any great liking for that great gift of Bartholdi.

The slave had to live on conditions dictated by his master, who usually took good care of him and his family. The workingmen today have to live on the conditions dictated by their employers.

If you were to tell one man to make lines and hooks, another to get bait and a third to fish and you would give them half the fish they caught, they would laugh at you.

The city of Detroit has just embarked in the coal business, and will sell coal to its citizens at the cost of handling above the cost of the coal bought in 10,000 ton quantities.

The trusts strike against the people when they control a product and the people must pay or perhaps starve. That is just what the highwayman does—your money or your life.

A movement is on in London to bring great numbers of the unemployed from Europe and settle them in this country, to take the place of those of our citizens who now get enough wages to keep soul and body together.

Astrologer Hazelrigg says that the stars indicate the downfall of the trusts and the up-building of the people within the coming seven years, but in the meantime there will be an active navy with a possible activity of the army.

Publicity is a great cure for trusts. They are having the widest publicity and seem to thrive on it. If the profits of the Standard Oil or the coal trusts should be published as paying 500% profit a year, what good would that do?

The republican attorney general of New York refuses to act in the suit against the coal and railroad companies for violating the anti-trust laws.

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New Year's Dream.



Volunteer No. (Do not use above space.) J. A. WAYLAND, Editor Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas: Comrade—You may enter my name on the roll of Five Thousand for the "TWELVE MONTHS' CAMPAIGN" FOR A MILLION CIRCULATION.

others in the same business were paying \$1.50 to \$2.00! And while they were getting coal at this low rate, the poor people have always been paying \$3 to \$4 for this same soft coal.

Reports from Hawaii tell of a great depression in industry because the Chinese exclusion act has deprived the sugar trust of cheap labor.

Congress has been in session for over a month. Do you see any anti-trust legislation? Do you see the trusts quitting their squeeze?

Even in Girard, in the center of tens of thousands of acres of coal lands, the railroads have increased the price to twice the usual figure and it is difficult to get coal at any price.

Liberty! Yes, the liberty to starve. Nice kind of liberty there is left to the fallen American—the liberty to pay a combination of villains a tribute on every mouthful of victuals or clothing they must have or perish.

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Don't you think the working people were very stupid to uphold and fight for the barons during the time of serfdom, when they had to give the baron two to three days work a week, for which they received nothing but the privilege of using what land they could cultivate and what pasture they could use.

The Standard Oil announces that it will pension its old and decrepit employes—after they have worked for it some century or so! How proud the employe must be to live on a pension from some corporation and have it dribbed out to him like a child as though he did not have sense enough to handle his own means!

English citizens can mail a three pound package to San Francisco for 24 cents. It costs an American citizen 43 cents! From England an 11 pound package can be mailed to any American city for 72 cents.

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Agitation prevents stagnation. If a few thousand Socialist speakers could be let loose on the nation at one time, in a few months the whole nation would be ablaze with enthusiasm for it.

Ask your neighbor how the trusts are going to be controlled. Then ask him if he believes that the men in congress and the cabinet, who are interested in trust properties will make such a law.

The trusts are doing business at the old stand. They are continually increasing prices while lowering the cost of manufacture.

The greatest horde of gold ever piled together is in the United States treasury. Are you proud of it? Does it do you any good? If all the gold of the world were there would it add a cent to your wages or prevent the trusts from extorting from you?

In Denver the Salvation Army gave two great Christmas spreads to the poor and hungry. I looked over the papers in vain to find where one of the so-called Christian churches gave anything to the poor.

Scarce head lines in the daily papers, cabled, tell of fearful orgies of Castro of Venezuela with wine, women and song, said to outlive the harem.

The diamond masters of Holland have agreed to close their houses against the diamond cutters whenever there is a strike in any of the establishments.

If a thousand men produce everything connected with the production of any thing or things, from the crude material of mother earth and the machines that aid them, why should they have to pay more for them than what they receive for producing?

If I own the houses of three working people and draw from each one-third of his income for rent, don't I receive just as much as if one were my slave and fed and clothed himself?

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WORKINGMEN.

Don't vote for a workingman. He is only a common thing like yourself. Don't degrade yourself by polluting the public service with the smell of a worker.

ELECTION IN FRANCE.

France held an election for 98 senators on Sunday, January 4, being one-third of that body. At this election the Socialists elected 34, and the radicals (similar to our populists or radical democrats) elected 18.

BE QUIET, YOU SLAVES.

A railroad president, writing in the Railroad Telegrapher (page 123) says: All a laboring man needs, and should have, is a sufficient amount of money each month to enable him to live properly.

English royalty is holding high carnival in India while the people starve. The reports of the spendors of the pageants in honor of King Edward are like the Arabian nights.

APPEAL & ARMY.

Comrade Piper, Mapleton, Iowa, reports that the jubilee edition did much good in his neighborhood, where he circulated it. He has now succeeded in getting the most people of his town to read the Appeal, a number of whom already declare that they have voted their last old party ticket.

Garnered From the Silence

THE DEATH IN A COTTAGE. I paced by the door of a cottage, Where a woman lay dying, they said, Of a fever brought on by starvation.

THE JUBILEE.

There's a voice upon the water And a hush upon the lee, There a spirit form is seen— 'Tis the spirit of the free!

Current & Comment

Every palace has its counterpart—the tenement and the shack. What is the cause of poverty? Labor does not get what it creates.

POPULIST EDITION.

While No. 374, issued on January 24, will be called the Populist edition, it will be much more, for the matter that we are arranging will cover the entire subject of Socialism and the farmer.

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