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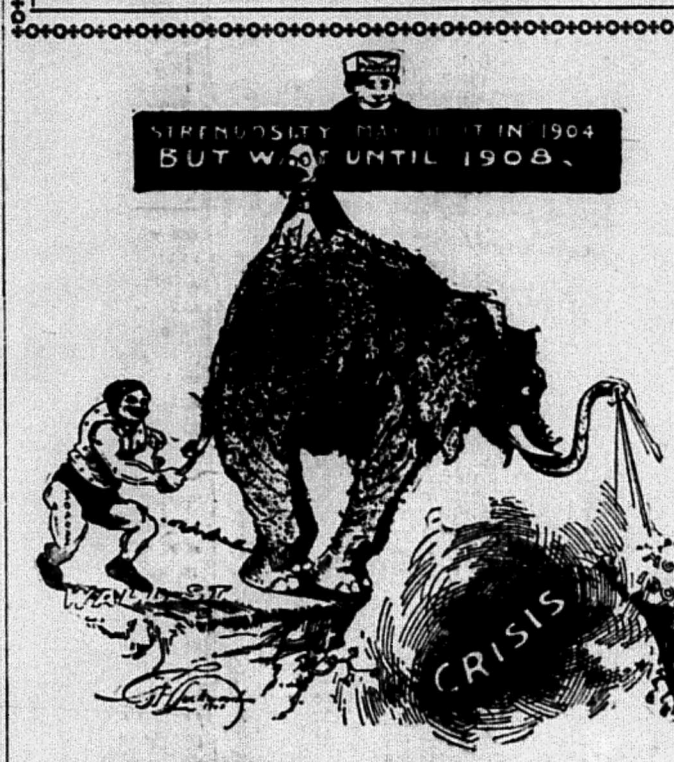
Horrors That Should End.

From recently published interviews:
"when I can't attend to both public and private business I'll quit the public's business."—Mark Hanna.
"my street cars are my savings banks."—Mark Hanna.
Under the caption "Horrors That Should End," an editor of the Cleveland Press, Friday, June 12, 1903, writes as follows, parenthetical comment by the writer:
"It took nearly half an hour to raise the Lorain street car" (one of Mark Hanna's savings banks) "that ran over and killed little 8-year-old Eddie McKeown and to release the body. Meanwhile hundreds of people gathered. That was Tuesday night."

ARE THE SIGNS PORTENDING?

By C. McMICKELE, Oswego, Kansas.
If I read the signs of the times aright, we are on the verge of a political upheaval, such as has never been seen. Many political managers of less magnitude have been described in detail long before they occurred. Would it not be strange if the present impending radical change should be passed over in silence? But such is not the case. Allow me to call attention to James, 6th chapter, 1st to 6th verse inclusive:
"Go to now ye rich men, weep and howl, for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat into your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped together treasures for the last days. Behold the hire of laborers, who have reaped the land, cryeth against you, for they have not been paid. The cry against you is heard, for ye have refused to pay. Ye have refused to pay the wages of the laborer, who have reaped the land, and the cry of them which have reaped, have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure, and have been wanton. Ye have nourished your hearts as in a day of slaughter."
The above scripture needs no explanation. What a terrible picture, but not over drawn. Every one knows it is true. True for our time as for any other. Gold and silver is "cankered" because obtained by "fraud." "Cankered" because it will be a source of "misery" and trouble to the owners. Treasures "heaped" up. A word used no where else in the bible in connection with riches. Certain it is, that the inspired penman used the proper word, "heaped," when applied to our day.
Who has done this heaping? The Trust owners. And the cry of labor has gone up because a just recompense has not been made for the service rendered. Let no one think that capital will tamely submit. The contest will be bitter, but the dullest intellect can see from the above scripture who will drink the bitter draught. It elsewhere said of these days that "The great man askest and the judge taketh a bribe." If this will not apply to the legislature and the supreme court of our neighbor state, it is at least open to that objection. I am not an anarchist nor an alarmist, but a non-partisan realist. I believe we are sitting on a volcano, surcharged with wrong, oppression, lust of wealth and power, and the longer the explosion is delayed, the more disastrous will be the results.

UP TO THE ELEPHANT.



Every student of economics is reading the reports from Wall street with feverish interest, for it is the industrial barometer. So long as the present system lasts, no administration, either republican or democratic, can prevent panics recurring and recurring. Grover Cleveland did not make the panic of '93, and Theodore Roosevelt will not be responsible for the coming calamity, whenever the acute stage is reached, which at this writing is beyond any one's power to predict. That is, he will be responsible no further than any supporter of capitalism is responsible, and at least no more so than the republican and democratic voters. It is one thing to produce, and another to sell the product. With our wonderful machinery the capitalists can produce shoes to supply the world, and steel enough to gird the earth, but all this must be sold else wages can not be paid and dividends declared. Here is a proposition which you must understand to possess the key to the panic problem. Given a capitalist, a machine, a working man and a buyer. Add the working man and the machine, and you have a product, the price of which is say \$10 as the result of a day's work. The capitalist owns the machine, the working man sells his labor to the capitalist who owns the machine, for say \$2, which is above the average. Now the capitalist owns the product and he must find a buyer. Who is the buyer of the product? Twist the problem any way you please, and in this last analysis it is a worker, who is also paid on the average \$2. How can the man with his \$2 wage buy \$10 product? He can't, and hence arises the surplus which in 1900 amounted to \$1,600,000. The world is searched for markets, and when they are exhausted then factories slow down. This decreases wages, which in turn decreases buying capacity, and things get worse from day to day, until sheriff sales, auction sales, and waste clears away the surplus, when the reaction sets in and another period of speculation comes on only to have the process gone over again in due time. When the depression begins to manifest itself, stocks of course will be the first to show it, for over stocked and over bonded institutions cannot pay big dividends. PANICS FIRST SHOW THEMSELVES IN WALL STREET. The last panic occurred in a democratic administration, and the democrats were blamed for it. The republican administration has been making gigantic efforts to stave off the coming depression until after the next presidential election, but it begins to look like this would be impossible, and it is probable that the Elephant will have to face just the situation presented in the picture. The democrats will seek to make capital out of it all, and the Socialist must be busy teaching economic truth. How would the Socialists prevent a panic? The answer is easy. The public would own the machine, and nothing would be charged for its use, above cost of repairs. The worker would get in wages what he produced, less the cost of distribution and maintenance of public institutions. He could buy back with his wages practically what he produced, and as a consequence there would be no surplus other than that always kept on hand to meet emergencies. We would reduce hours of labor to the point where we would produce what the public actually used. When we had produced enough of a given thing we would direct our energies toward perfecting the public conveniences, such as roads, trolley lines, parks, better buildings, etc., etc. There would always be work for everybody, and hence there would always be plenty for every citizen. In other words we would supplant a systemless system with a systematic system. We would change chaos and anarchy, to order and scientific adjustment. The workers will not change this system till necessity forces them to do so. You see the Socialist in the picture smiling. He understands it all, and while he knows that he, too, must suffer from the coming hard times, he also knows that it is a certain way of making people think and act, and he knows that the good ship of Socialism will ride the storm, while the barque of the capitalists will go to pieces on the rocks. He doesn't care very much whether the Elephant goes down or succeeds in making the leap. Every move made by the capitalists is bringing us nearer the time when the working class, both of factory and farm, will join together as a unit for the control of political power, and then will dawn the day when panics are no more.

FITTS IS ARRESTED.

The Fight For Free Speech in Atlanta Begins. A Crowd Thronging the Streets, and Stand in the Park. Waiting For the Brave Socialist to Oppose and Defy the Despot City Administrator.

The battle for free speech has begun in Atlanta, and it will not be suspended by the Socialist until either a verdict against the city is obtained, or it is determined by the highest court in the land that the rights of free speech in the open street and beneath the canopy of the common heavens, is no longer constitutionally guaranteed. A letter from Comrade Fitts on Monday stated that every bank and trust company in the city had refused to furnish bond, and that the local comrades had provided private security. The letter also stated that Alonzo Field, an able attorney, had been secured, who had agreed to fight the case through the state courts for \$200. A contract to that end was made, arrangements completed for a hall, and five thousand bills distributed to the people who built the streets, inviting them to gather and contest their right to use their own public property for public purposes. When the time for the speaking came, despite the inclement weather fully a thousand people surrounded the speaker, who promptly on the hour announced before his address. Here is his postal card report, after it was all over: "Was arrested after speaking two minutes." Crowd shouted "free speech, this is tyranny," etc. After arranging bond for appearance next day, the local held a meeting, taking in the hour announced, before his address. Here is his postal card report, after it was all over: "Was arrested after speaking two minutes." Crowd shouted "free speech, this is tyranny," etc. After arranging bond for appearance next day, the local held a meeting, taking in the hour announced, before his address. Here is his postal card report, after it was all over: "Was arrested after speaking two minutes." Crowd shouted "free speech, this is tyranny," etc.

INDIANA SOCIALIST NEWS.
John W. Kelly, of Morion, will deliver the Labor Day address at Garrett, Ind., also speaking at Huntington on Sept. 6.
Crescent are being sent by State Street all localities containing the terms for Benjamin Hanford, who will speak in eight or ten of the principal cities of the state.
A Columbus paper testifies to Comrade Biegler's ability to arouse the ire of the conservative gentry by devoting two-thirds of a column to prove that he represented the most advanced and progressive element of the Labor Union.
Comrade Elkins, of Greensburg, writes: We had the most successful meeting last night held so far. Miss Biegler's ridicule was of such a character that held the workers and others to the last, and at the close several came forward to join the movement.
W. P. DeWey, cashier of the Farmers' & Mechanics' bank, New Bern, N. Y., is misquoting with \$25,000 of the depositors' money. He is one of those eminently respectable republicans who opposed Socialism, and who thinks two dollars a day is enough for the working class. Under Socialism he would not have been able to either take anything except it were a large amount of goods that would required several cars to carry, and that he could not have gotten away with. Thieves like a system that enables them to steal. Vote for Socialism and this thing will not be possible.

One Woman's Shame
Another's Fortune

How Society Fleeces the Degenerates.
The mayor of Spokane has issued an order governing the fallen women of that city, that reveals a horror beyond the power of words to describe. It shows that the town has a host of fallen women and an army of fallen men. There has been an effort to confine the women to a single street, the "burial district," in itself a suggestive name and in this miserable quarter building rents are as high as \$400 per month. In addition to this rent the city imposes a tax on each house of \$5 per month, and the rent is too high and the women are driven to the streets. The mayor thinks that the rent is too high and the women are driven to the streets. The mayor thinks that the rent is too high and the women are driven to the streets.

THE COMMUNE

The Communists celebrate the anniversary of the Paris Commune. What do the Socialists of today and the communists of 1871 in Paris have in common? Adolph S. Anderson, Slim, Butte county, D.
The Paris Commune was the result of the cowardly attitude of the French capitalist government, who surrendered Paris to the Germans against the wishes of the people of Paris. When the government troops forsook them, the Parisians armed the national guard, composed of all the workers, men and little boys of the people. Once those men were armed, they quite naturally established a popular government in Paris, although only very few of them were Socialists. But the logic of events had given the working people control of Paris, and they at once proceeded to establish an administration on Socialist principles. Of course, the capitalists were furious when they heard what had happened, and so they turned the government troops loose against the "Commune," while the Germans looked on without taking any active part. But the government troops could not have won out, had not Bismarck obligingly released several hundred thousand prisoners and furnished them with arms. The Commune was crushed in blood. But because it represented a rise of the working class, and serves as a splendid example of what working men can accomplish without capitalist masters, therefore we Socialists celebrate the commune as a proletarian anniversary, and mourn the victims of the working class who were comrades. The Communists showed plainly that no coercive power of the state is required to enable working men to co-operate with one another peacefully and harmoniously. The communards kept order splendidly in Paris without any great police force, in spite of the extraordinary and abnormal circumstances under which they were forced to establish their administration. It was the government troops who acted like vandals and carried murder and destruction into a city which would have lived on under the sway of the "Commune," without bloodshed and without strife. Read the "History" of the Paris Commune, which may be ordered at this office. Price, \$1.00.

THE PHILADELPHIA NORTH AMERICAN

The Philadelphia North American sent its correspondent to Doylestown, Pa., to write up the wreckage caused by the collapse of the Doylestown National bank, one of the oldest banks in the country, and considered the most harrowing stories ever written up. Thousands of people, in all walks of life, are ruined by the failure. The old, the sick, the servants, the farmers, business men—all are in a heap of ruins because of the losses. Well, the national banking system is one of the best the world ever knew! And dupes believe it. Say, get a think on your self. Do you know that under Socialism there could never have been a bank failure? If you don't you had better investigate and find out.
The admiralty of the Turkish navy pays a salary of \$84,000 a year. The holder of it has amassed a fortune of \$12,000,000. As it would take just 143 years at that salary to accumulate that sum, it is perfectly evident that the present holder must be very aged! Still, there are others. Cleveland, on a salary of \$50,000 a year in eight years accumulated millions! That's beside the unspendable Turk, who has served 36 years and never spent a cent! How these respectable people do get on in the world! And the working rules of both countries never catch on.

Tells Why He Forsook the Pulpit to Preach Socialism

Editor of the Detroit Times—I am asked by your paper to contribute a short article explaining why I think I can do more good in the world on the Socialist platform than in the Christian pulpit.
What I shall have to say will be with no tone of disparagement for the work accomplished, and still more for the work attempted, by the ministry.
Either I am no longer able to account either for the manifest failures of the church itself or for the common life of the world. In the traditional way, the church accounts for these on the theory of individual depravity and offers simply an individualistic remedy. This I regard as inadequate, whether the theory of individual depravity be true or not.
Economic evils spring rather from an economic cause, and a very simple one, in that part of the people own the sources of production whereby all the people must live.
The efforts of the church are vexed and crippled on every hand, and for the most part defeated by the existence of so-called "social problems." But these, in turn, may all be reduced to one: the problem of the unemployed. No one, for example, to whom the avenues of honest and remunerative employment are freely open, will close an occupation antagonistic to the public welfare.
The problem of the unemployed arises in turn from the creating of surplus products, which, though the workers need, they are unable to buy, seeing that they do not receive in wages the full product of their toil. And this condition is inseparable from the profit system.
So, too, with the existence of social classes and the evils arising therefrom.

APPEAL TO REASON, 25¢ PER YEAR.

The Spirit of 1776--The Class Struggle and the Socialist Party of America.

(Organized July 21, 1901.)

Offensive as it might be to many, yet the existence of two classes can not be denied...

The first honest attempt made to end the class struggle and anarchy was, as on the 4th of July, 1776, our revolutionary fathers declared...

But as shortly after that memorable 4th of July, 1776, man was discovered and labor displacing machinery, driven by steam, invented...

The industrial revolution of the 19th century was the one skilled and independent mechanic. Unable to compete with their rivals...

Another consequence of the class struggle and the industrial revolution was the final triumph of the machinery of constantly making new laws in favor of individual or private commercial or industrial enterprises...

Since then the republican party, wise men, have been endeavoring for many years and to pledge itself to represent the interests of the plutocracy...

But--and that is where the trouble comes in. Anxious as the European people to buy as cheap as possible from America, yet since their export is far below their import...

upon such a basis. Worse than futile it would be such "victory" and such "surrender." Ineffable wisdom positively made that clear...

The cardinal law of our country stands supreme to all acts of congress, legislatures, judicial decisions, private interests and far above the dollar...

That the American people will obey its supreme law, there can be no doubt. But it will not return to the old competitive system...

It is an insult to the intelligence of the American people to assert that it can not manage its own affairs. It does already so in many instances...

In Socialism there will be no want, no poverty, no murders for gain, no corruption, no robbery, no swindling, etc., because all have all they want...

Therefore gold and silver will be valuable in Socialism. It will merely be used to supply the producers with funds so as to enable them to spend their money...

Fellow citizens! Save our country! Cast your sovereign vote for the Socialist party of America, against the class struggle, in accordance with the spirit of 1776.

know why we called the salvation army and morrow taking. Not guilty, comrades never did it. We spoke of fair, medicine sellers, and Mormons, and Salvation army people being permitted the use of the streets...

The Appeal over the endorsement of a local bank, wrote the Atlanta National Bank, requesting that they furnish bond for Comrade Pitts. Here is the bank's reply:

Let us examine another of your erroneous notions, as per yours of 25th May: "I have indicated that upon the spiritual-moral plane, the plane of the 'But I say unto you,' the exploited 'class' and the exploiting 'class,' the individual capitalist millionaire and the individual hand-to-mouth day laborer, together with YOU and ME, members of the 'middle class' clique..."

(To be Continued.)

Party News.

Greenwood, B. C. now has a local with a membership of 15 and is growing daily, writes Comrade Embrey.

Comrade Rice is ready to organize at Manchester, Kans. He has 12 names on his list for membership up to date.

The national secretary has taken initiatory steps toward the formation of a territorial organization in the Indian Territory.

A charter has been issued to Arizona as a territorial organization, affiliated with the National party, with Albert Ryan, Jerome, secretary.

Comrade E. V. Debs will speak at Grosspark St. Louis on Sunday, Sept. 13th. Every Socialist in St. Louis should get to work advertising the meeting.

Comrade Katie Craig, of Moberly, Mo., reports the organization of a local with eleven charter members, the result of Comrade Slanker's visit.

Comrade Cray, of Hallings, Fla., writes that they have organized a local at that place and have held two meetings, and now have a membership of 20.

How things do move in that revolutionary section known as the Oklahoma Territory. On the 12th Organizer J. B. Chatman appeared at Ripley, and after a special organized a local of 12 members.

The Socialist machine in Chicago is grinding away ever so fast. The city central committee is a body made up from fifty ward and precinct branches, and a recent report of the secretary to that body shows the work to be in a healthy condition.

Comrade Slanker reports from Mexico, on his long trip across the states of Missouri. He says that he found Socialists as scarce as wild geese in the West...

State and local secretaries should immediately take the necessary steps in their various states and localities to have all comrades of foreign birth, naturalized during the past two months...

H. A. Holman has been expelled from membership from Local Branch No. 18, of the Socialist Party of America of San Antonio, Texas, upon five charges, one being an attempt at fusion.

The list of Labor Day speakers still open for engagements through the national headquarters is as follows: J. M. Brown, M. J. Brown, George B. Boomer, Berlyn, Paul H. Castle, Isaac Cowie, W. D. Davis, N. P. Geiger, Dr. H. A. Gibbs, Walter Huggins, F. A. Kulp, Courtenay, Lemons, Graville Lowther, William Mahoney, James Ouel, R. H. Sherrill, John P. Taylor, Prof. Thos. Will, Joseph Wright, M. J. Kennedy.

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REPORT OF GAYORD WILSHIRE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST BUREAU.

The International Socialist Bureau, which meets semi-annually in Brussels, is as yet more of a promise than a present power. It has been in existence now some three years. It is composed of two delegates from each nation sent by the respective Socialist parties.

The meeting was held on July 20th in one of the committee rooms of the Maison du Peuple, the great building especially constructed for and owned by the Socialist party of Brussels. The following is a list of the delegates present at the meeting: F. Serwy, the secretary of the bureau; Vansele and Vanderveide, of Belgium; Vallant, France; Fischer and Fankhauser, Holland; Kaudsen, Denmark; Hyadman and Hunter Watts, England; Wulski and Caserine Petrovics, Poland; Guizbourg, Russia; Patrone, Argentine Republic, and Gaylord Wilshire of the United States.

The Socialist parties of Austria and Italy were not being represented. The morning session was occupied with routine business and the reports of national secretaries. It was voted that the following subjects should be taken up for discussion at the International Congress of Socialists to be held at Amsterdam in 1904: general strikes, general rules of political action, trade unionism, the politics of colonial politics, international arbitration, the relation of the trust question to the unemployed problem, emigration.

The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of the protection of foreign labor, the question arising from the continual flow of foreign labor between France and Belgium. The subject was discussed in one country and again in the other. Wages being so much lower in Belgium, when workers from that country go to France they come into disastrous competition with French workers. In Germany and Austria the influx of Italian labor has also worked serious reduction in the wages of the workers of those two countries. France of England declared that it was difficult for the International Bureau to determine a question of this nature which concerned two or three special countries. Vanderveide of Belgium held that the question should be treated in its entirety, but in the meantime that the International Bureau should recognize the situation officially and take such immediate steps as were deemed best.

The matter was finally voted that the question raised by the Belgian delegation should be referred to the Amsterdam congress. Inasmuch as that congress was to deal specifically with the matters of emigration and immigration, and this question would fall directly under these heads.

SPECIAL ORGANIZING FUND.

The following contributions have been made to the special organizing fund since last report: Total at noon, Saturday, Aug. 15, \$24.45. Previously reported, \$80.57. Total, \$105.02.

BEN HANFORD'S LECTURE TOUR.

Omaha, Neb., August 15, 1903. Ben Hanford will begin his lecture tour under the direction of the national headquarters.

The principle underlying the reorganization of the Cash Buyers' Union is one of the grandest that has ever been conceived. It is a principle that it has been practically successful wherever it has been put into practical operation, and that the people derive much benefit by associating themselves together, as the Cash Buyers' Union first National Co-operative Society contemplates their stockholders doing.

In England and other countries where co-operative associations have been formed, the people have used them to improve their conditions and through the co-operation of each other have acquired means which will make their lives more comfortable. The basis of the organization is this co-operative principle put into operation under a new plan, that is, instead of having local stores it sells its shareholders at nearly cost all over the world by mail, enabling them to enjoy the privileges of a gigantic metropolitan department store without the inconvenience of taking a trip to select the goods. Besides this, they are buying from their own store, which pays them an annual dividend and permits them to participate in all of the large profits of the business, and in addition to this it gives its shareholders a commission on all the business they influence to their own store, and this enables them to reap an additional profit which, if they would devote a little time to it, will in itself be enough to keep them in comparative comfort.

The plan has proved wonderfully successful, and based as it is upon an old reliable business organization with the most capable management-men of executive ability, who buyers with years of experience--we believe that they will build up a gigantic organization.

WHAT THE NATIONAL ORGANIZERS ARE DOING.

Comrades in places that are to be visited by the National Organizers are requested to be on the look out for them and do everything possible to get meetings and make same successful. Under date of August 11, Comrade Geo. H. Cochet reports from Harpersburg, Md., speaking at Belleair, Ohio, McMechen, Elm Grove and Wheeling, W. Va., to interested audiences and organizing a local at Elm Grove. He will be in Norfolk, Va., for three days. Comrade Gibbs made a party of one of the further days in Maryland and West Virginia, but it was necessary that he proceed to the southwest and the following route has been arranged: Virginia--Petersburg, Aug. 24; Richmond, 25; Lynchburg, 27; Roanoke, 29; Newbern, Sep. 1; Salisbury, 3; Tennessee--

Noxville, Sep. 4, 5; Harrison, 6; Nashville, 7; Memphis, 8, 9. He will then return to Arkansas, while crossing that state.

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CO-OPERATION IS A SUCCESS.

The Appeal to Reason desires its readers to very carefully read and just as carefully consider the proposition that is contained in the advertisements of the Cash Buyers' Union First National Co-operative Society, 135 to 168 West Van Buren street, Chicago, which have been appearing for the past two or three weeks in this paper.

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Furthermore, the delegates placed themselves on record as being opposed to restrictive legislation against the employment of foreign labor, and that the delegates from the countries immediately interested in the matter, viz: the French, Italian and Belgian, should settle it among themselves and put it in shape to submit to the Amsterdam congress.

The next meeting of the bureau will take place in Amsterdam on the first Sunday in February, 1904.

Professor Enrico Ferri also disappointed us. Italy being unrepresented. However, proposed hostile demonstration to be made by the Italian Socialist party on the occasion of the expected arrival of the Italian delegates in the city of Italy kept the Italians well in mind of the bureau, notwithstanding the absence of any Italian delegate.

The bureau decided to endorse the Italian, upon the general ground that the Socialists are always and at all times and places bound to dissent from Turinism, especially its assumption that the masses should have no opportunity of expressing themselves on the subject, being denied the ballot, and a hostile street demonstration resulting inevitably in capital punishment to the participants.

Of course none of this argument applies to the Tar, for he is not a constitutional monarch and the Russians have no chance to freely express themselves from year to year at the ballot box as to whether they prefer autocracy or democracy.

The afternoon session of the bureau was taken up with rather a futile discussion of the immigration problem. Nearly every country in western Europe is bothered with the question of how to protect its labor from the competition of the foreign immigrant.

OHIO SOCIALIST NEWS.

The report of the state secretary for July shows the total income for the month, with an expense of \$27.74, and making a balance on hand at the end of the month, with that carried over from the preceding month of \$47.00.

Four new locals were chartered in Ohio the past week and two more charters have been applied for.

The Toledo Socialists seem to be getting down to work in good shape to judge from the reports reaching this office. They have a city circuit organized and are sending good speakers over it regularly.

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I Have Discovered the Marvelous Secret of Perpetual Youth and Undying Manly Vigor and I Give It to You Free.

MY MYSTERIOUS COMPOUND STARTLES THE WORLD WITH ITS WONDERFUL CURE--WITH THIS MARVELOUS SECRET NO MAN CAN GROW OLD AND IT IS BY MISSION ON EARTH RESCUE FOR BEING ALL JARRED--"MEN-OUT MEN TO THIS FOUR-TAIN OF YOUTH."

I have discovered the marvelous secret of perpetual life and vigor in man. To me it has been given to bring to the fallen, weary, worn-out brothers the knowledge of this priceless boon, and even to the utmost ends of the earth I send my message of love, peace and hope--and help them. Unbelievers may scoff and cry "fak," but hold them not. My work has just begun and I am saving men.

"No Man is Lost--There is a Sure Cure for Every Weak Man,"--Dr. Ferris.

known to me alone. It is mine to give to whom I will and my work goes before me. Doubt not I ask no man to believe me but I give to every weak man free this priceless boon and I measure his strength and power of vigor of youth. With this marvelous, mysterious compound, which I have discovered only after a life time devoted to search through all the realms of science, and the lives of the ancients, it is possible for every man to have for his own his glorious manly power, the untiring vigor and long life of the patriarchs of Bible times.

Remember, it matters not how old you are; it matters not how you lost your manhood, or when you lost it. It matters not what doctors or soothsayers say. This is no ordinary drug or stimulating method of treatment, but it is the vital force of life itself, and it matters not how many remedies other doctors have failed. I have repeatedly and instantly renewed the youth of old men. My secret compound never fails. I have often instructed old men new vitality, health and strength. For worn-out men I have often kindled in an instant, a new life and vigor, and I have often restored to many years of happiness and the important vitality and vigorous manhood of perfect health and youth.

list College for several months, and his work is an indication of the value of systematic training.

Dr. Graville Lowther spent last week at Caldwell, Kans., where he delivered a number of lectures. While there he was charged with the question of how to settle the question on Saturday night. When the time for the debate arrived his opponent did not put in an appearance.

The Wichita comrades are going to have meetings every Saturday night on his street. Meetings have been addressed by Comrade Darwin Williams, of the Home News, Saturday night Comrad. Ross of the American Socialist College, and Comrade West of the Wichita Socialist Local, will hold down the soap box.

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Letters to Churchmen.

By R. Fenton. (Continued.) You, in your manifestation, write as if theory of the Socialistic Concept contained a "class" which shall be "victorious," and a "class" which shall "surrender." But if you have followed me and the logic you must see that there is no "salvation" for society man

Organization and Circulation Department.

HOW MUCH CAN THE BOILER STAND?

When an engineer wishes to make a quick run he crowds on full steam. Hence has the expression arisen, crowding the boiler to the bursting point. That is just what the Socialists are doing, and yet there is no evidence of a bursting boiler, for our propaganda machine is a wonderful affair that expands and expands with our growing needs.

Perhaps he knows nothing of psychology and its laws, indeed few of us do, and our knowledge at best is slight, but this matters not and does not alter its laws. Gravity has always existed, and apples have ever fallen to the ground, but it remained for a Newton to make the discovery.

UNPREMEDITATED. The ditch digger finds himself an orator, and men

in every avenue of life are moved, TO DO SOMETHING. In this is the dynamic power of Socialism. This is the power that will sweep at the proper time, those of the working class whom education cannot reach, into the ranks of the organized Socialists, unifying and solidifying the workers by the preponderance of mental power, and against which capitalism will battle in vain.

Who May Be a Member of Socialist Party.

The question of who shall be eligible to membership in the Socialist party, is one over which some controversy has developed in the state of Nebraska. A local was organized at one of the small towns, the charter roll being signed by six persons, one a school teacher, and the others small business men.

These persons who see themselves being crowded out of their place in the industrial world, and who know that it is NOT POSSIBLE TO REGAIN THEIR POSITION, OR EVEN HOLD THEIR GROUND WILL NOT ONLY ESPOUSE THE WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT, BUT BE THE MOST ANXIOUS TO HURRY ON THE POLITICAL REVOLUTION.

If such analysis be correct, and it remains to be discovered, then this so-called middle class (which is only a name with doubtful meaning) will be moved, and is moved, to join with the working class on the ground of mutual material interest to end the reign of capitalism.

On the Skirmish Line.

Remittances of every kind should be made payable and direct addresses of Appeals to Reason. All communications intended for the Appeal to Reason, should be so addressed.

Comrade Nelson of Marquette, Mich., orders a Press Combination and pays for his subscription for another year.

Comrade Rewich of Anaconda, Mont., orders the Press Combination, a hundred copies of the Jubilee and other literature.

Comrade Hollenbeck, the local organizer of Port Chester, N. Y., wants \$3.00 worth of Appeals sent to the comrades there.

Comrade Briggs of Elk Grove, Cal., orders a Press Combination, with some other literature, and extra copies of the Appeal.

Comrade Bergham of the "Quaystone" State, sends us a big list of subscribers and asks us to use the same as usual by saying, "more to follow."

Comrade M. A. Dunsteth, Seattle, Wash., has done all that angels could do, he has done his best. We hope all the comrades will do as well.

Comrade Reeves of Sanger, Oregon, orders the Press Combination, and says he will take 1,000 copies of the Militia bill after it has passed.

Comrade S. K. Bunder, Terre Haute, Ind., sends us a remittance for cards, although he is 82 years old, and is not through much in contact with people whom he could induce to subscribe.

"The Appeal shall live forever. Keep on the good work. Victory is in sight." That is the way Comrade Kelly of Corona, Cal., closes an inspiring letter.

Comrade Wm. Leonard of Minneapolis, Minn., pays for seven cards and expresses the hope that "seven more pairs of eyes may be opened to the truth of the coming of the co-operative commonwealth."

Comrade Jos. Silva of Tunnelton, W. Va., pays for seven subscription cards and adds seven cents for the cost of postage.

Comrade Oikley of Jonesburg, Mo., cannot bear the idea of a mortgage on the press, so he orders a Press Combination and expects to increase the number of subscribers in his neighborhood by their judgment.

Comrade Asbury of Augusta, Ky., just read Richardson's "Methods of Acquiring National Possession of Our Industries," and hastens to order more, as well as a few copies of "Introduction to Socialism."

Comrade Oscar Yapple orders a Press Combination and will send more to pay for cards in a few days. He wants the boys to step up lively and save the press from stultification.

Comrade Hutchinson of Mobile, Ala., pays for eight cards, orders the Press Combination and says, "Send more subscription cards, the more I try, the easier it is to sell them."

Comrade B. Shields, of Minneapolis, Minn., writes us a brief and encouraging letter, with which he encloses money order to pay for 7 cards and two Press Combinations.

"Shall the press be mortgaged? No. Here is my dollar and I am further willing to do anything that is in my power." That is the way Comrade Matthews feels about the matter.

Comrade Barnes sends in the order of the Goliath Local for the Press Combination and some Jubilee's. He could not resist the temptation to increase the Jubilee order on his own account.

Comrade Neff, Moline, Ill., would like to contribute a dollar toward clearing the press indebtedness. Of course we sent him the Press Combination. "If needed I will respond," says he.

Comrade Rhode of Cushing, Neb., laid down his paper, said the press shall not be mortgaged, ordered a Press Combination, paid for seven subscription cards and extended his own subscription a year.

Comrade Kuz of Leavenworth, Kans., sends his order for the Press Combination and advises us that the Leavenworth Socialist club will have a float in the Labor Day parade, advertising Socialist papers.

Comrade John J. Gardner of Antelope, Cal., orders a Press Combination, 50 copies of No. 400, and 20 subscription cards, enclosing money order for \$3.00. "Will be heard from again," is the way he closes his letter.

Comrade C. S. Norton, of Uvalde, Texas, sends in a remittance for subscription cards, promises to send more soon, then says "Oh, how I would like to do more for the cause, but poverty forbids."

Comrade Charles Todd of Arkansas City, Kans., comes bravely to the front with an order for four sets of the Press Combination. "For God and Humanity and keeping a mortgage off the press," is the way he puts it.

Comrade Todd of New Castle, Pa., does not want to have any mortgage on that press. Comrade Morgan, of Montgomery, W. Va., is of the same opinion, and Comrade Plaster of Smith Center, Kans., sends in his protest against putting any "plasters" on the biz new press.

Comrades Pury of Harrisburg, Pa., and McLoughlin of Hillsboro, O., came right to the point with orders for the Press Combination. There are no superfluous words in their orders, by we can see they are determined the press shall not be mortgaged.

"Comrades, every shoulder to the wheel, let us pay for the press. Can we expect to ever see a change for the better without some sacrifice? No never." Comrade Bohner of Hopper, Kans., is the man who feels that way about it.

Comrade Marzette of Philadelphia orders some postal cards and says he wants to send the "International Socialist Review" or "Wishbone Magazine" to each of the Public Libraries in Philadelphia. He fears, however, that Madden will not sanction this use of the mail return, so he wants to be sure. We do not think that our old friend Madden will care, just now. He has troubles of his own.

Comrade Young of Ogden, Utah, says, "My press shall not be mortgaged." With him there is no such thing as failure. "Count me with you to the end," is the way he puts it. Comrade Dye of Salt Lake City, voices his sentiments in much the same language, and Comrade Francis of Uteola, Texas, and Williams, of Randolph, Mo., both enter their protest against the mortgage.

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