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J. A. Wayland.

Appeal to Reason.

IF NUMBER 438 IS ON YELLOW LABEL YOUR TIME EXPIRES WITH THE NEXT ISSUE.

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FOR THE OWNERSHIP OF EARTH AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF BY ALL THE PEOPLE AND NOT BY PART OF THE PEOPLE.

The Appeal is never sent on credit; if you receive it, it is paid for. Nobody owes a cent on subscription. Entered at Girard, Kansas, Postoffice as second-class mail matter.

SHALL IT BE MADE PERMANENT?

If the Appeal can run a Daily one week, why not all the time?—Comrade Rohan, St. Louis, Mo.

This query has been propounded in the Appeal office during the past few days by hundreds of comrades. There was no thought of making it permanent when the Appeal staff first canvassed the practicability of issuing during the National Convention a Daily edition of the Appeal for the purpose of accurately and fully reporting the proceedings of the convention.

Once this is done, the next question to consider is whether a Socialist Daily is a necessity. In the last issue of the International Socialist Review, Comrade Untermyer wrote the following words, which were no doubt penned before the announcement that the Appeal would issue a Daily edition:

Incidentally, I take this opportunity to remark that a permanent Socialist Daily is a pressing necessity for the American Socialist movement. This should be a free newspaper, similar to the metropolitan dailies, and edited from the Socialist point of view, with a department for party news and a page on scientific Socialism.

Comrade Untermyer's opinion seems to be concurred in by the Appeal Army, judging from the enthusiastic support which the Daily is receiving at its hands. If the Daily Appeal is a success during the first week in May there is little doubt but that it will be the forerunner of a permanent daily paper.

Special bundle rates as follows: 10 Copies Six Days \$ 1.00 20 Copies Six Days 2.00 50 Copies Six Days 5.00 100 Copies Six Days 10.00

The wages of sin are always high.

The Daily Appeal will print the news that the plute papers dare not print.

"As we sow, we reap." There'll be joy in hell when Gov. Peabody gets his mowing machine in operation.

The International Association of Machinists have captured two more Corporations Auxiliary spies, one at Evansville and one at New Decatur, Ind. Both were working in the shops of the L. & N. and stood well with the local unions.

A correspondent asks if I consider a man who is hungry and can get no work has a right to steal bread. In my humble opinion it depends on whether he does or does not support the present system, under which it is possible for men to starve in the midst of plenty.

The Fowler bill, reported by the committee to congress, provides that all the silver dollars shall be melted up into fractional pieces and that the banks may issue the one and two dollar bills to take their place. This will enable the banks to float over \$500,000,000 more of their bills than they are allowed, and for which the people will have to pay interest.

It pays to be honest—that's why most men are honest. That is, honest according to the capitalist standard.

When Shakspeare wrote "What fools these mortals be," he must have had a vision of the future and seen those 4,648 full grown American trade union men of Kansas City, Mo., go to the polls and scab on themselves.

I see by the Associated Press dispatches that the miners of Cripple Creek are getting ready to vote for a continuation of the bull pen. Somehow they can't see that there is no difference between a democratic bull pen and a republican bull pen.

The number of bank failures lately should be cited as proof of our great prosperity. People who use the traps should expect the results. The people have lost hundreds of millions by bank failures since the banking laws were created—enough to have conducted public depositories for a hundred years—but the people like to be skinned.

The Indianapolis Star of April 8 records the expulsion of Chester Kidd, president of the Cabinet Makers' Union, for being a spy in the pay of the corporations. The Union men will find that they can join the Socialist column of voters marching to victory and that the capitalist spy system will not avail them.

The Kansas republican papers do not seem to know anything about a certain Kansas U. S. Senator who has been convicted of boodling. Only the mere mention of the fact at the time. They don't dwell on the matter as they would had he been other than a republican.

It often occurs to me that the working class has more heart than brains. Recently my attention was called to salaries paid to the chiefs of several of the labor organizations, some of them amounting to ten thousand a year. A recent case is given where a man arose from overalls to broadcloth in two years—the overall crowd had made a capitalist out of their leader and he had deserted them, lived on the fat of the land, and had established himself in business in Chicago and become a prominent politician defending the capitalist system.

Any other ticket than the Socialist that professes to be in the interest of the working class is a fraud. Kansas City Socialists ought to be ashamed of themselves for being taken in with a "Labor" ticket that was gotten up by the old party machine to kill their votes.

C. H. Caspar, a reader, asks: "Are wages lower in warmer countries where less fuel and clothing are needed? In other words, are the workers paid less in proportion to the goods they do not use?"

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OUR GLORIOUS SYSTEM.

JOHN B. Altman and wife, both aged, unable to get work, committed suicide in St. Louis the other day. At one time they were wealthy. This is the future that millions of Americans are preparing for themselves. Ye Gods! Have you no reason? Are you blind to passing phenomena? Dumb to the pitiful appeal of rotting humanity of which you are a part?

"UNEASY LIES THE HEAD, ETC."

The rise of Socialism is something which is causing the leaders and thinking men of both old parties no small amount of uneasiness.—Washington Times, April 6. I will cause them something more than uneasiness by 1908. Underneath the surface today there is a pressure of discontent that includes a very large majority of ALL the people, and as soon as they see that there is no hope of escape from the boodling and robbery that are logical to the present system, there will be an avalanche of votes for Socialism that will bury the present system so deep that it will never be again seriously considered.

NATIONAL CORRUPTION FUNDS.

ASSISTANT Secretary of the U. S. Treasury has written to Comrade G. C. Eickman, of Dayton, O., in reply to something said in the Appeal about government loans to banks, that "no money has been loaned to banks, bankers or individuals by the government, and that there is no authority of law for loaning public moneys with or without interest."

AN HONEST SYSTEM.

TRAVELING salesman writes me: "I am selling merchandise. If I were to tell the truth about my wares I would not write an order, and consequently would lose my position and thereby the means of a living for myself and family."

AND HE'LL BE ELECTED, TOO.

If all the boodlers caught in the St. Louis trap and convicted, not a one is in prison. The courts are always at the service of the criminal class—if they are prominent republicans or democrats. The judges are nominated by the same gang of boodlers who run the party and rob the public, and they know whom to elevate to protect them against punishment.

Will it be a live paper? Sure thing, Mike, the Daily will be the hottest thing that ever came down the pike.

Judge Stevens, of Colorado, has issued a warrant for Adjutant Bell. He might just as well have issued it for the Czar of Russia.

Life to the average man is one long struggle from the cradle to the grave in a vain endeavor to obtain a position where he can be good.

Little thieves go to jail—big thieves get elected to office.

Michigan has 1414 republican and democratic voters in its state prisons. They all believed in private property.

Send the Appeal clippings referring to Socialism that appear in your local papers. Be sure the name of the paper, the town and the date appear. This will help us greatly.

There is one thing in common ownership the working class believe in—and that is the poor house. It is the only preparation they will vote for to take care of them in their old age.

The per centage of increase in the Socialist vote at the spring elections indicate a total vote in the nation of about one million. If the Socialists will get literature into the hands of enough people it can be made two millions.

The uncertainty of wealth and the poverty of the many has caused a company to be organized in Chicago by which the members pay for their funerals on the installment plan, something like an insurance company. And the monkeys can't see the insanity of the system they vote for.

The vote in Milwaukee at the recent election, now that the mists have cleared away, shows as follows: Republican, 17,513; Socialist, 19,533; democrats, 23,515. Next election the Socialists will carry the city unless the two old prostitute parties join hands, which they likely will—and maybe we can do it anyway.

Two thousand families in New York were evicted from their homes because they could not pay their rent in one week. Poor old Ireland, how we do sympathize with you. Let's send a few hogsheads of tears to Ireland. But Ireland never has such a record. The land laws in this country are far worse than in Ireland.

Congress has just voted to pay the railroads TWICE as much per year for the USE of mail cars as it costs to build them. Every member of congress and of the senate who voted for it—and there were no protests—are either knaves or fools—mostly knaves, for they know the extortion. But such are the kind of men elected by the people who pay the bills, so I guess it's all right.

The national government will be sold to the highest bidder next November. It is the finest piece of property on earth, supplied with every character of wealth in profusion, and has eighty million of wage slaves ready for the new masters or purchasers. From present indications it will be bought in by a syndicate composed of Rockefeller, Morgan, Hill, Belmont and other rich republicans and democrats. The wage slaves will ratify the sale by their votes.

I read in a daily the other day that labor is impossible to get in Mississippi. That is not true. If the employers will pay even a half decent wage they can get a million competent working slaves in ten days. But they want to hire labor at from twenty-five cents to a dollar a day—and of course they cannot get labor at less than it costs labor to live. Labor might as well starve without working as to work and gradually starve.

The New York legislature has just "given away franchises worth millions," is the cheerful information of the daily press. Every man who voted for it was bribed in some manner, else he certainly would not have given away millions belonging to the public. The common people make the public and they are such fools that they will not elect representatives to protect their interests but elect men whom the corporations want elected for their special interest. Don't blame the capitalists. The poor fools are at fault.

If the president has the right to order that a new pension rate shall be put into action with the sanction of congress, he has the right to make any other law—and what is the use of congress? Why not let the president do the whole thing and save the country the expense and corruption of congress? If Peabody, the despot of Colorado, were put on the ticket for president, we would have no use for legislatures, courts or any other civil functions. We have traveled far on the road that Rome went.

Hearst is a friend of labor—he wants labor to produce wealth at a wage that will make a few men millionaires. Hanna was another friend of like character. Hearst gets his millions from the unpaid labor of thousands who work in his mines and shops. He does not want the system abolished that enables him to hold this vast wealth created by the working class. He is trying to trade a few hundred thousand dollars in taffy to the workers for the presidency of the country. He is not opposed to the capitalist system. In fact, he wants it to continue and knows enough to see that unless capitalists call a halt that it will soon be abolished, hence his double desire to be president.

The people of Chicago voted three to one in favor of the immediate ownership and operation of the street cars of that city, but like fools that they are, they elected aldermen who do NOT want municipal ownership at all, and have proposed that at the end of ten years the city may begin to think of owning the cars! The street car owners felt pretty safe in having their graft left with them for many years. Men who are not in favor of a proposition will do all in their power to prevent the operation of it. They remind me of the prohibitionists who vote for whiskey men to office to enforce anti-alcohol laws, or the Colorado voters who voted for an eight-hour law and were given a military despotism instead.

Important Notice.

THE MAILING LIST FOR THE DAILY CLOSURES IN GIRARD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH. ALL SINGLE SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE IN ON OR BEFORE THAT DATE TO INSURE THEIR PROMPT DELIVERY. BUNDLE ORDERS WHICH CAN NOT BE MAILED IN TIME TO REACH GIRARD BY THAT DATE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE "DAILY APPEAL TO REASON, CHICAGO, ILL."

A VICTIM OF ENVIRONMENT.

The conviction of Senator Burton of Kansas of boodling—of taking money from swindlers to protect them in robbing the people who had elected him to look after their interests—has forced the public to think that the little tin gods they adore are not the perfect beings they had believed. There is nothing strange about the incident except the conviction. He is not more guilty than the majority of the men in Washington. That city is nothing but a den of boodlers. They pay out their money to corrupt the voters for the sole purpose of filling their pockets from the public treasury. It has become a common joke that they are boodlers. You will notice that the politics of Burton is not mentioned in connection with his crime—but had he been a Socialist this would have been the most prominent feature of his exposure. The corporate influences that surround the men in power at the state and national capitols are there for the sole purpose of bribery. If their lobbies did not pay them for results obtained they would not be there. This is proof of the venality of the legislators. The wonder is that corruption is not worse than it is. Places of profit are sold to the highest bidders. That is why they are given to the senators, congressmen and others to dispense, instead of being elected or filled by a rigid civil service. If there were no places held out to the bummers in the parties, from the petty rural routes, beggarly places, to the highest in the gift of the president, there could not be created a political machine. Do away with corporations and individual enterprises and there will be no corrupting influences to debauch the men selected to manage the affairs of the people. But for these influences Senator Burton would have given the public the best service of which he was capable. So would all the other public officials. He is simply a victim of his bad environment. He has been ground up in his own machine. Private interests corrupt all they come in contact with. They always will. There is no hope that things will be different while they are permitted to exist. It is the private interests of the men at the head of the great corporations in Colorado that have reduced that province to a state of anarchy and oppression little better than the conquered states of Russia. Capitalism has plainly shown you its character. If you like it, well and good. If you do not, then you will have to support Socialism. There is nothing else to do. If you do not know this you are too foolish to reason—too ignorant of causes to know what is the matter with things.

Every mail brings to my desk a score or less of notices from organized labor warning workers to stay away and not be deceived by the advertisements of employers that they are in need of workmen. If the workers would spend half as much energy and money in buying and reading books on Socialism as they spend in this work, they would long ago have had control of the industries in which they work and would have no need of such notice, for they would have the sole and only voice in saying what wages, hours and conditions of labor they would be under. Wouldn't that be better than the continual struggle with exacting masters? Would you rather vote the old party tickets than to control the industries in which you work? If you would, then you should not ask others to help you—you have the power to help yourselves. If you prefer wage slavery to freedom, you should not complain of its results.

Our opposers tell us that Socialism would destroy the family—that when men and women could get the full value of what they produce they would no longer have and love children—that only the presence of poverty or the fear of it, keeps families together. But what does this system do? I note in the Terre Haute Gazette of March 29th where a Mrs. Fenton, mother of four children, the youngest only seven months old, had them taken from her and sold by the county guardians to the highest bidder, while the heartbroken mother wailed her agony, though not able to keep them. Yes, the present is a glorious system. Vote the republican or democratic tickets and have it continue, so that when misfortune befalls you you can enjoy the misery you have helped produce for yourself by your own prejudice and ignorance. You are so wise, you are! What you know about government would make a fine book, wouldn't it?

Some one sends me a copy of a little circular written by one Cleoman, editor of a paper down in Arkansas, defining the word "scab" as applied to non-union men. While pretending to favor unionism, some phrases in the article lead me to think that Cleoman scabs at the ballot box—voting the capitalist tickets, and such a scab is a hundredfold worse than the one who scabs against his fellow craftsmen at the workbench. A union man who votes a capitalist ticket scabs on his class—and does it with the least excuse, for the ordinary non-union workman may be compelled by necessity to work for less than the scab, while there is no necessity that compels a workman to vote an old party ticket.

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I HAVE DISCOVERED THE MARVELOUS SECRET OF LIFE AND I GIVE IT FREE TO YOU. My Mission on Earth is to Heal the Sick and Cure the Weak and Helpless—Come Unto Me That I May Give You Health and Life and Youth.

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Four hundred and eighty-five thousand boys and girls between the ages of ten and fourteen, living in the south, cannot read or write. And the democratic party asks the votes of the working class to keep it in power.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Our Position Reversed. Comrade Slobodin, state secretary of New York, thinks the time has arrived when the Socialists will reverse their position on the question of a uniform program. Under the head "Times Bring Changes," he says: "There was a time, and that not very long ago, when it was a common belief among the Socialists that the real struggle between capitalism and Socialism was for the control of the powers of the state vested in the federal government."

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the comrades are so deficient in judgment as to select and elect a "chump," they and the party ought to be punished by his blunders, and so learn better. In any case, it is more important that such officials be well grounded in the fundamental principles of Socialist economics than that they be supplied with a Procrustean bed of proper things to do, called a "working program."

Must Face Immediate Details. A. W. Ricker: We have, however, passed the first stage of our growth, and have reached the point where the utopian must come down out of the skies and the "predestination" Socialist face immediate details. We are beginning to capture municipalities, and this brings up the question of what may a Socialist administration do in a city or town whose citizens are limited in what they may or may not do by the state legislatures?

Several comrades have written me asking if I think the Daily will sell on the streets. Yes, I am confident the Daily Appeler will sell like wild fire on the streets wherever the comrades arrange for a boy to sell it. Any man who has got any life in him will want to read a paper that prints news that he cannot get in any other paper, simply because they dare not print it.

Should Govern Our Candidates. Chas. L. Breckon thinks the municipal question an important one, and that we should have a clear and definite party pronouncement governing our candidates and controlling their actions, but it should be a strictly party affair within our party, and not for means of public propaganda. A man nominated on the Socialist party ticket should know that the party is bigger than the man and that it means to control him. He should know in clear terms and in what manner the control would apply, and if it meets with his disapproval, then he can refuse to be a candidate.

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Are You Coming to Girard?

It's a trite saying that the homely nag often comes under the wire first, because it didn't know it was beaten on the first quarter. The comrade who captures the Van No. 2 and team which the Appeal will give to the one sending the most yearly subscribers from April 1 to June 1, 1904, is the one who doesn't admit that he is beaten at any point in the race. The way to win that Agitation Van and outfit is to take off your coat and win it. Come to think of it, though, if this second van goes as cheap as it looks like the first one is going, it won't be necessary to take off your coat—you can win it with your coat on if you just hustle a little. I am in receipt of a letter from a Kansas Comrade asking how he can get into the movement, giving all his time and at the same time make a living. I don't know of any better way than to go out on one of these Agitation Vans. True, you must do a little hustling to get it, but if you are in earnest in your desire to work for Socialism you should not object to showing what you can do, and especially when you are getting so well paid for it. Remember, you are getting a fine van, outfit, good team, a railroad ticket to Girard and \$100 in books or cards—about \$500 in property worth its face value—all for a few weeks' work in your own interests. In working for the Van you are working for Socialism, and in working for Socialism you are working for yourself.

In offering you this Van the Appeal is giving you the opportunity to become one of the greatest factors in the Socialist movement, and, in return, you are asked to spend a few weeks getting subs for the Appeal—you cannot call it a sacrifice; you are not sacrificing anything when you spend a few weeks working for a better world for yourself and your children to live in.

And while you are working for your future welfare you are providing for your present welfare. Time was when it would have been almost impossible for you to have gone out with one of these vans and kept it going without a national bank behind you, but today, with nearly a million Socialist voters in the country, and thousands more on the way, with a Van and outfit like the Appeal will give you a clear title to June 1, you've got the biggest snap of the times. You will be independent of the capitalist; that is, as independent as it is possible for a workingman to be under the present system. If you are any kind of a hustler at all—and you will demonstrate that you are in winning the Van—you cannot fail to make a good living—as good as you are making now. You will be able to see something of the country, and, best of all, you'll have an opportunity to do more for Socialism than falls to the lot of the most of us. In fact, you will be a power in the movement and you will be free from the daily grind of commercialism.

Life on the Van will be a Socialist vacation—to a certain extent, you will be out of the clutches of the capitalist skinners.

Don't waste any time writing for further particulars. There are none. It's a plain proposition—the prize goes to the one who sends in the most yearly subscribers between April 1 and June 1, 1904. That's all there is to it, except that we pay your fare to Girard and the office girls and the editorial staff will give you a royal welcome.

Are you coming to Girard?

By action and reaction the world progresses.

The supreme court has spoken, but the merger marches merrily on.

If a man calls you a fool the quickest way to prove him right is to lose your temper.

Bradstreet says money is easier in Chicago. As I expect to be in that city next week this is cheering news.

The capitalists are selling the goods and pocketing the profits. The workers are doing the fighting and paying the losses. 'Twas always thus.

Spies in the unions are bad enough, but they are not half as dangerous to the working class as the ballot box scabs in the unions.

There'll be something doing in that bug house by the lake, when on May 1st the citizens awake and hear the festive newboy sing, "Here's yer Daily Appeal; it's ther real thing."

Injunctions against the working class always stick. But when the Citizens' Alliance spit on the injunction and defy the authority of courts—that's different. The rich can do no wrong. They are the king.

Until the last vestige of capitalism has been wiped out of existence the Corporations Auxiliary Company and kindred concerns will live, flourish and do business.

"Oh," said the red-headed girl, "isn't it just lovely to come to the park in the springtime and take away something green?" The young man who had just met her in the park and was walking home with her did a stunt of thinking and said nothing.

The cracker Trust has adopted a policy of not giving the jobbers enough margin to handle its products and of working to eliminate the middleman and deal direct with the retailer. That is good. The sooner these fellows are eliminated the sooner some of them will have to strike the road and look for day labor—and then they will be doing some political thinking.

A reader asks why the deported citizens and miners in Colorado do not go before a United States judge and file a complaint. Why, as well might Washington have gone before one of King George's judges in a suit to settle the contention of the colonists. The corporations own the courts—they are a part of their personal property. That's just the trouble.

What laws would the Socialists repeal and what laws would they pass if the national and state governments were in their hands?—W. H. Lynn, Chicago, Ill.

They would repeal every law that stood in the way of acquiring and operating the industries for the benefit of all the people, and would enact such necessary laws as would enable the people to acquire and operate the industries, leaving the people free to act upon any or all of such matters as they pleased at any time the majority thought fit.

The thugs appointed policemen in Portland, Ore., similar to those in St. Louis, have refused to allow the Socialists to use the streets, though all other political or religious crowds may. To keep the people ignorant is the game of the corporations, and they see that knives of their liking are nominated on the old party tickets. The Socialists will fight the cases through the courts. Justice is free in this country! Yes, if you pay for it.

You cannot expect the government at Washington to protect the citizens of Colorado from the republican despot of a governor, when the government is doing the same things and worse in the Philippines, where men are fighting for their homes. How quickly the national government would send the troops if the miners were armed and driving the mine owners out of the country and violating their homes and their wives as are the thugs hired by the mine owners, uniformed with authority of the state. And Americans will vote this fall to uphold this when the vote-the old party tickets.

HOW THE THIEVES THRIVE.

Everybody knows that monopolies exist contrary to law in every article of daily use—but the judges and other public officials elected by the people do not know it at all! There is only one reason that can be assigned for their apparent ignorance—and that is that they have either been bribed or have interests in industries similarly affected. The people seem stupefied at the condition of affairs and are so paralyzed that they can do nothing except to vote to have the robbery continue. Here is a little item from the Cincinnati Enquirer that tells a tale of robbery of the school funds that amounts to millions annually, a fact known to all school men or intelligent citizens, and yet, instead of putting these robbers in prisons they are looked up to as the most prominent citizens and expend their stolen wealth in vicious ostentation. And you will be asked this fall to endorse this stealing from you by voting the democratic and republican tickets. Of course you will do it if your party leaders tell you to. Read:

An answer and cross-petition to the suit of the American School Furniture Company against J. C. Brooke asks judgment for \$2,775. It is charged that nearly all the plants in the United States for the manufacture of church and school furniture are controlled by the plaintiff company; that it also controls the output of others. The plan is, it is charged, to have a lot of plants bid for work when bids are called for, but they are not competitive, one of the plants being selected to make the lowest bid, yet which is sometimes 500 per cent above the cost of manufacture; that the patrons are deceived into believing the bidding is competitive; that its methods are in restraint of trade and prevent competition; that because of the methods of plaintiff the defendant withdrew from the combination; that while he was in it he was prevented from doing work he was to do under the agreement he had, and he was not given work that was agreed to be given him. Because of these things he claims the sum named is due him. L. H. Pummil, attorney.

THE BEAUTY OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

With all this array of wreck and ruin scattered around them, the people are still silly enough to hug the delusion that only in private ownership can the best results be had—in the face of the

deaths, no doctor's bills, no fires, no special trouble to eat up my income. I don't spend my money for tobacco or foolishness, and have worked all my life. Yet I have very little to show for it, and believe that some one else has reaped a portion of my labor. I believe that God did not intend us to live in this way. The earth he has caused to bring forth abundance for all, and all should have the right to share this abundance. My hope is in a change, and that change is Socialism. Socialism can be brought about by voting right. Yours, Jas. C. Huntington, W. Va.

EFFECTS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

The United States Government owned the Custom House in New York. Mr. Gage and Mr. Vanderlip, servants of the people, sold the Custom House to Mr. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Bank. Did the people get the money for it? No! At the purchase it WAS LEFT ON DEPOSIT IN THE BANK, so that the Standard Oil Company did not actually pay one penny for the Custom House. AND EVER SINCE THAT TIME THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS RENTED THE CUSTOM HOUSE FROM MR. ROCKEFELLER'S BANK AND HAS PAID OUT ONE CENT. Remember that these are absolute statements of simple fact known to everybody. The Custom House belonged to the government—which means, to the people. It was nominally sold to the Standard Oil Trust Bank, without a dollar actually being paid over, and from that time on the government paid rent to that bank for the use of its own building. A servant selling his master's overcoat to a crook, and then compelling the master to rent the overcoat at so much a year from that same crook, would seem quite improbable in fiction. But that is the exact situation which obtains in the great national government that exists by virtue of your vote.—N. Y. Journal.

Do you wonder that Mr. Gage left the treasury department to take a place at the head of one of Rockefeller's Banks? If all property were public and could not be made private, this robbery of the people could not have been committed.

It is to be hoped that the bull pen Socialist voters of Colorado won't forget as quickly as did the empty coal bin voters of Massachusetts.



Senator Burton makes a hot run but finds the door closed.

fact that private ownership never does anything but injustice. Here is a letter that I clip from the Llano, Texas, Times. But Texas will go democratic just the same:

"Capitalists and labor are having trouble about the irrigation. There are 1,000 water shares, and Mr. Moore owns two-thirds of them, and each water share is entitled to a vote; so Mr. Moore voted himself president, and put his own man in as vice-president and director. They voted themselves a salary, president \$3,000, vice-president \$1,200, and director \$1,200. Mr. Moore needs it—he only owns fifty millions. Water taxation used to be \$1.50 per share. They have voted that down, and want to tax them \$5 per acre. I will show you the difference it makes: I was paying \$3.00 per year, and now \$65.00 per year. This will cause a law suit, if not serious trouble. This irrigation has been in use for over thirty years and never had any trouble. There are men who have spent half a lifetime improving their homes, and now stand a chance of losing their water rights. The plan is laid to tax them per acre, and if they take any more votes they sign the right of their water shares away. It is \$5 per acre; there is no telling what will be next year. Del Rio, Tex. ALVIN HOLLMIG.

"TELLURIDE" IN VIRGINIA.

I am a subscriber to the Appeal, and believe that if we do not vote for a change in our conditions we will have failed to do our duty. I am a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, which I think well of, but this will not suffice. The street railway conductors and motormen are on a strike at this place and all the unions are in sympathy with them. A division and contention exists between merchants on one side and laborers on the other. Fifty extra deputy sheriffs and police are on duty. The council has taken the power away from the mayor. We almost have martial law, and one feels that Telluride is close at hand. I see in the Cincinnati Post today of more cruel treatment to the coal miners. What are we coming to? Rockefeller says if there is not a change before 1907 that there will be 10,000,000 people out of employment, and continue, "Unless we have internal improvements for them to work on they will burn our cities." It is a sad outlook; strikes will not bring relief. If blood and destruction is the only way we go with our eyes closed. I have my mind made up that the best thing for me to do is to vote the Socialist ticket. I am 55 years old, have a wife and four children. We have had no

1. Under Socialism, with or without money, which would prevent gambling or trading? Would it not be possible to believe or get the better of another of his goods or luxuries, thereby causing an independent, or non-productive class? 2. Considering fine dress, beautiful homes, traveling, sports, etc., within the reach of all, would there not be the usual number inclined to drink? And those choosing intoxicants as a luxury what would suppress the cause of intemperance? C. H. R.

The incentive to gambling is gain. If no one gained by it, surely there would be no incentive to begin. But the habit once formed, men gamble from habit. Under Socialism, without a current money, the only way to gamble would be for one to pile up a lot of hats or other articles and gamble for them, and the winner would have no use for them after he won them. They would be a burden, for public opinion, not bribed by gain, would surely refuse to handle such articles, and they would not buy them except with other articles. For instance: I gain a lot of articles by game which my victim had previously gone and bought with his time credits. I could have as much as I needed by my labor and these would be no benefit to me unless I could sell them. To whom would I sell? No one would have anything I could use without going to the department of distribution and getting the things I wanted for them, and I would have to hunt many men to find those who needed the things I wanted to part with, who would make the exchange. Besides, the men who would not work would be ostracized. He who would not work would be known as a thief and shunned or treated as such. I think that under such conditions gambling would have few charms. It would not permit of a non-productive existence and would bring such an uncongenial association that it would soon vanish as one of the pleasures or luxuries. Much the same conditions would surround the drinking habit. There would be no profit in it to any one. There would be no guided dens to entice for the sake of profit. There would be no social contact that leads to such places. Public sentiment would be free to deal with the matter as it saw fit, and there would be no incentive on the part of any to thwart that action, as there is today with those who make it, deal in it, rent houses for it, and in many ways profit by its existence, though not directly connected with it. Those who had

formed the habit would possibly still indulge, but there would be no growing up generation thrown under its blighting influence as there is now, with continually increasing consumption and debasing results. There is no use blaming the men who deal in it now. They are there to make money, just as men in any other business. I never talked to a saloon man who preferred his business—it was the best thing to make a living or a fortune that presented itself to him. He is a victim of environment just as are others. Another reason that drinking would cease is that under a rational system of industry there would be no despair caused by unrewarded exertion, which sends many to drink; and another act which steadies their nerves because of the excitement caused by great gain, always unearned. Business today is simply a gambling game, and gambling leads to drink. Should some ill born individual have an abnormal appetite for drink, then society could prevent his getting such, and no one would profit by letting him have it. Today there is a profit in pandering to his appetite, and for profit. Under this system of dog-eat-dog, men will sell their souls. Luxury does not necessarily infer a desire to drink. The wealthy Mohammedans did not drink, though they had all the means to gratify their desires; nor do we find that the people today who have plenty of means to gratify their desires for liquor are greater victims than the poor. In fact, there is more drinking by those least able to afford it. Poverty drives more people to drown their disappointment in drink than all other causes. There could be no poverty under Socialism. And in time there would be no drunkenness or gambling.

Texas miners were lured across the border into Mexico by American capitalists with the promises of good jobs, cozy homes and big wages. Once out of this country and in a foreign land, they were surrounded by armed guards, and compelled to work in mines under conditions which would have made a Russian cosack blush with shame. The men were forced to trade at the company stores whether they wanted the goods or not. Merchandise was delivered to their hovels and charged against their accounts at such exorbitant prices that the men have no hope of ever getting out of debt. Such things could not happen, I am glad to say, in this glorious land of freedom. Whoever heard of men being forced to work by armed guards in America? Whoever heard of men being compelled to buy goods at company stores at exorbitant prices? Not on your life. You must go outside of our borders to find such conditions. The life of the laboring man in the United States is simply one continual round of pleasure. A regular paradise, as it were. Mexico ought to be civilized!

SNAP SHOTS AT LABOR.

Prosperity is patching labor's pants. Labor's vote is the tack to puncture capitalist's tire. Capital will then retire. Ignorance and conservatism are strong links in the chain that binds labor to capitalist's automobile. But don't worry. Socialism's sledge hammer will break them both.

Laboring men! Did nature endow you with brawn and brains to be your fellow's servant? If you think so, then, you deserve your middle class, and them on you. There is no middle course for labor. It must eat buzzard or turkey. While capitalism gives you only scant rations of buzzard, Socialism will furnish you turkey in abundance. Choose your own epicure.

Say, you comical labor class, do you live in as good a house as Vanderbilts? If you don't, seeing as how you do the building, why don't you build one for yourself? How? By voting for Socialism.

Mr. Moran is a laboring man, but he didn't clean out the United States Shipping Company with a broom and dust pan. Oh! no. He used a Schwab. And what are the stockholders going to do about it? Nawthing.

Booker T. Washington is laboring to elevate his race. The democrats and republicans are doing all they can, north, south, east and west, to assist him. If George and Booker's influence hold out every colored brother will go up the elevator. Socialism may possibly save a few of them.

When laboring men make any effort to get into the swim of prosperity, they generally get in—junctured. They keep right on voting for the same old jedge.

Some men object to being called jackasses, but if there is any better name for the fellow who works like an ass seven hours a day for 364 days in the year; and only gets a miser-able living out of it while his labor makes some pot-bellied plutocrat more pot-bellied; and more plutocratic; and then goes to the allot box on the 365th day and gets his share of the system that stands wholly and completely against his own; I say that if you got any better name for this low than jackass, let's have it. Nothing like calling a spade a spade, or a jackass a jackass, if he happens to be one.

The Daily Appeal Souvenir Watch

I note that some of the comrades do not seem to have understood the souvenir watch contest. The proposition was: A souvenir gold watch, suitably engraved, warranted, full jewelled, Waltham movement, would be presented to the comrade who made the closest estimate on the average daily circulation of the Daily Appeal, a guess to go with each two subs sent in for the Daily.

This average circulation to be arrived at in this way: The number of copies circulated each day for the six days to be added together and the result divided by six. This will give us the average circulation. Single subs mailed, bundles mailed, copies delivered by carrier and copies sold on the streets will be included in computing each day's circulation. Copies given away and remaining on hand will not be included. All guesses must be in by April 25th.

The time is limited, boys; you'll have to hurry.

AT FINNEGAN'S CIGAR STORE.

It was a pleasant evening and Finn's place was deserted by all except the Station Agent and the Blacksmith.

"Well, Jim," said the Blacksmith, as he slowly filled his pipe, "I s'pose you'll attend the Chicago convention?"

"Why, if nothing happens that's my intention now."

"S'pose there'll be a hot time. Understand some mighty important questions have got to be threshed out this trip."

"You bet there is. It will be the most important convention we Socialists ever held in this country; I presume it will be rather warm time by some rather warm fellows."

"What do you think will be the most important questions to come up?"

"Well, I suppose the negro, the farmer and the trade union questions and the immediate demands will occupy the center of the stage for a good share of the time."

"How do you stand on these questions? Do you favor the present negro resolution?"

"I certainly do not. Such a resolution is unnecessary. Neither do I favor any trade union resolution. When we reiterate our allegiance to the principles of international Socialism we cover all these points. Socialism is a working class movement; it stands for the interest of the workers of the world, be they white, black, yellow, organized or unorganized. As set forth by the Communist Manifesto, Socialists have no interests separate and apart from those of the proletariat as a whole. Trade unionists are a part of the working class and as such the Socialist party is fighting their battle on the political field; the same can be said of the negro, the farmer and the unorganized worker, but in our platform we should refer to them as a whole—as the working class."

"But you believe that Socialists who are eligible should join the union of their craft?"

"Most certainly I do, and I would not oppose a resolution urging our members to such action, but that is all that need be said on the subject."

"And you know that many of our fellows hold that the farmer is not a member of the working class; what would you do about that?"

"Well, there should be no question about the small farmer—and that includes the most of them—being a member of the working class. It might be well to set forth the fact that when the words, 'working class,' are used in our Socialist platform that the farmer is included within its meaning. To sum up, I favor a short platform and no immediate demands."

"Well, I'm with you," said the Blacksmith, as he knocked the ashes from his pipe and motioned Finnegans to pass the cheroots, "but while I hope the boys give us such a platform as you have outlined, I'll stand by whatever they do give us."

"Oh, well, as far as that is concerned, so will I," said the S. A., as he held himself to a cheroot. E. N. R.

Woman's Convention and Daily Appeal.

The proceedings of the W. N. S. U. convention, which is to take place in Chicago on the 30th and 31st of this month, will be fully reported in the Daily Appeal. Every Socialist woman in America, ought to have these reports. Send 25c for the week's issue.

Despite our marvelous success and achievement, we have failed to secure equal opportunities to all, which is the radical aim and master passion of Jefferson. More than 70 per cent of the wealth of the United States, it is reckoned, is owned by 1 per cent of the families, while about 29 per cent of the wealth is all that is left for the 99 per cent of the population, and the tendency of industrial progress under the competitive system is to increase inequality of possessions.—Bishop Spalding.

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