

Question Box

The Open Shop. Please explain what the "open shop" is, and tell the reasons for the objection to many people to the "closed shop."—Iwaco, Wash.

The Army and Navy. Under Socialism what would be done with the United States army and navy?—H. B. Brister, Okla.

No one knows and no one can know until the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth and the people composing it have expressed themselves on the subject.

But if all the nations were so leavened with Socialism that the independence of the one first adopting working-class rule would not be threatened there would be no more need for navy than there is for a fleet of gunboats on the coasts of Kansas, and no more need for an army than there is for a soldier to stand guard at your door while you and your family are eating dinner.

Armed and navies are needed for offensive purposes only when the nations using them are engaged in conquering foreign territory or foreign markets; and they are needed for defensive purposes only when peaceably disposed people are threatened by the barbarian hordes of capitalist nations.

It is charged that certain parties purchased the Panama canal route for \$12,000,000 and sold it to the United States for \$40,000,000. What are the particulars and who were the parties to the deal?—M. M. G. S.

For years previous to the Panama revolution through which Roosevelt forced thecession of the canal zone to the United States the Nicaragua was generally considered the better route.

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mitted to withdraw the land from use and force someone to buy it or rent it before another could cultivate it. The general principles of Socialism are such that he would in all probability be supplied with such land as he could use without the payment of rental or being compelled to purchase it; and were he, for any reason, to abandon the land or cease cultivating it he would relinquish by such action all claim to it, so that it would at once become available for some farmer ready and willing to farm under the same conditions of tenure as those he had enjoyed.

In other words, and in short, the effect of Socialism would be to remove the capitalist and landlord from the backs of the actual farmers. The man who today wishes to cultivate the soil and function as a farmer must first either buy a piece of land from the person who claims it or rent a piece of land from a landlord.

It has been asserted, and with reason, that the movement for independence by the Panama people was inspired and promoted by interests in the United States, but it was recently that the details of the scheme leaked out. It now appears that a syndicate of American capitalists purchased the rights of the old French company at a price estimated from \$4,000,000 to \$12,000,000 and did a handsome thing for themselves in selling the rights so purchased to the United States for \$40,000,000.

But more significant than the snug little profit derived from the deal is the report that Douglas Robinson, a brother-in-law of Mr. Roosevelt, and Charles P. Taft, a brother of the president elect, were members of the syndicate which bought up the stock of the French company and unloaded it on Uncle Sam. The active agent in loading the syndicate was one William Nelson Cromwell, a professional lobbyist and broker in political privileges.

That is about all that is known about it at the present time since the government is in the control of those who are not particularly interested in having the facts brought to light. These disclosures have been public property for over three months but not one of the gentlemen so close to the president and his successor has publicly disputed or attempted to explain the charges made.

Farmer and the Land. What title will the farmer have to the land he farms under Socialism. How would he dispose of the land he had a right to farm?—A. A. C. Villa Grove, Colo.

He would have a full, perfect and exclusive right to the products of such a farm or to their full and undiminished value. In other words he would not have to pay a landlord for the use of his farm, nor would he have to pay a private owner the value of the land in order to get the use of it.

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The man of advanced views is always charged with being a pessimist and a calamity howler, because he criticizes things that now are and talks the truth about them. Phillips Brooks said that such a man is a true optimist.

People used to be independent of each other. Tools were simple. A person could exist without aid from others. But, the development of machinery from the simple hand tool used by one person to the great collections of labor-saving machines, and the consequent development from small individual industry to great aggregations of industry, has made human beings dependent upon one another for the very elements of life.

Some people think that Socialism will result in the degeneracy of the human race because of the removal of the struggle for existence. They say that that struggle is necessary in order to produce strong men and that the strong men of the past have been produced by it. People will have to struggle for whatever they achieve in the Socialist commonwealth, but to be sure Socialism will destroy the desperate struggle for a mere animal existence.

THE REWARD OF ABSTINENCE.

Moderation, forbearance, or postponement of personal consumption by the capitalist has a specific result, which should properly constitute the only reward of that quality or fact. Suppose a man has five pounds of jelly, and instead of eating the whole five pounds the first day, eats only half a pound, what should be the reward of his abstinence? In the first place, his stomach remains in good order. In the second place, he will have something delicious tomorrow, and the day after, and so on. It is the same with a man who has three bushels of corn, and who only consumes two pounds daily instead of consuming the whole in one day.

THE NECESSITY FOR AGITATION.

Replicants exist only on the tenure of being constantly agitated. The anti-slavery agitation is an important, nay an essential part of the machinery of the State. It is not a disease nor a medicine. No; it is the normal state—the normal state of the nation. Never to our latest posterity, can we afford to do without prophets, like Garrison, to stir up the monotony of wealth, and awake the people to the great ideas that are constantly fading out of their minds.

Every government is always growing corrupt. Every secretary of state is, by the very necessity of his position, an apostate. I mean what I say. He is an enemy to the people of necessity, because the moment he joins the government, he gravitates against that government, he gravitates against that popular agitation which is the life of a republic.

Race Suicide.

During the period from 1860 to 1900 the proportion of children to 1,000 women of child-bearing age decreased in the United States from fifty-two, or an average of about thirty in each decade. If we assume this change will continue unchanged for a century and a half in the direction in which it has been in progress during forty years, there will be no children left.—Prof. Walter F. Willcox, at Godwin Smith hall, Ithaca, N. Y.

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BY JOHN A. WORK.

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Here you see another one. Just like the other one. Is this thing to continue for four full years?

The New Robbery.

The muck rakers exposed, a few years ago, the looting of the insurance companies, the reorganizing and looting of the street railways of various cities, the lending of money to dummy borrowers who were merely office boys, and various other forms of graft that followed the wave of "prosperity" that came in 1893.

The insurance companies once offered a vast storehouse of unused funds; but they have been worked. Instead of rifling these depositories of the people's money now, it looks like the big grafters are planning to avail themselves of popular agitation, that postal savings banks may gather together the money of the many little fellows where it will be available for use in bulk for big operations.

Then, the asset currency, provided for under the Aldrich bill and just coming into circulation, will make it possible for the big fellows to buy stocks in trusts and issue 90 per cent of their value in asset currency, thus using their money and still retaining it, making their obligations assets. There never was such a possibility of wholesale stealing and the concentration of wealth into the hands of the few as is provided under this currency. Watch that. It will soon begin to get in their work.

An Era of Graft Begun

Big Steal in the Philippines. THE SALE of the friar lands in the Philippines, as engineered by Wm. H. Taft, involved a deal of some seven millions of dollars. Taft has been the president since a little over a month, and another fifty cents, involving practically the same amount, and connected with the Philippine islands, is already under way.

The new graft has to do with a railroad to be built in the Philippines. It is promoted by New York parties; these men get the money for the construction of the road by selling bonds; and to be sure that the bonds can be sold, they are guaranteed by the Philippine government. It will be remembered that it was the endorsement of the Alton bonds by the state of New York, as secured through the signature of Theodore Roosevelt, then governor of the empire state, that made possible the famous Alton steal. It does not yet appear that the Philippine steal will be worked in the same way throughout, but it begins the same, and the way for the steal is open.

The secretary of the treasury authorizes the statement that these first mortgage four per cent bonds, to be guaranteed by the Philippine government, will be accepted by the treasury department as security for deposits of the Philippine government, and in view of the fact that the Philippine government realizes the paramount necessity of railroads for the welfare of the people, and in view of the fact that the Philippine government takes in the success of the enterprise undertaken by the Philippine Railway company, the secretary of the treasury is authorized to receive subscriptions for these bonds.

The subscription will be opened simultaneously in Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Zamboanga, and New York. The bonds will be sold in New York at 100 per cent of their par value, and in Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, and Zamboanga at 90 per cent of their par value.

You will see by the above that the sale of these bonds was authorized by Mr. Taft. You will also learn that they may be deposited as security for the issuance of asset currency. This in itself opens the way for a steal. They may be made the basis of currency, by which the holder will receive United States money to the extent of ninety per cent of their face value while still owning the bonds and participating in the benefits to be derived from that ownership.

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WHAT SOCIALISTS HAVE DONE.

They have organized a world-wide political movement of the working class whose voting strength has increased from 87,000 in 1867 to nearly 8,000,000 in 1907; produced a scientific and philosophical library such as no other organization, the Christian church excepted, can boast of; moulded public opinion to an extent that is incalculable; wrung reforms from capitalist governments which only the fear of revolution would have made them grant; prevented wars between nations by their timely interposition; and inspired millions of working people with an ideal which makes them study, think and work in a cause that will benefit all humanity as well as themselves.

Out of The Dump

Do you remember "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," which had a big run some years ago? It pictured the working people as "our best" people would like them to be. Out of the Dump is a book that shows the working people as they are. The capitalists and the charity workers in the story, too, are live people, neither better nor worse than real life.

is a note representing an actual business transaction, bearing the names of at least two persons, and maturing within four months from that of the maturity. He can also give a note and attach collateral as security for the loan.

Notice what is implied in this commercial, one-name paper. It makes the indebtedness of a mortgage ACTUAL MONEY. If he chooses to sign a note, without security, for a thousand dollars, he has simply created that much money. The mortgages of New York can create millions at their option and with them float whatever enterprises they may choose, then sell to the people enough stock to pay the indebtedness, deposit the remainder, which they still own and on which they draw dividends, and receive asset currency within 90 per cent of the amount as a free gift.

THE PINCH OF POVERTY.

From the Cincinnati Post. Jean Valjean, Victor Hugo's character, stole calories from an altar because he wanted money to buy bread. Last Sunday Edward White, a homeless man in Cincinnati, begged the police to lock him up so that he could resist the temptation to steal in order to get food.

After I was released from the workhouse I sought employment, but could find none. The little money I had was soon spent for shelter and food and I found myself without either. Then came the prompting to steal. I might have secured some valuables that would have relieved my wants, but somehow I couldn't bring myself to steal.

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Thoughts of a Fool

This book by Evelyn Gladys consists of 25 brilliant essays that will delight working people who think themselves competent to regulate their own affairs.

Statistical.

Cost of Charity. There are 2,500 almshouses and more than 80,000 inmates in this country, which cost more than \$37,000,000 annually to maintain.

State of Employment in United States.

Employed all the time, 50.19 per cent. Employed part of the time, 49.81 per cent.—Page 42, 18th Annual Labor Report, 1903.

\$7.98 Dresses A Man

For \$7.98 you will need you the following: One pair of Blue Serge Trousers, one pair of Blue Serge Overalls, one pair of Blue Serge Undershirts, one pair of Blue Serge Socks, one pair of Blue Serge Shoes, one pair of Blue Serge Hats, one pair of Blue Serge Gloves, one pair of Blue Serge Mittens, one pair of Blue Serge Suspenders, one pair of Blue Serge Collars, one pair of Blue Serge Cuffs, one pair of Blue Serge Handkerchiefs, one pair of Blue Serge Neckties, one pair of Blue Serge Scarves, one pair of Blue Serge Stoles, one pair of Blue Serge Shawls, one pair of Blue Serge Blankets, one pair of Blue Serge Bedspreads, one pair of Blue Serge Pillows, one pair of Blue Serge Cushions, one pair of Blue Serge Rugs, one pair of Blue Serge Carpets, one pair of Blue Serge Drapes, one pair of Blue Serge Curtains, one pair of Blue Serge Blinds, one pair of Blue Serge Shades, one pair of Blue Serge Shutters, one pair of Blue Serge Doors, one pair of Blue Serge Windows, one pair of Blue Serge Roofs, one pair of Blue Serge Floors, one pair of Blue Serge Walls, one pair of Blue Serge Ceilings, one pair of Blue Serge Foundations, one pair of Blue Serge Superstructures, one pair of Blue Serge Utilities, one pair of Blue Serge Services, one pair of Blue Serge Amenities, one pair of Blue Serge Conveniences, one pair of Blue Serge Luxuries, one pair of Blue Serge Pleasures, one pair of Blue Serge Joys, one pair of Blue Serge Happinesses, one pair of Blue Serge Contentments, one pair of Blue Serge Satisfactions, one pair of Blue Serge Fulfillments, one pair of Blue Serge Completions, one pair of Blue Serge Perfections, one pair of Blue Serge Achievements, one pair of Blue Serge Accomplishments, one pair of Blue Serge Attainments, one pair of Blue Serge Realizations, one pair of Blue Serge Fulfillments, one pair of Blue Serge Completions, one pair of Blue Serge Perfections, one pair of Blue Serge Achievements, one pair of Blue Serge Accomplishments, one pair of Blue Serge Attainments, one pair of Blue Serge Realizations.

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Eight thousand new yearly subs in one week! And that the second week after election. That means that we are traveling at a gait of more than 400,000 per year.

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Filling Up the Band.

His name was Berger, but he didn't live in Milwaukee. He lived in a city where Socialists as yet were only sprinkled here and there, about one to every block.

I had fifty-two dollars saved already. I got a doctor. He said I ought to have five hundred. So she said: 'Damn! How fat I feel!' His gruff voice sank still lower.

MacDougal sprang from his seat and the words that he uttered are better omitted. It ended in a silence between them that lasted days and days.

Socialist Fables

The Wasp as a Judge. Adapted from Anna's Fables. The Drones in two hives of bees conceived the idea that they would seize on the honey and claim it as their own.

Labor Decisions

Acted Without Authority. When the land grabbers at Reelfoot lake were mobbed, the governor of Tennessee ordered out the militia and farmers who resented the simple state of subject submission.

TAFT TO BE RESCUE.

So soon as Roosevelt's letter in defense of the hierarchy turning its entire vote to republicanism came out, Cardinal Gibbons took occasion to comment on it.

THE WORKINGMAN'S LIBERTIES.

Adapted from the French of Paul Lafargue. 'Fellow worker! they tell us since the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence all men have been free.

At the Country Store.

The Greatness of the Farm. When Brother Bill entered the Country Store last Saturday Pop Weasel was expatiating to a bunch of farmers of the greatness of the American farm.

Eternal Hell.

Sixty years ago there was not a tramp in America. Now there are more than four million tramps. They are the fruit of capitalism. It is bad enough to be out of work, without a home, condemned to wander through the land, eat where you can, sleep where you can; but that is not the worst that has recently come upon 'the submerged tenth.'

Legalized Malice

In an article in Appleton's for November, John P. Ryan calls attention to a feature of jurisprudence which makes possible the punishment of men by reason of malice, of prejudice or gossip. He refers to the grand jury system, which, as he expresses it, too often seeks to make statistics rather than to secure justice.

Fourteen and Twelve By Ben Hanford

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND Socialist voters in the United States. Five hundred thousand other Socialists disfranchised by capitalist election laws. And a million other men who believe in Socialism, but have not yet reached the point where they will vote its ticket.

ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS OF POETRY.

Horace, the Latin poet, was nothing more than an artful press agent, who extolled for gain the surpassing advantages of the native wine according to the Italian historian, the Italian historian, the Italian historian.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

Considerable complaint is being heard in England nowadays over the revival of imprisonment for debt under the guise of punishment for contempt of court.

Job Printing Prices

Table with columns: Job, Price. Lists prices for various printing services like 1000 Leaflets, 1000 Pamphlets, etc.