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SOCIALISM is the movement of the hour. Go where you will—in shop or store, in the office or on the street—the word is on almost every lip. The conspiracy of silence is broken. Pulpit and press are thundering about it-not always favorably it is true, but the Socialist always welcomes any old kind of advertising in order to get people to think and investigate. Once get the working class to understand what Socialism is and the battle is won. A day or two after the national election of 1900 the staid Chicago Tribune referred to the Socialist party and its candidate as "Debs and his to-hell-with-the-government party." Two years later, after the assassination of President McKinley, when there was a clamor for a general hanging of all Socialists together with the anarchists, the Tribune had learned enough of Socialism to be able to point out the difference between Socialism and Anarchy. The enormous increase in the Socialist vote last fall attracted the attention and elicited notices from scores of metropolitan papers, the consensus of opinion being that the Socialist party is a power that must soon be reckoned with. This has naturally raised the question in the minds of many for the first time: What is Socialism? Are you doing anything towards answering these questions? How about that neighbor of yours? Does he know what Socialism is? If not, he must be educated. It may not require much to get him started. A sample copy may do the business. He may have a wrong conception of Socialism-may think it will "destroy his home" (if he has one), or make him lazy, or, in giving him the full product of his labor, fill up his attic and wood shed with shoes and clothing which he cannot use. This is what a Catholic priest of Dubuque is reported to have advanced as an argument against Socialism. So you see the need of education is great. To get an intelligent idea of Socialism you must go to the Socialists. Get your friends and neighbors to read Socialist papers and literature. The Iowa Socialist is one of the best exponents of Socialism. It is also one of the cheapest. Only 25 cents a year in clubs of four or more. Get up a club and thus push this work of educati on.

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contribution to Socialist literature of recent years. Divided into two parts, "Social Reform and Social Revolution," and "The Day after the Social Revolution," the first part points out the difference between revolution and reform in that the former implies "the conquest of political power by a new class," while the latter may be merely a change ithout any transfer of political power. However, violence, "barricades, conflagrations of castles, guillotines, September massacres and a combination of all sorts of hideous things" are not neces-Revolution.

The Social Revolution is shown to have been an impossibility so long as period of undeveloped capitalism were need of anything of the kind since it mere protests against specific abuses or personalities without any recognition of the deeper social relations, and although custom must not be forgotten. frequently very bloody had but small results. But the development of capitalism brings about a struggle for the control of the political power. Economic evolution displaces individual movements with the movements of great masses of the people.

amination of basic economic facts shows the repulsive character of over-work that while wages may be increasing, they do not keep pace with the rapidly increasing return to capital. As a result the exploitation of labor continually increases, while the "intellectual class is seen not to constitute a buffer class or a trust to this motive alone as it is the new middle class which will prevent weakest. Another much stronger moclass antagonisms, but, on the contrary, is itself rent with a class struggle and tariat. We know that when the union is itself rent with a class struggle and tends to aggravate rather than soften ized labor is sufficiently strong to make class antagonisms."

revolutions is shown to be baseless and to Socialism without revolution is impossible.

will be different because of the higher gress of labor we may be sure that the organization attained by both contending parties, although not necessarily an that scarcely a single member will leave ing parties, although not necessarily an his post. The same force that the pro-armed conflict, but rather a battle on the letariat uses today as a weapon to desocial and political field.

Day After the Social Revolution," perhaps the most interesting is the chapter day the better the outlook for the undisdealing with "The Incentive of the La- turbed progress of production after the borer to Labor." On this point we conquest of political power by the proquote the following:

We have seen that the social revolution makes the continuation of the capi-

The Social Revolution by Karl Kautsky. talist manner of production by which its Translated by A. M. and May Wood progress is hindered. Production however must continue. It cannot pause even for a few weeks without the whole of society going down. So it is that the victorious proletariat has the imperative This is perhaps the most important task of ensuring the continuance of production in spite of all disturbances, and to lead the laborer back to the factories, or other places of labor upon which they have turned their backs and to keep them there in order that production may go on undisturbed. What are the means at the disposal of

the new regime for the solution of this problem? Certainly not the whip of hunger and still less that of physical think that the victory of the proletariat is to establish a prison regimentation where each one will be assigned his labor by his superior then they know the proletariat very poorly. The proletariat which will then make its own laws has a sarily a part of the idea of the Social much stronger instinct for freedom than any of the servile and pedantic professors who are crying about the prisonlike character of the future state.

The victorious proletariat will never has other means at its command to hold the laborer to his labor.

has accustomed the modern laborer to work day in and day out and he will not long remain wholly without labor. There are people who are so much accustomed to their work that they do not know The claim that class antagonisms are ple who will feel themselves happy for any length of time without any work. I and when the hours of labor are reduced in a reasonable degree, custom alone will suffice to hold the great majority of workers in regular work in factories and

But it is self-evident that we cannot tive force is the discipline of the prolethe laborers freely take upon themselves Even the assertion of democracy that all the dangers and horrors of unemonly despotic class rule necessitates ployment and to remain hungry for months in order to secure a victorious conclusion for the common cause. Now that a gradual transition from capitalism I believe that when it is possible by the strength of discipline to keep the laborers out of the factories it will also be The coming revolution will be distin-force. If the union once recognizes the guished from its predecessors in that it necessity of the unbroken regular prostroy production will then become an Of the second part of the book, "The effective means to secure the regular continuance of social labor. The higher the economic organization develops toletariat.

But the discipline which lives in the proletariat is not military discipline. It talist manner of production impossible, and that the political domination of the proletariat is not limitary discipline. It does not mean blind obedience to an authority imposed from above. It is proletariat is not limitary discipline. It does not mean blind obedience to an authority imposed from above. It is democratic discipline, a free will submission to a self-chosen leadership, and to

the decisions of the majority of their own comrades. If this democratic discipline operates in the factory, it presupposes a democratic organization of labor and that a democratic factory will take the place of the present aristocratic one. It is self evident that a Socialist regime would from the beginning seek to organize production democratically. But even if the victorious proletariat did not have this point in view from the beginning they would be driven to it by the necessity of ensuring the progress of production. The maintenance of social discipline in labor could only be secured by the introduction of union discipline into the processes of production.

This would, bowever, not be everywhere carried out in the same manner, for each industry has its own peculiarities according to which the organization of the laborers must conform. There are, for example, industries which cannot be operated without a bureaucratic organization, as for example railroads. The democratic organization can be so formed that the laborers choose delegates, who will constitute a sort of parliament, which will fix the conditions of labor and control the government of the bureaucratic machinery. Other industries can be given over to the direction of the unions, and others again can be operated co-operatively. There are also many forms of democratic organizations of industry which are possible, and we need not expect that the organization of all industry would be according to one and the same pattern.

Judge Lynch, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., has decided that the Socialist party is not entitled to recognition on the official ballot because it is not in accord with of 1901. the spirit of our government. This is a most remarkable ruling. The courts were not established to protect the people from political parties not accord with his spirit. The ballot was given them that they might protect themselves .-Dubuque Times.

But the editor of the Times should not allow himself to become excited over this remarkable ruling. He should "consider its source," as the man said who received a kick from a jackass. But it may be the editor of the Times perceives compulsion. If there are people who that it is such "breaks" as this that are gradually opening the eyes of the people and he would sound a note of warn-

However, Judge Lynch's attempt to stay the hand of evolution is really amusing. It reminds us of the pope's bull against the comet. We can imagine the spirit of evolution smiling at Judge Lynch just as we can imagine economic and political life was undevel- be satisfied with any prison or barrack- that old comet flying through space even oped and the uprisings that marked this like regulations. Moreover it has no now and screaming with laughter at the pope and his bull. Of course Judge Lynch doesn't know what he is up In this connection the great power of against. His narrow, bigoted and Capital dwarfed intellect cannot grasp the fact that he is opposing a movement which had its inception in the attraction of the particles of cosmic dust from which was formed the countless solar systems of what to do with their free time and that the universe. He doesn't know that he feel themselves unhappy when they are not working, and there will be few peocess of co-operation of countless individual cells which made possible the plant and then the animal life of the that civilization is the result of this same co-operative idea in individuals and nations. To oppose Socialism is to oppose evolution; to battle against the onward and Labor Assembly of the city of Oelmarch of progress.

But Judge Lynch is unconsciously playing a very important part in the process of evolution. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." It is also the price of advancement and progress. But for the prodding of a Louis XIV., a George III., or a Judge Lynch, we would be apt to become-like the fabled lotus-eaters -satisfied to remain where we are. But we must advance. The eternal plan is not completed. Man boastfully claims the title of "lord of creation." But he is probably as far below the coming man as he is now above the dinosaurs and pterodactyls that left their footprints and fossilized remains in the alluvial deposits which formed the water-laid rocks of the geologists.

Judge Lynch appears to have a good dcal of the Baer and Emperor William in him-"Me and God." If he says a thing is un-American, why the American people can't have it, that's all. They're not supposed to know what is good for them anyway. What would become of us if we did not have such men as Judge Lynch to look after us?

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'Tis Said: "Socialism will destroy the Home."



Dismal Dawson-Dis is tough. I looks forward all day ter a good night's sleep in a barn an den I find it full of dem blame ham fat actors. It's nough ter drive er feller ter work.

At the recent session of the national committee of the Socialist party at St. Louis the following resolutions regarding trades unions were adopted:

The national committee of the Socialist party in annual session assembled hereby reaffirms the attitude of the party toward the trade union movement as expressed in the resolution on the subject adopted by the Indianapolis convention

We consider the trades union movement and the Socialist movement as inseparable parts of the general labor movement, produced by the same economic forces and tending towards the same goal, and we deem it the duty of each of the two movements to extend its hearty co-operation and support to

the other in its special sphere of activity. But we are also mindful of the fact that each of the two movements has its own special mission to perform in the struggle for the emancipation of labor, that it devolves upon the trades unions to conduct the economic struggles of the working class, that it devolves on the Socialist party to fight the political battles of the working class, and that the interest of labor as a whole will be best conserved by allowing each of the moveown sphere of activity without active interference by the other.

The Socialist party will continue to give its aid and assistance to the economic struggles of organized labor regardless of the affiliation of the trade to say the old parties will get out a big unions engaged in the struggle and will vote this year and it behooves every Sowithin the trade union movement, the party will also continue to solicit the sympathy and support of all trade organizations of labor without allowing itself to be made the ally of one division the majority of the school population, of the trade union movement as against another.

We also declare that we deem it unwise to invite trade unions as such to be for the Socialist candidates. represented in the political conventions of our party.

As the following resolutions indicate, the Oelwein Trades and Labor Assembly is not in favor of that city accepting a blood-stained monument from Andrew

At a regular meeting of the Trades wein, Iowa, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The councilmen of said city have seen fit to negotiate with Mr. Carnegie for a library for said city,

Whereas, We deem it improper, for divers reasons to accept a library as a

said man coming to our city. Be it further Resolved, That if Mr. Carnegie wants

to use some of his superfluous money to a prominent part in the Socialist movegood advantage, we suggest that he send ment of Milwaukee. it to the widows who were made widows and the orphans who were made orphans by the death of their husbands and fathers, who were killed at the time of the strike at Homestead, Pa., a few years ago. Be it further

the press of our city.

The New York Herald says thirteen citizens of the United States control all the great activities of the continent, on which 80,000,000 depend. Of course, since you are one of the thirteen you are unconcerned.

Prof. Geo. R. Kirkpatrick will deliver a series of three lectures on Socialism in Dubuque in March or April. Dates will be announced later.

A sample is an invitation to subscribe. \$1.00.

Socialist Party Ticket

School Election Monday, March 9 For Directors: H. O. DIETERICH T. A. MASTERS

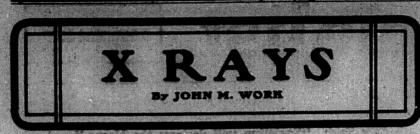
The above well known Socialists have

been nominated by the Socialist party of Dubuque as candidates for school directors. The election will be held on Monday, March 9. The term is for three years. Heretofore it has been customary for a joint caucus of the two old parties to nominate caadidates from each, while two or three hundred voters would go through the formality on election day of balloting for them, fondly hugging the delusion that they were electing them. The Socialists took advantage of this apathy last year and placed a ticket in the field about an hour before the polls were closed, a very small vote for the regular ticket having been cast up to that time. The old partyites immediately got busy, and as the Socialists were unable to get out ments to manage the affairs within its their full vote they were beaten by a little over two hundred votes. This year only registered voters will be allowed to vote. If you did not vote last fall you will be required to register. It is safe take no sides in any dissensions or strife cialist to see that we do the same. The Socialist candidates are both practical workingmen and all those who believe the workers, whose children constitute should have a voice in the management of their children's education should vote

Chas. Kiendl, of Milwaukee, general organizer for the United Brewery Workmen of America, stopped off at Dubuque on his way home from the national convention of the Brewery Workmen held at Cincinnati, and assisted Local Organizer F. A. Lymburner in organizing the local brewery workmen. The brewers have signed a three year contract beginning March 3, and Dubuque union men will hereafter drown their sorrows in union beer. An increase in wages and extra pay for overtime are conditions of the contract. The brewery workmen gift from Mr. Carnegie; therefore be it have one of the strongest organizations Resolved by this body to use what in- in the country, having a membership of fluence we can to prevent said gift from about 40,000. Their national body was among the first to endorse international Socialism. Comrade Kiendl has taken

The Dubuque Telegraph-Herald says the theories of political economy and religion as advocated by Socialists will be better understood after Father Boed-Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the councilmen and to anyone to make a study of the subject this may be true, but if the misrepresentations of Father Boeding are depended upon for an understanding of Socialism there will be more misunderstanding than ever, which, by the way, is prob ably what the reverend gentlemen

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let Ralph Waldo Emerson act the role ness; is not dictated by the high sentiof x ray apparatus this time.

Strictly speaking, Emerson was not a in a general way. But he probably conclearly as Emerson did.

Thus the sage: "The perpetual adnew, untried. Do not believe the past. I give you the universe a virgin today."

due. The past has given us stupendous is not good.

and with benefit."

who is afraid to be a man for fear he and indolently content.

life, finds the way to lucrative employments blocked with abuses. The ways of trade are grown selfish to the borders employments of commerce are not intrinsically unfit for a man, or less genial to his faculties; but these are now in their general course so vitiated by derelictions and abuses at which all connive, that it requires more vigor and resources than can be expected of every young children, by benefits and debts." man, to right himself in them; he is lost in them; he cannot move hand or foot in boyhood and youth as dreams. * *

That sounds a good deal like a modern Socialist spell-binder. Emerson wrote den with a spade, and dig a bed, I feel it in 1841. If tricks of trade were necessary then, how positively unavoidable discover that I have been defrauding they are now.

and fraud in a hundred commodities."

usages of our retail trade. I will content that we ought all to have a hand in the ate officers, or the people whom they myself with the fact that the general necessary work and that it will do us represent, would consent to giving him system of our trade (apart from the good to do so. There are dozens of this privilege at the same or greater blacker traits, which, I hope, are excep- other quotable things in the works of tions denounced and unshared by all this great American.

Socialist Party of Iowa

Davenport, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1902.

To the Socialists of Iowa:
Greeting: The Socialist campaign is always on. If we are to carry this state for Socialism we will have to work and assist in the work. Speakers should be kept at work continually, explaining to the people the principles of Socialism and organizing them into working branches.

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stion that the State Committee is try-

This is Emerson day. I am going to | reputable men), is a system of selfishments of human nature; is not measured by the exact law of reciprocity, much less by the sentiments of love and hero-Socialist. He was a wide and varied ism, but is a system of distrust, of congenius. It is entirely probable that he cealment, of superior keenness, not of foresaw the co-operative commonwealth giving but of taking advantage. It is not that which a man delights to unlock sidered it afar off. This is not so very to a noble friend; which he meditates on strange, considering the fact that a large with joy and self-approval in his hour of portion of his writing was done half a love and aspiration; but rather what he century ago. Machinery, the division then puts out of sight, only showing the of labor, and the concentration of wealth brilliant result, and atoning for the manhad not at that time brought capitalism ner of acquiring by the manner of spendto its maturity. If we had lived at that it. I do not charge the merchant or time we would likely not have seen as the manufacturer. The sins of our trade belong to no class, to no individual. One plucks, one distributes, one eats. Everybody partakes, everybody confessesmonition of nature to us is, the world is with cap and knce volunteers his confession, yet none feels himself accountable. He did not creets the abuse; he cannot alter it. What is he? an obscure private Slightly radical, isn't it? This was person who must get his bread. That written in 1888. If anything it is too is the vice-that no one feels himself radical. It does not give the past its called to act for man, but only as a fraction of man. It happens, therefore, that progress and magnificent ideas. Its all such ingenuous souls as feel within useful and permanent legacy we shall themselves the irrepressible strivings of faithfully preserve. Its worn out and a noble aim, who by the law of their nauseless trash we will throw on the junk ture must act simply, find these ways of heap. The Christian Bible hits the nail trade unfit for them, and they come forth on the head when it says, "Prove all from it. Such cases are becoming more things, and hold fast that which is numerous every year. But by coming good." This is equivalent to saying, out of trade you have not cleared your-Test all things, and throw away all that self. The trail of the serpent reaches into all lucrative professions and practices of man. Each has its own wrongs. Again: "I hope that each person I Each finds a tender and very intelligent address will be not content to slip along conscience a disqualification for success. through the world like a footman or a Each requires of the practitioner a cerspy, escaping by his nimbleness and tain shutting of the eyes, a certain dapapologies as many knocks as he can, but perness and compliance, an acceptance a brave and upright man, who must find of customs, a sequestration from the or cut a straight road to everything ex- sentiments of generosity and love, a cellent in the earth, and not only go compromise of private opinion and lofty honorably himself, but make it easier integrity. Nay, the evil custom reaches for all who follow him to go with honor into the whole institution of property, until our laws which establish and protect it seem not to be the issue of love Mark that extract and hand it to your and reason, but of selfishness. Suppose weak-kneed neighbor, if you have one, a man is so unhappy as to be born a saint, with keen perceptions but with the will lose his job. It will also be good conscience and love of an angel, and he for the man who is merely thoughtless is to get his living in the world; he finds himself excluded from all lucrative works; he has no farm, and he cannot Again: "The young man, on entering get one; for to earn money enough to buy one requires a sort of concentration toward money, which is the selling himself for a number of years, and to him of theft, and supple to the borders (if the present hour is as sacred and innot beyond the borders) of fraud. The violable as any future hour. Of course, whilst another man has no land, my title to mine, your title to yours, is at once vitiated. Inextricable seem to be the twinings and tendrils of this evil, and we all involve ourselves in it the deeper by forming connections, by wives and

them. Has he genius and virtue? the of production, our title to all other capiless does he find them fit for him to grow tal, as well as land, is also vitiated. in, and if he would thrive in them, he Emerson did not see the class divisions must sacrifice all the brilliant dreams of clearly, but then this was written sixtytwo years ago. Besides, the working We are all implicated of course in this class is also drawn into the maelstrom charge; it is only necessary to ask a few of wrong-doing. A workingman must questions as to progress of the articles accept a job and let his neighbor starve, of commerce from the fields where they when there are not enough jobs to go grew, to our houses, to become aware around. Frequently also he must slight that we eat and drink and wear perjury his work in order not to work himself out of a job.

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One more: "When I go into my garsuch an exhilaration and health that I money." But now, here comes a party myself all this time in letting others do this work for the city with this labor for me what I should have done with my saving machine. Can you believe it to Yet again: "I will not pry into the own hands." A quaint way of saying be a fact that the mayor or his confeder-

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Come, clear the way, then clear the way;
Blind creeds and kings have had their day,
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this Event the ages ran; To this Event the ages ran; Make way for Brotherhood--make way for Man

Edwin Markham.

That "Stone Crusher"

There are various talking machines. But did you ever hear a stone crusher talk? If not, listen to this one. It has something to say of general interest. There are many kinds of stone crushing machines. Some, perhaps, are of little account, and some are valuable labor saving machines. In the eastern states they are in general use and do excellent

work in reducing stone to macadam. It is reported that an agent for some manufacturer of these implements came to Dubuque and endeavored to sell a machine to the city for the purpose of crushing stone for the city streets. It is not said that the machine was not a good one, or that it was not the best in the market. The perfection, or imperfection of the machine was not a matter of consideration. The fact seemed to be that the city did not want to buy a stone crusher of any kind, however good it might be. The reason appeared to be that in the city there are many who are in need of this work, and of the money the city pays out for this work, and the city officials in behalf of the people, as their representatives, determined to keep this work and the money paid out for this work for these needy ones. Upon one of our city streets may be seen one of these needy ones, daily, in all kinds of weather, past the years when a man should be subjected to hard labor, enfeebled by age and with spinal deformity so that he cannot turn his face upward from the ground, standing and lifting hammer part of the time which requires the strength of a strong muscle, pounding the stones until they are reduced to the required fineness for the use of the streets. This man and all others, many of them before and after a days' hard toil, stand at the stone pile making macadam to sell, if possible, to the city. They are doing this, not for the fun of it, but from the direct necessity. The circumstances forbid any other conclusion. This old man, feeble with age and deformed in body, is an object of pity. And all others who of necessity are forced to this toil. The sympathy and pity of our city officials and of all whom they represent officially for these unfortunate toilers is admirable, as they manifest it in the determination not to take this work and money from these needy ones. So the mayor, with the approbation of all, refused to see the stone-crusher agent. But was that the best use of the power of that pent-up pity, compassion and benevolence for these toilers at the stone pile? It is a well known fact that with very little expenditure of human strength the stone crusher will break stone into macadam and in one day do the work of twenty or more men. It is a great labor-saving Because one man is without the means machine, and how much better it would be to let this stone crusher do this labor than to compel these aged and crippled and deformed human beings to do this work. "It certainly is a labor saving machine, but," it is said with emphasis, "men need the work." Do they? Is it not a shame, if not a crime, to compel these aged and feeble ones to toil at this labor as if they were criminals, when here is a machine that can do the work in one-twentieth of the time and with less than one-thousandth part of the human strength. But the people and their representatives say no. "These people want the work and need the and buys this machine and offers to do price per yard. No! Not in the face of the above fact-the refusal to even see the agent who would sell the city a machine. Now let us submit another proposition, viz., that these laborers who are making this macadam shall have permission to buy, own and operate the stone crusher and divide all of its earnings among themselves. This machine can do the work in one-twentieth of the

time and with a great saving of labor.

What wrong, or injustice can anyone see

in this? Certainly the men who are now making the macadam in the old way would not object if they could have and divide among themselves the money the city pays for macadam. It is the money they need. Surely they do not hunger after the work. Again we ask who would compel them to do this work in the old way, fit only as penalty for criminals? What wrong can be involved in their owning and operating and having all the benefit of this labor saving ma- Odds and Ends of Men's Extra Fine chine? Then what wrong is involved in refusing to them this privilege of owning and operating and receiving all the Odds and Ends in Men's Fine Trousbenefit of this labor saving machine? The answer, no doubt, is: There is no wrong involved. And the question as readily arises: Who has refused or been refused this privilege? These makers of macadam may have the privilege of buying, owning and operating and receiving and dividing among themselves all the benefits of this machine if they choose to do so. Very good. Now if this is so what wrong can be involved in all the labor saving machinery being owned and operated and all the benefit of its work being received by all the people? Are we not compelled to the same answer as above: "No wrong is involved. No injustice." But the wrong and injustice is in refusing to labor the privilege of owning, operating and reaping all the benefit of labor saving machinery. Again, if it would be great injustice, even a crime, to let out the Dr. L. H. Engelken, macadam making to a private party, who happened to be able to own a machine, at the same or even greater price per yard-taking the means of a decent support for themselves and families from these toilers-is it not equally wrong to give all the producing of the necessities of life and happiness into the hands of Office and Institute the few to derive all or nearly all the N. W. Cor. 10th and Main Sts. benefit from the labor saving machinery of the land? If we, in our pity, compassion, benevolence, sense of justice and righteousness, refuse in the first case, let us for the same reason refuse it in the other.

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Workingmen and the Church Renne

working class does not attend church:

There are two classes in this country, as there are in every country. The is a question put to a part of the workognize that there are classes in existence are able to give an intelligent answer to it, and also recognize the class struggle. In other words, are class conscious.

treating this question. So here it is right to the point.

The church depends upon the capitalist class for its material support, and so what is to the interest of the capitalist ing class that know their class interest tending any institution that stands see it in all its viciousness, crushing and who unconsciously see this and do not best that is in the members of the capiattend church.

The ministers of the churches know that their salaries depend upon the capitalist class, and to talk and work against vate ownership in the means of producthe interest of the capitalist class means tion of wealth and replacing it with colno salary. He also knows that the greater part of the working class are not controlled by and in the interests of the class conscious yet, would not support whole people, we simply interpret the him if he did come out for the interests class struggle. of the working classes. Therefore the ministers who see the class strugglenot-is between the devil and the deep of war.

His environment has been the main factor in placing him in this position, and he in turn has made'it worse by not recognizing the class struggle in interenough character to rise above his capiother people is able to save his own, or day.

Father Boeding, of the Holy Ghost Socialism on Sunday, Feb. 22, although he mentioned the word Socialism only once in his whole sermon and then only in a roundabout way. But as the sermon was aimed against the public own- always existed, pointing to Egypt and ership of land as demanded by the Socialists, the writer took it for what it Destroyed because its wealth was concertainly was intended-against Social-|centrated in the hands of a very few. ism. The speaker seemed to have no The reverend gentleman wishes us to personal objection to the movement, but accept the law of private ownership sent out by the pope in which the Holy Boeding, do you not preach the religion Father said "private property is right." The present pontiff, Leo XIII., is certainly one of the best, if not the best, of Osiris, Isis and others as your saints? those who have filled this high position. Because you have learned more in the This is recognized by Catholic and Protestant alike, but let us view this more in the economic field. Therefore letter for a minute. It was written in the year 1890, after Leo XIII., had occupied the Vatican as pope for thirteen years, and had never gone outside of a space of ground larger than the city of Dubuque (that is all that is left to the lonians, the reverend gentleman argued, pope of his once great world power) and had private property in land. I question therefore had not been able to gather this as to the Hebrews, for the land was his information personally, but had to held in common by a tribe, each family depend on the reports of cardinals, bishops and priests, and these gentlemen never go to the slums of a great chinery as we have now they undoubtedcity to investigate the evils therein-the product of our private ownership system. Can we, therefore, accept this could not sell the land to anyone else. letter as gospel truth? It wouldn't be The Babylonians, it is true, had private and August of the same years, lead to the first time that a pope had been misinformed. Did Leo X, know how Albrecht of Brandenburg, Archbishop of hang onto the folly of ancient peoples? lar resident work under the ablest teach-Maince, so shamefully disposed of in- Shouldn't we learn from their mistakes? ers in the field of sociology, this departdulgence papers through the Dominican monk, John Tetzel, which led to the You know, Father Boeding, that your Thirty Years' War, the grave of the ancestors and mine clothed themselves church to do with Socialism anyhow? words. Great change, isn't it? Why earn in the industrial department while

The main reason a great portion of the | whether his hoggish interests will crush it for him.

By way of explanation, I mean by hoggishness material self interests requestion itself is evidence of that fact. It gardless of justice to the rest of society! I myself believe in true selfishnessing class about the working class, and that which is good for me and equally only those of the working class who rec- good for the rest of society. For me to work for that which is good for others and bad for me I call that foolishness.

Though I criticise the ministers I do not condemn them. For an individual I do not propose to parley around with to become strong enough to stand up high-flown and meaningless phrases in and advocate his best convictions at all times and in all places is a development; and as long as any human being has life enough in them to talk and move around so as to keep out of other people's way depending must of necessity work in the and not become a nuisance in general, interest of the capitalist class. And there is a chance for such development.

Being a firm believer in the material class is not to the interest of the working istic conception of history, I do not look class. Therefore that part of the work- for any grand rush by the ministers in behalf of the working class. The class are not interested in supporting or at- struggle is on. We do not make it, but against their class interests. Besides destroying the members of our class as there is a great part of the working class well as debauching and smothering the talist class.

> We, above all others, would abolish the class struggle. By abolishing prilective ownership by the whole people,

That the change may be made peaceably we want no warfare, peither indusand he must be mentally blind who does trially or otherwise, we would have human energy applied to nature instead sea, as it were. His material interests of battling against one another. We -the foundation of his very life-pulling are for the progress of the whole human him on the one side, and his manhood race-not for checking it or turning it pulling him on the other-a sort of tug back. If you do not like the class struggle, then help us to do away with it by helping to remove its cause, namely: The exploitation of the working class by the capitalist class, through the private ownership of the means of production. preting it to the people. It remains If you like the class struggle-well and with him to prove whether he is a strong good. Stand your ground, and prepare vourself to do intellectual battle with talistic environment. It remains to be the class-conscious members of the inseen whether the man who professes to ternational Socialist movement which is be so interested in saving the souls of several millions strong and gaining every

Father Boeding and Socialism Or Socialism with the church? Don't

we say religion is a private affair? After referring to this letter, Father Church, preached his second sermon on Boeding drifted into his sermon. His arguments (if they may be termed such) were taken from the Bible and history. But they all fell flat under his own voice. Private ownership, he argued, had its culture. Where is Egypt today? based his objections on a certain letter from the Egyptians. Why, Fathe of the Egyptians? Why don't you accept Phtah, H'apis, Ra, Amun, Neith, religious field. And we have learned we do not accept their doctrine of prisee our culture destroyed as they saw theirs destroyed as a result of private property. The old Hebrews and Babyworking a patch by hand and taking the as equal to three months resident work product (if they would have had maly would have worked it co-operatively.) In the earlier periods the Hebrew tribes ownership of land. But it also led to the degree of bachelor of social science. their destruction. But must we always That is what the Socialists are doing. ment being made one of the strongest

Now let us examine the biblical argunent of Father Boeding. He said the Bible teaches us that private property always existed. Doesn't the Bible teach us many other things that science has upset? I will mention but one. What did your bishops and priests do with Henry the Navigator? Didn't they declare him insane when he had discovered that the earth was a globe and not flat, because the bible did not say so? I wonder if the reverend gentleman still lives on a flat earth? Now, Father Boeding, you seem to be very much interested in the Socialist movement. Come out on the platform and debate these questions with us openly where we can answer you. Don't shield yourself with the pulpit. You will oblige the Socialist greatly if you can show and convince him that he is wrong.

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Less than two years ago I "forced' my way into Kankakee and spoke two nights on the street. Comrades Sievers and Robins were my body guard. They are still in the forefront of the movement, but there is more of a movement now. Successful meetings were held in spite of the bitter cold. The Episcopalian rector has done us the kindness to attack us. However, the Presbyterian pastor is a hearty friend of the cause.

Peotone is a small town for a large Socialist movement. Comrade Doctor then back to Pittsburg, Kansas, to wind Howe can tell you how it happened. He has been a persistent distributer of liter- the fight. ature. Comrade Hodges, a later convert, is helping us through the county press. We had zero weather but good meetings anyway. We should prophesy little, but I will predict that Peotone Colo., Feb. 24. will be one of the first Illinois towns to elect a Socialist mayor. Comrade Foss forgot he was sick and came anyway. Peotone comrades can secure Iowa Socialist sub cards of Dr. Howe.

Three days in Chicago to get achope has resigned as editor of The Chicago Socialist; that the combined vote of Illinois and the East will bring the Trust;" Feb. 18, "Social Evils and national headquarters to Chicago; that Their Remedy." Feb. 17 spoke to the will combine. Comrade A. S. Edwards cialist Temple Sunday evening, March ize a local of the party. Sunday, March F. G. S.

quite a chat on plans for Iowa, and prountil nothing but the grain is left: 1 ing capacity for about 500 people and a Haute. moving picture outfit to attract the I will carry about four people and will have camp outfit so that we will discontented and it only remains for the live under canvas. I will go into unor- Socialists to give this discontent an inganized districts and stay in each place telligent direction in order to combine about a week or until I have organized a all the elements of capitalist exploitation local. I have a plan that I hope will for its last struggle for life at the ballot prove a winner and the biggest show on box. This state has been the stamping earth. I will start about the middle of ground for reaction through democratic April and go across country to Dubuque populist control for years and the workwhere I will have canvas sent. From ers might as well have cast their ballots there I will go down along the river to in a swill barrel, for they would have Davenport with canvas, range along the had the satisfaction of knowing that southern border of lowa during the early they were not a party to the welding of spring, crossing over to the western part economic chains which perpetuates their of the state, will then range north to servitude. northern border of state and go east during summer months, hoping to make county of populism, carrying everything it back to Dubuque about cold before it, but like all other middle-class weather. The plan will then be the parties it degenerated into a vulgar transcontinental trip, winter of 1903-4, for Strickland-Jones Lectures.

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I met Comrade Guy Lockwood and his charming wife, and the irresistible Kirkpatrick, and as fine a set of bright young Socialists, both male and female, as one ever met. They all have the right spirit and turned out en masse, armed with notebooks and pencils, to all my meetings. Wilbur Clarke Benton, an old wheel horse of the Cincinnati movement and working partner during the days that tried the souls of men, came up for a day and remained three; up his affairs to get out into the thick of

I pulled into Denver Saturday morning. Will write of Colorado later. They are passing through a very interesting process of evolution. I will be in Aspen, C. O. J.

ASPEN, Colo., Feb. 21. inches

DEAR COMRADES: I am asked, as one of the Strickland-Jones "combination," to write of my work here. I arrived here on Jan. 27 and found Aspen local quainted with my family. The topics of in a good condition and very active. I Socialist conversation in Chicago are held meetings as follows and had fair about as follows: That Comrade Wan- audiences-each night: Feb. 4, subject, 'The Fundamentals of Capitalism;' Feb. 11, "Rise, Decline and Fall of the The Socialist Spirit and The Comrade Miners Union; Feb. 19, organized a Federal Labor Union; Feb. 22, will delivered a splendid lecture at the So- speak at Watson and endcavor to organwe will start a series of popular Sunday afternoon meetings with Comrade Comrade W. A. Jacobs and I had Jones and myself as speakers, which will be my last meeting here. I will viding the rest of the committee are sat- leave about March 3, speaking at Carisfied, I have determined on the follow- bondale and possibly Cripple Creek ing plan, which has been threshed out Pueblo, Colorado City and Denver and then by way of Kansas City, St. Louis, shall enter Iowa with a tent with a seat- Centralia, Ill., Sullivan, Ind., and Terre

> Colorado is a promising field for the Socialist movement as the workers are

This county was once the banner squabble over spoils between a few ambitious politicians. One in particular I had good meetings at Kansas City was known to be anything and everyin spite of below zero weather. They thing to secure an office. He was republican, democrat and populist and during the A. P. A. agitation some years All Winter Suits, all Overcoats and every pair of ago was both A. P. A. and Catholic, but always like Jay Gould, for himself. Scenting further conquests this politician has a budding ambition for office through the Socialist party, but a stumbling block lies in his path and all others of his ilk, a sturdy rank and file of classconscious workingmen.

The eastern man is unable to appreciate the causes for the great silver agitation here a few years ago. Towns have been practically depopulated through the decline of silver and many mines have closed and others working half time. The miners were thus denied employment and naturally formed an alliance with the mine owners for the restoration of silver and thus the class struggle was hidden in this movement for years. But as the pressure of eccnomic conditions became more intense and the profits of the capitalist mine

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owners decreased this antagonism which people" were a class identical in interShoe and Rubber Sale pression in the great strikes at Leadville, Cripple Creek and Couer d'Alene. The miners found that they had been fighting the political battles of a class who did not hesitate to reward their aid when their own supremacy was threatened with reductions in wages and a liberal dispensation of rifle diet. This is a phase in the rapid development of the Socialist movement that other Socialists of the east have overlooked. For a time there was some excuse for this alhance between the masters and their ist agitation. The philosophy of the slaves for the restoration of silver. Both class struggle found ready listeners in were menaced in its decline. The masters, because of decreased valuation in fiscated the results of a life time of toil their properties, and the workers, for and drudgery and the "plain common" lack of employment, and the depopula mine owners, over whose misfortunes tion of the towns brought with it decrease in the values of their little homes much adepts at the game as their more which they had worked a lifetime to se- successful conquerers, only their oppor- Both Phones. cure. These were either sold at a sacri- tunities for its practice were not so great. fice or else, finding no buyer at all, they left it to the rats and the ravages of fierce winters. Thus, in Aspen, one of the cities that has suffered, are hundreds of cottages, neatly built, with from three to five rooms and some of them furnished, which can be bought for prices ranging from \$50 to \$400. Many of these, including business houses, are rotting for lack of tenants and is a liv- be held in the Mirror theater. It so ing monument of the reward of capitalism meted out to those from whose energy no profits are coming. The mas- time. ters, true to their class interests tried to throw the burden of this common disaster on the shoulders of their slaves and held in Des Moines on July 4. the latter revolted and in the struggle that followed the class struggle was revealed. The workers found that the sil-

racy" and "gold bugs" of the east. They found that the capitalist class, whatever vocation any section of it may be engaged in, always has been, is now and Boys and Girls' \$1.25 School will be in the future an exploiting class and only have use for the workers as profit producers and rely on their ignorance for supremacy. With these conditions prevailing in the west and the despairing contrast between the promises of middle class administrations and their fulfillment, the field was ripe for Socialall parts of the state. Capitalism con-Mr. Bryan so much laments, are as JAMES ONEAL.

From Des Moines

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