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# AN ADDRESS TO POPULISTS

Setting Forth the Difference Between the Populist Movement and the Socialist Movement-Populists Should Join the S. D. P., But They Must Realize What it Means.

This gathering of men; imbued with the class struggle between the capitalinterposes, will not be greeted by a the trade union movement and the colblare of thimpets from the crags and lective ownership of the means of promountain tops of capitalism. On the duction. The platform declares the obcontrary, it is as sure as the law of class party: the abolition of wage slavcommunication and intelligence, altogravitation, that all of the agencies of class party: the abolition of wage slavcommunication and intelligence, altogether in capitalist hands, will be used reform parties; abolition of class rule:
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cannot be to depute and belittle it.
And yet this gathering is fraught with momentous possibilities. The steps in the direction of Socialism, Middle-of-the-Road Populists have it some of which are similar to those in their power at this time to take the Omaha and Clucinnati platforms, such action as will define sharply and the collision of the finally the political issue of 1904 to be tween the People's party and the So-Socialism. If they take this course and cial Democratic party. The Populists they will deserve credit for having in and and purpose (may we say parafficted a courageous and decisive blow at capitalism, coming as it would at a crats expressly state that they are most critical period in the alignment of merely means to an end. There is one the Socialist forces of the "country, feature in the Social Democratic platthe Socialist forces of the "country. That they will declare macompromisingly and thequivocally for Socialism, would seem to accord most fittingly with the history and traditions of their party. They assemble at a time in the history of the country, when the class platform, it is the class struggle between capitalists and laborers was never so sharply defined. Between the capitalist class and the tworking class; there is now a line of demarcation, that will soon be the country with the closest struggle.

The Class struggle.

What is the meaning of scapitalism? Capitalism is an economic term, it is seen of an impressible conflict. With which of these two classes will the closests of the economic system of

which they 'ree firm the cardinal tensustain him for life without labor, and ets of the platform adopted by the therefore, he is economically independently and the public ownership of railroads, telesome kind, yet are drawing some ingraph and telephone lines, coal mines. graph and telephone lines, coal mines, etc.; paper money and free coinage of silver; a graduated income tax; election of President. Vice-President, Federal judges and United States Senators by direct vote of the people. They also demand restoration to the people of all land held by rall-oads and other corporations above their actual needs; all land held by allens; and oppose monopoly of land for speculative purposes. They also denounce trusts and the hypocricy of the old parties in dealing with this question and declare no solution possible excepting the adoption of the principles of public ownership of public utilities. Here is a "platform that breathes of the discontent and reprinciples and the discontent and reprinciples and the principles of public ownership of increasing it through the surplus products of increasing it increases the surplus products of increasin public atlitties. Here is a platform of increasing it through the appro-that breathes of the discontent and re-priation of the surplus products of sentment that find expression in revo-others who labor. They would like to lution, but while all Socialists are achieve economic independence in the revolutionists, no class conscious scien- same manner as the capitalist class. tific Socialist would be satisfied with a Capitalism therefore consists of three his faith. The middle-of-the-road platform upholds individualism: the private ownership of capital, the competitive system, the profit system: wagslavery and ignores the class struggleWe do not mean to say that their platform upholds those the class struggleWe do not mean to say that their platform upholds those the class struggleWe do not mean to say that their platform upholds those the class struggleWe do not mean to say that their platform upholds those the class struggleWe do not mean to say that their platform upholds those the class struggleWe do not mean to say that their platform upholds those the class strugglewhich has returned two men to
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Character of the Social Denia.

We understand that a conference of disposal. But we will consider the the middle of the road Populists of the main points, and as it so happens. United States will be held in St. Louis those which are either omitted or reon Saturday, December 29, which will motely referred to in the People's Parhave an important bearing upon the ty platforms adopted at Omaha and future course of their party.

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cate that they do not quite grasp the philosophy or comprehend the funda-

cial Democratic party.

The programme of the Populist par ty for the "public ownership of public utilities" is too vague and indefinite. It would be impossible in this epoch of the social evolution for many men to agree upon just what constitute public ntilities. Every day now sees the adoption of some new method in production and distribution by which enterprises formerly conducted through trust. So far as we can learn from the Populist platform they define public ntilities as railroads; telegraphs, telephones and coal mines. This is limited was finished the comrades went to co-operation or partial Socialism. In Germany, this programme, under the pame of State Socialism. When the business of the convention of State Socialism. Under State Socialism. Under State Socialism, while the people are relieved of the exactions of capitalism in rail-conference and mass meeting held Nov are yet the prey of the private owners of other capital, who increase their extent of the relief which the people have obtained to the socialist time. This call provided for the complete regrandation of the Socialist unity. Resolved, That this convention continue on resolution and the first was finished the convention and darried with them the convention was held in pursuance of the cause of socialism.

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land they live upon? Why should we struggle through a lifetime to maintain private ownership of a few neres, to private ownership of a few series, to leave to our children subject to all the by means of the ballot, when through the substitution of collective ownership, we relieve ourselves of this death grapple with greed, make ourselves and our children the wards and defenders of society, and elevate with every public power which can be competition for property to right property competition for property to rivalry fo praise of men?

The declaration of the middle of the class, roaders for an increase in the quan-inde-

ing against the proposal to perpetuate at their own game, their slavery? Under scefalism, private ownersh,

Are men whose consciences revolt and barter in capital being at an end against the cruelty of the competitive money would lose the functions which system to blame because they vote against it? The wage class have never been in thorough sympathy with the increased money advocates. The rea-son for this, we would state in the following terms-the wealth of the world mounts in round numbers to 300 bil-Of this amount 12 billions consists of money tincluding all the silver and gold in the world available for that purpose and all the paper money in use). Which is the working class most interested in, the possession of the property of the world, which it es ad created or the possession of the mon-er, which is a creation of capitalist laws and which is principally used to cially exchange property between capitalists on of that has been stolen from the workers. talism, which is pregnant with the evils against which they revolt, or will they join forces with the seven million organized Socialists of the world to bring about the co-operative common-wealth and the brotherhood of man?

Character of the Social Democratic Plats

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# inent speakers and influential journals CHICAGO SOCIALISTS used to the them accomplish their ob-

One Hundred and Sixty Delegates Present and a Full City Ticket Nominated Great Enthusiaso

The largest and most important city ten and primary instruction be the first convention of Socialists ever held in consideration, and that in the higher Chicago assembled last Saturday even- grades maunal training be introduced terprises formerly conducted through Chicago assembled last Saturday even-individuals become clothed in the garb ing at Uhlich's hall, 27 N. Clark street, wherever possible, not as a means of of a corporation. While the public are Delegates were present from thirty-learning a trade, but as a means of ed-still exploited for private profit, yet the three of the thirty-five wards of the ucation, corporation possesses functions which vity. A municipal platform was pre-ting the provided free of cost exercise. This creature of law apply-leity election, to be held next April. It by the municipality for the nick and the split care be provided free of cost hospital care be provided free of cost and short, little preparation had been made for the meeting. Nevertheless, the attimate purpose, we pledge every effort of the Socialist party for the importance was good and all that could for the the meeting hospital care be provided free of cost and short, little preparation had been made was care and its provided free of cost and short, little preparation had been made was care and intered.

As the notice of his coming was very short and short little preparation had been made was care and intered.

organization of the Socialist forces of Labor on its recent stand in inviting Chicago independent of any national the colored workingmen into equal Democratic socialism proposes the executive authority. The ward was to immbership with white citizens in the relief of the people from the exactions he the basis of representation in the labor painons, and points to the fact of the capitalist class in every utility, convention, each ward being entitled to that it is only by the union of the prosperity for cur members. On that it is only by the union of the other hand, our employers are oranged and we expect them, when callism and democratic socialism that out of the thirty-five wards of the city cipation will come. the German Socialists, followed by the same two wards not represented, the Socialists in other countries, named third and seventeenth, were shand-their party the Social Democratic parts capped in their organization by the of the working classes for the purpose ty. The attitude of the Populistrarty shortness of the interval between the of putting an end to the present op-during prosperous times and when the convention of th The two wards not represented, the in favor of the private ownership of unity mass meeting and the conven-land and productive capital; of free tion. The 155 delegates composing the coinage of silver and absolute paper convention represent an enrolled mem-

to raily to the sume of socialism, the Socialists with to emphasize the fact so often reiterated, that until the complete triumph of the individual ownership and cultivation of working class, which can only find exiand for private profit, together with pression in the overthrow of the capther introduction of machinery which italist system to accomplished any so greatly multiplies results is, under temporary palliatives must of necessity. italist system to accomplished any temporary palliatives must of necessity convention of Socialists ever he temporary palliatives must of necessity Chicago was a matter of history. be partial and insufficient. Therefore, be partial and insufficient. Therefore, with this distinct understanding, we comrades have since been busy predicting the possible results. It is argued that, with the splendid new organizations, which our candidates will enforce that, with the splendid new organization. ures, which our candidates will enforce tion, with its active membership gainaccording to the amount of power con-ferred upon them, for the consideration

Statistics show that this amounts to 2 and in the past record and present at experience with the old political parper cent and that is last the amount of fitude of their party that strikes a tic we now say; 'A plague upon both interest that a laboring man ought to sympathetic chord in the Social Demotake in the money question. If the increased money advocatios in any party curvass the existing national and in and ne we will do our own legislation to interest the working class in ternational situation, with reference to ing.' We now have a working class

it, possessed under capitalism yould be abolished. The Soci would be abolished. The Socialists Court of Ohlo late this afternoon dispropose to use non-transferable, labor missed under the motion of Attorney-certificates which each individual General Sheets, made yesterday, the would receive in a mount equal to case; against the following companies. his per capita propertion of the aquast brought national product. Mosest

The proposition of the Middle-of-the-Road Populists for a graduated income Company, Buckeye Pipe Line Company. tax is one with which Socialists have tion; by forcing the capitalist class to disgorge part of their spoils, while leaving them is control of the capital-

"Id That school facilities be mad adequate for every child of school age mental economic principles of the So- Hold a Rousing Municipal Conven- in the city of Chicago, including free books, clothing and meals, and that all children of school age shall be regis-tered, and that there be a strict enforcement of the law prohibiting child labor by the munfcipality, the register to be in evidence in all cases of viola-tion of the law. That all systems of public education, adequate kindergar-

Resolved, That, pressive and unjust capitalist system

# CURRAN IN ST. LOUIS.

Speaks to Trade Unionists at Druid's Hall.

and Tells Them What the Unions are Do ing in the British Kingdom An Interesting Lecture.

Pete Curran, Organizar of the Gasworkers' Trade Union, and Chairman of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Great Britain, addressed a mass meeting for Local St. Louis at-Druids' Hall Friday evening, Dec. 21st. As the notice of his coming was very

cessions we have already gained. watch the market and when it is favor able secure a share of the gains and with unemployed men, to attempt during prosperous times and when during hard times, our employers

## For Treasurer-D. H. Daly.

It was past 2 o'clock when all the ain of all workingmen who desire to a place on the official ballot in Chicago achieve the emancipation of their class in the April election. Every party

"Trust-Smashing" Item. Columbus, O., Dec. 21.—The Supreme

brought by former Attorney-General Mosett under the anti-trust laws of Ohio

e with which Socialists have ce. We regard all such laws class efforts at self preserva.

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record and at the cost of the State

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imagine that securing an eight-hour workday is the highest mission of or ganized labor, for we have come to realize that industrial combination will not be complete until all industry is owned and controlled by the people collectively. The socialist movement and the trade union movement ar practically one and the same in England. We have no use for a man pre who is not affiliated with the union of his trade.

tion, the capitalists were controlling and using the powers of government to protect and defend their interests. This opened our eyes and we entered the political field. At first we worked, with the Consolidated Liberals and proceeded in placing them in power. succeeded in blacing them in power, only to hear them flatly refuse to ful-fill their promises. As a result of our the we now say: 'A plague upon both your houses; we have weighed you in 'A plague upon both

stacles and in spite of the war spirit. we have succeeded in raising our ag-gregate voting strength from 34,000 in 1895 to 65,000 in 1900.

"Our people have recently gone mad with patriotism, have become blood thirsty and extremely desirous of killing somebody without knowing why. If there is any gain from annexation which is a nice word for stealing, it will go into the pockets of the capi talists and not of the workers. thio: eongress of British trade unions de-solar Refinin, Company, Onto Oil clared by a vote of more than ten to one against the war in South Africa, so it can be said that at least the in-telligent workers of England are op-posed to it."

> Socialists do not claim that St. Louis would be a paradise under a socialist muni ipal administration, for very lit-

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Contributions and 'tens of new concerning the labor movement are requested from our readers. Every contribution must be accompanied by the name of the writer to decessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.



With the dawn of the twentieth cen tury MISSOURI SOCIALIST makes it appearance in the field of journalism as the official organ of the Social Democratic party of St. Louis. It will do what thes in its power to make the new century a brighter one for the human race than was the old. It stand pledged to the principles of interna-tional socialism and will ever be an unflinching advocate of the rights of those who toll as against the privilege of those who toll not.

The natural evolution of industry has brought us to the point where so-ciety is divided into two principle classes. One of these, the capitalist class, owns the means of production and distribution. The other class, the working class, owning no tools of pro duction, have no alternative but to sell their labor to the capitalist class for a small portion of what they produce. The rapid development of labor saving inventions during the last few years has by displacing thousands of skilled workers and thus increasing the com-petition, compelled the working clas-to-sell their labor for a song. Th capitalist class, demanding an ever in-creasing portion of the workers' prod-ucts, grows more and more opulent and comes constantly more powerful and pressive and the small middle class being rapidly destroyed.

The evils attendant upon such a di vision of society into the rich and the poor are innumerable. Wars are in-stigated for the advancement of comercial interests; women and children are forced into the factories and work

are forced into the factories and workshops; public institutions are made an
ediunct to private enterprises of officeolders; (\*Fise, locus at frequent intercals, inflicting great hardships on the
open, who must live from hand to
mouth; the pulpit and the press are
subsidized by the ruling class; human
energy is wasted; ignorance is fostered; science and invention are used
to increase the oppression of the work create the oppression of the work ers and their lives and freedom are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

So long as this method of produc-

tion exists the interests of the -are directly antagonistic, th fermer endeavoring to obtain the la-bor of the latter as cheaply as possible, while the latter strive to secure as arge a portion of their products as cossible. Unconsciously realizing this the trade union movement has endeav ored to organize the workingmen for their own defense, and in this work the trade unionists will find an ever willing and valuable ally in MiS SOURI SOCIALIST.

But the working class has a greate mission to accomplish. While it is to the higher interests of the upper class-es themselves to abolish the present inequalities, history proves that a ruling class will not voluntarily abandon its own selfish interests for that which is purer and nobler-the interests of the human race as a whole. Therefore it devolves upon the workers themselves, the oppressed who have something to gain and nothing to lose by a change, to bring about the greatest revolution all history—a peaceful revolution deed by means of the ballot, but nevindeed by means of the ballot, but nev-ertheless the most widespread that has ever occurred. They will, in a few years, forced by the pressure class interests, march to the throughout the world and, overthrow ing kings and dynasties, place the own representatives in power and abo ishing private ownership in the means of production and distribution, substi inte socialism-a co-operative system of industry, under which there will be

A nobler or more inspiring mov-ment cannot be imagined. Let us pi ture the situation. Across the waters of the Atlantic, the Irish the English, the German, the Preion the Spanish, the Italian and the Russian workers bend, their backs beneath the lash of industrial slavery, beyond the waters of the Pacific the Jap writhes under the same cruel blows and here in the of the Pacine the Jap writhes under the same cruel blows; and here in the western hemisphere the tolling mil-lions are felleted by the same chains. It is universal and encircles the globe and nine-tenths of the civilized mem bers of the human race are under the dage of the wage system Toll, toll, is their lot. Their intellects are arred, their bodies are wrecked and ruined and their hopes are blasted. Lower and lower they bend beneath the lash of Greed. Higher and higher soar their oppressors. The world is sinking. The torch of civilization grows dim and the voice of freedom is

banqueter leave the feast; will the reveler cease his riotous living; will the wielder of the lash pause to save the human race? No. There is but one hope—that dumb, toll-worn crea-ture there in the mine, in the field, in the factory. Will he awake, will he arise and shaking off the tradition sud prejudices of centuries save civilization from destruction? Yes. Lis ilization from destruction? Yes. Lis-ten. A voice is calling to the indus-trial slaves of all lands: "Working trial slaves of all lands: "Working-men unite; you have a world to gain and nothing to lose but your chains." The workers hear it and begin to lift. their blanched faces, first a few, then others, and now seven million men have heard the watchword and it reounds throughout mine, field and facsounds throughout mine, field and fac-tory. The Social Revolution is on! The stooped silent toilers of Europe, Asia, Africa, America and of even the isl-ands of the sea are rising, one wast army of the oppressed, and are pre-paring with the bailot as their weapon, to overthrow their industrial manager. to overthrow their industrial masters and in freeing themselves to free all

Such is the revolution upon which the Social Democratic party and the Socialist parties of other countries have episced. Pledging themselves to the interests of the toilers alone, they have set to work to organize the inter national working class for its own emancipation; and as the official or-gan of the Social Democrats of St. Louis, MISSOURI SOCIALIST joyfully assumes its place in the Social Revolu-tion, ever ready to defend the workers and to bear to them the glad tidings of the coming order.

There is nothing glorious in murder even though it be wholesale and ac panied by the strains of "my country

This, the first issue of MISSOURI SOCIALIST, is run of the press a week ahead of time so as to give the boys : good chance to roll in the subscrip tions in time for number two.

Did it ever occur to you that this new century is our century, the Socialist century, the century which is to mark the beginning of the co-operative commonwealth? Let us begin 4t 'in proper style 'y securing an enormous list of subscribers for the new Socialis

Contributions to the columns of this paper-will be thankfully received. The secretaries of Locals in Missouri and peighboring States are requested to promptly report all news concerning the movement. With their co-opera-tion we hope to make the news col-umns very interesting.

We are in possession of a postal card ent to a Socialist by the "Municipal sent to a Socialist by the "Municipal Ownership Party." It is a printed card calling a meeting of the precinct committeemen for the purpose of deter-mining the date for a city convention The printers' union label does not ap-

It is only when the administration of a city is in the hands of a genuine working class party, conscious of the existence of the class struggle, that public ownership and operation will be consistently carried on, and for the benefit of the wage-workers themselves.

The American Express Company nade each one of its ten thousand em ployees a present of a five dollar gold piece on Christmas Eve. Reminds us of the time we went swimming in the Wa-bash. Some fellow stole all our clother and then malled us our neckde as token of his undying affectioe.

"Society folks" at Toledo, Ohio, nov early small arsenals about their per-sons when going to and from their so-cial functions. The kind of highwaymen the law does not protect have go so full of that "incentive to wealth (the absence of which would "make so claim intolerable") that the police are unable to cope with them. What a great stimulant "incentive" is.

Now all you Democrats who said during the campaign that you were cialists too." will please read up on so-cialism and get in line. To not imag-ine you know what socialism is. You have only a faint idea of it, and when you read a few books on the subject you will be astonished. You are pretty good fellows but you were in an aim-less movement and were very, very much confused. Join a movement that schows what it is about and that is not

The St. Louis Republic reports Com rade Pete Curran as saying that the So-cial Democrats of this country expect emplish too much in a short rin and for that reason are not strong. He did not say that. He did say, speaking of the socialist movement in England, that they do not expect to accomplish the whole socialist programme at one jump, a statement Social Democrats of America frequently use. It is amusing to note how the capitalist presdistinctions between American and foreign Socialism. They don't want, the American slaves to know that their brothers in Europe are rising against capitalism.

The Interstate Manufacture, has published a series of articles headed (Capitai and Labor, which are signed by "A Friend of Both," Now wouldn't that make you laugh." Of course he meens "Capitaists and Laborers," and that is the cause of our mirth. Does he really think that he can be a friend to the class that is exploiting the laborers and also be a friend that is being exploited? If words alone constituted friendship perhaps he The Interstate Manufacturer be constituted friendship perhaps he could, but it is by their deeds that w know our friends. Under the present system the laborer has no choice but to sell his labor to the capitalist, who owns the means of production. to the interests of the capitalist ower and lower they bend beneath to the last of Greed. Higher and higher our their oppressors. The world is linking. The torch of civilization rows dim and the voice of freedom is cowned in sounds of luxurious revery med means of the dying.

Civilization is declining. Will the

## Words to the Wise.

is owned and controlled absolutely by termine by your deeds what success it will have. If you wish to exert your of other climes in the highly artistic self, you can extend its circulation to fashion known as warfare. The heath many thousands. If you neglect it, tended, What is the result? Only this failure can be the only outcome. A few subscribers secured by you now may away. He never did. It is not his mean more than a hundred secured a halft. He takes them to the heathen beld is here. It only remains for you portion of the products of his laber as fore the next issue appears.

We have said enough. The respon-

sibility rests on YOU. THE EDITOR.

THE SLAVEHOLDER bought a man, put him to work on a plantation pro-ducing commodities, gave him what he needed in the way of rood and clothing. gave him medical attendance, and all of the slave's products above this cost of keeping him alive and in good health slaveholder APPROPRIATED TO HIMSELF.
- THE CAPITALIST buys a machine.

puts a man at work with the machine producing commodities, gives him sufficient wages to buy what food, cloth ing and shelter is absolutely necessary and all the man's products above what it costs to keep him alive, the coltalist APPROPRIATES TO HIM-

What's in a name?

The "reformers" say: "Elect these The "reformers say. Elect these shighly respectable business men to of the poor—to say nothing. The page and our streets will be cleaned and lighted and paved, our city beautified, and its affairs conducted eco- To confess and to condece—this is tifled, and its affairs conducted eco-

cleaned while poverty's waifs have no other playground; your streets will let us worship the sceptre, which is the first among sticks.

It apport man is happy he is the pickook of the poor; and never paved so long as they are trod by barefoot chairent, your city will never be be natiful while man is he who being young has the states of old age; being old, the lucky

## A Hollow Mockery

What Was Done for the City's Poor

Total number of persons fed /. 15,000 Fed at Coliseum..... Fed at City Institutions Given baskets of food at their

tributed ....

of St. Louis deserves comment. Not that the poor have a right to eat, and that he who prevents them from eating is a thief. These fifteen th masand poor helped to create the good things of this world. Why shouldn't they eat? Why should the Post-Dispatch use several columns delly in anticipation of their eating and publish a glowing ten column account of the banquet? Is it so unusual for the poor to eat? If so, why; and whose is the fault? Another question: If hiteen thousand poor have to be fed, by charity, on Christmas, who feeds them on the other three hundred and sexty-four days of the year?

Behl It is discussive.

newspaper spends weeks in raising a the delusions that cake is good, and great hullabaloo about a charity dinner for the poor on Christmas day. lands itself to the skies for its charity and says never a word about the caus fund was doubtless that of sympathy for suffering fellowmen; but the whole affair so far as the Post is concerned

anair so far as the Post is concerned was nothing but a contemptibly vulgar method of advertising itself. Charity is exceedingly bitter when refered as a substitute for justice, and e are inclined to characterize the sult of a century prolific with insults. it is at least another proof of the wisiom of the saying: The rich are willing to do anything for the poor, except to get off their backs."

Wars and Imperialism. Wars of "criminal aggression" ar the logical truit of capitalism. The la class receives in wages only

money with which to buy in the mar-So more factories shut down, fol-Comrades: This is your paper. It lowed by more and still more, and there you have a panic, or crisis, such Local. St. Louis. Every cent of profit hat it may make will go to spread the truths of socialism. Your voice has determined its policy, its name and its lingo patriotism is aroused, the tom-toms are beaten, the flag is unfurled to the breeze and our workingmen as as we had in 1893. Therefore to pre called upon to murder their fellowmen The capitalist does not give his good year from now when the paper is able to stand alone. Do not hesitate. You CAN do it if you only WILL. The buy because he has only received a vest. The people are hungering for the truth. Scatter the gospel of secialism. Begin to-day. Don't wait for the other fellow. He is ahead of you already on expanding or that dread species the people are hungering for the same as before with the exception that the crisis will now include the heathen land. Another market must be found. We must keep on expanding or that dread species the suicide for want of more worlds to a rate conquer. The time must soon come sence when the old rickety system will just year. The tiself up in a kinet and refuse to a job work any longer.

Wars and imperialism are 'only a means of prolonging the days of a dying system, and we are opposed to means of prolonging the days of a daying system, and we are opposed to suspicious resemblance to those of them because we oppose anything that will add a single day to the reign of a system that has outlived its usefulness, a system that breeds vice and crime and pauperism, a system under the cooks of the cooks one, but I could see that at least a charity sauce with which the cooks one, but I could see that at least a charity sauce with which the cooks one, but I could see that at least a charity sauce with which the cooks one, but I could see that at least a charity sauce with which the cooks one, but I could see that at least a charity sauce with which the cooks ness a system that breeds vice and crime and pauperism, a system under which one class of men are worse than slaves to the other class a system which makes a hell of this world and enders life almost intolerable to two thirds of the people.

Victor Hugo's Letter to the Poor.

Shall I now speak to the poor, after in vain having implored the rich? Yes, it is fitting. This, then, have I to say to the disinherited: Keep, a watch on your formidable jaw. There is one rule for the rich—to do nothing, and one for The Socialists reply: "Your highly judge. "Yes" to the king. The great, respectable business men have fattened it it so please them, give us blows with respectable business men have factoried of fleecings of the tollers who built this city; your streets will never be cleaned while poverty's waifs have no their greatness in cracking our bones.

as they are trod by bareroot to taken, noble are nappy by really your city will nev v be be attful while man is he who being young has the rights of old age; being old, the lucky changes of youth; vicious, the respect changes of youth; vicious, the respect changes of youth; vicious, the respect changes of youth; vicious, the command map review the full product of his of the stout-hearted, doing nothing, the fruits of labor.

The people fight. Whose is the glory? The king's. They pay, Whose the magnificence? The king's. And the people like to be rich in this fash-ion. Our ruler, king or crossus, receives from the poor a crown aplece and renders back to the poor a farthing. How generous he is! The coloosal pedestal looks up to the pigmy superstructure. How tall the manikin is! He is upon my back. A dwarf has an excellent method of being higher than a giant; \$3,423.15 it is to perch himself on the other-shoulders. But that the giant should The above figures appearing at the head of the Post-Dispatch's glowing account of how the P.-D. fed the poor of St. Louis deserves comment.

Human ingenlousness that we are opposed to feeding the poor. We even go farther. We believe that the poor have a right to eat, and alty. Let us be frank with words. The

Reh! It is disgusting. A great daily ness to work forever for bread and water! What happiness to be free from What happiness to be free from

es of poverty or how to make charity agine everybody governing. Can you nnnecessary. The motive that prompt-fancy a city directed by the men who built it. They are the team, not the What a godsend is a rich man who takes charge of everything? Surely he is generous trouble for us. And then he was brought up to it; he knows what it is; it is his business. A guide-is necessary for us. Being poor we are ignorant; for us. Being poor we are ignorant; being ignorant we are blind; we need a guide. But why are we ignorant? Be Ignorance is the guardian of Virtue! He who is ignorant is innocent! It is not our duty to think, complain or reason. Be reasonable, poor man. You were

made to be a slave Not to be a slave is to dare and do.

No. I cannot give my time enough to purchase in the market a municipal ownership to the neglect of for fear of stumbling, small portion of what it has produced. The whole program of socialism. I have on the walls was dirt. The remainder belongs to the capital-all the day been looking for a home, every few inches, give the hurtipey cappel consume it all so and day the stress that the capital state of the stress that the capital state of the capital sta enough to purchase in the market a small portion of what it has produced. The remainder belongs to the capitalists, but they cannot consume it all, so they leave it on the market in hopes of selling it. The laborers cannot buy it for the above named reason. Thus the market becomes crowded and there are supported by the market becomes crowded and there. it for the above named reason. Thus the market becomes crowded and there pay the sum of my fares to the landisa cry of "overproduction" Then lord instead of to the street car comone of two things must happen. Either a market must be found for this sur-city limits the price of the fares would a market must be found for this surplus product deceed from the laborers in the form of profit, or some of the factories will have to shut down. But when the factories shut down the working people who constitute the bulk of the consumers, have still less at the other end. Socialism will give us the shops at one end and the residences bulk of the consumers, have still less at the other.—Workers' Call.

# A Merry Christmas.

In the shadow of the lilies. Christ was born across the sea. As he died to make men holy. Let us die to make men free."

It was Christmas morning. I sat at my desk as usual (for there were yet several columns to be filled) and rumaged through the morning papers in earch of items for comment. Yes, it was a merry Christmas. Papa Profit's put into words.

little daughter had found her Christ From one floor to another I went mas tree laden with dolls and toys or hurriedly and not without fear. I even Profits would sit down to a supptious banquet and bow their heads reverently in memory of him who had not where to key his head. On the South Side and on the North Side, where the workingmen live, the banquet is not and in many places were damp with quite so sumptious and perhaps the Christmas tree is more noticeable for the foots where the water. Toilet rooms at frequent intervals emitted a horrible smell. It was Christmas, merry merry Christmas.

What a glorious world it is, in which everybody can enjoy at least one day in the year, a day on which all are known.

happy. | All? Did I say everybody? threw the great morning daily violently across the room in disgust at its silly twaddle about a merry Christmas. Then seizing my overcoat and hat and throwing a warm nuffler around my mek I rushed madly from the office. down the steps and out into the streets. It was cold . A few flakes of streets. It was cold. A few flakes of streets. It was cold. A few flakes of show had dotted the pavement with patches of white. The wind was sharp and in spite of my thick overcoat I they prepared your delicate viands, this is their crust of bread; they carbonic flat out they prepared your floors, on these rough boards they sleep; they made your coat. I glanced at him and rushed ou I passed the great Planter's Hotel

A beautiful building. Ten stories high And behind every one of those lace curtained windows I knew there was a laughed bitterly at the irony of my re-

On I went, past all the big business houses, past all the beautiful show high silk hats, past men with cast-off clothes and slou h hats, past natty looking dudes and nasty looking beggars, my brain all the while in a whir at the sharp contrasts that everywhere confronted my sight. I walked briskly to keep warm. A long row of com-mission houses now took up one side mission houses now took up one side those gloomy corridors and the voice of the street. They were disgusting to the extreme. The sidewalk was filthy, by their neighbors' wail of despair. the extreme. The sidewalk was filthy, by their neighbors wall of despair, great stacks of chicken coops were. I have only mentioned this tenement piled near the curb and offensive loose, have only told you of what I saw and of the thoughts that occurred my nostrils. As I hurried along I took it ome in a ten minutes walk. Some rotice that in the center of this stretch of foul odors were a number of cheap lodging houses. I wondered whether a model. neople liked to live there, and if not why didn't they move. I also won-dered whether the substitution for all could be kept would destroy anyone's ambition in life.

on the sidewalk gazing up at what I had come to see. They call it a tene-ment house. The sign said it was the "Broadway Apartment House." Some "Broadway Apartment House and morning paper, and refer to it as the "Ashley Bullding." If could hear her quive that is the name of the owner, I pity ing paper—one cent. him. I would rather have my name

known by my name.

The building was a huge box, one block long, half a block wide and four stories high., It had been painted once upon a time, evidently with red paint, that day The long rows of windows on the front were a dismal, monotonous sight. There was nothing cheerful about any part of the whole structure. At the rear end of the building a rough porch number of stairways connecting the floors. The ground floor was occupied by a variety of stores, none of them at tractive to be sure. There was no yard. 'The building reached from the street to the alley, and the lafter was

filled with ash piles and garbage, slipped into the north entrance, u narrow winding stairway. As I climb ed the steps I noticed they were worn almost in two at places. The window almost in two at places. The window beside the stairs was broken in several places, and the wind had ample access. I landed in a long narrow cor-ridor running through the center of the building. The celling was not more ticket, composed of first-class business than twelve feet above the floor. It men, without partisan records and was so dark that I stepped carefully qualified to deliver the city from the for fear of stumbling. The plastering slough of despond. After the convenon the walls was dirty and cracked tion, if the nominations are in every few inches, giving the whole way acceptable to the independents place the appearance of a house long and the platform is confined to local since abandoned. At frequent interissues only, the independents will inplace the appearance of a house long and the platform is commed to local since abandoned. At frequent interiors issues only the independents will invals side corridors connected with the dorse the Democratic ticket. This is main corridor, and as I walked hurthe program. Should it miscarry, the riedly by them I caught glimpses of independents will offer the Republican riedly by them I caught glimpses of seengs that made me shudder. Open machine managers the same terms. If doors revealed the most miserable interiors that can be imagined. Blank chesrless walls; caunt, poverty stricking independents. Will independent interiors that can be imagined. Blank chesrless walls; caunt, poverty stricking independents. Will independent interiors that can be imagined. Whichever ticket the independents in the independent in then wild-eyed foreigners, masses of congested humanity and misery; all these I ascertained were within those apartments as I groped burriedly ers.

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through that awful passageway. Some lone urchin, out of all that walled city of children, climbed the stairway la boriously tooting a Christmas born. He didn't seem to enjoy it. He was only attempting to get from his horn, the happiness which more fortunate chil-dren get. But it refused to give forth a joyful sound, and those cruel walls threw back an echo that cannot be

every description, and Papa Profit's strunk from the gaze of the few straglittle son had good reason to believe glers that were in the corridors, he was the favored child of old Kris thinking they might resent my prying Kringie; and after awhile Papa Profit and Mamma Profit and all the little Profits would sit down to a sumptuous were in such all inferno and someone samples and how their had research should some archive.

Re up and doing and let it be your ambition to see MISSOURI SOCIALIST found and it may not. It is immaterable the number of pressures it bears. In and found odors. Throughout the entire number of pressures it bears. In and found odors. Throughout the entire number of pressures it bears. In and found odors. Throughout the entire number of pressures it bears. In and found odors. Throughout the entire number of pressures it bears. In and found odors, the number of pressures it bears. In and found odors, the same story of poventee two hundred members in St ed and capitalism will have committed bear two hundred members in St ed and capitalism will have committed bear two hundred members in St ed and capitalism will have committed bear two hundred members in St ed and capitalism will have committed a rather forcible eminder of the over the little transom told, a tale of conquer. The time must soon come be its cheap tinsel ornaments than for one long stretch of dilapidation, fifth year. Here and there, Papa is out of once better circumstances that still left a job and little Johnny has found the new cap he so sadly needed over two clae was written the story of hope months ago hanging onto a stubby abandoned. Dodging here and there I cedar tree, whose ornaments have a finally emerged from the building at

have flavored every viand will not be thousand people inhabited that un-relished by the poor, but then it is sightly-barn, and I am told that many sightly barn, and I am told that many families live in only one room. I had seen enough to satisfy me that here at least a merry Christmas was un-

What would I have not given to have een able to go like the pied piper of Hamelin through the beautiful End boulevards, gathering behind me all the sons and daughters of wealth and leading them before this den of misery make them share its Christmas sorrows.

I would have said to them: "Behold! They built your palaces; this is where boards they sleep; they made your leys possible, these are their sorloys possible, these rows

And if they were human they would leave there with the thoughts I carried away. In that buildcosy, pleasant room. "The bricklayers ing there is no joy and over its doors, and carpenters who built that fine palace are doubtless holding a mercy hope, ye who enter here." For the Christmas celebration to-day in its children, no playground except the beautiful pariors." I said to myself and long narrow hallways that resemble laughed bitterly at the irony of my rettee tombs. Surrounded by factories and hovels of the poor, these future voters of the nation know nothing of the pleasures of life and are brought windows filled with good things, past up in profound ignorance. Even na-men with chinchilla overcoats and ture's beauties are denied them, and high silk hats, pest men with cast-off within the narrow confines of those walls they can only exist and nothing more. What to these poor creatures are the discoveries of science? What to them are the triumphs of art or the progress of invention? For them the torch of knowledge is extinguished in

My thoughts were indeed gloomy as wended my way back to the office, out there was yet one more incident these dirty houses of a large clean to complete my Christmas. On the building in which the farm products corner far down the street stood a corner far down the street stood a feeble old woman selling newspapers mbition in life.

Another square and I was standing that she was not warmly clad, and her the decome to see. They call it a term and come to see. They call it a term and come to see. They call it a term and come to see. sight. She extended her trembling arm towards the silk-hat pedestrian with a morning paper, and as I drew near I could hear her quivering voice: "Morn-ing paper—one cent." What! Was it linscribed on the pillars of hell than feverish fancy of my excited brain. But have such a monument of poverty then it was somebody's mother, and it might have been mine, or it might

have been yours.
So there was no merry Christmas for the tenement house poor, nor for me

Wonderful reformers! The like of which the world has never seen! What are they going to do? Why, they are going to reform this city, wipe out the corruption and turn the rascals out!!! What corruption? Why, the corruption that results from MACHINE rule in politics! What rascals? rascals that compose the Repu and Democratic machines! Mac Machines! Machines! That is the evil they are going to eradicate. they are going to do it, according to an interview in the Chronicle The Democratic machine

have harkened to the voice of the independents and have agreed, first, nominate not later than January 20, a

Verily, yerily, great are the reform

# A FAIR WORLD MAYOR.

A Campaign Pamphlet by Leon Greenbaum.

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love capitalism and hate socialism.

Are you a union man or a sympu-lizer with the working class? Are Are you a union man or a sympa-thizer with the working class? Are -you opposed to sweatshops, convict in-bor, shild labor, coolie labor, scab la-bor, iow wages and long hours? Are these conditions desired by any class of people, and if so, by whom, and for what reasons? These conditions are not desired by the working class. They are utterly opposed to these

They are utterly opposed to these evils, which to-day are the subjects of special investigation and legislation by every civilized country on the globe. It is an old axiom of criminal law that if you would discover a culprit, look for the party who is benefited by a crime. The clothing manufacturers reap the profits from sweatshops. The foundation of the convict labor system. foundation of the convict labor system is profits made by contractors. Coolie is profits made by contractors. Csolidabor means big profits to cigar manufacturers. Child labor is cheaper and therefore more profitable to the em-ployers. Low wages and long hours means a harvest of profits to those who buy labor and a world of misery to those who must sell their labor to live. It is therefore apparent that those who are benefited by the evils herein referred to, are the manufacturers, contractors and employers of all kinds and all individuals with similar interests, who believe in buying labo as cheaply as possible, and selling the products of labor at the highest price that laborers can be forced to pay The difference between the price which labor is bought and the price which its product is sold is called profits; these profits after accumulat-ing are called capital and the possessor is called a capitalist.

Capitalists are combining to buy la-bor as cheaply as possible. Laborers are combining to sell their labor for utmost wages they can obtain lety is thus divided into two antagonistic economic forces, the capital-ist class and the working class. In order to give an example of the economic struggle, let us use a shoe factory to illustrate our point.

\*Under the machine method, a work-

er makes a pair of shoes in one hour and if he works ten hours per day, his product is ten pairs of shoes, which would ordinarily retail at \$2.00 per pair. The average shoeworker is not paid over \$2.00 per day, or the price of one pair of shoes

capitarist shoe manufacturer the sweat off of his brow with a cool \$18.00, which represents the sur-plus value which the shoeworker has

produced above his wages.
Under the system of hand produc tion, a shoemaker could not make more than one pair of shoes a day, and his profit was not more than \$2.00. The introduction of machinery has increas-ed the productiveness of the shoemaker

ten times.

Have the earnings of the shoemaker increased ten times? Who gets the difference? The owner of the machinery, of course, How many shoeworkers can expect to by aside enough under can expect to "by aside enough under-this system to buy the expensive and complicated machinery necessary to start a shoe factory". And if they can-not elevate themselves industrially, are they not doomed to work constant-ly for the capitalist manufacturer for wages which provide a hare subsist-ence and is not this a system of wage slavery?

Competition is the Death of Wages. The people in the working class combine into trades unions to maintain

wages at an agreed point.

Were it not for an understanding of this kind they would compete against each other and he who could live the cheapest would set the level of wages and living for the rest. When the demand for labor is greater than the supetition among workers is not But the natural effect of the class struggle between capitalists and laborers is to make the supply of labor greater than the demand. The reason for this is plain enough. Lawrence in his "Co-operative Comensus reports, showing that the workcensus reports, snowing that the work-ing class receive an average of 50 cents in wages for every dollar's worth that they produce. Of course the wage class carnol buy one dollar's worth of products with 50 cents in wages. The result is an accumulation of surplus result is an accumulation of surplus products, until finally it is called an overproduction. In order to stop the overproduction, capitalists close down industries, thus throwing labor into idieness. Thus the supply of labor beidieness. Thus the supply of labor becomes greater than the demand. During these periods of idieness, the capitalist can live unconcernedly on his capital, but the laborers must resort to their savings deposits (if they have any), or by nortraging, pledging or selling their homes or personal effects. The supply of labor being greater than the demand, the purchasing power of laborers is curtailed; the merchants find their bysiness decreasing, and having obligations to meet, go to the small banks to borrow; the small-

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\***\*** Dedicated to the Working Class who latter to the large money lenders on erect homes and live in hoyels; make Wall street, and as this condition according and wear rags; mine coal and or panic. The foundation causes of this freeze; mill flour and starve; make shoes and go barefooted; build railways and tramp, sell their bodies, brag they're free; own the earth, don't can't curse effects, do't see causes; create millionaires, destroy themselves; fight capitalists, vote for them, selves; fight capitalists, vote for them, eat, sleep, slave, don't read or think; produce annually two billions more towe capitalism and hate socialism. than they can consume. Another im portant factor in making the supply of labor greater than the demand is the introduction of labor saying machinery. Here is a list of some of the re-cent devices for saving labor and increasing the profits of the capitalist class who own the machines: A new electrical riveting machine in-

serts 1200 rivets in 10 hours

A needle making machine turning but 260 needles a minute.

A new can making device, operated by a child. Sheets of tin are fed in at one end. At the other end 64 cans drop out every minute, 38,000 every day. An expert illner can make but 500 cans a day. Each child operating one of these machines displaces between 70 and 80

A recently invented and ingenious mechanical device pastes paper labels on 100,000 cans in ten hours. The cans are carried on an endless belt and each

one picks up a label as it passes.
The self-feeding platen press prints army the means by which peoples and 10,000 or more cards an hour, register-

Cigar making machines turn out neally wrapped cigars at the rate of

The bread making machine by which three persons can mould 20,000 loaves

The glass blowing machine trans out tumblers at 6 cents a hundred against fifty cents by the old hand process. In the cotton industry one man and do the work formerly requir

ing 1000 spinners, In weaving one man does the work

In making horseshoes, one man do the work which years ago required the 

work formerly requiring 1000 men. Steel industry—Three men with the latest machine turn out 250 tons of

steel billets in 10 hours. In 1892 fr required 115 men to do the same work in the same lime.

Boiler making—30 men do the work that but a few years ags required 500

In every branch of industry labor saving inventions are being introduced. The genius of man is directed in this channel because it is most profitable inventors all over the world are study ing day and night upon inventions to save labor and increase the profits of the capitalist class. There are changes imminent in production and distribu tion which are so portentious that the working class cannot be too strongly warned in time of the dangers that are

coming. . The introduction of liquefied air will dispense with the labor of every miner and fireman in the country. The re-cent experiments of the Northern Central Railroad in the State of Washington in using the waterfalls of that State to generate electricity for the motive power of its engines, instead of steam, means that at a near future day scab motormen can be transferred from street cars to run locomotives Electricity is already being generated by water power at Niagara Falls and being supplied for municipal and man-ntacturing purposes to cities, such as Buffalo, N. Y., Rochester and Elmira If these experiments continue to be successful how long before the Missuccessful how long before the Mis-sissippl will be used to generate power for St. Louis or for the whote Missis-sippl Valley? Do the engineers, fire men, stokers, etc., realize what this

means to them?
The Drainage Canal is being u for this purpose by Chicago, From 1886 to 1890 new machinery was introduced in the United States equivalent to the labor power of 40 million men. sachusetts has machinery doit much work as 50 million men. machinery in the mills of Great Brit ain is equal to 700 million men, more than all the adult, inhabitants of the

earth. Mr. Gladstone stated that by the auof machinery, the manufacturing pow-er of the World doubles every sever years. Do the wages of the working ciass double every seven years, and if not why not? The working class have not as much to fear from the paupe labor of Europe and Asia as they have from the competition of labor saving machinery in America. This country contains several millions of tramps.
Fifty years ago there were neither tramps or millionaires.
In 84 organized trades in the United

States, there are only 29 in which the workers are employed 300 days in the

year.
Through tradesunionism we can increase wages and reduce the daily hours of toll, but we cannot dictate to the capitalist class how many days ir a year they must employ us.

## Why We Are Slaves

"Self preservation is the first law of rature" and competition is the result nature

of this law.
In the beginning of society, competi and having obligations to meet, go to ton took on a very crude form, and the small banks to borrow; the small the strong arm of individual might banks go to the large banks and the was right. The courage and strength of one individual caused him to engage ee U.S. Commissioner of Labor's single handed two or more opponents teenth Annual Report, Volume 1. Personal safety is the first condition of the enjoyment of existence. Without

it man's life would be miserable. The provisions of nature for securing per costl safety are the instincts of belf preservation, resentment and sym-pathy; by the last of which men are led to combine to secure their common safety. At an early stage of develop-ment men combined for offense and defense, and from this learned that a combination of numbers or organiza tion could secure greater personal safe ty for each man than any power he could wield alone for himself. The possession of herds and flocks, of en who did the work and of rude emeny, was the beginning of the implements, was the beginning of the property Interest, and the private ownership of property is the seed or germ of capitalism. The first capitalist was a man who owned some cattle a stone hatchet, a bow and arr probably a spear, a few dogs and eral women. The possession of this property afforded him a crude sense eral women. of security or economic independence lie had enough to eat and drink with-out labor on his part. While his wom-en attended to the work, the first capitalist hunted, fought and loafed. Now adays, every man, sied woman wants to be a capitalist, and it was likewise so in the hunting age. It was in these days that the principle originated that to the victor belongs the spoils.

It was not expressed in such polite language in ancient times, but it was applied then practically as it is to-day. The instinct of self-preservation begat competition or warfare between men for the possession of the property which was essential to security against want. He who killed or subdued the largest number of his fellow beings by the might of his arm was the most feafed and honored, and as it was custemary to rob or enslave the victims he also became the most powerful.

These men became leaders over those

whom they subdued and over whom they exercised the power of life or death. As society progressed from one age to another the weak became the slaves of the strong and men were divided into two classes, the slaves and the slaveholders. The leaders always considered themselves superior to their subjects but as the latter were no merically superior, their combination was a latent danger to the rulers, and as this fear of the popular will was a sympathetic feeling, it naturally led to organization among the ruling or property-holding class. This organiza-tion of society to govern people, has been in the hands of the slaveholders. lords and capitalists from the begin ning of civilization up to the present time. The chief use that has been made of all governments, by the rul-ing or property holding class (which we now call the capitalist class), has been to protect themselves in the pri-vate ownership and enjoyment of the wealth created by and stolen from the working class. The ancient band, the mediceval legion and the modern nations have been conquered and en-slaved, have also been afterwards used by the conquerors to hold the conquered in subjection. In ancient times the method by which the working class were fleeced was called slavery; in mediseval times it was called serfdom; in modern times it is called wage slavery. But under whatever name th system of robbery exists, the cause and effect are the same. The cause is the private ownership of productive capi-

tal. The effect is the appropriation by an idle class of the wealth created by a working class. The competition be-tween rations for the private ownership of productive capital and for the profits from the labor of the working class is causing the capitalist class of England to invade the Transvaal, caused the capitalist class of the United States to seize the Philippine Islands and is now causing the capitalist class of all the great civilized nations to go into a partnership for the dismember-ment of China. The competition be-tween individuals for the private ownership of capital and for the profits from the labor of the working class is the actual cause of 99 per cent of all of

the quarrels, disputes, wrangles and tumults between men.

Nearly xil the laws in existence have been made for the protection of life and property, and as the judges of the courts are the creatures of the capitalst class, they so construe the laws that all of the force of government is used to protect the life and property of the capitalist class. The working class of the United States consist of 88 per cent of the population, but they own principally

fects and personal property. The capitalist class, consisting of 12 per cent of the population, own 85 per cent of the wealth. In order to keep the working class in subjection, it is of the first importance to make a good showing of force and use it whenever occasion requires; consequently the capitalist class for its own protection has found it necessary to be in com plete control of all of the machinery of government, including standing aimy militia, police, detectives, sheriffs, dep uties, etc. And in order to make the working class completely subservient to force, they must be kept in ignor-ance; so the capitalist class has used its wealth and power to buy up, influence or control all the great avenues of intelligence and instruction and especially the two great political parties the Republican party and the Demeratic party. In accordance with a fi cratic party. In accordance with a fixed policy, the capitalist class uses its power of disseminating intelligence and morals, to debauch morals and de stroy intelligence, in order to create distrust, discord and division amon, the working class. The purpose of this is to cause the working class to fight each other and prevent them from combining into a great class conscious political organization, which would naturally have for its object the capture of government, confiscation of private ownership of productive capital and the substitution therefor of public ownership and operation.

Prof. Charles B. Spahr says in his book "America's Working People": "There is no doubt about the facts American weavers turn out nearly twice as much work per day as their English competwithout solutely a little less."

# VOTE IN MISSOURI.

### The Social Democratic Vote Almos Quadrupled in Two Years.

The official returns have been re-ceived from the Secretary of State showing the vote by counties. The S. D. P. received votes in every county in Missouri except St. Genevieve. Missouri socialists may justly feet proud of the spfendid increase resulting from their work during the last two years. The fact that the vote is a straight vote for the whole ticket is very gratifying. The vote for Governor, In spite of the Republican claim that their candidate was a trade unionist, was only 604 below that for President, while the other candidates all received within 177 yotes of that received by Debs and Harriman The total vote in the state of the mino parties is as follows:...
FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESI-

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. 

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Caspar Miller, Prog. Peop......
Wm. W. Taylor, Pro..... 4949

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Total Socialist vote in 1990—7475.
Total Socialist vote in 1898—2708

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THE VOIE IN ST. LOUIS	\$.
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State Treasurer, Brandt 2873	804
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Asst. C. Atty., Hildebrand 2916	
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The Social Democratic Party cas votes in 274 out of 323 precincts in St Louis. Now for the next battle!

NOBLE SELF-DENIAL

Now Dives daily feasted. And, was gorgeously arrayed, of at all because he liked it.

He clothed himself in silk, And surfeited himself on cream— That they might have the milk. He fed five hundred servants

That the people might have called,

That the poor might not lack breast And had his vessels made of gold That they might have more lead. 'And e'en to show his sympathy

With the deserving poor.

He did no useful work himself,
That they might do the more." If you have a German friend

send him the - ARBEITER ZEITUNG. It is a good German cocialist weekly, \$1.50 a year; three months, 40 Cts.

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# IN HANNA'S LAND.

Erie, Pa., Socialists are engaged in a

municipal campaign.

Local Philadelphia has nominated its ticket for the February municipal elec-

Chicago ward branches of the party are experiencing a remarkable growth in membership.

The four delegates of the Miners' un-

ion at the A. F. of L. convention cust Walter Thomas

Comrade Walter Thomas Mills opened a night school of political econ-omy in the Schilfer Building, Chicago, on December 12th, 250 pupils attended the opening lecture.

A sympathetic strike of all labor

bodies in Texas is threatened in order to assist the electrical workers in their strike against the Southwestern Tele-phone Co. The strike is to include all communities with which the Telephone company is identified. The matter has been referred to the meeting of the State Federation, which assembles at San Antonio on January 14th.

Six hundred and eighty-eight strikes

were officially potteet during the fiscal year, involving 213,190 members. Of this number 455 were won, 74 com-promised 106 lost and 53 pending The number of persons benefited were 217,-493, and 11,257 did not receive a substantial benefit.

The Chicago Federation of Labor has issued an appeal to the negroes to join the trade unions. The class struggle knows no color line. It is employes against employers-wage glaves against masters. All differences and prejudices are being obliterated and the working class is organizing itself into one com pact body to wage war on its oppress-ors.

The labor organizations of Sparta.

III.; have invited Comrade Leon Green-baum to deliver a lecture in that city on Friday, January 4th, 1901. P.s subject will be "Trade Unionism, in the Past, Present and Future." Comrade Greenbaum spoke at Grand Tower, Ill., on the 20th of December and at Nashville on the 21st.

A canvass of the cotton mill opera tives in Augusta shows there are em-ployed 449 children under 12 years of age, and of this number only 116 read and write. This indicates poort 75 per cent of the white children of Georgia in the city cotton mills dis-tricts are, under present conditions, condemned to lives of total ignorance.

The Central Trades and Labor Union elected the following officers for the ensuing term, at its regular meeting, Sunday, Dec. 23: President Mearthur Johnson, Secretary David Kreyling and Financial Secretary J. J. Hund were all re-elected. The new first vice president is R. DuBarry, of the Woodworkers' Is R. DuBarry, of the Woodworkers' Union; treasurer, S. Levy, of the Cigar Packers' Union; Sergeant\_at\_arms William Schillig, of the Cigarmakers Union, and the trustees, William Barton; Charles Roloff and George Nuern-be-ger. The fraternal delegates to t' Building 1 rades Council are Owen les, Louis cob V and J. T. Nettie. A communication was read from

A communication was read from garmakers, No. 44, enclosing change preferred by Glassblowers No. against four cigarmaker delegate The charges stated that the four delgates mentioned had said on the floor gates mentioned had said on the closer of the Central body that any unionist who did not vote the Social Democratic ticket was a scab. The meeting laughed at the charges and the cigarmakers delegates declared that, while they had not said that a unionist who failed to vote the S. D. P. ticket was a scab in the sense that the term is used against a man who takes a striker's. against a man who takes a striker's place, they did say, and reiterated it that any man who was a union man 364 days in the year and voted any other than a socialist ticket on the 365th day was scabbing on himself without knowing it. Strong resolutions were passed ndemning the action of the Glass

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The following article by Charlotte Perkina Stetson, published in the New Nation two years ago, will bear repro-duction as it effectually disposes of one of the quibbles resorted to by oppo-nents of socialism:

"There is a perennial inquiry among indivusible as to who is going to do the dirty work under a Socialist regime

Before answering it again and it beeds to be answered as long as it is asked—let us look at the world's pres-ent attitude regarding its most disagreeable mags. It is not a conscious at-titude; people do not deliberately claim to hold it, but it is there just claim to hold it, but it is there just the same, however unconsciously. Their position is this: Human comfort and progress require the performance of various functions in themselves disagreeable. No man will do these thingseven for himself if he can help it, and no man will do them for others save under the pressure of dire necessity. "Sociatism allows freadom of choice to the selection of tasks, and no man

"Sociatism allows freedom of choice in the selection of tasks, and no man would choose to do disagreeable things. Therefore Socialism would have to use a me arbitrary force to compel people to perform the necessary but offensive tasks; and such compulsion is against the principles of individual liberty. Therefore we object to Socialism.

"There is room for such argument here. It requires to be proved, first,

There is room for such argument, here. It requires to be proved, first, haw far these specified tasks are essentially necessary; second, how far they are essentially disagreable; third, if it is finally true that no man will do these things for himself, or for others, unless compelled to.

these things for himself, or for others, unless compelled to.

Then, if all these things were shown to be as claimed by the individualist, it again remains to be proved, taking him on his own ground entirely, whether the supposed arbitrary force to be exercised under Socialism would be any more subversive to personal liberty than the force of necessity which now, by their own statement, is all that drives men to do these things.

What more of personal liberty is there in being a cleaner of streets or a layer of drains on pain of death by starvation, than by being assigned such work by governmental order and forced to it under civil penalties? Even on this last step of the un-

given on this last step of the un-proven argument, it can not be shown that such legal pressure is harder to bear or more injurious in its effects than the bitter pressure of approaching staryation. Indeed, under such condi-tions it, would seem more intelligent and just to compel the performance of such duties by selected persons proven and: for other work; or as a species of fit for other work; or as a species of nal servitude for misbehavior in oth-But such a condition need not he

But such a condition need not be efficiently dwelf upon, because the pre-lous steps in this individualist area sent are not established and cannot be first, as to the necessity of disagree-nie week. Much of the worst part and he unpleasant labor of the worst part and he unpleasant labor of the world could a dispensed with even now; are from the conditions and the second reserves. dispensed with even now; and more dispensed with even now; and more being outsrown each year; as, for the lance, in kitchen work—always held as a last resource of helpless poverty (and as a proper sphere for women). The growing specialisation of household labor is rapidly eliminating the private kitchen, and will reduce that held of labor not only in extent but in the degree of disagreeableness in tolved. Which brings us to the essential amount of unpleasantness involved in a given field of labor. The chemist, the engineer, the architect, the plumber, are steadily encroaching upon the area of dirty work, reducing its amount and improving its nature. Science, mechanics, and art will make life simple and clean as fast as we let them; and nature, as we learn to understand her better, will be a sure basis for all this further development.

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better, will be a sure basis for all this further development.

Third, as to the unwillingness of the individual to do these things. As men rise in the scale of intelligence and good breeding they are more and more willing to do what is necessary and right, whether they personally like it or not. On all calls for volunteer service, of difficult, dangerous, and unviewment nature, it is the best men who we the most willing. A wider range of rish a, a greater, self control, and the habit to consideration for others makes the lady and the gentleman far more

"In the beautiful growth of human character which Socialism ensures we shall raise the standard of willingness and ability to do what is disagreeable on the one hand as fast as science and invention lower the standard of disthrentien lower the standard of disagreeableness on the other. Under so-challstic progress the problem works tractifout on instural lines; answers itself out on instural lines; answers itself, slowly and edileity. One of the factors in the case which Socialism will soonest change is the element of unwillingness to do these things for other people. A man will proudly tinker and mend in his own home what he would dislike to do for hire for a stranger; he will mow his own lawn with pleasure; he will care for his own horse with no sense of thereby becombers with no sense of thereby becomhorse with no sense of thereby becom-ing an hostler. It is this feeling which keers women content to do their own kitchen work who would suffer keen

shame in doing some one's else.
"In common ownership we find the same state of mind. The ladies of a church will wash the church dishes af-ter an entertainment, the men who camp together will take turns in cook-

camp together will take turns in cooking, collective interest on terms of perfect equality gives the same content in
service as does personal interest.

The Socialist child will grow up in
an atmosphere of common ownership.
He will feel the city streets are his, as
much as his father's lawn. The sense of
common ownership will be strong and
practical; and this alone will go far to
minimize the difficulties of this problem.

economic pressure will reduce somewhat the degree of specialization. Short hours in proportion to the unpleasantness of the task will be another factor. And the uplifting and be another fying of the conditions of the environment, both material and social, will lift the odium from all such labors.

"A strong, healthy, happy, well-bred man or woman can do an uninterest."

man or woman can do an uninterest-ing and wearisome thing for a reason-able length of time without injury if they understand that it is necessary to be done for our common good, and if the conditions of time, place and cirice are what they should be

"Shorten the hours of what is worst to do; improve the work, improve the ronditions, improve the people—this is how Socialism will answer the question of who will do our dirty work."

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### The Red Flag.

From the remotest antiquity the banner of the "masses" has been red. Thist of the ancient "classes" was white, or white and azure. The "classes" affected white as significant of their pure descent from divine ancestors. Red. on the other hand, was the color of the robes worn by Ceres and Minerva, the divinities most favorable to industry. Ceres befriended the husbandmen, while Minerva took charge of mechanics and juventurs. what more natural then, than adhere to the brilliant hue preferred by these beneficent, goddesses? Flag, flagms. beneficent, goddesses? Flag, flagma, or flamma, is a blazing fire. Hence the flag of labor is coeval with sun worship. It has come down through the ages with a persistence that is mar-velous, and all its association with blood and rapine are mere malevolent inventions of the "classes." The crim-son yextlum became a war banner only when the workers began to assume mit isary importance, and frequently was it used by their cunning generals in order to stimulate them to deeds of des der to stimulate them to occasi of uce-perate valier in the field. They would in ange to toss it into the enemy's camp or line of battle, and then urge their men not to allow a symbol so dear to them to be captured.

Eventually crimson became so popul lar a hue in apparel that the "clas resolved to appropriate it to their selves. They made it a crime for any one but themselves to wear it, and thus by cutting off the demand, they suc ceeded in ruining the entire dyeing trade of Phoenicia, an industry of immemorial antiquity and rare excel lence. The very secret of the exquisite Tyrian crimson hues was lost, and has never been recovered. The splendid banner borne by the Social Democra's at the great Eight-Hour Day Demonstration in Hyde Park is, perhaps, as near an approach to the ancient labor banner as it was possible to come.— From "Annals of toll," by J. Morrison

### IN OTHER LANDS.

Socialies have won several seats in the contemberg Landtag. 76.7 per cent of the men in Den-

mark and 21.7 per cent of the wo are trade unionists. The Socialist deputies in Belgium

have introduced a bill to pension miners at the age of fifty. Several municipal Socialist council-

iors were elected in the second bal-lots at Stettin, Germany.

2.500,000 wage workers of England out of a possible eight million are or-ganized into trade unions. the two Socialists, Hardi Besider the two Socialists, Harme and Bell, there are nine trade uniquists

in the British Parliament. Socialists have elected five members to the municipal until at Leipzig, Germany, and received 7,529 votes

A Socialist has been elected a mem ber of the Landtag of Saxe-Gotha. There are now nine Socialists in that

body. The unions of plumbers and painters in Honolulu have gained the eight-hour workday. The carpenters have organized and will demand, the eight-hour day.

A grand bagaar and fancy fair was held in London for two days. December 28 and 27, for the benefit of the Social Democratic, Federation, it is expected. the lady and the gentleman far more Democratic Federation. It is expected able and more willing to do things they that nearly \$5.000 will be realized from do not like than are the underbred. the affair.

20,000 dock laborers in Antwerp are out on strike. The chal men have joined them and they cospects of sicc-cess are good. Several serious riccs have occurred and a number of strikers were wounded.

account of the closing of the Bureau of Laker Unions by the Prefect of Police has been called off our the amnouncement that the Government has consented to the reconstruction of the

Social Democrats had a rousing meeting at Manchester, England, on December 5th, incidentally they took up a collection to the tune of \$45. tel from the programme at a meeting of cinglish Socialists. We might take a pointer from that If we want socialism we will have to foot the bills. from the programme at a meeting

The following have been appointed by their respective countries members of the International Socialist Committo the International Socialist Commit-tice, which is to meet at Brussels. By Germany, Auer and Singer; by France, Jaures and Vaillant; by England, Hyndman and Quelok; by Belgium, An-seele and Vandervelde; by Austrian-Poland, Bolestras, Jedrzowski and Wojnarowska; by Italy, Ferri and Tu-rati. The other countries have not yet chosen their representatives.

"As to the large field of labor which not disagreeable in itself, but grown savily injurious from ultra-specializatirs and bad surrounding urs and bad surrounding such will rise in its quaisable wentieth century.

Help Missouri Socialist along by purchasing five dollars' worth of sub-scription and can be filled out and sent in at any time during the twentieth century.

# MUNICIPAL TICKET

Social Democratic Party of St.

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# Municipal Platform.

### Adopted December 2d, 1900.

The Social Democratic party of S Louis, in convention assembled, reat-firms its allegiance to the revolution-ary principles of International Social-Ism and declares the supreme political issues in America to-day to be the con-test between the working class and the contraint class for the prospection. capitalist class for the possession of the power of government. The party affirms steadfast purpose to use those powers, once achieved, to destroy wage slavery, abolish the institution of private property in the means of produc-tion, and establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

In the United States, as in all other

civilized countries, the natural order of economic development has separated soclety into two antagonistic classes - the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery and means of transportation and communication) transportation and communication; and the large and ever-increasing class

The evil effects of the private owner ship and operation of the means of pro-duction and distribution are intensified by the recurring industrial crises con tinually rendering the existence of the greater part of the population more precarious and uncertain, which amply proves that the modern means of pro-duction have outgrown the existing social order based on production for profit

Human energy and natural rese are wasted for individual gain. Ignor-ance is fostered that was slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men and children. The lives and liberties of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit. Wars are foment-ed between nations; indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged; the destruc-tion of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial dominion abroad and enhance its supremacy at home.

The notorious corruption and inscheiners so prevalent in the administration of this and other large elities are the logical fruit of capitalism. The working class has no interest in common with what are designated "Busi-The notorious corruption and inefion with what are designated "Busi-ess Men's" tickets or "Good Government parties. They should not be de-luded by promises of clean streets while their wives and children are in hunger and want.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mis-sion of the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or act-ual conflict, are interested in the upholding of the system of private owner-ship of the means of production. We therefore, charge that in this country

# the complete everthrow of the capital-ist system of production are alike the tools of the capitalist class.

The working class cannot, however act as a class in its struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a political party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the properties

class.
We, therefore, call upon the wage-workers of St. Louis, without distinction of color, race or sex, and upon all citizens in sympathy with the historic mission of the working class, to organize under the banner of the Social Democratic party, as a party truly rep-Democratic party, as a party of the toiling masses and uncompromisingly waging, war then the exploiting class, until the system of wage slavery shall be aboushed and the co-operative com-

monwealth shall be established. While we're cognize that it is not in the power of the municipality to re-store to the people all of their rights, we are fully conscious that the municipality can, and should place at the dis padity can, and should place at the dis-posal of the people and of civilization every power that it possesses, to the end that no further injustice be done, and that mankind may be permitted to continue to progress to a greater and

nobler life; therefore we demand 1. Such amendments" to the city charter as are necessary to enable the people to effect a municipal pro-gramme in accordance with the prin-

ciples of the Social Democratic Party.

2. Adoption of the principles of the initiative and referendum and proportional representation. All officers to be subject to recall by their constitu-

ents.

3. Public ownership and operation of street railways and gas and electric

light plants.

4. Public construction, ownership and operation of all subways and underground conduits and all overhead wires to be removed and placed thefe-

Public ownership and operation of brick yards, stone yards and asphalt: plants.

6. Public ewnership and operation of Eads and Merchants bridges or the erection of a fee municipal bridge across the Mississippi River.
7. Substitution of public ownership

and operation for private ownership wherever feasible through the exercise of municipal power. 8. Constriction and operation of free municipal hospitals, foundlings and orphans' homes, homes for aban-

wonien, a modern lasane asylum adequate to the needs of St. Louis, and homee for the aged, crippled and disabled poor.

Establishment and maintenance of odern public lodging houses as rest-

ing places for the poor instead of police stations. 9. Erection of a suitable building or the Public Library.

10. Abolition of the contract system

on all public work. Street sprinkling. sweeping, removal of garbage, dead an-imals, etc., to be performed by the city with its own outfits and by its own em-

11. Classified civil service; all appointments and promotions to be based upon merit and not for political rea-

12. On all municipal work an eight-12. On air municipal work an eight-hour workday, with a minimum wage of two dollars per day, and the union scale of wages and union conditions to govern on all public work.

All the powers and influence of the municipal administration to be used in support of the principles of organized

13. The inauguration of great public works by the city whenever neces-sary to provide a livelihood for unem-ployed workingmen.

14. Prohibition of child labor under

seventeen years; compulsory educa-tion; the municipality to furnish free books, meals and clothing when neces-

sary. ...15. Establishment of a Municipal Labor Bureau. 16. Inspection of factories and work

shops with reference to health and safety of the workers. "Suppression of the so-called sweating system. 17. Rigid system of food, milk and

dairy inspection. Establishment and maintenance of public bath houses.

Public ownership and operation of

Comrade Larkin turns in subs. in bunches. The cigarmakers are all good have workers.

Ransas City Local is getting in some good work. It holds its regular elec-tion of officers on January 3d.

hundred subscribers to Missouri So-cialist. He has already passed the quarter post.

Extra copies of Missouri Socialist can lastive we be had for fifty wats per hundred when retary. e distribution, if ordered desired for fre

Parties interested in organizing Socialist drum and bugle Socialist drum and bugle corps will please communicate with Comrade E. D. Emme, 3734 lowa av.

Comrade Lipscomb orders twenty six-months eards. They're, mighty handy. Try a bunch. Fifty cents for yearlies, twenty-five cents for semi-Local Webb City meets every Sun-

organization at any other point: Now it has about 210 members in St. Louis. National Executive Committee at the 110 in Kansas City, 30 in Sedalia, and rate of 10 cents each; one of these organizations at twenty-four other stamps shall be affixed to each membership in Missouri, conservatively estimated, is now seven hundred.

Organize a Local in your town. It is of dues. only by organization that we can over throw capitalism.

Local, Harrisonville, reports ten new members. The Local has existence three months. The Local has only been in tions.

Local Milan, of Sullivan County, is distributing literature. It has ten very notive workers. M.D. Morrison is sec-

Local Pleasant Hill meets every second and fourth Monday, 8 p. m. in Township Hall. Has fifteen members and is on the war path.

We were favored with a call this week from our friend. James Feds Howe, who has traveled over several States recently. He reports that Socialism is coming to the front in all

Comrade Eckart turned in a handsome list to begin with. So did Com-rade Nelson. Comrade Scott took out ten yearly cards on the 15th inst. and four days later he wanted a few more

day, 2 p. m., in the Police Court room
The Jasper county Socialists are good
rustlers. Notice their vote. Webb City
The Central Branch, a The Central Branch, which was comhas sixteen members now.

Sixteen months ago the Social Demotor tic party of Missouri, had about seventy-five members in St. Louis, a tis believed more effective propaganda work can be done in this way.

### Liebknecht on the Class War.

Pity for poverty, enthusiasm for lib-erty and equality, the recognition of social injustice and the wish to end it, s not Socialism. The denunciation of riches the appreciation of poverty, such as we find in Christianity and other religions, is not Socialism. Primitive Communism, as it existed before the institution of private property and as it has loomed up before earnest and enthusiastic men in all periods and among all peoples as their goal, is not

In all these the real basis of capitalist society with its class antagon isms, is lacking. Modern Socialism is the offspring of the capitalist society, and of its class antagonisms. Failing these it cannot exist. Socialism and Ethics are two different things. must be thoroughly understood,

Socialism. The forceful equality-making of the followers of Baboeuf, is not

Whoever regards, Socialism in the sentimental sense of philanthropic striving for equality, without having firm grasp of the essence of capitalist society, is no Socialist in the sense of the class war, without which modern Socialism is inconceivable. Whoever has arrived at the full consciousness of the essence of capitalist society and the foundation of modern Socialism knows well that a social movement which quits this ground may be any thing it pleases to call itself, but is

not Socialist.

This class war is the main point of ottack in the fight which capitalist political economy carries on against Socialism. That political economy denies the existence of the class war, -and wishes to make the workers movement into a section of the movement of the capitalist parties — Social-Democracy thus becoming a shade of middle class democracy. All the efforts of capitalist political economy and political thought are directed against the class character of the modern working-class movement.

Our party grown up as it has out of the class war, bases its existence as a party on that class war. Through and by this class war it is unconquer able; without it we are lost, because we have lost the roots of our strength. The man who loses sight of that and considers that the class war is a los position, and that class antagonisms are being gradually obliterated, that man stands on the footing of the capi-

talist conception of society.

The internationality of Socialism is a fact which daily makes itself more bylous and effective. We Socialists are a nation of our own-one and the same international nation in all colintries of the world. And the capitalists with the tools, agents and dupes, are aiso an international nation, so that we can truly say: There are to-day only two nations in all countries, the one fighting the other in the great class war, which is the new revolution -in that class' war which will be fought on the one side by the prole tariat championing Socialism, on the other side by the bourgeoisie, cham ptoning capitalism.

## HOW TO ORGANIZE LOCALS.

ganize themselves into a Local provid-ing they accept the allocal providstitution of the party and sever absolutely all relations with all other political parties.

2. The officers to be elected are: a) Organizer or Business Agent. b) Recording and Corresponding

Secretary,
c) Financial Secretary.

d) Treasurer, e) Literature Agent.

f) A Chairman at each meeting.

Order of business: a) Reading of the minutes:

a) Reading of the minutes. by Admission of new members.

e) Correspondence,

Financial report. e) Report of Organizer or Busi

ness Agent. . . -f) Reports of Committees.

g) Unfinished business

New business. The amount of monthly dues shall

be fixed by the Local. A monthly tax of 10 cents for each member shall be paid to the National Executive Commiffee or to the State Committee. A full report of the first meeting

and a list of all members together with 10 cents for sach member shall be sent in upon which a charter wilkoe grant-6. Due stamps are supplied by the

ber's card upon the payment of each month's dues as fixed by the Local, and shall serve as receipts for the payment

7: Each Local shall hold a busines meeting at least once a month, as well as semi-monthly meetings for the dis-cussion of political and economic ques-

8. Semi-annual reports of the mem each local, as well as upon the prog ress made by the Party and its pros-pects in the locality, shall be sent regularly to the National Secretary

9. Any person living in a city or locality where no Local exists, met apply directly to the National Secretary for admission to the Party, enclosing

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Secretaries will please send prompt iotics of changes and corrections.

one month's dues, and will be enrolled

as a member-at-large. 10. In regard to pamphlets, leaflets, platforms, and other information, address the National Secretarys William Butscher, Theatre Bldg., Court Square, Springfield, Mass

Steps are being taken to establish a class in economics in St. Louis. It is probable a lecturer of national prominence will be secured for a series of ten or twenty lectures. Every Social-ist will find it interesting. Communi-cate with L. E. Hildebrand, 4820 Sub-terior of

Local Aurora, Lawrence County, reports that it how has twelve members and that a full city ticket will be nom-inated in the near future for the spring

This is your paper. Get out and work for it. Do you expect Socialism to come without effort on your part?

## Notice to Members.

To members of Local, St. Louis: You are hereby notified that the regular semi-annual election of officers will occur on Friday evening. January 4th, at 312 North Twelfth street. All members are requested to attend. E. VAL. PUTNAM

Secretary.



# FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL

# Social Democratic Women's Club

OF ST. LOUIS.

Sunday Evening, January 27th, 1901. at the Upper Hall of the

South St. Louis Turner Hall, Cor. Tenth and Carroll 8 Carroll Streets.

Coucert, Raffle, Songs by the Workingmen's Singing Societies, Musical Entertainment, Recitations, Hop, &c.

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