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OVER WHAT SCENES IT WAVES!

The Liberty Americans Enjoy == to Starve.

old Paul Hanson, who, unable to seple can be kept loyal to old forms of cure employment, bought carbolle neid government by cheep rags and cheaper cant barn loft at 1219 Union avenue, ing through the beneficiaries of old the Bronx. New York, on May 10° forms of government. With what lavings so badly that on sending him out pany and other wateratis, if concerns to seek work he was admonished not use these stocks and rags on Deciration wile Have have as much freedom to to the brown on the swallermov Yourth, for Liberty to die:

What comfort did America's peculiar freedom bring to Annie Siebert of 2822 De Kalb street a few weeks ago? For three years she had shaped sixty dozen baskets per day for the meager sum of \$1.25 per day. Discharged from this factory the next best living that tree America offered this girl was 50 ones per day at spinning cotton. The was too much for even this tender, piel She died by taking ca. at True, she might have bemae-slave in a plutocraf's blacken the master's shoes daughters, and hear her viriue Hanamed by the noble scien of the house. This might pay more dollars as wages, but in free (?) America girls are not in liped to voluntarily seek slavery. even for an increase of their pittance,

so overwhelmed at the prospect of enjoying this peculiar brand of American ing, test he died at sight of the place—the St. Louis Work-house. Schmidt dustrious laborer till disease compelled him to quit, his little hoard soon used had harmed no one found the Workth this farcical land of liberty. His grief caused him to die on the threshheld of his prison.

bacco Company-of St. Louis, went sud- corporations and the bake-shops, usind."-Globe-Democrat.

fill the insane asylums or swell the out of the country when our brothers number of suicides before the neces- and sisters are starving for the lack of ary lesson is learned that there can it. Workers, join in the Socialist revobe no freedom, no in epender a where lution and let us have an organization carb and every individual, even the and a workingman's parade on the physical and intellectral needs? that every workingman out of any a revolution in government must take parade

Are the stars and stripes of America place to secure these needs to even the the emblem of freedom? What was weakest? that Socialism is that revo-America's peculiar freedom to 15-year- lutionary government" So long as necwith his only nickel and died in a va- sticks, these will always be forthcom-Poor Paul's parents needed his earn- ish profusion does the Transit Comto come home till he had secured a job Day. Fourth of July. Thank a virg Felling to secure a job he secured Day, etc. The true the flag flutter in

as that. Whoop it up bors, on the till you began to wake your memories, then it is not the criminal hypocrisy of it all burns upon one. This s that same flag and the powers of government behind it shot to death law-abid ing citizens a year ago in order that a blood-thirsty corporation might be enabled to freely secure pliable workmen. Remember, too, that Lee Meriwether and his co-workers, who shouted from the house-tops during the campaign excitement, their implacable epposimerchi quality of America's liberty, tion to one or two St. Louis corporations, including this one-the Transit Company-stand convicted as here sories to these legalized murders through the acts of their represents tives who voted in the House of Delehear the snubs of the mistrees and her Sutes to pay for the murderous weapons which served the helmous policy of the Transit Company so well Remember, too, that Lee Meriwether, as the representative of the Public Ownership Party, did plend for a universal par-ticipation in the lingo-relevration on the Fourth of July: These pseudo friends of the working class reckoned few slays ago August Schmidt was without their host-the hosts of organized labor-when they expected the liberty in a place not of his own choos- the Pourth of July and march with the marderers in the militia and thus was convicted and fined \$10 for the to obtain cheap advertisement. The distribute liberty of begring for break An inone or two labor organizations which seem to have participated did so to their everlasting disgrace. Let no for life's necessities, this man who as remember also that no Public Ownership Party cares whether little Paul Hanson fares well or ill, whether \$3 per week in a cotton factory drove poor Annie Siebert to suicide, or whether hard conditions bereft J. D. Sheldon of his reasons or brought August In Urbawa M. J. D. Sheldon, a trave. Schmidt to the Work-house. Ah, no eliug salesman for the Wetmore To- All of this is inevitable, the factory deply insune at the Beardsley Hotel, A. are ideal itstitutions, and all will be letter from his employers was found in well if we are put in office. The revohis pocket, which informed him that Intionary Socialist s movement prowas discharged. It is thought that claims to the workers that those things the loss of his position unbalanced his shall cease to be, that America is today the greatest criminal nation the How many of those who marched in civilized world has yet produced, that the Fourth of July rarade will help her beinous crime is sending wealth

Sees Something.

Mr. Wayne MacVeagh in a Phi Beta Kappa" oration at Cambridge last week said: "Our electorate is aiready beginning

to be divided, and must, in obedience My stabile duties will not permit to the law of social evolution, continue making the engagement; otherwise t more and more to be divided by that who are contented with their lot from those who are discontented with their

> -Under whatever disguises , called by chatever cames, inheriting or seizing whatever vartisan organizations, all intentiof the two great political di-

I have named The party of the contented will be So after all, Johnson was not "glad" ranged under one banner, and the delish. When a man champions a ranged under the other, and the alignthe be represents" that cause, and, ment will stendily develop increasing as Mr. W. ishire publishes a paper and sharpness of division, until the party possess for the Socialists of California, of the discontouted, being the majority recreamly represents them, as much has obtained the control of the gov as Mr. Pust of Chicago of Mr. John-senment, to which, under our system on of Cleveland represent Single tax-other are entitled and then they will be But Mr. Wilshire, who offered W. sure to remodel the present system to Beyon \$10,000 to debate the trust the distribution of wealth, unless we stich is not through yet. He acrees have previously done so, upon base to reality as a "representative" in any wher and more equitable than those say that Johnson may atipulate or now existing. The one party will be provided a substitute of the party of the control of th

Freedom's Flag? When the Socialist X-Ray is Turned On

IT REVEALS



master, holds up to you a heautiful picture lil e this and tells you how free you are, and hos clorious a gountry this is, don't get excited and go into eestacles of patriotism, but turn the N rays on that pleture, and you will see beneath the surface of the perture

a the garb of patriotism, to make you contented with your lot. We are not saying aught against Liberty. It should be as the first picture makes it appear, but we warn you that the man who lives on profit from your labor has turned the whole thing into a short to delude you and to protect himself v lille he oppresses you

Call to Convention

CIALIST UNITY CONVENTION.

to the Sections of the Socialist Labor 75 cents have been paid. cialist Parties:

which we have received from our re-spective National Headquarters, and in Hoping that your respective organiconformity with notices issued from gations will be represented with dele- not one of these made its appearance the same sources regarding the Na- gates contributing their wisest counsel when the time came. Many lodges in tional Unity Convention of Socialist to the assembled Socialist foregs, we fraternal orders got an inkling of the Parties to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., conclude by proffering our labor in the situation and refused to join, on July 29-1901, we herewith extend performance of any services which we. The Post cays the small pa you a cordial invitation to be present may be able to render to visiting dele-

at said convention.

Being instructed to make such arrangements as would conduce to the conomy and convenience of the delegates and facilitate the work of the convention we hereby inform that raid convention will be held in Masonic Hall corner of Washington y individual, even the and a workingman out of any jingo called to order at 10 o'clock on the unable to supply all his next Fourth of July which will shame called to order at 10 o'clock on the unable to supply all his next Fourth of July 29, 1901 street and Capitol avenue, and will be

The Grand Hotel, located at Illinois and Maryland streets, two blocks north Joint Co-imittee on Arrangements of the Union Station, having made a special rate of \$2.00 per day, has been selected by us as the headquarters of the convention.

Cheap rooms and restaurants may also be found in the vicinity of the Only Two Thousand Marchers in He doesn' think that the Socialists leave a "greasy spot of him." convention ball and arrangements may be made to reserve rooms by for warding lastructions to George sharp cleavage which separates those Mills, 1224, E. Court street, or to Wm. street, suite 18.

the ets within three days from opening of tree, only a few hundred tramped labor. visions of American voters who will must get a certificate from the rail- nearted expression on their faces. The than allowing him to pose as a king or Take not satisfied that you represent somer or later struggle against each road agea, showing that such ficket parade consisted of mostly military the same terms. The Socialists know

workers to ignore their principles on HEADQUARTERS JOINT COMMIT- presented at convention on Mat day of talist class and a glorious triumph for ARRANGEMENTS SO- July to be signed by secretary and rep- the Socialists of this city. That the resentation of railroad. Upon fulfill- business men of this city failed in the bill, and make appropriations Indianapolis, Ind., July 1, 1901. Sment of these conditions a recurn tick their efforts to induce the working-To the Branches and Locals Affiliated et may be purchased for one-third reg- men to join with them in their cele-With the Social Democratic Parties what fare: Perioded, that there he at bration of their license to exploit La-With Headquarters Respectively at least one hundred certificates repre- bor is due to the vigorous work of the Chicago, Ill., and Springfield, Mass., senting tickets for which not less than Socialists and their organ, Missouri So-

> Branches Affiliated With the Inde- dred certificates be presented in order apread to the various secret organiza-pendent State Organizations of So- to get the benefit of the reduction, and tions. A new spirit was aroused in the . these tickets must not be sold or spec Comrades Pursuant 12 instructions ulated in, as the party is pledged to resishow arranged for them by their mast-

> > gates

Yours fraternally. GEO. E. MILLS. . R. GRUELING. J. W. KELLY. H. WEFEL WM. CROPE. LEON GREENBAUM M. S. HAYES, WM. L. HAMH.TON. WM. MAHONEY

the number of paraders at two thousand, while the Globe-Democrat Torgot to estimate the number and declared that it was "glorious," Yes, it was gloa glorious failure for the capicialist. The warning was sent to every Party, and to the Various Locals and . It is important that at least one han union in the city and from that it ers. Only four labor organizations accepted the invitation to parade, and

> The Post cays the small parade was due to a rumor that the Transit Co. was backing the celebration. This is letting it down easy. The Socialiste claim the credit for having aroused the workingme, to a sense of their class interests and thus defeating the attempt to blind them with jingo demonstrations

While the little jingo celebration took can get a dose of Socialism to her. place the workers gathered at Rinkel's Grove and listened to Socialist speak cered by Socialists and Governors, ers and enjoyed themselves heartily. It Mayors and Legislatures of same brand was a great triumpa for the Social the capitalist class will think private Democrati: Party, and it will long be ownership of "public utilities" cemembered by the "business men.

the Jingo Parade.

Mahoney, 120 North Pennsylvania Fourth of July in this city took a tum- square himself by declaring that he ap- box to get it. This will give them the ble. It fell so far that it surprised every preciates the value of their social and administration and with this their A special rate of one fare and a one. Where its promoters had counted economic policy. Even if this illusion third has been procured upon the fole on seeing many, many thousand; must be dispelled, the Socialists will inlowing terms. Those attending con- march through the streets of St. Louis any event guarantee him a steady job towning termis. Those attentions ticks indulging in a defusion that they were and let him have all he produces by his very mind the produces by his are within three days from opening of tree, only a few number tramped labor. The young man should be able convention, not including Sunday, and through the main streets with a half- to see that this is considerably better

And now it is the King of Italy who

of the royalty dusiness in the event of The great jingo celebration of the their coming into control, and tries to terest and then go straight to the ballot

Keep Him on His Grass

A Way to Hold Mr. Capitalist in Bounds.

What a Socialist Posse Comitatus Might Do.

As to the question proposed by the 'Worker'as to our relation toward the reform parties, their tactics, etc., it seems to me that when we meet in National Convention the thing for us to do is to state clearly our position toward capitalism, very much as did in our last platform and after these statements are made then make some immediate demands something after this spirit:

Realizing that the final conquest of capitalism cannot be made until municipal, State and national administrations are officered by class-conscious representatives of the working class, we suggest the following where supremacy has been gained.

If Mr. Capitalist class pro strike, as he did in the St. Louis street car trouble, get out an injunction before a Socialist Judge to keep him on his grass, and have the Socialist Posse Comitatus conduct the men back to their places and grant all their demands.

If Mr. Capitalist class gets gay, like he did at Croton Dam, have the Socialist Governor send the militia there to trot him off to Sing-Sing and call a special session to appropriate a snug sum to the workers to make up for

If Mr. Capitalist class feels aggrieved about such conduct let him go and join Comrade Carnegie in the Highlands of Scotland, and we, the workers, will try and find use for the public utilities? he must leave behind, for he cannot take then?

Procedure along these lines is

apt to make Mr. Capitalist class "madder than a wet hen," and he may declare that these Missourians are getting so had that he will pull his shoe factories, implement factories, clothing factories, etc., out of the State. This, he thinks, is a trump card, but not so. Let the Socialist Legislature of these kinds and jevy taxes to foot

carry out these plans.

The coming convention need not use my words in their platform. It seems to me that the working class can let "public ownership of public utilities" (by which the average reformer means the great railroads and street car lines) rest for awhile for an eight-hour day, which will provide three square meals. good beds, good houses and good clothes and extras to the children of

hools and time to play. Demands along this line is suggested by all labor unions in part. They have come short of the final goal by not carrying their class struggle to the ballot box.

With Socialist administrations we could force every demand made by organized labor, and we need not harp about "public ownership of public util-ities" and "antiquated Constitution." The facts are that old Mother Con-

stitution has about got her death blow by the ruling class, and she will be as 'dead as a mackerel" long before we

And if we can get the courts officurse and will be crying for rocks and hills to fall upon them, and if we thenelect the President and Congress, I think we can easily shove a hill over is whistling to keep his courage up on Mr. Capitalist class and thus not

> "first step" and that is to get the working class to realize their class in-

C. LIPSCOMB.

From National Secretary.

Comrades-As the time for forward ing semi-annual reports is here I desire to call your attention to this matter with a request that same be for warded without fall to the National Sec cetary before July 15, so that same can be included in the report of the convention. I also desire to call the attention of all secretaries and organizers to see that any indebtedness for literature, international delegate stamps for assessment, due stamps, or from any other source be paid before the 15th of July. State Committees are also requested to please close up their acounts and make remittances for hatances before the above date so-that ame can be included in report to the convention. All Lucals and State Committees are requested to forward to. the National Secretary the names and addresses of the delegates elected by hem to attend the convention. -

Yours fraternally, WM BUTSCHER. National Secretary.

GOING TO MONTESANO

You must go on the excursion to Montesano Park, on the steamer City of Providence, Sunday, July 14th, for the benefit of "MISSOURI SOCIALIST" and the "ARBEITER-ZEITUNG." Boat leaves foot of Olive street at 9:30 a.m. Tickets 25c, at this office. Committees will have tickets for sale on streets leading to the wharf.

Was Not 'Glad.'

Comrade H. Gaylord Wilshire of Cal-Hornia challenged Tom Johnson, Mayer of Cleveland, to debate with him at Detroit where both were slated to shelk at any time between June 28 ely 4. Johnson sont this reply:

would be glad to accept your invita-

TOM L. JOHNSON. Me Wilshire promptly replied from Los Angeles as follows:

Reply received. Sorry you cannot meet me. Will you debate in Cleveland July 67 Answer H.GAYLORD WILSHIRE.

the Socialists generally, and there is other for the possession of the governthe beason why a debate should take ment will inevitably be upon the basis blace at this time

TOM L. JOHNSON. provides a substitute, and further of under whatever name, the party of april well-known Socialist can defeat under whatever name, the party of under whatever name, the party of under whatever name. hipr or the restrum.

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them do not neglect to renew as you paper will be stopped promptly.

It causes a smile to see the single tax paper, Justice, quoting, evidently with approval, an article from the Anarchist paper, Free Society, on "Un scientific Errors of State Socialists,

W. J. Bryan doesn't want to discus-Socialism. He declines to debate with Wilshire. He carefully avoids the subject in his paper. But now he joins with the capitalist press in its attack on Herron for his domestic troubles As Mr. Bryan's paper was established and poses as a journal for the discussion of political questions, one would expect that Mr. Bryan would be bonorable enough to discuss Herron's political views before taking up his views on marriage. His actions indicate that he is afraid to tackle Socialism

The Democratic Party of Ohio his discovered that trusts are making Socialists. The first plank of the platform adopted last Wednesday reads;

The Democrats of Ohio reaffirm their belie, in the equality of taxation with special privieges to none; their hostilty to the monopolization of industry with lits tendency on the one hand to crush out individual enterprise and, on the other, TO PROMOTE A SOCIALISTIC SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE AS THE ONLY REFUGE FROM OPPRESSION; and their faith in that theory and practice of constitutional government which brought the nation into existence and have preserved it to the present gener-

Lese Majeste.

A Boston paper published a cartoon consisting of a picture of the American flag with this inscription on it: This dar stands for liberty, equality, independence justice and fraternity-if Congress or the Presidentiso will." The paper was promptly suppressed by the police. The law in Massachusetts makes it a misdemeanor to display the American flag with any words, figures, or designs upon it. It also makes it a misdemeanor to publicly mutilate, trample upon or deface the dag or treat it con- that you? -been trying to ring you up temptuously. A fine example of free- for half an hour. What's the matter? bidden to say or illustrate what its that old fellow in your shop talking editor thinks about the flag and the about trade unions. He's all wrong, 1men into whose hands it has fallen. say, Send him down here to St. Louis Two boys in Germany expressed their and we'll put him on picket duty the opinion of Kaiser they were sent to jail. Of course such a revolution, He'll find out mighty quick It is a flan, a sliken cloth, that we note of their labor and that they're hot must worship instead of busts and pic- after it, too." tures of a man. It makes such a difference, you know; in fact it is the heard this much of your conversation sum total of the difference between a capitalist monarchy like Germany and Socialists were to fuse with anybody a capitalist republic like America. Ger- that wan ed only compromises they mans are taught to bow down to their would be workin agin the intrest o Emperor and say nothing derogatory the workin class and only helpin esato him, and behind him stand the capitalist class. Americans are taught to ary movements that would retard bow down to the flag and say not a progress. Now, be that so? word aginst it, no matter into whose hands it falls or for what purpose it is used, and sheltered beneath that flat olution or compromise." is the capitalist class who use it to protect them in their robbery of the working class.

The Rev C C Kindred of Chlesen matters which he renorted to his but,

whitner on the street Seven of them day white the enterior of the Shopens' more more than theen of the seven have borney and in order to maintain the wealth will regulate the price tex. them on this meager salary must deny fit the cost? An' don't yew see that

things in life.

They are compelled to live in homes that are more hovels. They are compelled to live in streets that are scarcely better than alleys, and many of their houses front on these ill-smelling by Pened and Published by Local St. Louis of the ways. Yet that man educates his chil-Social Democratic Party of Missouri. dren and works day in and day out without hepe or prospect. He provetrue to his wife and commits no mean

"As I looked upon that man my appreciation of Jesus Christ was greater than ever before, for he so loved the Then I thought of the coverning class the employing class spending without thought more in one day, yea often in a minute, than this man earns in a week

The labority area was and trawl this. Then he must stand out of the way while their carriages cell by. He must give vay to them on the shiewalk and even stand in the crowded cars. while they occupy seats. Yet through it

Yes, the laboring man sees knows this, but he has not yet realized what causes these things. He is learning fast, however, and the time will come when he will not stand out of the way for the carriages of his masters to roll by. He is patient now because years of tradition and teaching have made, him consider the present order of things just. He is law-abiding because he does not yet plainly see that the law is made by the capitalist class in its own interest. Soon he will wake up and take the government into his hands. me and the faste it you also one of conditions which life. Kindred out erved will no longer exist-

Not Coming Our Way.

A late issue of the Public Ownership Leader, official organ of the Public Ownership, Party, contains the following editorial:

DENOUNCED BY SOCIALISTS.

In the issue of the Missouri Social-ist for June 22, the editor claims that his party criticises the Public Owner ship Party more than it does the two old plutocratic parties for the especial reason that it is held up by se ple as a Socialist party. He further says | whenever the union forces him to raise It is in order to prevent beople from being decrived by this middle-class party that we have devoted so may space to exposing it.' This version, as coming from the official organ of the Socialist Party, ought to convince the general public that the Public Ownership Party has no support from and, in fact, is denounced by the Socialists, The charge that we are Socialists is disproved by the Socialists, officially,

We are glad to obtain this frank ad-

mission from the Public Ownership Party that they are not at all inclined to Socialism. Not a few people have in the past been deluded into the bellet cy of the equal rights of all people, that Meriwether's party was a step in our direction, and that the Socialists ought to help him along. Those who were displeased by our firm stand during the campaign will now see that we understood the situation. In the above item the Public Ownership Party avows its opposition to Socialism. Then that party is in favor of continuing the present capitalist system that robs the worker of the products of his industry, and any workingman who votes such a party is voting his own slavery. Let there for no mistake hercafter. The Public Ownership Party favors the system of injustry that makes slaves of one class, the working class, and lords of the other class, the capitalist, or employing class. It claims to be able to make the slavery a little more endurable, by applying municipal swnership salves, etc., but it will not agree to the abolition of the slavery

A Talk Over the Phone.

Hello! Hello! I say hello, Detroityes, Detroit-Hello, Wage-Worker, is dom of the press when a paper is for- Nothing; only I've been listening to Withelm to his next time we have a big strike, and he bust, which was placed in a public won't be bothering his head about park, and then upset it, for which act whether trade unions want reform or thing couldn't happen in this country. that they want some more of the prod-

> What did I hear him say? Oh, I "Yew said in yer paper as how if the lism, or at the best, be only reaction-

"It is absolutely true, Josh."

"What dew trade yunions want, rev

Well, Josh, 1-er don't exactly "Catch on, eh? Well, let me be a leatle more explainationary You said as how if one class of pusons sold their labor to another class of purons tha whatever they produced belonged to on a front norehand made a fam the pusons who bought the la-Now, it hat rally that them as owns the wealth kin set the price on it when they sell it. alf mon the north was nine men This bein trew, they air sure not tew sell it cheaper than it costs them fer were toherway and fwn were 'houses' the' labor tew make it; and if the vunions only kick fer tew rais' wance er shorten hours, don't yew suppose

the fellers as buys the labor an' sells

themselves many of the essential yunions in Aghtin' fer wages an' hours air not fightin' agin cap'lism, but ter ompromise with the capit'list class Wouldn't ther capit'list still be runnin' the thing, an' the workers sellin drselves at so much per sell?"

"Yes, Josh, I think you are perfect

ly right. Then what in thunderation des yeon mean by tryin' ter bitch onter the trade yunions fer? Ain't they a reform, or revolution? Is it not just as had ter jine with them in kickin' fer a compromise as 'tis ter jine with the eform cast lism, but leave it capit'l ism just the same? Is there envidifference between th' two?

Now look here George we Social ate the note this to the sun trible we are only trying to help them. That's a different thing, Fusing with Pops would mean that we give up part of our principles. Helping the trade unions doesn't mean that we abate one jot of our punciples. New will you tell me how the success of crace unions can retard Socialism. How can it be toesible that a boy who gets only a tenth of an apple will demand the whole apple quicker than a boy will who gets one-half of it already?

The trade union movement is not re actionary, its success does not react against the progress of Socialism. The object of the trade union is, not to preserve a dying middle-class, but to defend and advance the interests of the working class. We go before the world declaring that the present sysso leix into two clas and make large for his class. (Ben sho i whose the sales are water divine first by continued and that we are on the side of the working class. They how we refuse to aid the workingmen when they attempt to better their condition If by so doing we were prevented from entirning our work for Socialism w would certainly be wrong in taking up the battles of the unions, but such is not the case. The two work nicely to gether. When you are engaged in trade, union azitation you are enlarging your field of operations, you are constantly ecuring new apportunities to present vour views.

Now, that little suggestion of his , capitalist raising prices wages doesn't hold water. If the capi talist can get around the union that way, why in "thunderation" doesn't he do it instead of spending thousands of dollars in fighting the union. See the point? The fact that the capitalist fights the union whenever it strikes is proof that he is unable to resort to this cheme of raising prices. Besides, you know that the result of a raise in prices by the capitalist class would be anoth er demand for increase in wages by the working class. The capitalist knows this; he knows that what the trade unionist is demanding is an increased portion of the products of his toil, and when the trade unionist wins he gets that increase. If trade unionism never been tried (and your friend Josh theorizes as though it had not), then his argument, might seem plausible, but experience has shown us the contrary

The trade unions are not trying to reform" the capitalist system. system forces them into a fight with their masters and because they fight Josh insinuates that they are reformers. If an individual wage-slave goes to his employer and save: "Boss, I'll have to have a raise in wages or I can't afford to work for you any longer," is that a reform he demands and would you tell nim to quit reforming? Well, s it any different when fifty, or a hundred, or a thousand, or ten thousand, do the same thing at the same time in order to tacke their demands more effeetive? Hadn't thought of that, had you? If it is wrong for workingmen as a body to demand and fight for an in crease in wages is it not wrong for an individual to do so? You can spend your time figuring out whether it is reform or revolution if you want to? It may not be either, according to scientific classification, but according to herse sense it's right, and I'm with the boys on the picket line.

Another thing, the trade unions are not "kickin' for a compromise." They are kicking for all they can get; and you know that their demands are only limited by their ability to enforce them. To be frank about it. I don't like Josh's "theorizin'." He talks as though he had been sitting behind the stove in your shop for two or three winters doing nothing but read the papers and express his onlyions. Tell him to shake the wrinkles out of himself and get out and help the poor devil who is trying to get more bread and clothing for his wife and little ones (even though he has not learned to vote for Socialism yet). It'li do him good and give him an insight into the class struggle as it is in actual tife. This book learnin' may e all right, but darn so much philosophizin' when there's work to be done Well, that's all, Didn't know we had phone, did you? Pardon the interruption, but we overheard you on the wir to the other boys and couldn't resist he temptation to ring in. Good-bye,

If you are receiving this par without having paid for it, you ma rest assured someone has paid to have it sent to you. Do not refus i, but read it carefully, as it contain food for thought.

Thestenth annual basket picnic of nternational Association of Machin-Locais Nos. 41, 85, 308 and 294, fill be held at Ramonia Park, Sunday, ulye 28. Take Suburban cars. Music, lancing and athletic sports.

Nature of the Competitive System.

To compete is to strive for some thing that is striven for at the same time by another. If it is a job of work a men is striving for, and if that particular industry, whatever it may be is not fully organized, then the man or woman, as the case may be, has to compete with other workers, and the one who does the work the cheapest gets the job. This in political econ-EstanCieros com Proposito Por Maio its tendency is to bring the worker down to a condition of absolute slavery where he is paid enough to subsist, and that is all. It is a struggle of the

poor, the work the the rich; the strong, the powerful.

The competitive system is illustrated from time to time by great strikes, in which labor is arrayed against capital. The strike is usually for shorter hours and mere pay-or it may be against reduction of wages.

It is an unequal struggle, for labor has not yet attained to that state of solidarity, where the interests of one are the interests of all, and the plethera of labor throws thousands of half-starved workmen into the field, who are only too glad to take the place of the strike's. Then the struggle is between organized and unorganized laber, and the capitalist, protected by the strong arm of the law, with his miserable dehamanized tools usually wins the day

Andreas Contractor prices and the "profits" on the labors of the bird slaves now into the coner of the capitalist.

Blood' is transmuted into money From the very beginning of things when men were in a savage state, and ear, rapine and murder were the overy-day features of life; when the primitive instincts were the desire for self-presenvation, and the gratification of animal desires—then the strife of opposing forces was called the struggle for existence." The stronger tribe destroyed the weaker and ab-

sorbed whatever strength it possessed As the race progressed the sam deadly warfare went on: towns, cities, nations fought each other with the same results; the strong survived, the weak periahed.

The whole civilized world has been built up on the riline of weaker nations, even as they in their turn attained to power through the subjugation and destruction of others. entire fabric of civilization is cemented in blood.

The struggle of the individual for his daily bread, only epitomizes the greater struggle that has been forever going on in every part of life-where tribes, communities and nations have fought for supremacy or power. This warfare among nations is going on today with undiminished fury. Witness the attempted destruction of the Boer Republics in South Africa by the merciless, all-grabbing ranglish nation. Witness the horrible, bestial eruelties that are being practicel by the vic-tors in the fight-cruelties that would shame, a savage: witness this deady process of selfish greed in our own country in the forcible annexaon of the Philippine Islands. Here the weak and the strong have striven together in an altogether 'unmatched conflict, one to secure independence, the other to continue an ownership acquired by war with another power

To the victor belongs the spoils," is the watchword of civilization, and the spoils may be the wealth of a conquered country, and also the brutal use of tender girls by ravaging soldiers.

The struggle for existence among nations is only another name for social vampitism, and the sooner acknowledge it, and know on what we are feeding-the better.

Now carry this system into the industrial field where men are competlag with men, women and children and we will see its workings in all their horrible cruelty, and terrible results

All the great monopolies, and their name is legion, are formed by the consolidation of corporate bodies into a trust, and all these corporate bedie have acquired their vast wealth chiefly through the spollation of the mer

created their enormous fortune Owing to the "law of demand and supply" in its regulation of wages, owing to the fact that industry and wealth are heavily concentrated, and the supply of labor is immeasurably in excess of the demand-the wages of the workers, the wealth creators are constantly tending downward to the starvation limit. Just so long as there are millions of unemployed glad to work at any price, wages must be kept down to the minimum rate. Every labor-saving machine introduced means more men to swell the ranks of the unemployed, and more pressure on the labor market.

-With few exceptions the wealth of the capitalist is dérived FROM THE PROFIT ON THE LABOR OF HIS HIRED WORKERS. And this is the kernel of the whole thing-the means whereby one small class lives in affluence and luxury and another in varying grades of poverty and misery.

Wealth thus acquired is THEFT, the robbery of the weak by the strong by the retention of the profit that belongs by every moral right to the worker. Well is the modern capitalist called the Robber Baron, of the Twentieth

Century. This is the competitive system, and it is through the wealth thus obtained -the spoilation of the workers-that southern,

n few men are enabled to control the indastries of a great nation and the lives of millions.

Across the vast structure of wealth that distinguishes the opening century, should be written ROBBERY.

The competitive system is the fifth; source of all ocil and abomination, it reduces those who are its victims to a purely animal existence; it blots out the divine in men and bayes only the east it kills off by the thousands and tens of thousands the little children who are forced to struggle for a hold on life and who relax their grasp and fall into the above of death; it drives of youth late brothers to swell the tide of poison now rioting in the veins of

the race, it pauperizes millions tendency is to demornity all. Competition in the United States ha culminated in monopoly, and a few men own or control the railroads steamships, mines, steel, oil, sugar, cotton and meat industries of the country. In a few years at the rate in which this process of consolidation is going on, they will own the earth and

sorbed only increases the power to absorb other industries. BLOATED CAPITALISM is a vulgar but very good phrase.

all its largess. Every new industry ab

Against this colossal power of moquily, with its masses and its classes, its palnees and its hotels, its aristocracy and its paupers is rising a new and mightier force destined to overthrow it, its name is Socialism, name of terror to the upholders of the competitive-monopolisted system, but one of part to obtain the property of The Capable Control to Annahus and adding to the second

In England, France, Germany, Dep mark, Russia, Italy, Spain, Austria. and in the United States Socialism is nukling gigantic strides. Its strength in Europe amounts to over 5,000,000 votes: it holds the balance of power in the German Reichstag, and is represented in the cabinets of France and

The progress of Socialism means the triumph in democracy and a world wide paternity.

The march of ideas is irresistible; thry may with the colerity of lightning; nothing can bar them out or ar jest their course. Finer than the invisible, atom, more potent than the mightiest forces they shake thrones and principalities and determine great world movements.

There is the governing unity of po litical parties, but back of all politica organization there is the subtler and mightier unity of the interlinked ideas of all those who are moving in the direction of freedom for the enslaved, for nancipation from the inhuman industrial tyranny that is wrecking civilizaton, and crushing the life force out of nillions

Socialism is international; it emoraces the thinking toilers of world, and all those who fear God and ove righteousness. Its power lies not merely in its growing political strength out in its lofty ideals and tendencies

All unconsciously it has ranged itwith those supreme, universal orces that make for life, strength and growth.

It is invincible and is the next stage of human development. All hall to the

New Power of the New Century IMOGENE C. FALES: President of the Sociological Society of

America. 126 Macon street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Three of a Kind.

Sald Farmer Smith with a heavy frown, Them Social Dimmycrats mus' be kep'

down. Er else the fust thing that you know They'll take our land and crops, by

When the mortgagee Came down to see rout the mortgage that was due, Poor Smith, pale as ash, Says, "I've no cash-

land and crops" went up the

Brown kept a good-sized growry store. With three thousand dollars' stock or

flue!

Caid times were good and trade right fair:

No use for So inlists let 'c. Most and to say

Was started next block, with hoise and et mor. A department store-

Just that; no more;--Now poor eld Brown is under the ham-

Mister Jones, he ran a great big fac-Had a bank account. I tell you, mighty

fair to see When his men declared their rights in

the economic race, He flatly said: "They're. Socialists They'd better keep their place! Along came the trust,

Said, "Jones, you bust!" Which Jones he did without delay; Now the Masters Jones. And the Misses Jones,

They work for the trust-one-twenty per day! Have you heard the news?

There are seekers three For a place in the ranks Of the S. D. P.2 California Social Democrats will end two celegates-at-large, one from

the northern part and one from the

On the day of his death hell trees

AUnity Plan

The approaching Unity Convention to be Kell at Indianapolis on July-29 has given rise to a number of plans to union. The one thus for most advertised is known as the "Strobe! plan." in a criticism recently nublished various party papers, I pointed out the fact that this plan provided for ven. arate organizations in each State, bylead of a unification of the however, not sufficient to show the fallacles of proposed plans; but it is necessary to offer some proposition; which, if adopted, would effect the uni. leation of the various factions tionally and locally, and at the sam time it is necessary to overcome the obstacles which now exist. The plan must not be unwieldy, must not irrevocably vest the power of the party in any committee, must be practicable; simple, inexpensive, and a cover all things, must unify the factions. submit the following, believing that the above points are all satisfactorily provided for:

1. The affairs of the party shall be conducted by the National Executive Committee, the State Committees, the locals, the National, State and Local conventions, and by the general vote of

2 The N. E. C. shall be compo of one member from each State who shall be elected by and from the mentbership thereof, together with a real and from the membership of the I at the sent of the N. E. C.

3. The members of the N. E. shall continue in office for one year provided that each State shall have the power to recall the member electe. therefrom and provided that the local electing the quorum shall have the power to recall any or all members of said quotum, and provided that the term of office of the quorum shall expice at any time that the seat of the N. E. C. may be removed as becomble provided.

4. The National Conventing shall appoint the sent of the Nettonal time appoint the soul of the N. E. C. wais may be removed at any time by a mafority vote of those members of the N. E. C. who have been elected by the veral States subject to the approval of the party,

5. Upon demand made by five or more members of the N. E. C. any business transacted by the N E. C. in session, shall be submitted to the 'en' dre N. E. C. for their endorsement of rejection. The votes of members of the N. E. C. who represent States may be taken by correspondence.

6. State Committees.-Whenever ther are ive locals in any one State they shall form a State organization to be known as the State Committee, which shall be governed in a cordance with the laws of that State, according as the locals may provide. The State Committees shall receive blank charters from the N. E. C. and Issue and revoke the charters of the locals, provided that such power may vest in the M E. C. previous to the existence of the State Committees.

7. Any number of persons subscribing to the platform of the party and who belong 'to no other political party may form a local. The party shall at all times have the right, by means of the referendum, to act on any proposition, and to annul the act of its off-

The reader will perceive that th above is a draft or skeleton for a constitution, and that the duties and powers of the N. E. C. and of the State Committees and of the locals are mistters of detail and may be extended or limited as the party deems best. Thus we have a National Executive Committee which may be removed or directed by the memoersh p, which in its turn may remove the quorum by changing the seat of the N. E. C. If the querum or the local at the seat of the N. E. C. are inharmonious or incapable, the power can be taken from them with case and dispatell Nelther will local sympathy or favor for individuals affect or retard action.

The plan is not unwieldy inaspiec as the quocum can always do business requent meetings being possible It will not be expensive thram Q D :

traveling expenses for the quorum are not required. It will be efficient inasmuch as the quorum can act and yet can be held in

check by the N. E. C. It will effect union because there is

but one organization proposed JOS. HARRIMAN

When you see a man dragged to prison or to death, uo not hasten to say he is a bad man, who has committed a crime against his brother.

For perhaps he is a good man who has tried to serve his brothers, and who is punished by their oppressors -When you see a people loaded with irons and geven over to the executioner, do not hasten to say that is a turbulent people seeking to trouble the peace of the earth. .

For perchance it is a martyr people dying for the human race.

Eighteen centuries ago, in an eastern town, the pontiffs and the kings of that day natied upon a cross, after having beaten him, a rebel, a biasphoner as they called him.

bled, but there was joy beaven-For the blood of the just had fideemed the world.

- The Abbe de Lamenzal.

Galesburg.

de Leon Greenbaum Held Big Meetings and Spread Social ist Literature.

ING GOOD WORK AMONG THE TRADE UNIONS.

mari bean Greenbrum is getting meere blown in his re tour of librois trade unions. has been successful in making gh engagements to speak before to keep him busy, for several The subject of his address is The Class Struggle Between al and Laber" and he does no ate to make it a strong Socialist h. At Galerburg he has created stir. He sold 134 Socialist and his speeches were reported ength by the daily papers. The fulg is part of an account given by evening Mail of Garesburg under

m Greenbaum gave two more at interesting addresses on Socialism rday evening and Sunday after

a fairesized, attentive cross-Highland Park yesterday afternat ogs upon the Golden Rule Repub-The speaker was introduced by J Take president of the trades assem Mr. Greenhaum gave a description country were it under Socialism

aeaster of the people ATURDAY EVENING'S TALK my excame he addressed a growt at the corner of Main and restrects. His subject was "Degripation of the Working Class art ne said:

ur penciples would be user-

vb. emprenation? Some of you say we don't need emancipation re free men. My answer is that if are a capitalist, living on an iswithout laboring, on may be isd in feels g a sense of freedom. . marker, producing 11of this life which you enjoy it es nothing) enjoys in the most-I say, you are a slave to the cani, and you reed emancipation. The ong class of the world erests and lives in hovels; makes clothand wenrs rags; mines coal and or milis flow, and starves; make. and goes barefoted; builds rail and tramps; sells its body-brags tree, owns the earth-and does not it: curses effects-doe not see creates millionaires, destroys mahus capitanists, votes for hem. gleeps, slaves, don't read nor loves capitalism and hates So-

we are we going to be emancipat-What shall be our objective The problem before us is the t of labor to what it produces, the unity to produce and cujoy the uct. The problem to be solved is the working class shall take posco-existing cop-rat, all of which as produced, and administer this al, so that it will contribute to the d mental and physical necessities ery next, woman and child in the This is a task that cannot be ished through the strike and event. The latter was been used in, and will continue to be used to advantages gaines on the econom d, but the complete emancipation workand class can only be ac shed through the ballot box By orking class I mean the worker sells his labor power for wager losely repred are the tarmer and ss then of the middle class of dism, who are being crushed by etition, and the professional mar starves a waiting opportunities and obtaining theopportunity to pracmy starve again awaita's pay

MUST SAV THEMSELVES. the emancipation of the working can only be accomplished by the ing class itself, through class conpolitical action; as a party somd of the working class, who are of their own int those interests are diametrically sed to the interests of the capital er. The working show of the itry, consisting of 44 per cent of the lation, own 2 per cent of the nail wealth. The middle class, who sely related economically to the king class, consist of 44 per cent of population, and own 11 per cent. capitalist class, consisting of 12 est of the population, owns 87 per of the national wealth. The centaustics of the United States show thring the past fifty years the king class has been paid less than reput in wages for every dollar in produced. Every school child you cannot buy a dollar with 45 The consequence of this wages m is that about every ten years have a period of glut or overproduc due to the fact that the working cannot buy back what it pro-

TER GOVERNMENT PROPOSED he Socialist proposes a better forn verament than that which we now Our 'present form of gov nt was a slave republic the beginning, and is one We started with chattel slavin the constitution, and we have d with wage slavery. The colvoter in the south has been dischised, and the supreme court of ari recently rendered a flecision h practically disfranchises both occasions accessors

white and colored voters in my native state. We have one political party ruling people in our domestic states without the consent of the governed, and another political party in power nationally, ruling the people of foreign territories without their consent. And all of this in the name of Christian civilization and profits-the means by which the capitalist class enriches itself, through the sweat and blood of the working class. Are you in favor of the continuance of the slave republic, or do you favor an alteration, by the substitution of social democracy for capitalism?

WRONGS WILL BE WRIGHTED. Whenever the days omes, which the fates forbid, that we are deprived by the ruling class of the power of rightour Wronge we will follow the tot box. the land conflict with morals and justice, and the ruling class who makes

example of Washington, Paine, Henry and Jefferson. Whenever the laws of the laws, will not permit popular amendment through peaceful means, then I for one sa force is justifiable and the sooner that force is applied the

But, my triends, this is not the time for other than peaceful action, through the ballot hox. We have been deprived of capital, the substance, but we still have a shadow of our rights in the electoral system. Let us use the latter to the best advantage, but whenever we are deprived of both the shadow and the substance in the name of cap-Italist law, we will defy the law in the se of instice

NEWS OF THE

MOVEMENT.

Washington State Convention will be

held at Seattle June 20

points in Gregor, this month

tific" to have ideals, but I frankly confess that I cannot help it! Of course we most of us recognize that the great world is pursuing its course regard less of what your ideal or my ideal may be. Yet after all we cannot but cherist more or less definite hopes of what so ciety may one day become, and in so far as we exert any induence upon the thought of our time we influfience and shape the nature of the seciety that is to be it will be a sorry day for our Socialist movement when it loses its idealism. Every idealist ought to be a Socialist; every Socialist must be an idealist, whether he is conscious of it

It is impossible in a few words to adequately describe the glorious ideal of Socialism, to which the men and women of our movement are consecrating their lives to-day, with a wholebeartedness and a self-sacrifice almost unparalleled in the world's history. can only say that it is the mighties: ideal that ever stirred the heart of humanity. We can only say that is is sentially revolutionary and that it represents almost the antithesis of existconditions. In place of strife, shall have test and fellowship; it, place of misory, happiness; in place of inequality, equality; in place of ugliness

What appeals To one first if more of this mean; soldid commercial ism. Our life will be sane and normal the principle of the fierd in the old stye, but rather in the spirit of kindly

Comrade Vast will speak at his

Comrade Charles H. Vall is having his audiences in Washington State.

The San Francisco Socialists hold east, but which the capitalist (who , their official primaries on August 13.

> Local Beyler, Mo. has elected Rev. T. De Rhys-as a delegate to the Xational Convention

> Social Democrats of Indiana will hold a State Convention at Indiahapo Hs on July 28.

> Local Troppiczaga, N. Y., bas ele Comrade Wm. Mailly as its delegate to the National Convention.

> Representative James F. Carey has heen elected delegate-at-large from Massachusetts to the national unity convention.

The municipal platform adopted by the New York comrades contains the following clause: "The Social Democratic Party, when entrusted with the administration of the city, will at all times use the police powers on the sideof the working class in its conflict with the capitalist class; in every case of doubt we will construe the law in favor of the working class as against the capitalist class; and so far as the law permits, we will use the resources of the city treasury for the benefit of the working these as against the capitalist

Local San Francisco electad Commude William Costley to the National convention and adopted the following resolutiona

Resolved, I. That we favor the name Socialist Party" being the designation of the National organization.

Resolved 3. That we are opposed to the system of ten cents quarterly subscription to the party organs.

system of the mid collecting and receipting times.

as the sea of our National headquarters, subject to the discretion of the

Resolved 5, That National Conventhe our of Presider elections

Resolved, 6 That we recommend that the National Executive Committees by composed of the State Organ zers of the several State organizations, a quorum to consist of five members; meeting to be not less than once a quarter provided that the State Organizers be elected by reneral vote of the State.

Resolved, 7, That the National Excontive Committee eject a National Secretary, who shall be a salaried officer and shall devote as whole time to

the party work.
Resolved, 8. That we disfavor the appointment of National Organizers; the agitation in organized States to be conducted by the State Committees, the organization of unorganized States to he effected by the Organizers of neigh-

boring Blaues. Resolved, 9, That all gravances of Locals be governed by the State Executive, subject to general vote of the

Resolved, 19, That the powers of the National executive Committees be deand and all rights not expressly delegated be reserved to the State organizntions and the party membership.

********************* The Comrade.

I know that It Is not striedly "scien-

my. These will be no more in this design onlice and work for the general mad, heartiess scrample for wealth, no principles of Socialism upon which we We shall no longer conduct racitty on straism and the recognition that at injury to one is an injury to all We shall not roed to think very much Shall you complain who are the world, about the physical and natorial side of life at all. A few bours of oleasant inbor, organized in scientific fashion of e national scale, will produce enough and more than enough to extists vers human need

My soul rises up within me to gree the wholesomeness, the equality, of this new epoch in human history. As I dream of it, feel like one transported. You hold the whole world in your hand, from some pestilential swamp to a mountain summit, with its bracing ozone, its splendid panorama. Think of the petty and nauseous stupidity-the utter woodenness-of so much of our life to-day, with its snobbish castes. and grades into which we so solemnly divide ourselves, its so-called "higher" classes. Consider, on the and one hand, the butterfly life of the ballroom; on the other hand, the drunker soddenness of the saloon. What inspiration it gives us to even think of these things swept from the earth forever! What joy it is to know that we shall one day have a society of real men and women, instead of (too offen) dolls! The world will never realize the pitiful waste and degradation of human life that has been going on of and for the protection and benefit through the long centuries, until Socialism produces a new race of men.

Socialism will mean simplicity. It will mean that we deliberately turn our backs on the myriad shams around us The luxuries of to-day-the twelvecourse dinners, the two hundred dollar dresses, the multitude of servanis-are simply signs of disease. It is hard to say which is the more detestable, the overbearing concept of the plutocrat, or the eringing servility of the flunkey How pleasant it, is to think of the so ciety of equality, enthroning honesty simplicity, fellowship and relegating to the asp-neep the pompous shams and

the stilly "respectability" of to-day! -Lastly, Socialism will mean beauty, I im sure that one of the first things imen will turn their attention to; after the nightmare of capitalism has passed Reserved 3. That we favor a autional great, will be the beatification of their ment. We will no longer be able to tolerate for an instant the Resolved, 4. That we favor Chicago wretened shabbiness and sordidness of modern commercial life. We will put our souls into the architecture of our towns, and make them an ornament to nature, instead of a blot upon it. Everything in those days-from the cup and platter to the steamship-will be worth admiring. We will make the norld a garden of beauty.

To my mind, William Morris' "New From Nowhere" is the most beautiful pleture of the ideal society everplanned by the hand of man. And I think one might sear blong without finding any thing to equal the exquisite charm of his verses

Then all Mine and all Thine shall be Ours, and ne more shall any man

crave for riches that serve for nothing but to fetter a friend for a slave.

And what wealth then shall be jeft us when none shall gather gold, To buy his friend in the market, and Sinch and place the sold?

what?-save the lovely city, and the little house on the bill,

And the wastes and the woodland beauty, and the happy fields we till. The homes of ancient story, the tombs

of the mighty dead," The wise men seeking out marvels and the poet's teeming head.

The painter schand of wonder, and the marvelous fidule-bow. And the banded choirs of music-al those that do and know

For all these shall be ours and all men's, nor shall any lack a share Of the soil and gain of living, in the days when the world grows fair.

Washington State Convention.

The State Convention of Washingcialists was held at Seattle June 30. Comrade E. Lux was elected delegate to the National Convention. The following resolutions were adopt-

RESOLUTION ON PARTY NAME.

Resolved. That after the unity convention at Indianapolis we be known as the Socialist Party of Washington, and we recommend that the convention adopt for the united party the name, Socialist Party.

RESOLUTION ON "PUBLIC OWN-ERSHIP.

Resolved, That we denounce capitalist attempts to sidetrack Socialism by so-called Public Ownership planks Het party platfors RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING DELE-

GATE.

Resolved, That Comrade Lux, delegate to the unity convention, to be held at Indianapolis, July 29, be instructed by this convention to wote first, last and all the time for organic union of the Socialist movement of the United States; and also to vote for the elimination from our platform of all immediate demands and to confine is to a plain statement of our aims and ob-

RESOLUTION ON UNION

Whereas, We believe that the division into different factions of Socialists is caused by capitalistic influence thereby keeping Socialists fighting each other upon technicalities, thus making our efforts ineffectual; therefore, be it

all Eministrate are allowing technicals

To Labor.

Shall you complain who feed the World?

Who clothe the world? Who house the world? Or what the world may do?

As from this hour You use your power, The world must follow you.

The world's life hangs on your right hand.

Your strong right hand Your skilled right hand; See to it what you do!

Or dark or light, Or wrong or right, The world is made by you!

Then rise as ne'er was shown before The power that lies in you! Stand all as one

Till right is done! Believe and dare and do! -Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

Who Is a Socialist?

Who is a Socialist? It is the man Who strives to formulate or aid a plan To better earth's conditions. It is he Who, having ears to hear and eyes to

Is neither deaf nor blind when might, rough shod

Treads down the privileges and rights which God Means for all men; the privilege to

toil To breathe pure air, to love, to woo, to wed

And carn for hungry menths their meed of bread.

The Socialist is he who claims no more Than his own share from generous na-

But that he asks, and asks, too, that no other Shall claim the share of any weaker

brother And brand him beggar in his own do-

To gint a mad, inordingte just for gnin. The Socialist is one who holds the

Of all Gol's gifts is toil-the second.

He asks that all men learn the sweets of labor

And that no idler fatten on his neigh-

That all men be allowed their share of leisure. Nor thousands slave

seek his pleasure Who on the Golden Rule sha , days in

Behold in him the modern Socialist. -Ella Wneeler Wilcox.

The Philosopher.

He wrote that a man is at his best When poverty assails; In-grateful words he sang the praise Of strength that never fails; penned the wondrous benefit Of labor's heary hand, And all who read asked other folks 'Now, isn't that just grand?'

He wrote about the pride of work

And what a noble thing It was to see a man beat up Beneath affliction's sting; He argued it the Better part To starve 'most every day

And they who read vowed to them selves. 'It's best to live that way." !

And who was he who wrote this thing? He was a millionaire. He never worked in all his life

And so had time to spare It was an easy book to write It also made a stir. He was an easy thing to'be A rich philosopher.

-Baltimore American.

Local Meeting.

Local St Louis held an important sion last Sunday afternoon at Dru id's Hall and transacted much business The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p. m. and adjourned at 8:30 p. m. Com rade O'Hare presided. Financial Secretary reported receipts since April 8 1901, \$88.76-expenditures, \$89.74. Lit-

erature agent reported \$10.68 on hand. The nomination of Greenbaum for delegate to the national convention was seconded. The vote or state delegate resulted: Greenbaum 28 Turner 10.

Officers for the new term were elected as follows: Secretary, Wm Detjen; Treasurer, M. Ballard Dunn; Organ izer, Wm. H. Baird; Lit Agt., Chas. Hager.

The elect on of delegates to national

convention was then taken up. Decided to send two delgates. Hoehn, Baird and Putnam nominated. During the discussion the nominees were requested to state their attitude toward the trade unions, which provoked a heated de bate for two hours, finally resulting in the adoption of a resolution to re-indorse the trade union resolutions adopted at Indianapolis last year. Comrado Baird then withdrew his name and Hoehn and Futnam were elected as delegates. Chairman O'Hare decided that any individual member, whether chosen by the Local for not, to attend the national convention and cast the votes of all memstanced his westernished facilities of the Chairman was, on appeal overruled the sense of the meeting beingthat the two delegates elected were en titled to receive the credentials of all members, except those who go to In

dianapolis themselves. The election of officers of the paper esulted as follows:

Baitor-E. Val. Putnan Board of Directors-Wnt. H. Baird, M. Ballard Dunn, Louis Kober, S. A. McInmirff and F. P. C.Hare.

Financial seport of the Missouri Socialist showed the receipts of Missouri Socialist for six months ending July ist to be \$1,243.48) expenditures. \$1,

Several members have expressed an intention to go to the National convention as individual delegates, which will give St. Louis a big representa-The trade union resolutions' adopted

at Indianapolis last March and which were reindersed by Local St. Louis after a lengthy discussion, are as follows

ATTITUDE TOWARD TRADES UN

"in accordance with our declaration of principles we declare that the trades union movement and independent political action are the chief emancipating factors of the wage-working class. We recommend to the members of the Social Democratic party the following general rules:

First-Join the union of your respec-

tive trade. · Second - Assist in building up and strengthening the trade union move-

Third-Support the union labels of

all crafts. Fourth-Educate your fellow-union ists on the question of Socialism and the labor provement, on economic and

political lines. Fifth-P shall be your duty to work for the unity of the labor movement, thereby recognizing the fact that the emancipation of the working class can only be acadeved by the united efforts

of this class. Sixth-Educate the members of the unions in the principles of Socialism end induce them, individually, to no fillate with the Social Desecrati

party. Seventh-Trades unions are by his terical necessity organized on neutral grounds as far as political affiliation is concerned. The trades union is the arena where all wage workers may be resist the encreachments of capitalism on the economic field and to partici-pate in the class struggle of the proctariat which will finnily develop into the political alignment of the forces of labor in the struggle for proletarian

emaneipation.

it is a remarkable and suggestive fact that whenever one class perpetually wrongs another it is in perennial fear toat some one will set class igninst class. There was nothing more dreaded by the opposing class in slav ery days than slave insurrections-the rising of the oppressed against oppressors. For that reason the abolitionist was beld in peculiar fear and hatred. And so general is the manifestation of the same spirit in a condition of society wher, chattel slavery has been supplanted by more subtle modes of enslavement, that he who would denounce institutional wrongs shrinks from the accusation of trying to array class against class. The Public

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The State Committee is considering plans for sending a speaker through the State after the National Conven-

Credential blanks, for delegates to the national convention are now in the hands of the secretaries of the different ward branches for signatures of mem bers. The credentials must be signed by each member who is in good stand ing. Pay up, your dues and sten at

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Affiliated With Missouri State Committee of the S. D. P.

In accordance with call for nomina tions for delegates-at-large to National Convention, Local Bevier commated Comrade Leon Greenbaum of St. and Local Liberal neminated Comrade George, H. Turney of Kansas City. Local St. Louis seconded the nomination of Comrade Greenbaum. The vote of all Locals must be at this office on or before July 15 to be counted.

WM. J. HAGER: Secretary Missouri State Committee

The Secretary has in his possession a supply of printed blanks called "Socialist Shop Lists." These lists are to be taken by comrades who work in facfories and places where there are a number of Socialists and the name of every Socialist in the shop entered thereon. One of the number is then to he selected as shop delegate. The duty of this delegate will be to keep in touch with headquarters, and to inform nis fellow Socialists in his shop of every important move. The advantages to be derived from this plan are manifeld, and the shop lists should be push

t if hiter other, lactory in vill eventually prove to be the most effective means of propaganda ever wised. It enables us to carry on the sitution for Socialism under the nose of the capitalist. It enables us to reach he wage-slave just where the capitalist system compels him to be-at his

work-bench. Push the lists. STATEMENT FROM JASPER COUNTY.

Webb City, July 1, 190; Editor Missouri Socialist: The following resolution has been

adopted by our branch: Whereas, It has been stated in the daily papers that the S. D. P. of Jas per County, Mo., was represented at the convention recently held at Kansas City by the Public Ownership

Party; therefore, be it Resolved That the Social Democratic Party of Jasper County, Mo., never lected a delegate to that convention, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Missouri Socialist for publica-

Yours fraternally J. RONES Secretary Branch 32 of Missouri.

One Party for Labor.

Capital is concentrating and presentng a more united and therefore strong- . er front against trade unions. At the same time the powers of government in the hands of both old parties are growing more and more servile to capitalist nterests and treating the workers with scenter and greater contempt. is tures throw proposed labor laws in the waste basket for amend them so that they become injurious to the interest of the workers. Judges render deci-sions nullifying such labor laws as are on the statute boks and issue injunctions to prevent organized workingmen from doing anything in refense of their class interests. Executive officers dis-regard laws for the protection of the rkers, but order out polliemen and soldiers to provoke riot and use and bayonets and bullets to break strikes. Truly, this is a critical time for the labor movement.

If workingmen do not wish to see even the weapons of pure and simple unionism wrested from their hands by the minions of capitalism, they begin at once to use their political power in their own defense.

There is just one party that stands clearly for the interest of labor. Republican and Democratic parties pretend to represent all classes, and then, having got the workingmen's votes, are free to serve the capitalists who supplied their campaign fund. The Social Democratic party does not pretend to represent anything but the sage-work ing class. It is controlled and supportcause in placing them within reach of ed by wage workers and advocates their interests alone. -- From the annual address of President Lynch a the Metal - Polishers' Union.

BEYOND THE SEAS.

ENGLAND

a dejutation of 55 deligates from Prop. b landes unions visited London last month with a reply from French werkingmen to the message sent by the English workers to France recent 15. The reply is in part as follows:

Compades Today the workers of France ceply to your pacific manifestation by sending to London a delegation appearted by the trades organizations It is their mission to assure you that the sentificants of the workers of France are in unison with yours; that they also hold in deep execration all idea of war; that they also energetically condemn the organized massacres or people. All danger of war between cance and England has been removed. that the world is not limited to our two nations, and never perhaps has war made greater ravages than at the present mement. No government is free from the repseach of having committed Blood is flowing in North and in South Africa, as also in Madagascar, the Philippine Islands, etc. In China the Allied troops of the West have indeged in the most revolting massacres over recorded in history, if workers dealer to sheek warlike enterprises, they must without truce or rest ever manifest their hatred of war, peeted that the Socialist party will attever has spread even to Great Britain, which lift recently, had been comparatively exempt. Now there a town here and there; we shall short question of imposing obligatory millitary service upon you. We have for SERVICE FAMILY THE DATE OF STREET if it moral and physical effects that for shall we where we have the power compulsory military service producer ameliorate as much as possible the cona people. It warps the spirit of initiative, smothers all desire for independence and withers up the sense of

HOLLAND

The result of the general elections last Friday is the complete debacle of the Liberal party. The Liberal Government to turned out of office. A Clerical one, wil take its place, divided by the Roman Catholics and Calvintate, about endar in greength This is the resented of the Liberale turnspensity universal

There are elected in the first ballet, Catholics, 24 Calvinists and nons. t'atholic Ciericais, nine Liberals, two milks it all all betacerats, no Social-Dymp-th really in because our Socialist friends are coming in for ten of the 42 second taffols, and they are sure to win at least Syr or six. Although no one of the ar emulidates is returned on the first ballot the whole is a great victory for our principles. In 1897 only \$2,035 votes were given to Socialist candidates. This time there were 38,279, And all the candidates were run on purely Sacialist principles. There was no coin promise whatever. They all claimed to be returned as Social-Democrats. That makes the result the more important, and shows that straight talk farthest. They reap the reward of their tremendous agitation. It is almost iniable to count the numerous meet ings that have been held. And besides bat, they were present at every meeting of other parties for debate Comrade Van Kol, at present a mem

ser, stands for second ballot in Enschede and Winschoten, and is sure to per, retiring for Veendam, where he will be returned, and in Appingadam Comrade Van der Zwase as well. omes in for second batter at Schoterland this former sent) and in West steddingwerf; it looks as if he also will in a fortaight win the second seat. Quite unexpected are the results at Zaandam and Hoagesand, where our friends are standing for second ballot in the former place Comrade Melchers (a barrister, and co-editor of Het Volk), in the other Comrade Van der Loan a schoolmaster. Their position is not bad, at least Van, der Loan is fairly strong. Comrade Polak stands again in the second ballot against the some weeks age Democrat only 482. Two Clericals have in the crowded tenement districts, is not unlikely that the Clericals desigive money to the societies which are may rise very much Comrade Melches poor a short breathing space at the ers heads the poil at Lesswarden with i seaside or in the mountains. 1705 vote; ngainst 1,439 for the retiring Liberat. Here also the Charleals | the people should stiffe in foul and have the salance of power in their crowded teaements? Why is it inevit hands. Courade Melchers has been a able that they should depend on "charbreacher. He left the Church Lecausno felt himself very much handicapped "breathing spell" in the midst of their and wrong in that position as a Social- toriure? ist. He settled in Friesland only about two years ago, and has been from that One a most active agitator and prgan-

Most deplorable in this result is the courting econd build. A Calvinist preached by reacon who work at most secretly amongst the lot work and the homes of the salarite took his cont for Tiefferk. Thoma he allocks of suffering era seal in Francisc he was eaty.

The excitement throughout the year rouns Would it not be setten?

reached its height in Amsterdam where Clerical students were demon strating, waving flags, boasting over their victory and wishing in their songs all Socialists to the devil. Poor

Immediate Demands.

Shall They Be Dropped?

St. Louis, June 26, 1991.

our Berialist I notice by your columns that Local Cleveland offers a resolution to omit the Immediate Demands from the party platform. This is probably by upon the belief that legislation to ameliorate the condition of labor will not ompress the end sought, but redound solely to the benefit of capital, and that our sele demand should be for a complete change of the economic system, as the only end worth seeking. For instance, as you have shown, municipal ownership of street railways

and a reduction of fare would in the

end be no benefit to labor, for cheap-

ening the cost of living would simply

invite a reduction of wages. But, notwithstanding the apparent theoretical soundness of the resolution offered by Cocal Cleveland, is it to omit the Immediate Demands from our platform? It is hardly to be extain supremacy in all States simultaneously. We have carried a ward or ly carry some large cities, then some States, During this period of growing

dition of labor, in accordance with the Immediate Demands now set forth in our platform?

It may be reiterated that these "reforms" will do labor no good, because all the benefits will go to capital. But remember that the theory of the Miniprum Wags does not imply that it is instantaneous in operation. Labor may rent, lewer car face, etc., before capital absorbs the advantage. An instance came, this company sought to reduce expenses by cutting wages. Those em eyes who had money deposited with the company were the first to suffer russ. That looks worse for us than, It. Here we see the operation of the law but observe that those employes had received more than their absolute no essities required for some time prior to the wans reduction.

To recur to the main question: W recognizing that nothing short of an economic revolution can free labor and nre yet certain things which can be done as we grow in power, which will. at least temporarily benefit labor, and stimulate us to push on to the final goal. And these things we should by all means continue to name in our plat-

In the Communist manifesto, Mark and Engels state a succession of steps which they believe will mark the on come of Socialism, First is mentioned the taking of land rents (single tax). and then follow other items, culminat? ing in the extension of the factory system until all production is embraced.

The resolution of Local Cleveland win both seats. So with Comrade Scha- if I interpret it rightly, is significant of what may be termed a doctrinaire tenwhich, I believe, is more apt to retard the spread of Socialism-than otherwise. The work of building the Co-operative Commonwealth - begins for us wherever and whenever we control a township, village, city or State. The wise use of local success will accelerate the coward movement

Let us keep the Immediate Demands in the platform.

OBSERVER

The "Inevitable Sufferings" of the Workers.

New York Times says: "The ap-Liberal candidate who defeated him proach of cummer heats will remind received 1,420 | very many of our readers of the inev votes, the latter Loos, and the Radical itable sufferings of the poor each year each over 300 votes. Should it be as and appeals to charitable people to sire to make the laboral opposition as making effort. "To give the children weak as possible, then Polak's chances of the working classes and of the very

"Why is it "inevitable" that the work to give their children a mere

The workingmen, instead of voting to their own emphripation and the welfare of their wives and children, have Most deplorable in this result is the continued to put power into the hands defeat of our friend. Trocistra, who of the men who own the shops when ions a carelledge in five abtricts. Not they work and the tenements where where is ne returned or comes in for they live. So long as they do that, it

Let the workingmon of New York some 50 votes below the setting Lib- now register a vew that this shall be who stands for second ballor the fast year of "charity" -that they number an orthogon, But after the will note for right and liberty. They second hallot, a seat will be varied for shave consted the wealth of the city o'm of one of the comrades who are. They have the halters in their hands elected tween He could hardly be left Tablend of humbly accepting a small are, and one does not know what their reserve to use those ballots and may happen in the second balent in tax that wealth to provide themselves with fresh air and decent housing the

NATIONAL PLATFORM.

Social Democratic Party of America.

The Social Democratic Party of the United States, in convention assembled, reatfirms its allegiance to the revolutionary principles of international Socialism and declares the supreme political assemble in America India to the contest between the working class and the capitalist class for the possession of the powers of government. The party activities a state of the possession of the powers of government. The party activities as the contest of the powers of the possession of the powers of government. The party activities as the limitation of private property in the means of production, and establish the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of enonomic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class the possessors of all the modern means of production, and distribution transportation and communication), and the large and over increasing class of wage-workers, possessing no means of production.

This economic apprensed has four control of the government, the pulpit, the schools and the public press, it has thus made the capitalist class the arbiter of the fate of the workers, whom it is reducing to a condition of dependence, economically exploited and oppressed, intellectually and physically crippled and degraded, and their political equality rendered a bitter mockery.

The contest between these two classes grows ever sharred. Hand in hand with

physically cripped and degraded, and their political equality rendered a bitter mockery.

The contest between these two classes grows ever sharper. Hand in hand with the growth of monopolies goes the annihilation of small industries and of the middle class depending upon them, ever larger grows the multitude of destitute wage-workers and of the unemployed, and ever ferror the struggle between the class of the exploiter and the exploiter. The evil effects of capitalist production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises which render the existence of the greater part of the population still more precarious and uncertain.

These facts amply prove that the modern means of production have outgrown.

ern means of productions are selected for productions of productions and productions of the selected for majoritation of men, women and children.

The lives and liberties of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

Wars are formerted between nationar indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged; the destruction of whole races is sanctioned, in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial complion abroad and enhance its superior of the working class, and there can be not all the commercial complion abroad and enhance its superior of a new and higher roder of seciety is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are injected an uphysicing the system of private ownership in the means of production. The Democratic Republican and all other parties which do not stand for the tempine over allow of the capital for the tempine over allowing are affect the

gif party, distinct, and opposed to parties formed by the propertied

masses and uncompromisingly waging war upon the exploiting class, antil the system of wage-slavery shall be abolished and the Cooperative Commonwealth shall be set up. Fending the accomplishment of this, our ultimate purpose, we please every effort to the Sorial Demogratic Party for the immediate improvement of the reading of along and for the securing of its progressive demands.

As steps in that direction, we make the As steps in that direction, we make the following demands:
First-Revision of our federal constitution, in order to gentare the obstacles to complete control of government by the people, irrespective of sea.
Second—The mobile awareship of all industries controlled by the monopolies, trusts and combines.
Third—The public ownership of all refreads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of transportation and communication; all waterworks gas and electric plants and other public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, from, coal, and other fillness and all sil and gas wells.

Fifth-The reduction of the hours of abor in preportion to the increasing Fifth-The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production SIXth-The linaupration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose. Seventh-Useful inventions to be free the laventor to be remunerated by the multi-

possible. National insurance of working Ninth-National insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment, and want in old age.

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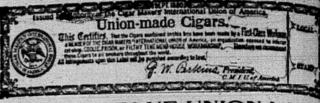
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