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Trades' Council that unless such sym-

sathetic strikes are called off labor un-

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Respectfully.

CONTRACTORS AND MANUFAC-TURERS PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

MORITZ EYSSELL.

W. ARTHUR WAIDE.

at their threat, it can only be through

the utter annihilation of the Build-

ng Trades' Council, and that organiza-

tion is now called upon to meet an

issue which will require their very best mettle to combat. In all such

condicts as these the very first ex-

are under their direction.

ential is that the men in charge of

affairs shall be men of undoubted loyalty to the interests of those who

the Building Trades' Council

here are no such men in ita offices at this time. On the con

trary, they are men who are constantly

in the look out for personal advan-If the union is to weather the oming storm its first duty lies in getting rid of these men. Those who

s to be conducted properly, must b men who thoroughly understand the abover, and who will accordingly be proof against any advances mude by

Aside from the threatening danger ch confronts the Building Trades' and which, if not properly

net, will result in its complete discuption, is a still graver danger concating the entire body of organize

The contractors' ultimatum, coming

it does on the eve of the World

by the contractors but by the World's

This action of the contractors is

mainly done as a means of feeling the

pulse of the workmen of St. Louis, If

indicates completely the atti-

corkers of St. Louis.

Fair managers themselves

St. Louis, Mo., Saturday, November 23, 1901.

Number 45.

To Trades Unionists.

they allow this first step to go un-Organized Labor of St. Louis has answered, if the contractors come out seen given to understand that the victorious as a result of bad manageapitalist class of the city is deter-ment on the part of this union then ned to rid themselves of organized the rest of the programme will be position to their wishes and beforequickly put into practice.

the World's Fair has been fairly be- As was stated in the last issue of we are almost certain to be Missouri Socialist, the problem before unged in a bitter struggle in order the Fair management is one of makmaintain living conditions. ing it pay, and to that end cheap labor Contractors' and Manufacturers' must be obtained.

editive heague, the style under. The contractors' ustimetum is the high the most prominent of capitalist entering wedge in this direction, and

sociations is known at this time, it must be bitterly fought. nt the following communication | If they succeed in this the rest will the Building Trades Council of St. be easy. They will import non-union Louis and to every union affiliated labor, house them in their "Taylor City," and use the United States cav-Gentlemen-At a recent meeting of alry to protect them. It is incumbent Contractors' and Manufacturers' upon the Central Trades and Labor extend to those contractors, its next meeting. Ultimatum must anwork is stopped by reason of swer ultimatum. The working class of sympathetic strikes such actual and St. Louis must show themselves equal mancial support as may be necessary to the emergency.

that there are no trusts in Missouri. mit that two men can get together and The laws of Missouri protect her form a partnership with \$100,000 capagainst such things," he declared at Ital how can they deny the right of ten

the Planters' Hotel Tuesday morning in an interview regarding the recent railroad trust. What of the St. Louis Transit Company, Governor?

The laws of Missouri provide that no company shall be organized with a larger capital than \$10,000,000, yet somehow the Transit Company has a capital stock of \$90,000,000. There must something wrong comewhere.

No. Governor, trusts will organize whenever they see fit, even if they have to buy out the entire legislature and the Governor himself.

"We have no fear of them in Missouri," he continued. No, not so long as the Governor is in the "we" class, it is a "good thing" sometimes that trusts should be formed and of course. when they reach that stage then "we' have no fear of them

Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota is work ing himself into a passion over the formation of the great railroad trust. it is the logical outcome of capitalism, Germany.

Gov. Dockery has given the working and those who support the system class of St. Louis the startling news have no right to complain. If they admen to form a partnership with \$100,-000,000 capital?

Socialists deny the right in the first place and they look upon trusts as the means of teaching them the ends to which such a system leads. Socialists deny the right of one man or a dozen men to own that upon which all depend. They would have society as And that is the only cure for trusts.

A smelter combine is under way, and it is rumored that the cement manufacturers are forming into a trust. Keep it up, the more trusts we have the sooner we will have Socialism. But before that time comes we must have a working class combine. When it comes look out for the rest of them.

recently decided that workingmen on its abla to destroy any organized effort, and within a few weeks after the strike may employ pickets to prevent looking toward a raise in wages or a strike was settled they declared their places being taken by other men. They have 2,500,000 Socialist votes in

THE TRUST QUESTION.

under the control of his employers has reckoning. necome absolutely, dependent upon these gigantic combines and the aver- been tried and found wanting. The age member of the working class dare great Amalgamated Association of

This destruction of unions has reached such a stake, that nearly all trust

The working class of recent years | made goods can today be regarded as have viewed with apprehension the non-union goods and as such under the growth of the trust in America. Great ethics of all union men should be combinations of capital have gotten avoided. If these trusts have been complete control of the machinery of able to accomplish so much, they will production and the condition of the be able to accomplish more, and under workers has steadily grown worse, their dictation labor promises to be re-With every new trust goes a corre- duced to the very lowest level. The sponding reduction in wages and an trust presents a question which must ever increased uncertainty of employ- be reckoned with and it remains to ment. The worker who was already determine the best method for this The method of the strike has already

not call his soul his own. Along with Iron, Steel nd Tin Workers was unable the reduction of wages has gone the to cope with them. After their long destruction of unions. The trust will strike during which the mills of the brook no "dictation" from its employes United States Steel Co. were practically and in its position of abslute power it, lide, still the trust emerged unlines, largest dividend in their history. The remedy which still lies within the power of labor to use, is the ballot, With this weapon they can put an end to the system which breeds trusts. The trust is merely the right of pri-

vate individuals to own the tools of production, carried to its logical conclusion, and if we admit the first we cannot deny the second. The duty then of the working class is to get posession of the powers of government and through the exercise of those powers take possession of all the tools of production which are now so largely under the control of trusts.

These tools to be operated by society as a whole for the benefit of society. This will insure to the worker the full product of his labor and will deprive one class of roctety of the power to say whether or no the other class shall

Until this time, however, in order to insure the best conditions possible under capitalism the working class could be of great help to each other in the purchase only of goods pearing the mark of union labor, namely, the union label. It will at least insure that living wages are paid. The working class are called upon to solve the question, others will not solve it for you. It is your duty to help the conditions of your fellow workers so long as capital-ism lasts and it is your higher duty to put an end to capitalism by voting representatives of your class into flow-er, pledged to its destruction.

"REDUCE WAGES!"

he declares and de-

See the capitalist? When the working class elected Seth Low as mayor Apf New York, most of them were fooled into the belief that his administration would in some why bene

The very first fruit of it is avecmand for reduced wages. Remember, workingmen, that capitalists reap their profits through the reduction of your wages, and a howl of the sart just raised in New York is a regular

Seth Low is pledged to run the city of New York on a lustness and as the cardinal principle of business to the making of profits, so the mayor of New York will endeavor to

The capitalist class is compelled to get as much profit as possible. Profit only comes with reduced who cannot find work to feed them- wages and we may rest assured that selves. The number is growing every Seth Low will set about the husbness They will next have to estab- as soon as possible in order to reflece

amusement if they, would keep them. But how about the fellow who is slient. It was the experience of Rome; drawing the wages, will a reduction

relieve him?

Maybe it will relieve their brains of Wealth belongs to those who can some of the clouds which have gathered around them, so that when the next election comes around they will Thanksgiving dingers are now being "tote for the party which will RAISE.

fellow who had more than he knew sibility of a big strike among the what to do with.

Let anthracite miners. They complain anthracite miners are using a that the mine owners, are using a "black list" system, which prevents a are very much worried over the best miner from getting another position surplus wealth created by the working he already has. If they are going to strike at all it would be better for

them to strike at the ballot box. The working class seems to be the The capitalist class couldn't get out very best of Christians. They are con- an injunction against that strike. stant devotees of the doctrine that, nor put the strike breakers in their "it is more blessed to give than to re-Tplaces. Just one strike will settle it

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ed a most brilliant editorial wher in, to its own satisfaction, it solved hearly an entire column in recom- theirselves mending the use of "watered stock". They do not produce any wealth, as a cure for strikes. Thus, they contend, it would be to some extent they produced. for them to say whether, by greater The greatest reason of all, however, tiert, they would share the prospert to pacify, make him believe that he its of active business and high prices issu capitalist and the rest is easy. and thus would be avoided that sort. We are alraid that our New York of later conflict most disastrons to the contemporary will have to make ap-general welfare, the 'good-ti see other gress. Their wrongful "solu-

the question is settled.

are entitled t a "share," in that compelled to exist upon that which he which their brains help to create.

contribute something to the success strikes and other devilty. brains can aid in strike leading and problem in due time and without any If the corporate undertaking, or whose other deviltries, subtract somethins charity from the capitalist class.

They are taginning to realize

brains contribute to the production of wealth, how can they justify the giv-ling of anything to those whose brains

A New York paper recently contain. Factory at 305 North Fourth Street.

the "labor question." They occupied do not so contribute, the capitalists

economy of time and material and is that concerning the man whose greater devotion to work, that stock brain will lead him into "strike lead slould pay dividends But in any ding and other deviltry." He is the man

then wan't solve, there still remains Happy solution, give the working the capitalist who produces no wealth class just a little more "jollying" and but merely buys and sells that which others produce, enjoying the luxury of They ferther contend that the men life, while the producer himself is able to wring from those who do They would be those whose brains not produce, by the aid of these very

The working class will solve the

They are taginning to realize that there is no reason for supcorting a But we would ask them if they class in laxury whose only function by class in laxury whose only function by class in laxury whose only function by class on the bartering and selling the products the bartering and selling the products.

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get into power. They could set the with the struggle the go under. capitalists, who all these years have been living on the labor of others, to Newspaper accounts of Li Hung doing some of it themselves.

save the lives of others. When arrested sume,

In the State of Massachusetts a b explained that he had had noth law exists which compels every man ing to eat for nours. But then there to work for his living. Our Socialist a matter, we are living under capi-comrades of that State can make talism, and no matter how faithful good use of such a law when they men may be, if they cannot keep up

Chang's funeral declare that there were tons of food piled on his coffin, which it was believed would be need-The Paris police recently arrested ed by the gentleman in the other a man for vagrancy who turned out world. That must have been some to-have been a man who had risked of the \$2,000,000,000 worth which his life in a Paris fire in order to Chauncey Depew says "we" can't con-

feed hundreds of thousands of persons lish theaters and circuses for their the "taxpayers." its duplication is natural.

work the workers.

arranged for those whom so lety denies wages instead of roducing them, as an opportunity to work. Who gives they should have voted for Ben Hanthe thanks? The fellow who gets the ford at the last election. dinner, the other man cant eat or the half is rumored that there is a po

"Our" representatives in Congress way to get rid of the \$2,000,000,000 if he is luckless enough to less the one

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IN CHICAGO

If recent press dispatches are correst our Chicago comrades will-soon have to wrestly with the problem of inducting a successful Scialist campaign in the face of a capitalist "union labor" party. The Socialists of St. Louis went through a somewhat simifar experience and the San Francisco cominades have met the problem, and he is very patural they have lost votes

The working class is a long way from being class-conscious, and until that time comes the Socialist movement will seem to be retarded by the, springing up of such parties as the one which recently elected Schmitz in

The comrades in Chicago will have the advantage of the previous expericure of the movement in these other The most important lesson which the St. Louis experience taught was the necessity for prompt and vigorous action, the effect of these mongrel movements cannt be over-esti-

The greater portion of the working class we know still regard capitalism as a finality and any chance for a change of capitalist administra tion satisfies them, and the high-sound ing name is likely to carry some who have voted the Socialist ticket in its wake. The comrades in St. Louis held the most successful city convention in the history of the movement in St. Louis, but they relied too much apon this convention and falled to follow it up with vigrous work. The consequence all Socialists know.

It is hoped that the story will not be repeated in Chicago but it will be the most heroic work which will pre

THE PARTY EMBLEM

Comrade Charles H. Kerr, Secretary of the Illinois State Committee, has recently designed a party button which ins several good features.

Its only figure is a representation of the rising san, a very appropriate one for the Socialist movement. This representation of the rising sun is in gold, ground, with the words "Socialist Party surrounding it in large white letters. The emblem of the rising sun is used by our comrades in France, and we believe, much better than the emblem adopted by some of our Eastern comrades, the "arm and torch The whole forms a very neat button with out one very prominent defect Directly across the button is stretched ment houses. The idea of the sun rising over such a miserable picture and dispelling the gloom is a very pretty one, but the button does not adequate

There is absolutely no background to the button, and the tenement house stand out like so many white streaks

If they were relieved with something which would make them more expres sive they would be greatly improved. A party emblem is well worth striving for and we hope Comrade Kerr can supply the deficiently.

SOCIALISM AND THE LIQUOR

The devotees of the probibition of the liquor traffic forget one thing in their arguments, and without they are useless. The liquor traffic is not carried on for the love of the work, nor for the supply of liquor to those who use and crave it, any more than is the shoe business carried on for the supply of shoes to those who need them. The very basis of the liquor traffic, as of all other traffic, is profit, without this force, under capitalism, there would be no shoes made nor liquor manufactured. Profit is the

means of production are used by one class for thir personal advantage. The posed of for the profit of the capitalist class, and not for the use of acciety as a whole, as it should be Everything which the capitalist can do, under capitalism, for the increase of his profit that will be do. The manufacturer of shoes, most increase his profit even though through its increase half the world would be barefooded. The liqmanufacturer must increase his profit even though palf the world dies of delirium tremens. So long as individ usis through the ownership of the and a resignation to the second second second profits at the expense of society, just so long will the Equor traffic continue

Socialists demand that the shoe fathey shall be owned by society, and that the shoes produced in it shall be for the use of society and not for the profit of a few . He latted demand that the breweries and distilleries shall be the property of society, administered under its control for the beself of soclety. All prohibitionists admit that under our present system there are some deprayed natures which must have liquor, and they also admit that tiquor in itself is not harmful. It is only when it is carried to excess that it becomes such the same as any other excess. They also admit that with our vicious capitalist education removed the deprayed natures would disappear in the course of a generation, and that even the number of persons who drank alightly would be greatly re-

With the establishment of Socialism production will be carried on for use the laterest of society, and its such conditions, to produce as h large amounts of liquor, because tuere would being profit to society, only an expenditure of labor power, and es Socialism will seek to reduce the neressity for labor to a minimum, there would he ho more liquor produced than was actually needed.

Society would deny to the young the irresponsible and the imbecile, the use of any liquor whatever, the grog shop would be abolished, and within a generation the manufacture of liquor would have dwindled to almost noth-

THE BLACK LIST.

The "black list" is one of the thorns in the side of labor to-day. It is a very powerful weapon wielded by the capitalist class, the threat of which, held garded as odious. over the members of the working class make them dodle in the hands of their masters. The working class is wholly dependent upon the consent of the capitalist class for the right to live

The capitalist class own the tools of production and hold the autocratic er of determining whether or no the working class shall use them.

Without this opportunity the worker must become a tramp or a criminal, the capitalist does not care which. The capitalist class know that the workers are conscious of their helplessness. and as a powerful whip to compel obe dience on their part, they declare, "If you disobey my orders it is under pain on the "let not thy left hand know of discharge, and if I am compelled to discharge you for that reason I will notify all other employers of labor to the end this you will be unable to secure further work."

Under the lash of this weapon the worker is cowed, he realizes the rerather than become an outeast and on capitalistic civilization? Thankssubject his family to the hardships of giving! Thank whom? Tranks for darvation, he submits, surrenders his | what " manhood and loses the individuality which is his by nature.

disappear with the destruction of capitalism, and it lies with this very victim to join with his fellows in the destruction of that which brings such measures into existence, if he would

are able to rob the workers, and every increase in robbery is brought as a result of increase in force. It is this that impels the capitalist to employ the black list and it his ownership of the tools of production which compels the workers to submit to its cruel dictates. If the working class are ever to be free from it they must destroy that which gives the capitalist class the power to wield it, the ownership of the tools of production.

The workers must control the methods by which wealth is produced if they, are to prevent another class robbing it from them, and if they are to prevent that class from using the courge of the black list to bolster up

A DEFECT.

The great defect of our public school system lies in the fact that there is no attempt made to teach of the lower attempt made to teach the children of the lower grades anything concerning the relation of man to man, nor is the pupil taught anything concerning the production of wealth

Most of his time is taken up with a study of wars, court intrigues, mur ders, massacres and assassinations, but with the real cause of these things he has nothing to do.

He learns much about the barter and sale of wealth, but with its actual production he is taught no concern.

Lessons of this sort are very nec sary in order to give the child a real understanding of what life means.

In the schools of the future it will form the main course of study. It is to be hoped that it can be introduced

Count Tolstoi.

The press dispatches of Thursday anounce the death of Count Log Telstell if Russia. With his death postes away ne of the most powerful arraigners of apitalism. Toistol depicted its horore as lew have been able to do.

His life was spent as a simple farm sorker and he apurned the luxury which his position in Russian seriety ould have given him While Socialists have indorsed that

part of his writings in which he dearriber the criminality of our madera with the measures which he prope for their remedy. The philosophy of the Socialist has taught him that the conditions in society today are but the result of economic development, and that all our institutions are but the the other hand believed that our economic development was the result of our ideals and that the former would he good or had with the latter. Consequently his whole efforts were directed toward an elevation of that ideal. without which he contended there oald be no progress.

was necessary to teach the ruling class. in society the wrongs of which they were guitty, the result of which, he believed, would lead this ruling class to vetuntarily relinquish its powers and surrender the means whereby their power was maintained.

Socialists, however, contend that evil must be combatted and that primarily ad not for profit it would not be by those who are vally of this but must then and ardent buters. That he bould

> It is their contention that men's ideals as a society are shaped by their material environment and that to raise the ideal man's environment must first be raised. It is this which forces the Socialist into the thick of the fight of the oppressed against their

Arguing from history they contend that no railing class ever sufrendered it's power veluciarily but only after the hardest struggle. We admire Tolstol for the good he has accomplished.

His writing will long stand as some of the world's best and in his death the oppressed of the earth loose an ardent, though we believe mistaken, friend and their oppressors are relieved of a presence which they naturally re-

THANKSGIVING.

-Under Capitalism.

The police department of Worcester Mass., are making elaborate preparations to provide the poor of that city with Thanksgiving dinners, The chief police and those whose creature he is seem to be seized with a spasmodic desire to avoid humiliating the pride of the recipients, hence the work is to be accomplished with as little ostentation as possible. It is all to be done what thy right hand doeth" plan. In short, instead of being conducted

on the usual pharisaical, sounding the trumpet style, it is to be a real sneak affair. To this end, the work will be done by private teams and officers in citizen's clothes. Could there be a sult of disobedience on his par and more forceful and sadder commentary Who does the thanking? Thoroughly analyzed we find there are two classes of thanks-the capitalistic The "black Ast" is one of the cruel class who thank God because they are attributes of capitalism, which will permitted to rob the other class, and are thereby enabled to feel that it is 'more blessed to give than receive"thus even in the matter of biessedthe lion's share. 'The other class-well, they thank God for being robbed not also of an equitable share of the bless-

ruling class proved their unfitness to rule by having not only to maintain, sand paupers who were the product of their rule. Rome was literally eaten out of house and home by the beggars her system had produced little reflection will show any one the fact that in modern times those nations most noted for their religious eleemosynary institutions are decadent. retrogressive, dying.

The dispatch in question conch as follows

"It is Roped the amount of money this year will be larger than ever before, as the number of worthy sons deserving of aid INCREASES YEARLY." Workingmen, ponder that last statement well. It contains an admission of the fulfillment of the following prophecy made by Carl Marx more than fifty years ago not a prophecy in the sense that it was super natural prevision, but a prediction deduced from facts and social laws as uperring in their operations as those holding th spheres in their places, He sald in substance that, "Hitherto every form of society has been based on the antagonism of oppressed and oppress ing classes; that in all such former struggles prevailing conditions were such that the oppressed classes had a chance to rise with the progress of industry, whereas the modern laborer instead of rising with such progress, sinks deeper and deeper below the conditions of existence of his own class He becomes a pauper and PAUPERISM eat." how man DEVELOPS MORE RAPIDLY THAN bed hungry?

POPULATION AND WEALTH.

At each a stage "it becomes evident that the bourgeolses (now the capitallet class) is unfit any longer to be the rolling class in acciety" because it is incompetent to assure an existento its slave, because it can bet help letting him sink into such a state that H HAS TO FEED HIM INSTEAD OF BEING FED BY HIM. "Society can no longer live under this bourgeoiste (etpitalism); in other words its EX-ISTENCE IS NO LONGER COMPAT-IBLE WITH SOCIETY.

Never fell there prophers from lips of mortal seer that has been so literwilly fulfilled

T. M. PUTNAM.

Chauncey Depew.

-His Marriage.

The champion post-prandial law-smith Chambey Depew; railroad president and United States Senator, is a prospective Benedict, a consummation devoutly to be wished, if it shall in any way tend to a limitation of his wind-jamming proclivity. And the future Min Chauncey is to have a secretary. Why not? His share of the surpins two billion deliars' worth of commodities which the wage-workers of The basis of his philosophy was non-imodities which the wage-workers of resistence to evil. He declared that it this country produce annually, but which for obvious reasons they cannot remaume, ought to be able to keep a whole regiment of secretaries. And the press announces that he will wed on Christmas Day, even at the hazard of arriving late in Paris, which statement contains two facts that ought certainly to heighten the estimation in which he is held by all devout Chrisspelled to surrender the power take any risk in involving himself in such an awful catastrophy as arriving late in Paris speaks rolumes for his moral courage, compared with which, the Damon-Pythias kind looks like the essence of supreme selfishness. leaves no question that Cupid has hit him hard and proper, notwithstanding his aim must have been made difficult by the reflection from the frosts of two-thirds of a century, or thereabout:

That he shuld fix on Christmas as his wedding day, despite the risk of involving the universe and himself, also Paris, in some sort of world catacivsm. also speaks volumes (paper backs) for his Christian piety. So here are three not two, virtues discovered, of which Chauncey, hitherto, has not been sus pected of being guilty.

But, now I come to think of it, I can not understand why he should be so policitous about celebrating the anniversary of the birth of one born in a stock yard, and between whose life and teachings and Chaunery's practices, there is a gulf about the same length, breadth and depth as the one that spread out between Dives and Lazarus. I think Chauncey has made the mistake of his life. If he had consulted me, I should have directed him to an astrologer, I wot of, who for the pal-try sum of "tin cents," could have cast the horoscope of his Satanic majesty, and therefrom deduced the birth day of the old gentleman, who made goo-goo eyes at Madam Eve. Then the Senator could have had a celebration more in harmny with the "fitness of things," and not have jeopardized his arrival on time in Paris, into the bar-

I am much puzzled over the fact of the Senator's insistence on celebrating the anniversary of a day which was ing "Peace on earth; good will to men. while only a short while ago he declared because the working people of the United States didn't have time to consume the two billion dollars worth of surplus commodities they produce every year, we should therefore, lest it spoil on our hands, cram them down the throats of the Cubans, the Fili pinos and the heathen Chinese at the ness, true to their instincts, hogging point of the bayonet, well wadded down with sundry Christian tracts. The only solution I can offer for this real is that he may have been actuated by sympathy for the working people who Rome's decadence began when her produced the aforesaid two billion dol-

It harrowed his Christian conscience to contemplate his fellow countrymen. the wage-workers, staggering to and from their daily tasks beneath a super fluous, encumbering lot of clothes, and their stomachs distended to the point of explosion with an excess of food. Bsides, what an imposition it would be to compet them solens volens. to handleap themselves with books pictures, carpets, furniture and such rubbish! Ah! yes, that was what's the matter with Chauncy-Eureka!

But alas! as fast as I get one enigma solved, another bobs up and says "do me that way too." The riddle of the Sphinx is a kindergarten affair compared with the phenomenon of the inability of these same wage-workers who though they have eyes they see not, and ears enough they hear not the clanking of their chains. Are they hynotized into indifference, apathy and acquiescence by the ragtime logic of Depew and his confreres? Is it collective hallucination? Who shall arouse them? Not the class who threw them into this deathly stupor-who doped them that they might rob them. No. never! Nothing save the clarion voice of Socialism will even fetch them out of this subjective, hypnotic state into which they have been thrown by the wizzard-CAPITALISM.

T. M. PUTNUM.

If we were to enforce the law, that 'he who would not work could not eat." how many capitalists would go to

THE 58TH CONGRESS.

ary mapping racks

it will be a veritable robbers' ross Congress will assemble on representative will be a veritable robbers' most class will assemble to carry quarreling over the division of the out the purpose of their election, spoil.

Upon this occasion we must reper The newspapers of the country are de-The newspapers of the country are to the off-repeated statement of the second voting very considerable space to the off-repeated statement of the second very considerable space of the second very considerable space. yoting very considerable space before clights, that knoor is the crostor of a questions, which will come before clights, that knoor is the crostor of a this Congress for solution and it is in- wealth, it is the robbery of teresting to note the purpose and aim | wealth which brings up the que which will confront the next Conin whose interest are they drawn? gress if the American isbore resim The first and most important of these that which his inhor created then measures is Hanna's Ship Subaidy hill, would be no need of a ship as measures is Hanna's Ship Ship Ship bill, bill, reciprocity treatiese nor lathning. The arguments in support of this bill, bill, reciprocity treatiese nor lathning. comals, except that the latter might be leaving aside its plainly visible. "holdup." features, are based upon the con- necessary to facilitate travel

Will there to any time devoted to should be carried on in American the passage of laws for the interest of ships. The passage of the ship subsidy the working class? Let the past at bill will give a bonus to all ship build- tions of that body answer the que ers and will therefore encourage the tion. It might be that the Chine Emiding of ships in American yards, clusion act will be repassed. But So contend those who urge its passage. what real benefit will such a law is The next measure of importance is to the working class, none in realist that providing for the signing of 're- the capitalist class of this country is ciprocity treaties with foreign couns no longer dependent upon themp h borers from other countries the arms Those who urge the passage of these of the unemployed is large cloud a measures contend, that the growing our own country to supply him sin foreign demand for American made all the cheap labor needed. The neg goods, and a consequent growing for- Congress will be purely a capitally eign market, require that the Ameri- Congress. Every member in it has can capitalist should have the greatest been elected on a capitalist ticke. possible liberty in dealing with these and we cannot but expect them to cafry out the pledges of their pa-The next measure is that providing ties,

for the construction of an Isthmian. One other point, while they and. The fathers of this measure in office measing out the increase, urge that the construction of such a the working class, there canal will enable the American capi- of them who was not elected by the talist to transport his goods to the for- votes of the working -lass

So long as that class votes late eign markets, at much less cost and therefore enable him to sell corre- lower men whose whole time will be spondingly cheaper, resulting in a still spent in quarreling over the surple wealth robbed from the cines elected them, just so long will beg All of these measures are directed otely in the interest of the capitalist the robbery and the quarreling oncinue. It lies in the power of the class. The great problem which confronts that class to-day is one of disclass, however to put an end tall posing of the surplus products created but the election of Socialist officers to by the American laborer, and the both houses of Congress will alone as whole of the next session of Con-gress will be devoted to the solution should cease.

Election News.

greater growth of foreign trade.

various countries.

-Encouraging Returns.

Belated returns are still coming in class thich show a very decided gain. In Cincinnati, O., the increase

200 per cent and the Socialist ticket tion time, and a boss is a very essenis now on the official ballot in that city and county. The vote in Ohio is very reassuring.

Thompson for Governor received 7,359 votes in the State, a gain of 2,700 within the year. The S. L. P. ticket also increased its vote considerably, but it was mainly due to the agitation of our the working class might become crazy comrades and mistakes in voting. The total Socialist vote in Ohio is thus made 10,353, an excellent showing.

The Socialist ticket was the only one which made a gain in this election.

All other parties, including Demoeratic, Republican, Prohibitionist and Union Reform parties lost heavily. The latter party, which has but the one plank, that of initiative and referendum, lost 1,929 votes.

The total Socialist vote in 1900 was 6.357

The vote in LOUISVILLE, KY., was 80. This was a loss to our comrades but the S. L. P. made a very good gain on account of a very vigorous campaign. The S. L. P. of that city have also dropped their abusive tactics toward the trades unions. They are all Socialist votes and we can chalk them down for Socialism.

NORTHPORT, KY., made a very decided gain, the vote in this election being 437 as against something over 200 one year ago.

Altogether the Kentucky comrales

are well pleased with the result apparent inconsistency in Chauncy has he may have been actuated by cast in one precinct in this county as against 34 for the Democrats and 79 for the Republicans

> In the 16th ASSEMBLY DISTRIST of New York the Socialist Party tleast polled 252-1 slight increase. In this same district which is De Lecn's stronghold, he polled only 987 votes. Two years ago he polled 2044 votes.

Kerens-Hitchcock.

-"Bosses"

The St. Louis papers for the last few days have been full of the "Kerens-Hitchcock controversy," and the publie are expected to take a very great interest in it.

Kerens is an old time Republican tive of one Aikins, chairman of the total abolition of robbery, and it mat-Missouri State Republican committee ters little to him who robs him and a full-fledged "boss." Alkins for some time has had the disposition of to it all, by depriving the business upon it.

rated, Kerens, the old boss, who had by business men, th ewage-workers are held sway in former years thought be their slaves, and must submit to being espled an opening which would put him robbed or lose the opportunity to live near the counter.

Alkins, however, does not take light- >Freedom from this slavery will only ly to an ouster and he has secured the aid of Secretary Hitchcock to present the tools and machinery of production.

What is a boss anyway? Why should either Kerens or Aikins have the whole say as to who shall receive government appointments and who

A boss is a man who "controls"

votes and who can "deliver the good;" in capitalist political parlance Whose votes does he control, as

who can he deliver? The working You are the fellows who have the

votes and votes are necessary at electial thing. If it were not for him you would not know how to vote. He is the savior of free government. Free government cannot be maintained without the election of those who will support the capitalist system and if it were not for the "boss" some members of enough to vote to abolish it. Without his aid working men might believe that they were being robbed under capitalism and insist upon receiving the full product of their labor which would mean the establishment of Secialism. That would never do. The stability of the present divine order would be disturbed. Capital would be deprived of their right-to appropriate the wealth created by labor. All "incentive" would be destroyed and men would be reduced to a "dead level" Yes, the "boss" is necessary and the working class should take a deep interest in the "Kerens-Hitchcock con-trovery." But then why should be favor one more than the other. It is a question of efficiency. The greatest boss" is the greatest "friend of labor." is able to deliver more votes and ascordingly insures to the workers a continuation of the blessed conditions under which they now live. Conditions which give them all they desire, under which they are contened and happy and without a thought of the morrow.

Russell Sage is getting tous these days over the safety of the country and is giving all sorts of advice about trusts. Russell has verf grave fears that the little business man is to be crowded out, and that in his desperation he will appeal to the State Legislatures for protection against the combination. And Russell is also trying to draw the wage worker into the battle.

If he can point out where the wageworker will be very much better of under the little business man than be will be under the big one then he would have some excuse for talking to wage workers. Does it make much difference to the working class who robs them? Whether it is done by one man or a hundred?

The question is one of robbery and .Hitchcock is the representa- the wage-worker is interested in the long as it is done. He must put an end "pie" in the state and was waxing fat man, large or small, of that which enables him to rob, namely, the toools of After the new president was inaugu- production. So long as they are owned at all.

come with the collective ownership of

Our friend Russell is embarking on territory which he knows nothing of when he talks of the interest of the wage-workers. He could confine himself to talking to "investors"; that is the aforesaid business men, with much more show of success.

The Value of a Child.

UNDER CAPITALISM

Value of a Child.

The life of a child of dy is worth to rents from 6 cents to \$1. the death of a saboring man mak-ation a day is not worth as much be death of a millionaire.

The pecuniary value of a child is nxed by law, As a general rule, it

est. It is purely a matter of money. Thief Justice Gummere of the Supreme

*********** of Justice Gummere of the New sey Supreme Court in a recent deon made the above declaration. Haman life measured in dollars and ate, with the cruel exactness of a

When he declares that "Law does not sentiment, but is purely a atter of money," he is right. All to-day is capitalist law, and uncapitalism the dollar is the standof value. The law is as cruel as capitalist class in whose interest aws to day are passed. The capitalmeasures the value of any life by amount that the exertions of such fe would be worth to him; that is hgure. he piace for which he could purchase labor power on the market. He loys labor, not out of sentiment, the profits it will yield him.

years at from 6 cents a day to \$1] fiendish calculations.

length of time, and turn about is play; it is now time that the king class enjoined the capitalist from holding office, Judge Ballot sectors the injunction, and if the talists don't obey, the working can call out the militia to pre-

The latest is the fruit trust. Press sparches announce that bananas oranges have been cornered.

A few more such corners and the tking class will go into the cor- PELLED to work? ing business. They could corner all eir votes in the ballot box and corall the other fellows corners.

EVERY SUBSCRIBER TO ttend the agitation meeting at evening, November 26th. It s necessary to double the present membership of the 6th ward club and this is the way profits. o do it. Every subscriber at Il interested in Socialism should join. Good speakers will address the meeting. M. Ballard Dunn.

Secretary.

CHILD SLAVERY. 9

cold in itself contain for every ibking man an insurmountable in-

tise day in the large department ery.

its death, if it should succumb under his cruel treatment. There are many more such children in the world, he argues, whose lives he can buy at the same price, and who will be my willing slaves, producing wealth for my enjoyment Why should I pay more for its crushed and lifeless body when it is no longer able to minister to my

Six cents is the market value under capitalism, and six cents is all the law will sanction for its death. "The death of a laboring man making \$1.50 a day is not worth as much as the death of a millionaire."

Another capitalist measurement. The value of the man is determined the same as is that of his baby, whom the capitalist has robbed of its childhood; its right to the free air, and finally of its very life. His labor power can be bought for \$1.50 a day, and his death is weighed in the same scales The millionaire is not compelled to sell his labor power at such a figure, and his death is correspondingly higher. But let him lose that which makes him a millionaire, let him be placed in the same position with the other man and his death will be represented at a like

Justice Gummere was elected by the working class; he administers laws working class; passed by Congressmen and legislators elected by the working class.

if working men would change the g in the execution of his laws he if working men would change these but for the money it has cost they must elect representatives who will pass laws in their interest and do to an obtain the life of a child of away with a system based upon such

the working class baye had to bear stores was recently introduced by burden of the injunction a suffi- James A. Hearn & Co. SO MANY CHILDREN AT WORK FROM MORN-ING TILL NIGHT. IN THE BIG STORES ARE UNABLE TO GET THE TIME FOR AN EDUCATION THAT THE FIRM DECIDED TO OPEN A SCHOOL OF ITS OWN."

Why are these children COMPELL ED to work from morning till night? Why are they thus denied time to

receive an education? Are they not entitled to as much pleasure in childhood as any child alive? Why should any child be COM.

Our present capitalist system is no respecter of persons, ages or sex. The capitalist class in its mad scramble for profits, makes use of those whose labor will yield them the greatest profit The James O. Hearn Company can MISSOURI SOCIALIST in the obtain more profit in the employment of girls and boys than he could in the 5th, 6th, and 14th wards should employment of men for the reason that it is not necessary to pay them as large a wage. This is but one of a 312 South Broadway, Tuesday thousand cases. We are told that thereare nearly three million children now employed in the factories and workshops of this country, COMPELLED to work from morning till night in order that their employers might have

> A society which condemns its children to such a hellish existence as this certainly deserves the condemnation of every honest citizen. And its de-struction would be a detrement only to those who to-day reap a profit out of its existence.

> The basis of this system of childslavery lies in the private cwnership of the tools of production, and will cease only with its destruction.

Socialism demands this destruction newspaper item and further demands that society as a whole shall own and operate collecively the entire machinery of proiment against the capitalist sys- duction, thus putting an end to the power of one class over another, and s novel step In the direction of the consequent destruction of all that sating each girls and boys and the grows out of it. The destructin of child er children forced to work through- slavery and every other form of slav-



What could not the working class accomplish if they . arose in all their might?

The American Federation.

The twenty-first annual convention | ions were organized. Admit the power

and in order to act intelligently the with a strike at the ballot box. Not

must know it. It is a self-evident the full product of our labor, and truth that labor is the creator of all against the entire cpitlist system. It

vided into wages and profits, wages complish it in any event and those being the portion which sustains the votes had as well be cast for the en-

laborer and profits being the portion tire programme as for only a part of

The laborers on one hand and the Federation of Labor exerted in this

capitalists on the other are constant- direction it would be only a question

ly striving to increase their respec- of a few years until the working

tive shares. The working class real- class of America would be enjoying

ized early in the warfare that the the full product of their labor and

best method for them to adopt was-the labor problem would have been

in the interest of the capitalist class and the other in the interest of the working class. A man who lives on the profits of his business, the outer land in the broadest sense is a member of the capitalist class. Profits, in there was no labor power applied to the forces of nature there would be no wealth; in other words, wealth is the product of labor. Every boy tadight at school that enjoyment is are enabled to hold this power only the pleasure of those who work for it. If this be true, then, as it is, la- chine is the basis of the capitalist syswealth thus created belongs to those who labor-the working class. We know full well that they do not

it. We also know that those who do enjoy it are those who are living on reht interest and profits, and who perform no useful labor. If this be true, they are wrongfully enjoying it, and it would be but justice to put an end to that which is wrongful and restore that which is rightful. If this class is able to continue this wrongful system they must do so un-

of the American Federation of Labor

will assemble at Scrantor, Pa., on

December 5. The delegates assembled

ers held? What is it that has made

portunity of maping out a programme

for the emancipation of the working

class of America, which will insure to

that class the full enjoyment to which

their labor entitles them. And there

will be those who artend this con-

vention who will have the ability to

The question which should be up-

permost in the mind of every dele-

gate to that convention should be:

Why is this congress of the work-

there will have before them the op-

it necessary for the working class of

America to organize into trades un-

There must have been a reason.

delegate to the coming convention

wealth. At present this wealth is di-

vided into wages and profits, wages

enjoyed by capitalists.

shape this course for them.

There are two ways of voting. One advantage which they hold over the workers

This force is nothing less than the capitalist system.

While it is labor's power which est of his money and the rent of his creates wealth, this power can only be exercised with the aid of tools, machines and without the free access to terest and rent are just so much these machines the worker is helprobbed from the working class. If less and is compelled to submit to those who hold the power of permis sion, hose who hold this power are capitalists and it is only through their ownership of the machines that they

> This private ownership of the ma tem, and so long as this system cor tinues the workers will, continue to produce wealth for others to enjoy. This system can only be abolished through the ballot, and so long as the working class vote for the continuance of this system so long will their robbery continue. It is only by ris ing en masse and casting a vote for the collective ownership of the machines that this robbery will cease. The collective ownership of these ma chines would be Socialism: it is the Socialist ticket then that the working

> of the present weapon of the trades

unions, the strike and the boycott,

which, however, is becoming more

doubtful every day, and still it is only

an increase of the "share" which is

achieved. If labor creates all wealth

then labor should enjoy it this is

impossible as long as we strive for

The coming convention should de-

mand the entire product of labor as

labor's reward and further declare for

a plan which will Insure it. When

any army sets out for the field of

battle it should arm itself with its

most powerful weapon. In America

that weapon is the ballot, and it is in

favor of the use of that weapon,

which the coming convention should

Our strikes on the industrial field

will be useless unless we follow them

against a particular capitalist, but for

will take a majority of votes to ac-

it. With the power of the American

only a part of it.

franchised, and one more Democratic

State has registered its assent to the

plan of government without the con-

sent of the governed, which the Repub-

lican party has inaugurated in the

Philippines and Porto Rico. The Re-

publican party finds nothing wrong

with such a government in the Philip-

pines, and the Democrats find it a

est of the working class, and as soon

as they get an opportunity to grind

the members of that class they hasten

If the black working man in the

South can be disfranchised without a protest from a democratic people, it

is but a step to the disfranchisement of

the white working man of the North.

This action in the Southern States is

but the entering wedge. The capitalist

class of America understand better

than the workers themselves, the power

which that class possess in the bollot,

they also see that a day is coming when

those ballots will be used, and they un-

derstand that with the use of those

ballots their dominion ceases. It is

therefore to their Interest to deprive

It is not to be many months before

a property qualification act will be

the working class of this weapon.

time to prevent it.

Both parties clamor about the inter-

'necessity" at home.

to take advantage of it.

The National Committee is ctill hard at work and if we are to judge from the news received at the national office the vote for Socialism in 1902 will be a stunner. Comrade Theodore Debs has sent the effects of the old Chicago Board thus sealing forever all animositles of the past. Two new charters were granted at the meeting Friday night-one to Etowah, Oklahoma, and the other to Nashua, New Hampshire.

The comrades of Kansas have chosen E. Bachus as their organizer and they write that he has organized nine or ten branches within the past month. If they keep up that lick we want to look out for Kansas. We may yet be taking

The Kentucky comrades have chosen F. E. Seeds as their national committeeman. This makes only five so far selected. The first yearly meeting takes place January 24 and the comrades in the states which have not yet acted should set about the matter at

Another big fight is on in the sugar market. The trust and the independent concerns will now wage a bitter war over the product of the sugar laborers of the country, while the men who produced it will take their coffee

Dispatches from Texas announce that the inhabitants of Zopate county are starving to death, and a collection has been taken up for their benefit Where is that \$2,000,000,000 worth of wealth that Chauncy Depew said we

Comrade Brandt will speak before

ed negro disfranchisement laws are based upon this gort of qualification. and in South Carolina and several other Southern States thousands of white workers have been denied the use of

THE ENTERING WEDGE.

Negro Disfranchisement.

Actions of this sort demand vigorous action from working men if they are to preserve at least the semblance of liberty.

It is this power of the ballot, equal with the power of every other man, which gives to the workers of America a power in the government which no other worker in the world possesses It lies with the workers to use their weapon in the method which will insure to them the greatest enjoyment of life. Unfortunately they are divided to-day, half of them casting their votes in the interest of one capitalist party and a great majority of the other half casting their votes for another capitalist party, both voting for their enemies. As yet there are but a few who are casting their votes as a class, registering their disapproval of the present system of robbery. It lies with those few, however, to blaze the way for others to follow; it is but a question of time until every workingman casts his vote with his class, provided he has a vote left, and it is the duty of every working man, wherever he is, passed in most States of the Union be he black or white, to raise his voice

NATIONAL COMMITTE NOTES.

s other examinary characteristic

pointers from the Sunflower State.

without sugar. Such is capitalism.

couldn't consume.

The working class can at least give thanks for the ballet. If they wait much longer they won't even have that blessing.

the Carriage and Wagon Workers Union on Sunday, November 25.

The Eighth Ward Club will hold their next agitation meeting at Dewey Hall, 2301 S. Broadway, Tuesday evening. December 10. Comrade Greenbaum will speak on "What is a Socialiste". The comrades have gotten out some very attractive dodgers and are circulating them from house to house. A rousing meeting will be the result.

any portion of his class.

The 10th Ward meeting at Schlaprizzi's Hall was well attended and a good organization strted. The club will start with a good membership and it will not be long before the 19th Warders are down to work again. A committee was selected to arrange for a permanent meeting place and an agitation meeting will be held early in December. Comrade Leonhardt was chosen secretary and Comrade George Herget organizer.

The 19th Ward will be organized in a few weeks and it will doubtless duplicate the work of our other North St. Louis clubs.

NOTICE.

The members of the PUBLIC FUND AND WELFARE AS-SOCIATION are hereby notified that the meeting for the election of directors of the Association will be held at Walhalla Hall, 10th and Franklin Avenue, Thursday Afternoon, November 28th, at 3 o'clock, All delegates from unions must bring their CREDENTIALS with them.

> Louis Kober, Delegate from C.T. & L.U.

The 27th Ward Club holds its weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings. They are also arranging some very success ful agitation meetings.

Bloodshed in Kentucky.

take the first thing offered even orted to arms in an attempt to drive | bringing upon them the powers of the it the company guards and take possion of the mine. Two men were illed and others wounded, and in the d under the guns of the militia and lear of starvation, they will be expelled to go to work under their conditions of slavery.

One thing should stand out as a lesin to the working class in such mas-

Every power of government in the lese strikers and they cannot hope to intend against such odds.

he strike for the mine owners. They furnish their militia their po emen and their courts.

The strikers are enjoined, imprison-d and shot, all in the interest of the apitalist mine owner, and why? The hellish strife of capitalism.

Again in Kentucky, capitalists and present system of society is based upon vers have clashed, this time in the the private ownership of the tools of al mines near Madisonville, the mis production. The owners of these tools tia has been called out and the "la-or trouble" will be "put down." It is and all governmental powers are die old story; the men, goaded on by rected to the apholding of this system. ard toll and meager wages, could and the defense of the right of the and the strain no longer; they capitalist to rob the working class their capitalist employers had The success of a strike means a lessenof to call upon the army of uneming of profits and under the demand of the capitalist whose profits are thus a opportunity to work and compelled endangered, the forces of government are put in action in order to thwart ough it be the place of a striker. The the threatened attack. The working class, completely at the mercy of their class, and realizing the failure of expitalist masters dare not make one strike, in their desperation re- protest against their wrongs without

It is this club, the government, then, which the workers must have in their possession in order to back up any demands which they may make.

The present Governor of Kentucky, Beckham, owes his election to the very men against whom he has now sent the militia.

If these men can elect an officer of the enemy they can as surely elect a ate of Kentucky is directed against member of thir own class, a man who is pledged against the whole damnable system of capitalism, with its strikes it is the government which breaks and its militia, its all but slavish workers. The salvation of the working class lies, not in the strike, but in the ballot.

Entertainment. -A Good Start.

Arrangements are well under way

for the entertainment at Druid's Hall Saturday, evening, November 30. The Socialist Women's Club has the matter in charge and a good program is as sured. Every member of the party Crould attend this entertainment as. the proceeds will go to belo on the movement. We would also like to see every subscriber to Missouri Socialist on hand.

A general party meeting has owncalled for December 15. The medicag place has not yet been arraigned that it is desirous to have every member of the party present

The comrades in the 18th Ward held very successful meeting Tuesday evening, taking in a number of new members. This branch has only been organized a few weeks and it promises to be one of the best in the city. Comrade Greenbaum spoke in English, devoting his time in Archbishop Corrigan's recent article in the Post-Dispatch. Comrade Christ Rocker spoke in German. Master Harry Froelich

Comrade Rocker has not been heard for some time but we hope he will again put his shoulder to the wheel. The hall was crowded and the speeches were well listened to. North St. Louis will be heard from

at the next election.

A general agitation meeting will be held in the First Ward Thursday after- | ford street, and help out with the work.

noon, December 5, at Niekum's Hall, 4828 N. Broadway. Comrades Julius Blumenthal and Tyson have the matter in charge and it is expected that a good branch will be the result in that ward. It only remains for the Second Ward to be organized to complete the organization of North St Louis. Our South Side comrades will have to get a hustle on themselves in order to eatch up.

The 17th Ward will hold its third regular monthly agitation meeting at Winkleman's Hall, 23rd, and North Market streets. Wednesday evening December 4. Speakers will be an nonneed later. This club has been holding very successful meetings and their next one promises to be as good as any from the exorts which are being put forth in that direction. Every working man in the neighborhood should attend.

The 24th Ward Club hold a very well attended meeting at Gross' Hall, Morganford Road and Juniata street, Tuesday evening. . Comrade Dunn spoke The party members in that ward are getting down to work and they promise to have several clubs meeting in various parts of the ward in a short while. The 24th Ward is the largest in the city and it will require several meeting places to accommodate them. We can trust our comrades in that district to see to it. All Socialists in the ward and all subscribers of the paper in that district should communicate with Felix Lawrence, 4274 Hart-

TO THE CHILDREN

us look into the facts as they actually laborer was, with the aid of small tools, exist. What opportunity is there for the ambitious boy or girl in the future? What chance have they among the trades? Is there an opportunity in the professions? Is there still a chance for a boy or girl of the working class to rise out of their class and become capitalists, and if so by what method? We will examine this week the chances offered in the trades.

The first fact with which we are encountered at the outset is that there in reality no longer any trades.

The great machine performs their work for them. The carpenter is no longer the mechanic he was 50 years ago; formerly he was required to make a house from floor to celling-doors windows and all; to day the most difficult portion of the labor is performed by machinery and the only need of a carpenter is that he shall be able to set together the things which he finds ready made at his hand.

How about the machinist? His trade while it offers more chance for originality than a great many other occupations is itself being reduced to very simple labor and the skilled man is be coming scarcer and more unnecessary

In every line of trade the same con dition prevails; the machine has supplanted the man. And with the growth which machinery holds for the future, these conditions will become more intensified.

Following our previous argument le. | Where a few years ago the skilled able to control the speed with which the laborer's motions must be tuned to that of his machine. He has become in fact instead of a skilled mechanic a mere appendage to the mchine with but very little originality of his own.

> - The greatest change, however, which has come over the condition of the-at one time-skilled laborer is that of the uncertainty of his employment. This change has also been wrought as a result of the machine.

With the aid of these machines labor is enabled to produce vastly more wealth than formerly and the number of laborers needed for the work is not as great in proportion as it used to be. As a consequence there is a great number of men who are constantly out of work and who travel from place to place in search of employment.

The endition of those who are employed is becoming more uncertain every day and they are often compelled to be idle at various times throughout the year.

The future for the boy or girl who would embark in this field is very dim indeed. It remains to be seen what chances exist for them in the other directions. Are the professions also closed? Is there no opportunity to become capitalists? We will examine capitalists, and if so by what method, these questions in subsequent papers.

PEDAGOGUE.

Socialist Clubs of Missouri. WHAT THEY ARE DOING

to be reviewed, but the activity dis- bec. played is gratifying. The State Committee expects to be able to make a good report for November, It must be remembered that the organization in [adjusting themselves. The matter of moving dues is being attended to properly, the clubs are keeping in close touch the State office and the whole machinof organization is beginning to run like clock work. The State Committee has changed its weekly meeting night to Saturday instead of Monday, so as to devote more time to the work. Circular matter on organization has been prepared and is being sent to every address of a Socialist obtains ble. Comrades can render valuable aid by immediately forwarding the names of any Socialists at unorganized points.

The cause is marching on in Missouri. Let all comrades rally to the

LAMAR.

they think they are doing some work which will bring good results. A. W. Beamer is organizer and A. W. Dyer,

MANSFIELD.

Mansfield Club is another club with a small membership, but it is doing good work. Its six members are scattering plenty of literature. Its officers are H. B. Blair, organizer, and Frank

SPRINGFIELD.

Nearly all the old branches of the chairman, N. W. Farris; recording party in Missouri have applied for and secretary, J. Chamberlain; correspondreceived new charters as clubs under ing secretary, F. Taylor; treasurer, the new organization. A few are yet "Wm. Taylor", organizer, Chas. Big-

JACKSON COUNTY.

The Socialists of Kansas City, Shef-Missouri has been in very bad shape field, Centropolis and Independence are for over a year, dues being paid by organized in one club as the Socialist only a few branches. The causes of Chub of Jackson County, with headthis disorder having been removed quarters in Kansas City. One hundred by the unity convention, it is a great and one members are enrolled. Garnet pleasure to note how rapidly things are | Puteuve is secretary and keeps things

. LINCOLN

Socialists of Lincoln were granted a new charter at Monday's meeting of the State Committee. Eight names were signed to the application, C. F. Beck is organizer and L. G. Wear, sec-

BEVIER.

coal miners. He has an English and a German branch and is doing excellent A special committee was pointed immediately after the State 28th wards meets every Thursday convention to solicit subscriptions for Missouri Scialist, Seventeen have already been forwarded by this committent the 2d and 4th Thursdays of every less for this would do well to follow mouth 2, 20 p. m. at room 7, 22 N. 14 h cialist Club are active and write that lost tell plan and appoint a committee "street at once, Henry Thompson is organizer of the Bevier Club and Herman Penkert, secretary. With a hundred aggressive clubs like this one in Missour! there would be trouble for the enemy

The Socialists of Reeds, Mo (Jasper County), will hold a meeting Saturday, November 23, to organize a local club. Ten charter members are already

gether again on the 12th and sent in an application for a charter with ten Fourteen members are enrolled in signatures, N. A. Carroll is organizer, the Springfield Club. The officers are: and W. C. Starr is secretary. The char-Chairman, O. H. McMurray; vice-ter was granted Monday evening.

Branch Meetings.

The Sixth Ward Club wijt hold its wond regular agitation meeting at 312 S. Broadway Tuesday evening, November 26. This ward needs building up and the comrades have set to work in earnest to accomplish it. Comrade Putnam will speak. We would be pleased to see the subscribers to Missouri Socialist attend and get acenainted. All Socialists should be

IF YOU ARE A SOCIAL ST YOU have no excuse for not juding the party. You deserve consure if you do non. Attend the next meeting of the branch in your ward and put in your

Members will take notice of the fact that ander the new city constitution bey must attend at least once in ev-

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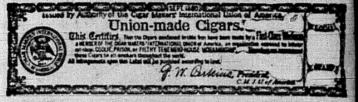
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The Socialist Party, in National convention assembled, reaffirms its adiance to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be use organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a posaf party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and as them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private owners, or the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by these

Formerly the took of production wer simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is an improved and more developed to of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This expe ship enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers des ent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is a sponsible for the ever increasing uncertaintty of livelihood and poverty as misery of the working class, and it divides society in two hostile classes-d apitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly discaring in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capital class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood girs to the capitalists the control of the covernment, the press, the pulpit and school and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social see. tem; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the struction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may of tend their commercial deminion abroad and enhance their supremacy of keets

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of water workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or acta conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private use ship of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican is bourgeois Public Ownership parties, and all other parties which do not start for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representative; of the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle exams in the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle example collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the properties class. While we deciare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and mans of the transition to Socialism also depend upon the stage of development of the transition to Socialism also depend upon the stage of development for the Socialist Party to support all active efforts of the working class to set the interconduction and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate ter its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilities the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate:

The public owership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public diffities as well as of all industries controlled by mose olles trusts, and combines. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the control of the c the employees, to the improvement of the service and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents had of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be purpose to be furnished by the government and to be administered under the outcome. onrtcol of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor. their labor.

The education of all children up to the age of eighteen years, and state

and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

7. The initiative and referendum proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in advocating these measures as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

How to Organize a Local Branch of the Socialist Party.

NOTE—These directions apply to absolutely essential in order to reach a comed to comradeship. Do not forget that women are eligible to membership is to be issued by the National Companites. In organized states the charming in the control his own temperature of the companition of the control his own temperature. ters will be granted by the state com- per. He should not attempt to im-

tions with all other political par-

A The officers to be elected are:

A Chairman at each meeting. Kecording Secretary.

Financial Secretary. Organizer.

Literature Agent 2. Order of business

Admission of new members. Communications and bills.

Report of Organizer.

Reports of Committees. Unfinished business. New business de of five cents for each member.

out of their general funds. which organisation was decided on, the fields. names of persons participating, tofive cents for each memon approval of National Committee,

will be granted. 6. E-ch local branch should bold meeting at least once a week, for the transaction of business or the dison of political and economic

ber'lip and the financial condition of 'ty. Do not waste much time on men. It has been found that the best re-such local branch, as well as upon the with incongruous political beliefs, who sults are accomplished with weekly progress made by the Party and its claim to have Socialist leanings, and meetings; therefore, this provision in regularly to the National Secretary.

mality, where no local branch exists, you were born," but "who haven't got month, a record of which should be may apply directly to the National Sections" to read a Socialist book or pathept by roll call and membership retary for admission to the Party, inclosing one month's dues, and will be Socialist branch.

9, For further information not con-Emilie Building, St Louis, Mo. HOW TO ORGANIZE AND BUILD UP

A LOCAL BRANCH WITHOUT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE. fored solely in the form of sugges-tion and not as set of rules for the nt of organizers. It is in-

press other Socialists with his supe-

SELF-EQUIPMENT. forms, constitutions, applications for warded by the temporary . Recording membership and charter, directions on Secretary, together with application organization, etc., all of which may for charter to the National Secretary. be obtained from the National Secretary. By carefully reading the above onal Secretary. Local branches may questions. Valuable ideas about organ- should not occupy office for a long levy dues if they so choose, or may izing will be obtained, by subscribing period than three months. This will raise funds altogether through volunto one or more party papers, which give the local branch an early opportary contributions and pay National give weekly accounts of what is being tunity to replace officers who show accomplished by National State and poor abilities with men who have the

CHARTER APPLICATION. ties and indorsement of the platfor papers, toychase Socialist literature T. Semi-annual reports of the mem- and constitution of the Socialist Par- and join the local branch. ects in the locality, shall be sent beware of the capitalist politician who section 6, of the foregoing directions, rly to the National Secretary. is a Socialist 'at heart.' Men who Each member should be required to Any person living in a city or lo- claims to have been Socialists "before attend at least one meeting in each per, do not make good material for a cards.

The orkanizer would do well to re- continuous and constant, the regular member that the local branch, propertained herein, address Leon Green- ly organized, is a powerful engine. It looked forward to by every member, National Secretary, Room 427, should be built of a membership that, and larger and better results are no will neither rust, rot, jar or wear out. The best material for starting a local this character and others, which will branch, are men who are more or less known in the community to be Socialists, and have stood the "disgrace" without shrinking.

Other men who have heretofore supported the capitalist parties, but who thereby inaugurating Socialist laws tible to submit a method of or- are now reading Socialist books and and systems locally in the interest of ation, that will apply without papers and avow their readiness to the working class, and assisting so far leation, in every locality. It 's assist in the complete overthrow of as possible in the final triumph of the meany in order to be a success- the capitalist system of production, principles of International Socialism indices to be a silver tongued and in addition, sign the application and the establishment of the Socialist erstor or a master of arts, but it is for membership, should be gladly wei- Commonwealth.

GREENFIELD. The comrades at Greenfield got to-

results that can not be achieved by

1. Five or more persons may organize a local branch, provided they subscribe to the platform and constitution of the Bodalist Party, and sever their in attempted organization.

TEMPORAY ORGANIZATION.

A meeting should be held by the intended signers to application for characteristic and any others whom they admit to membership. The Ceganizer should take the floor, state the object of the The National Committee does not meeting and call for nominations and empower local organizers, the same election of temporary chairman. After being elected by the local branch. In the election of temporary chairman, localities where no local branch ex- the latter will proceed in the same ists, any Socialist may assume the manner to bring about nomination and work of organization until the local election of the balance of the officers branch organizes and elects an offi- temporarily, A collection should be cial organizer. An organizer should taken up, and it should amount to at properly equip himself with a small least sufficient to pay the first month's supply of materials, such as plat- National dues, which should be for-

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION. A monthly payment, computed on at intervals during leisure moments, from National Headquarters, another he will very quickly familiarize him- meeting should be held for the purmaintenance of the National self with essential information, which pose of effecting permanent organizacanisation, shall be paid to the Na- will enable him to answer the natual tion. The first set of permanent officers

A full report of the meeting in Local organizers in their respective required degree of fitness for the work. Assuming that the Organizer has permanent meeting and headquarters er, should be sent with application thus equipped himself, the next step in should be secured, public speakers enfor charter; after receipt of which, to obtain signers to application for gaged from time to time, and a concharter. Upon reference to charter ap- stant distribution and sale of literature plication it will be seen that qualifien maintained. Every member of the lotions for membership are recognition cal branch should be urged to subof the class struggle between the cap- scribe to at least one party paper, and Italist class and the working class, to very attempt made to induce Socialnunciation of all other political par- ist sympathizers to subscribe to party

section 6, of the foregoing directions,

The attendance and interest is thus

After charter has been received

A committee should be appointed on Constitution and By-Laws; a place for

weakly meeting becomes a fixed event complished. - By adopting methods of naturally occur to the wisdom of the comrades, the local branch-will grow steadily in numbers and influence. finally obtaining a majority of the voters, capture the local public powers, as possible in the final triumph of the