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To The Montana News: I received a bundle of your papers containing consecutive issues from March 15th to April 12th, inclusive. There must be a dark gentleman in the woodpile somewhere, as these are the first I have received for a month.

I note Comrade Heath's letter in regard to an article that I wrote in Spokane, and which was reproduced by the Weekly People of New York. The phrase to which Comrade Heath takes exception appeared among others of a like expression, with reference to what appears to me as a peculiar species of Socialism now obtaining within the Socialist party, in some sections of the United States.

Obviously, Comrade Heath has placed an improper construction upon my assertion, as I never even intimated that any of the Socialist aldermen of Milwaukee introduced a bill in the interest of the small gas manufacturers of that city. My quotation, as nearly as I can now repeat verbatim, read as follows: "Among other things, the Socialist aldermen of Milwaukee are interested in cheap gas for the small manufacturers."

The article emanated from a letter written by Comrade Welch, socialist alderman of Milwaukee, in an issue of the Social Democratic Herald some two months ago, while in the heat of the city campaign there, who in explaining the benefits of "Municipal Ownership" for the 'people' pointed out that the small manufacturers would be among those benefited."

At the time I called your attention to the article, and requested that you reproduce it.

My current issues of the Herald, with other Socialist literature, are immediately placed in propaganda service, when read.

The matter opens up a discussion in a more general way, bearing upon differences of opinion on tactics now abroad in the Socialst party.



Little is gained in arguing the merits and demerits of the contending faction's premises; results must be consulted.

Comrade Heath will first agree that opportunism serves best as a political fly-paper in the mustering of so-called Socialist votes.

If so, he will also admit that slumps in the Socialist vote, in America, occur with greater frequency where opportunism obtains, and that opportunism, where it prevails throughout the world, has its counterpart, a weak working-class movement.

Does Comrade Heath know of any method by which the Socialists will gain possession of the means of producing wealth other than by confiscation? Why resort to sophistry via a veiled platform?

Is it not just as reasonable to demand Wm. Jennings Bryan low tariff, on the ground that "the outrageous and robber tariff is saved to the 'poor workingman,' who buys back the product" as it is to particularize workingclass measures, to-wit: old age pensions?

Were we to include in our platforms, all the measures that are favorable to the worker, and all that will be thrown out by the capitalist the way of municipal ownership, etc., which to print Socialist platforms. in substance, is, towit: We Socialkeeping in the foreground the ultimate end.

"Socialist concessions" and Wisconsin Socialists maintain the power anent tactics. Socialist opposition by capitalistic right to vote for capitalism as ism.

The Double-Headed Octopus

parties as the "dominant issues" in portunism is best exemplified in more he makes the threat, in so lieve that this is business of that ly one half of the Socialist votes of waerts" reprimanding laborers for Comrade Berger's "explanation" to many words, that this character of state regardless of its effect on the the world, and one-third of the to stem the rising tide of Socialism, the national committee, which aside state autonomy is to endure in Wis- movement as a whole. I am constrained to think we Social- from the personal abuse contained consin, whether the Socialist moveists would have been the national therein, and attendant to, is an ex- ment of the United States sanctions ences to German Socialism and "au- Germany, with few exceptions, that American Socialists are loathe paper trust, purchasing paper on tremely weak defense, which part of it or not.

I think Socialist working-class plat- ists in Wisconsin, understand that the sentiments of Wisconsin Social- the character of the Socialist move- of the military speeches of Comrade relied upon, German Socialists are forms should be as revolutionary we are free to vote for a democrat ism, the movement in that state has ment there. The allusion over- Bebel, and his supporting the intro- fast losing their class consciousness, and as near to the point as possible, or republican, in case we have no attained the stage of a 'real political throws Comrade Berger, in that the duction of adaptable uniforms for with corresponding increase in votes. Socialist running for office. In party" even threatening to surpass present state of sterility obtaining in the army; Kautsky's opposition to other words, in such a case the the national movement in point of Germany is the result of incessant the demonstration of a general question:

parties are but two aspects of capi- against Socialism. This is done Democratic Herald, ever made ref- Socialist movement throughout the ernmental system excludes the demtalism's effort to exterminate Social- with impunity and by virtue of what ence to the action of the Kansas world, their work has up to this onstration of a general strike;" Comrade Berger is pleased to term Socialistists, in refusing to put mo- time been little other than parlia- Vollman, with his hobby of po- dustrial unionism? No Socialist

The psychological effect of op- "State Autonomy." And further- tions to referendum, or does he be- mentarism. While controlling near- litical power "as an end," and "Vor-

votes of the empire, we find, after raising their hats"-with this grade Comrade Berger's repeated refer- forty years of Socialist agitation, of Socialism it is altogether likely thorities" will not be taken seriously politically one of the most back- to take their Socialism from Ger-Verily, if Comrade Berger voices by those Socialists who are alive to ward countries in Europe. In view many. Indeed, if reports are to be

opportunism. While Germany has, strike, upon the violation of the Has Editor Heath, in his Social no doubt, contributed much to the right of suffrage because "Our gov-

"watching the Empress pass without One word about the union

If Socialists are to become identified with unionism at all, from what point of logic, or consistency, do the Milwaukee comrades oppose in-

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ganization would mean nothing so

far as the establishment of the great

co-operative commonwealth is con-

ment in the United States today de-

serving of the severest condmena-

tion and criticism. We refer to the

six committeemen viz: Jacobs of

Iowa, Fox of Maine, Ray of Ne-

braska, Lampman of N. Da., Lovett

mann motion. Not a single one

should be excused upon voting upon

so important a proposition as this;

not even Berger, himself. There

is no place for men of this stamp in

a revolutionary cause. It seems

strange that 18 Socialists should

vote against an investigation; it

shows cowardice and compromise;

it smacks too much of a middle

These changes will continue to

come to the present movement and

gradually the "reform" ideas of the

bourgeois will be eliminated and a

sound Socialist organization com-

posed of the revolutionary element

class condition.

There are six men however who

sary for them to understand.

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Send in one or two subs and don't fail to send in the money.

"Mother" Jones, is expected to be in Montana this month.

The Chicago Socialist is to be increassd from a 4-page paper to an hold important posities in the move-8-page.

Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett should be kept in Montana for at least three months. There are many places she is needed.

It has been reported that John S. of S. Da., Berger of Wisconsin, M. Alphabet Neill desires to sell the who failed to vote on the Traut-Independent "hell-box." Must be the future outlook for sand-baggers is gloomy.

It is amusing to read the editorials at times in the Independent on the labor and union question, when one considers that they are written by a wage slave at so much per week.

The new aldermen elected, and who have taken their seats received their first capitalist bribe the other day before being sworn in, when the street car company presented them with free transportation.

How would you like to be an old will be sailing on to the final goal party alderm in and get free street only to be reached through a scien-

dog, would imagine that it was to A legal rate is sufficient. The law be foundled, and would receive the provides that legal notices shall be set in solid nonpariel and you set blow of a Judus in place of its famithem in a larger type and lead them, liar patting customary from the and your bills are filed both with hands of the children. Thanks to the city of Helena and Lewis and the humane society, they put a stop Clark county for about one-fourth to this piece of brutality. Still more than you have any right to there are people in this country, collect. who claim to be civilized that would

How do you "tax-payers" like have approved of the sham program this kind of business? Are you to and would have walked miles to tell how Open Shop Roosevelt slayed always be lead from the real trouble by listening to a will o' the wisp story, while the fellow that whistles the chime picks your pockets?

The city council and mayor Some time ago the News was should look after many more imseverely criticised by many of the portant matters than the removing comrades over the state for the atof the hack stands. That is only titude it took toward the national ten minutes work. They had bet platform which contained too many ter look after the Independent mmediated demands of a reform grafting the city on legal notices. nature. A great change has come They might look after the street car in the past few months and it is line in passing out that first bribeeasy to see that the rank and file free street car tickets. They might stop juggling with the street paving business. They might attend to a The little flurry that arose in our thousand other things of importance. party after the last national convenbut at the same time keep an eye tion has gradually grown until it on the Independent. has about reached the bursting of

> Intelligence from the national capital to the effect that the Socialists are in control of the democratic party is not particularly startling says the Chicago Chronicle, because of the fact that there is no longer any democratic party for the Socialists to control. A few highly respectable and extremely lonesome gentlemen like Alton B. Parker, John G. Carlisle and Grover Cleveland occasionally emulate the three tailors of Tooley street in a political way and make proclamation of democratic doctrine, but the democratic party as a potentiality ceased to exist when Mr. Bryan got it into the cross and crown business down at the Coliseum in June, 1896. Since then it has borne the dodo company on the shelf of the museum devoted to extinct types.

An American Socialism

(Continued from last week)

The thinking working people are Socialists not so much because their interests are opposed to those of their employers as because their minds are constituted differently, because they have different stand- is to educate the indusirial classes ards and different ideals of life. To be sure these were themselves

ing class is very differently defined from that of Marx. The only classes, he says, which are certain to be influenced by the extreme Socialistic frame of mind are the skilled mechanical trades. On the other side are the lawyers, the bankers, the business men, clergymen and politicians. With these are also the rural population of the country towns and in an eminent degree the smaller farmers of the remoter country districts; so also the delinquent classes of the cities and popu-

lace of the half-civilized and barbarous countries. The body of unskilled workers, especially those not associated with the men in the skillmechanical trades, are not seriously affected." It is not the propertyless classes, the proletarians, the wage-earners, that are affected by Socialist sentiments as Marx claimed, but rather those engaged in industrial or scientific as distinct from pecuniary or business employments. If Marx is right and Veblen is wrong, the majority of the community being without any considerable accumulation of capital, ought to be Socialists at the present moment. But the majority of the cummunity is not only converted to Socialism, but is radically and fundamentally opposed to it. This

is perfectly natural according to Veblen's view since the business men plus the farmers plus the hand trades, and not the machine workers, constitute a majority of the community and will continue to do so for several decades or perhaps a generation to come.

Still Veblen concludes that economic evolution will bring about Socialism. At present only the minority of the community is organized under the new iudustrial regime as workmen, superintendents or scientists. Only these are ones that are capable even of grasping the Socialist view. Ultimately, they will certainly constitute the majority. In the meanwhile the business men. from the large capitalists to small farmers or some element between, will continue to control the community.

Socialism, according to Veblen, must base its hopes on the future development of the advanced industries, on economic evolution, rather than on Socialist propaganda. The most that propaganda can do to the new standpoint. This he believes is being very rapidly accom-

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car fare? It was awful when the tific understanding of economics. Socialists declared for furnishing the school children free meals, but it is all right for the street car company to furnish the aldermen free dependent of yesterday morning street car fare.

Comrades, what are you doing over the state to assist on the subscription list of the Montana News? From the looks of the subscription receipts during April some have done nothing and the rest did the same We must have your cooperation if you want this paper to be keep going.

Who says this is a nation of homes? In San Francisco, according to the government census, 85 per cent of the people live in homes they do not own. In Philadelphia 88 per cent live in rented houses. In Milwaukee 84 per cent live in houses owned by others. In Chicago 89 per cent live in homes they do not own. In classic Boston 92 per cent live in homes rented from the 8 per cent. In New York it is still worse-95 pes cent live in unowned homes. And just to show that all sections of the country fare alike we may mention New Orleans, where 83 per cent live in the houses of others, and Atlanta, where 88 per cent live under the roofs of others. In every way you look at it the state of life under the capitalist system shows that systhe people.-The Vanguard.

That was great of Roosevelt, the no more than seeing justice. open shop policy man, in killing the bear in Colorodo. An old tame to suggest to the mayor and city

"AN ENTERING WEDGE" Under the above caption the In-

had a great deal to say to the pres ent mayor and city council in regard to moving the hacks off Main street. The Independent is right in this and those hacks should be moved. But Mr. Mayor and the city council why not go further; there are many other things of just as great importance. One of the most important is when a fellow's

pocket book is touched. Touch the pocket book and we all feel as if the vital cord had been played Marx's class struggle was a conflict upon

Owing to the fact that John S. M. Alphabet Neill overlooked the point, or at least failed to call the attention of the mayor and city council to the fact, that he overcharges the city on all legal printing of notices, the Montana News dethis juncture and inform the people after a very short space of time, benotices.

You, who own a little home are are possible if Prof. Veblen is right. taxed for this excess that is raked The individual so transferred might off by the grafter and is taken at become silent. He might be bribed the rate of about one-fourth in excess into acquiescence. He might reof legal rates. From a purely propeat in a parrot-like manner the letarian standpoint this tax proposi- formulas of the new class in tem does not minister to the good of tion is of but little concern, but which he had arrived, but could not, from the petit larceny stealing if his life had been sufficiently

standpoint, many are interested if moulded in the other class, become

The Independent would do will fense of the new one. The difference between the classes bear was taken up, caged for thirty council to secure the services of is not a difference of interests, but a days, and fed on maple syrup and some one skilled in the work of physical, mental and moral conlicorice ready to be turned loose mearuring legal notices, to audit trast in the very nature of the inwhen the blood-thirsty warrior was the accounts in behalf of the city dividuals that compose them. It to swoop down on the old animal, as against the Independent. Never is far deeper than anything Marx or seize her by the throat and run the mind the hacks Mr. Neill until you his principle followers have supstiletto into her innocent heart. Of get your own hands off the posed. course the old tame bear, like a pet throats of the people of this city. Moreover, Prof. Veblen's work-

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an able or active factor in the de-

plished. shaped by the material environ-

"When distrust of principles ment. But the immediate and derises to such a pitch," says Prof. termining forces that governs their Veblen, "as to become intolerant attitude is not their legal status or of all pecuniary institutions and lack of prosperity, as Marx claimed, leads to a demand of the abroganor even the compelling power of tion of property rights rather than new industrial conditions. It is a limitation for them, it is spoken rather their disregard for the instiof as 'Socialism' or 'anarchism.'" tution of property and for all the Prof. Veblen does not attempt a 'foundations of society" on which closer definition of the Socialist the business classes rely to keep position. He does not even menthem in subjection. With Veblen tion the public ownership of the inthe material environment has its strument of production, distribution princpal influence though the human and exchange. No radical Socia-

list is so suspicious of this public The class struggle of Veblen is ownership idea as Prof. Veblen, not the class struggle of Marx. since he ignores it altogether. The constructive proposals of the of interests. Veblen's is a conflict Socialists," he says, "are ill-defined of minds (not of ideas but of menand inconsistent and almost entirely tal character of habit of thought.) negative." In Prof. Veblen's view There is a crucial test between the this is the essence of the scientific two views. If, according to Marx's attitude of mind and the acme of all view, an individual should by any praise. The vagueness and inconaccident or exceptional qualities, sistency of their constructive probe suddenly taken out of one class sires to arise to a point of order at and put into another, he should, posals, he says, is only to be taken as evidence that the attitude of the of this city that he does not comply come imbued with the principles of Socialists cannot be expressed in with the law in publishing legal the new class to which he was trans- terms of the institutions as at pre-

fered. No such sudden changes sent in force. In other words, new words and new phrases not yet in use, will have to be found for each one of the elements in the Socialistic position. It is less and less capable of being formulated as a business is parasitic in its nature. To say that Socialism is not business-like is to say that it is not based on exploitation. Prof. Veblen explains himself by saying that the vagueness of the Socialist position should not allow it to be confused with mere class hatred or general discontent. Many other revolutionary movements have had these features, but Socialism, though it is revolt against all existing institutions, always founds its protest on the fact (Continued on pasge 4)

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WM. A. WARREN.

peal to Reason that those crazy So- a credit to the cause.-Editor.] cialists of Butte recently offered any one who would knock Hagerty out \$1,000. Well, we don't find the lo- To The Montana News: cal paper full of it; we would love to hear a word from the News to how Sheriff Robertson of Park position on my own hands, or cut- munities and small crowds. And a who B. S. Flescher is, and why cap- county attends to his duties. On ting in where I was not wanted. italism did not run out some of her March 6, '05, Mrs. Mathew White big guns.



toot our little horns. tised in your next issue. Fraternally, I. WORTH GOODSON.

all in; I am unable to get a corres- did not swear to a complaint for the penses and made some money to

pondent in Butte, and I have no arrest of B. H. Williams, the drunk- turn to the local treasury. means to pay a representative to en republican representative who Clyde Park, on Saturday night stay there or any other place. The disturbed a public meeting in Coke- was poor on account of a storm, receipts on subscriptions at this of- dale on Easter evening. I found and Sunday night at Cokedale the fice can be seen by reading the News that I would be thrown down by house was "jammed." Here was the from week to week; the letters are these capitalist servants, so decided only place that any trouble arose. all published that accompany money on another plan. However this is B. H. Williams, the republican to this office; read this issue and all that can be expected, and until representative, and Tom Carter you will find one letter. You will the people elect officers who are camp follower of his last legislature, see that I am in no position to give not the truckling agents of the got into the house with a superfluall the news; that I am in no position money class. Until such time the ous amount of booze in his hide to give away automobiles or build a workers must be satisfied with just and began to make trouble. He parallel railroad to the great trunk such abuse as the above for a major-1 was thrown out of the house twice, lines. I am sacrificing my time, ity have voted for it.-Editor.]

and my wife's; we have put every

Yours Very Truly,

MAT WHITE.

cent that we have into the cause; at I am sure that the comrades will became frightened and left or remy trade my time is worth from \$4 be interested in the wind-up of my mained restless, until the dicussion to \$5.50 for 8-hours; I sacrifice this lecture tour in the eastern part of of a subject of improtance became It requires an experienced person to for the cause, while many other So- the state which came to a close the useless. I would have had him arcialists are making as much, but are 26th at Bozeman.

putting it away as a private nest egg. Leaving Big Timber, after a streak vestigation found out what the Dear Comrade: I received your You see comrade, we need more of hard luck, small-pox and open official hirlings of Park county were letter with five subscription cards, co-operation among the Socialists, dates, I arrived in Billings to learn and that it would be useless. It lated, but as I have been so busy I could real work I mean, and less hot air. that I had been cancelled in Red was another case of a man making not do adything for you until today I have sunk everthing that we have Lodge. That is my date had been a comsumate ass of himself because when I sold one. I will try and sell got, besides going in debt, and we cancelled unless I desired to come of more whisky than he could the waist and is gathered at the lower the rest of them this month and send are now sacrificing our whole time in and run my own risk and take handle without the assistance of a

making money and have got proper- sideration, and co-operation ap- next on the line and proved to be ty will do as much the cause will be peared to be passed up. Having one of the best of the whole trip. made to move and a paper could be gone to the expense of sending ad- The house was filled to the doors Stevensville, Mont., April 23, 'o5. published that would not only give vertising matter to the place, and and the best of order prevailed, Dear Comrade: I see in the Ap- all the news, but one that would be seeing the local Socialist (?) paper while the receipts were several dolof that place boosting the state mi- lars more than the expense incilitia and the old party grafters at dental to the meeting.

> Aldridge, Mont., April 25, 'os. the head of it, I decided not to go The next two places, Belgrade to Red Lodge as I did not feel like and Bozeman, were the only two Dear Comrades: I desire to show taking the whole co-operative pro- poor meetings. Both farming com-

The next date was Billings, and a expected a repitition of the fake busswore out a warrant for the arrest of hummer of a meeting was had. iness

house was full, and notwithstanding the fact that the comrades were held-up to the tune of \$35 for the [In brief, comrade, I am about [The above fully explains' why I use of the house they paid all ex-

but during a melee of this kind the crowd, of which many were women

poor show or two had been ahead

of us at these points and the people



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Some of the most charming dresses of the season will be made of collenne in pale colors as well as in the rich. deep shades of red and golden brown. Eollenne is nothing more than another name for light silk poplin.

Canary colienne makes a lovely gown for restaurant wear built in accordion plaits as to the skirt. The waist, a sim ple bloused affair, has a stiff girdle of three shades of pale blue ribbon. The girdle runs halfway up the back of the waist and three inches below the belt in front and is heart shaped at the top. make a success of a girdle of this sort. The becoming stock is of white lace rested the next morning, but on in- edged with a quilling of narrow lace. All lace trimming the smart summer thin gown will be quilled and not gathered, as it has formally been manipu-

> skirt is made in three pleces. The top part is shirred several rows deep about



white china silk. The dainty little vest and collar are of spotted net edged with an insertion of lace bordered with a tiny china silk quilling. The cuffs are formed of rows of insertion, as is also

SUMMER MATERIALS.

Nothing is prettier for summer ich in most of the shops is se for 50 cents a yard. A dress of this kind is charming when a net sprinkled with apple blossoms is selected and made over a foundation of apple green. The bottom of the full skirt might be trimmed with three ruches of the net and then up and down in a crisscross design. The bodice would be lovely made with a fichu trimmed with net ruches. The girdle could be of apple green and pink shaded silk.

Chinese linen in pale shades will be used for summer dresses and for sepa-



rate walsts. This material comes either plain or embroidered. Yellow Chinese linen embroidered in white is perfect for a summer gown; also a pale blue worked in daisy pattern in heavy white silk.

Among the attractive ribbon displays of the season are Roman stripes, which are revivals of a decade ago. They come in all the soft colorings and in the stronger tones.

Extremely dainty to wear with a navy blue gown is a stock done on an ecru ground in Bulgarian colors.

The black and white check promises



Let us hear from you so we can your attention and have it adver- that was expected. The opera

(Continued from first page.) can fail to see the inefficiency of craft unionism, and the needs of a more compact organization to meet the changes in capitalism. For this reason, industrial unionism is born and not to fight the American Federation of Labor. The question by one craft at the expense of the other, and other inconsistencies, sufficiently numerous to fill a book, under the old practice of unscientific trades unionism, is here mentioned as beside the point. What I desire ary Socialists. to ask of Comrade Heath is upon

other job trust practices, and simulworking class of the universe? If this old method of unionism denies him the right of being a compatible Socialist, why does he oppose the new order of unionism, which the average union, is also pretty insures him consistency at least? well permeated with a lack of rever-

As to "boring from within" that ence for most existing institutions. seems to result in only welding into a more compact mass the unionists, their irreverence into a philosophy. who are "against Socialism." The very forces of Socialism have forced this gentry into making of the trade union movement a mere machine. This is in evidence in nearly every town in the United States where the labor leaders are working in the Prof. Veblen does not over-value interest of capitalistic parties, and incidentally their own pocket-books.

I am not inclined to look upon the S. L. P. members or their organ with the animosity that apparently animates some of our comrades in the Socialist party, nor do I think that Comrade Berger is warranted in "deporting" those of the Socialist party to the S. L. P., who may differ with him in opinion as to tactics. On the contrary, I find the Weekly People one of the ablest edited papers in the Socialist movement, and do not hesitate to say that every Socialist party member would be sounder in his knowledge of Socialism were he a subscriber to that organ, even though he did not confirm all their tactics. There is no especial need of an index expurgatorious in the Socialist movement.

Out of all dispassionate discus-

the part of every being who glorifies in the name Socialism. Fraternally, H. LYNCH. McCain, Wash., April 16, '05.

-----AN AMERICAN SOCIALISM

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of one craft scabbing upon another; that existing economic organization the advantages sought and attained is outgrown. Prof. Veblen then develops a view of a revolutionary character of the Socialist movement that is broad, if not broader, than any other that has ever been suggested even by the most revolution-

'The Socialist sentiment," he exwhat grounds can he, as a Socialist plains, "is threatening, unprecedentattend a trade union meeting, and ed, and perplexing for practical men as a trade unionist, indorse the to deal with." It not only attacks practice of high initiation fees, re- the "natural rights and institutions strictions by apprenticeship, and of property" as the unions do in a very similar manner, but it is distaneously pose as a Socialist in his tinguished from the union movement for scientific use. programme of emancipating the by a similar failure of regard for all

other articles of institutional furniture handed down from the past." It may be observed, however, that the average workman, and therefore The Socialists alone have formulated As to politics, Prof. Veblen says it seems to be their belief that the community can get along without political institutions. On this head again, the Socialists have nothing consistent to offer." (Remember mere consistency.) But "their political bias is radically democratic.' and they are "completely opposed to the state as the conception is at present understood." That the professor does not consider their disregard for existing political institutions a sign of unintelligence may be seen in his own treatment of politics which he places among the archaic vocations along with "war, fashion and religion."

Socialism not only attacks the economic and political structure, but also accepted moral truths. brings about a weakening of convictions as to the full truth and beauty of the received institutions without much consensus as to what is to be done about it, if anything.' It is to be hoped that the humor of this paragraph has not escaped any of Prof. Veblen's readers.

Religious conceptions are equally

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not as itself a cause of succeeding

effects. The mechine technology

has done away with all this. Being

a mechanical or material process, it

requires the attention to be centered

on the process itself and not on the

original causes or the final effects of

the process. To the machine work-

er the process comes to count and is

the substantial fact that engages his

attention. The modern workmen

learn to think in terms of the pro-

cess. They have come to think and

to feel as people never thought or

This American Socialism is not

based on any outworn Hegelian logic

nor on any absolute and therefore

unscientific social philosophy. It is

entirely twentieth century science,

viewing society as all the rest of the

universe as in a perpetual condition

of evolution, and forsaking all ac-

cepted terms and formulas as unfit

The American people also take a

relative view of life. In the limited

moved, the prevailing views are al-

most scientific in their character.

The Ameican manufacturer has no

absolute views with regard to ma-

chinery, labor or industry. He is

governed scientifically by the work-

ing hypothesis. To a lesser degree

the same holds true of the whole

community. Absolute views do not

and cannot prevail in the practical

life that dominates America as it

never dominated any other nation in

As Hegel observed fifty years ago

there is no political life in America

because no social classes have yet

been forced to a lower level of life

than they have been accustomed to.

The Americans have so far no con-

structive political idea, no practical

aims in politics. But when the na-

tion does turn its attention to poli-

tics with the same spirit, the same

vigor and the same absolute determ-

ination to achieve results with which

it has devoted itself to industry and

business, who can doubt that the

ruling ideas will be practical or rela-

But there must be ruling idea and

working hypothesis, and none have

yet taken hold on the community.

Prof. Veblen has done his part to

indicate very broadly what these

ideas will be. It remains for those

who are going to assume the real

tive in their character?

the world before.

felt before.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Eternal Sameness In the An Newly each state's percentage of the total Married Couple. vote: The bride in wrath goes home to her mother. The groom in rage seeks his father for comfort. "Mother," weeps the bride, "he has begun staying out late at night, Oregon 7,619.....8.45 telling me he has to go to the lodge Nevada 7.633 or he has missed his train or must Washington9,975......6.952 sit up with a sick friend, and when he comes in there are cloves on his breath, and"-"Ah !" answers the mother. "Your father made the same excuses. Men Florida 2,337 5.945 are just the same as ever." Utah 5.767 5.674 "Dad," says the groom, "we've

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separated. When I am detained at Kansas 15,494.....4.773 the office or have to go to the lodge Minnesota 11,692..... 4.005 or sit up with a sick friend she sits Ohio 36, 260 3.619 up till I get home and then makes Wyoming 1,077..... 3.507 me lose sleep to listen to her comments."

"Your mother was the same way, my boy," sympathetically says the father. "Talk about the eternal feminine !"-Judge.

Too Bewildering.

"Yes, deah boy, I lost my cane and advertised a reward for it, don't sphere in which American life has you know. "Did you get it back, old chap?" "I got back such a lot of 'em, don't you know, that it was positively bewildering, and pretty soon it was quite impossible for me to remembah how my cane looked, and so I let 'em have 'em all, don't you know."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Morning Dream.

Mrs. Skynflynt - What are you chuckling about, Jonas? Mr. Skynflynt-I dreamed I was going to give a Pullman porter a quarter.

Mrs. Skynflynt-Shouldn't think that would make you grin. Mr. Skynflynt-Well, I woke up just as he was reaching for it .-Louisville Courier-Journal.

None Too Liberal.

"Mr. Linger spends a great deal of time with you, Jane.'

"Yes, but that's all he does leadership of the industrial classes opend."



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sion, which is pertinent to, and undermined in the workingmen's necessary in the Socialist develop- minds. "The cultural era (beginment, there is as a sequence an es- ning in the 18th century) of Natural cape from greater or lesser error. Rights, Natural Liberty and Natural Much to the delight and satisfaction Religion reduced God to the rank of of capitalism, a great impediment a 'Great Artificer.'" (Because this we have in the Socialist movement was the age of the artificer and here in the United States is the continued vituperation and personal technology is in turn relegating him hatred shown, and engaged in by certain Socialist and Socialist Labor and those outlying industrial regions party organs.

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This, in brief, I think, should be treated as the end of a chain and

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Finally, and at the bottom of all, way to cooler and calmer judgment. the industrial revolution has comcrisis may be more acute elsewhen Fundamentals are not of sufficient pletely revolutionized the workingvariance to prevent the contending man's way of thinking. Before the cated, the independent and vigoro factions from arriving on common machine age the causes of a given people of this country will not ground, and with a view of working effect were not thought of as themquire a crisis to make them see t shoulder to shoulder to present a selves effects; that is, causes were light. solid front in combatting capitalism, thought as final. This, according WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLIN in all its iniquitous phases, and in to the present word of thought, they In the International Socialist H the ushering in of the co-operative never are. Similarly, if the cause were the beginning, the effect was

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to build up with them a practical American philosophy and program. That it will have an international basis, there can be no doubt. That the technical advance of all civilized countries follows along similar lines, there can no question. Neither will anyone deny that industry is gradu- ally being established on the basis of a world market. But especially un- der the capitalist regimes which gov- ern every nation with scarcely any check today, the development will have to be national, the whole world knows that America must lead. The	His Work. "Young man," said the old mer- chant sternly, "I caught you kiss- ing the typewriter when I returned to the office this morning. What have you to say, sir?" "Why," replied the bright clerk, "you told me to attend to all your duties in your absence."—Philadel-	The Referendum and News \$1.35 THE REFERENDUM E. B. Ford, Editor, FAIRBAULT, MINNESOTA NEWS WANT ADS ^{19.} Three insertions in our want column Free of Charge for workers desiring positions, or those desiring help. Wanted—All piano players to send 25 cents and get the "Brotherhood of Man," the first Socialist March for piano ever published. Address Montana News, Box 908, Helena, Mont. For Sale—Few more copies at this	The Mechanic's Lunch goes all the better with a bottle of beer—the work of the after- noon goes all the better, too. Capital Beer in case lots of 24 bottles costs only \$3.00 delivered at your home, and your wife will enjoy a glass or two at her noon- day meal. Capital Beer is a fine beer for lunch, dinner or supper. CAPITAL BREWING COMPANY
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