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re is your opportunity: save or an or collect the funds which are the re-blood of this mechanical body of ours ed the Social Democratic Herald, and in the money, thereby building your life into the great deeds which are done every week through its intality. It this costs effort, reer that the great deeds of the great you admire also cost hard work and and join in fellowship with m, in your work and sacrifice.

at work and satisfies at week an electrician missed his on the girders of a big factory ling and fell to his death to the blow. At about the same time other is a local marble works had had taken off in the machinery. men stand representative of the that individual capitalists speak of outempinonsly at their clubs and if functions. Yet these men are at their very lives to make profits the capitalists. Talk about grati-

romcials of the Reading railroad ident Baer's road) have made the incement that the coal famine is a to last all winter, as a sufficiency al is never mined during the winter the to meet the demand, but stock heaped up in summer must be n en. This year there are no stock

Almost without exception the big for-tunes in the world were founded by trick-ery and rascality. Armour's was, Rocke-feller's was, Carnegie's was, Clark's was, and Rothschild's certainly was. So you see society hasn't been able to protect itself by means of the law, after all. - All Hail to King Christmas. -

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An Associated Press dispatch says that the United States Steel Corporation has purchased the Breaker island steel plant for \$1,500,000 and has ordered it to be dismantled. The sale was effected to shut off competition. A good thing for the carrents of their thoughts, and thing at the last their action by bring-new motives to bear upon them and thing facts in new perspectives. But this is a great work that no one can do. This demands the co-opera-of the many: and this we want to re in as great degree as possible.

song for old Christmas, For jolly old Christmas, The monarch of merriment, fun and good cheer! Let all the bells chiming Ring out with a rhyming, Christmas, good Christmas, King Christmas is here!

Pile up the log fire Still higher and higher; He loves the bright blaze of a wide

Then plump be the purses Of all whom these verses May reach, with their tidings of jolly good cheer. Their presents be many, Their fun best of any, Eac christmas comes ance-only once-in He loves the Dight blaze of a wide open hearth, No shadow of sadness Must darken our gladness, For Christmas, blithe Christmas, now only once For Christmas comes oncerules the broad earth. a year .-- Aimee Carey. The man who supports the capitalist system supports a system in which pal-aces and hovels, robes and rags, are in-evitable. No man who has the inter-ests of the race at heart can support such a system. Ruskin spoke of "the healthy delight of uncovetous admiration." There is a beautiful sentiment expressed in those few and simple words. But try to inng-ime "uncovetous admiration" under cap-imation is were cap

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O'er realms that are boundless, And depths that are soundless, For he, mighty Christmas, alone rules the

ine "uncoverous an. italism if you can.

In Queen Elizabeth's time 400 human beings were hanged a year for vagrancy. The "nobility" had the land and the peo-ple were simply tolerated. This country is full of vagrants today—men without property. The people uphold a system that puts wealth in the hands of the few and then punishes those who have none for not being rich. The people have great ideas of justice, eh? His brows wreathed with holly, Fat, rosy and jolly, He sways the proud scepter no monarch

When, as is the case today, men can-not possibly lead successful, adequate and wholesome lives under the competi-tiv, capitalistic system, it is sound sense to supplant the system of private own-ership of capital with a system based on mutuality.

Funny enough, it is just at the point where Socialism gets possession of the labor movement that it drags it out of politics. Yet we still hear the cry of "keep the unions out of politics"--mean-ing Socialism. All over this conntry the labor movement is disgraced by "leaders" who are of the lowest sort of ward heel-ers and capitalistic pluggers. Socialism helps the self-respecting unionists to get the upper hand and to kick out these dis-reputable labor betrayers. Then it sends the members of the unions to the ballot box to vote for their class interests like men.

Merrie Christmas! How do you like Prosperity? Have you given as good and serviceable presents as you would like to, or just cheap, made-to-sell, glued and veneered and imitation things? Have you celebrated the low price of wages and the high price of living by buying things worth buying?

things worth buying? Why should soft coal go up in price? Have you asked yourself that question? There was no strike at the mines. It is simply because the supplying of the peo-ple's necessities under capitalism is made a matter of speculation instead of service. It hasn't cost any more to mine soft coal than formerly; there is no sane relation between cost of production and price in the market. If Socialism proposed to trade upon the distress of the people in that way, how people would howl against it!

To the churchman Christmas typifies the birth of Jesus Christ. Peace on earth, good will to man! Capitalism hasn't permitted such a thing and never will. It answers the demand for peace on earth with large standing armies, with uflure-like law-protected capitalists devouring the people's vitals, with labor exploitation, with 'starvation and sparse living for the workers. But it celebrates Christmas, all the same. And, why? Because it helps business.

Christmas Observance and Present Conditions.

The festival of Christmas really originated in an old Germanic heathen celebration of the return of the sun. In the far North and in the extreme South, in consequence of the oval form of the earth, the days and nights are much shorter and much onger than elsewhere on the earth. In the most northern part of Norway there are only one day and one night in the year, and even in the inhabited parts, the "long night" continues more than six weeks. fore civilization penetrated these regions, the heathen inhabitants continually feared the total disappearance of the sun, and its return at the time of its first appearance (on February 27) always gave occasion to great festivities. They ate, drank, gave presents to one another and lighted bonfires. This festival was called the Yule-feast, or Yule-tide. And Christmas is called Yule-tide in Sweden and Norway to this day.

a system.

It is noticeable that even progressive and Socialist papers, in their "Christmas Thoughts," always start out from Bethlehem and the manger. But festival of Christmas has really nothing to do with this. In Southern Catholic countries, as Spain and Italy, for whom equally, of course, the Christ-child was born, the festival of Christmas is not celebrated. Christianity, in its propaganda, always took note of old customs and religious, only it put a new meaning into the old forms. Usually it turned the old beauty into a new monster, the old god into a new devil. Thus Freia, Holle and Wodan were degraded into devils by the Christian priests. The old Yule feast received a new meaning; it be

educators to receive and pass upon manu-scripts for school books from all who may wish to compete. They will decide upon several systems of books in the various studies, put them in type and bind them, to be sold at cost to the vari-ous school districts. Or, the govern-ment will supply plates of the type to such communities as shall wish to do their own printing and binding. This plan will allow school districts to make a choice as between the various sets of readers, arithmetics, etc., so that the government will be forcing no one kind down the people's throats. There will be no copyright on the books, and anyone can reprint or select from them at will, while private schools will stand the same chance of using the books as the public schools. All this, of course, to be in con-nection with the plan of free school books to the children. With such a plan in vogue, where would the school book octopus be, Mr. Private Citizen?

The super for the summer and the showed that the provide the stand and gave the prices of the such as eggs. butter is a base so that and and gave the prices of the such as eggs. butter be stand and gave the prices of the such as eggs. butter be stand and gave the prices of the such as eggs. butter be stand and gave the prices of the such as eggs. butter be stand and grave the prices of the such as eggs. butter be stand and provisions for 1900, 1800 and the such as eggs. butter be stand and provisions for 1900, 1800 and the such as eggs. butter be stand and gave the prices are for the such as eggs. butter be stand and provisions for 1900, 1800 and the such as eggs. butter be stand and provisions for 1900, 1800 and the such as eggs. butter be stand and provisions for 1900, 1800 and the such as eggs. butter be stand as these of the such as eggs. butter be stand as the such asuch as the such as the such asuch as the such as the suc In the A. F. of L.'s Stocking!

In the world as it was before society took hold of it, man could get along alone and unassisted, same as the beasts. It wasn't a very fine living, but he didn't free—FREE, do you hear? And it will have to starve. Now we have society to be a sad day for the race when the work-regulate and associate labor and help people to live and a complete is its swap that the minute a man tries to live inde-prodently of it, he has no place to stand for can he lay his hand or set his ford on anything that is not private or public the productive and distributive forces and activities.

Vice President Duncan of the A. F. of L. distinguished himself at the New Orleans convention for two things. He opposed Socialism in rough-shod fashion, and he made boasts about being a philo-sophic anarchist. As anarchists do not believe in organization it might be asked why he is in President Gompers' official family. And his opposition to Socialism is due to his anarchism instead of his unionism, so that as an official he is not acting on the square.

brow of American citizenship task and determined to know why they must be beasts of borden, while óthers can tout the skimmers. The workers are in revolt and determined to know why they must be beasts of borden, while óthers can tout the skimmers. The globe like butterflies. Why is this? Because all men today are reading. To his base. The politicians are put into be informed is to become a thinker. The office by parties that stand for the pres-workers are beginning to know why they for them ought not to gag at the result-age. It is lucky for mankind that it is the seath of the system they cast their ballots for.

why he is in President Gompers official family. And his opposition to Socialist is due to his anarchism instead of his not acting on the square. The daring of the Associated Press in the election just past in ignoring the So-cialist vote, even where our people came in second, is one of the flagrant things that consider that crushes down on the brow of American citizenship these days. The workers are in revolt and de-termined to know why they must be

are subject to a norrible disease known as "phossy-jaw" in which the bones of the jaw decay and becom. brittle and eventually produce death. The fatalities from phossy-jaw in England were so in-cessant a year ago that the government was forced to take a hand in the matter. Under present conditions the worker all too frequently contributes his health and his life as well as his strength and ingenuity to his product. Ingenuity to his product. The waiters in Paris are revolting against the tipping system and want regular wages instead. Several waiters state that they have to pay from \$1.50 to \$3 a day merely for the privilege of working in the restaurants and cafes that the revolt prevails. There is no renson why an honorable employment such as waiting on table should be so surrounded by conditions as to make those engaged in it servile supplicants. "Peace on earth; Good Will to Men." "That is the saying that is linked to the Christmas period. It describes splendid-ly what we Socialists are after. No one else can bring it in but us. Take a hand, neighbor, and help. Be up with the times you are living in. Help make a reality of this phraze that has been so impotently uttered these many years by well meaning men. The eHrald stands for peace on earth. It is a messenger of a peace that we must have. Send that messenger as far and to as many people as you can. as you can.

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 and Presents Conditions.
 Came the birthday of the Christ-child. Only the good old Sun-god, in whose horizon and therefore they made a saint of him—St. Nicholas, also called Santa Chars, while the principle control of the distribution of the distribut

Experiments are conducted by the Illinois Central in a device which is likely to revo-lutionize the freight carrying business. The experiments are being made with a box car, the tracks of which are fitted with ball-bearing journess, which make the car run so casily that a sizgle person can move it. The most important advantage claimed for them is the great case, with which they can be moved. If practicable, train loads can easily be doubled and hauled with the same power now used. This would mean termendous economy in operation.-Ameri-can Contractor.

tremendous economy in operation.-Ameri-can Contractor. There is a suggestion in the above of some of the things that would be pos-sible in this direction under Socialism. Railroading today is a man-killing insti-tution. The number of men killed in the companies' service is almost incredibly large. There is no excuse for it except greed. The railway managers will not put on safety appliances because the ex-pense would eat into the profits of the business. If they did, a yell would go up from the stockholders who are hot after their increase. A sight of a poor wretch of a brakeman walking on the jolting icy top of a moving freight train in cold or blustering weather always suggests a big risk of life. If ball-bearings could be put on freight cars, measures for the protec-tion of the train crews could be also-but for the expense!

carned increase that has plunged the hu-man race into the inhuman hell that to day disgraces civilized society, makes the very rich and the very poor, gives idle-ness an abundance and industry a crust. The safe to say that every true sym-pathizer with the coal miners felt a tinge of disappointment when the miners' or-ganization agreed to the dubious sort of settlement the continuing particle and control the dubious sort of settlement the control the dubious sort of capital site politicians proposed. Every-ting upon it. If anyone needs to be "born matches in which no phosphorous is used. This is a merciful thing, but belated, of matches, as every other life-saving effor is, under capitalism. Where matches are are subject to a horrible disease known as "phossy-jaw" in which the bones of the jaw decay and becom. brittle and the jam interested to see a public owner-the jaw decay and becom. brittle and the saft interested to see a public owner-bing interested to see a public owner-the interested to see a public ownerpublic has some rights in the matter, being interested to see a public owner-ship come from the struggle. This was innored-engerly ignored, we might say, by the President of the people of these United States. But the miners seemed to have fared no better. One of the evi-dences of this is seen in such dispatches as the following: Shamoking Pa Dec 20 It may as the following: Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 20.—It was learned at headquarters of the Ninth district. United Mine Workers, today that out of a membership of 51,000 men and boys in the counties of Northumber-land. Schuylkill, Dauphin and Columbia 14,000 workmen are yet idle owing to abandonment and damaged mines and the companies' refusal to reinstate a number of men who were too aggres-sive, in their en-ployers' opinion, in in-ducing miners to remain away from the collieries. collieries.

The tendencies of modern times is giv-ing the preachers a chance to declare themselves in temporal matters that puts them right where the people want them. Are they for the people, or "agin" the people, is a question that is up for set-tlement. Some of the preachers are an-swering this by coming out flat-footedly for Socialism. Others are preaching ser-nemas in the interest of the master chars, reiling their allegience to the power of mammon by ingenious objections to So-cialism as they concelve it—and their conception is all awry as a matter of course. There is oue preacher, at least, who is a little more open about it. He is Rev. George Owens of Texas. "My savings," ne says, "I put into small in-

It is a conviction of ours that a purely propaganda paper is not so valuable for propaganda as one that shows at the same time the party organization of So-cialism. It is even easier to convert your man to party Socialism than to Social-ism it is an encouragement to him to see that the organization to fight for it is not lacking. That's why this paper is modelled as it is. An organized Social-ist is worth ten unorganized ones.

course. There is oue preacher, at least, who is a little more open about-sit. He is Rev. George Owens of Texas. "My savings," ne says, "I put into small in-restments, buying property or loaning it at interest; soon I was enabled to secure money from the banks and generally in-vested it at a profit." Some one asked him about the claim that a man could not accumula. "Iches and be a good Christian. "That's all nonserse," he said. "as long as you do not make the money out of your neighbor." But mak-ing it out of somebody else's neighbor is all right, we suppose, the main thing be-ting to get it out of someone whom you do not have to face meantime. There's worldliness for you. When a person gets back more than he gives, someone suf-fers. Calling it investments, doesn't mean matters. It is this system of un-man race into the inhuman hell that to-day disgraces civilized society, makes the very rich and the very poor, gives idle-ness an abundance and industry a crast, makes Rockefellers and Morgans on one hand and Czolgoszs on the other--and to Rev. Owens, this rotten coudition is so fine that he is ready to call down a bless-ing upon it. If anyone needs to be "born again" it is such a man as this. In Belgium they are experimenting on

The superintendent of the Milwaukee mois prepared certain supplementary matter, which it was proposed to in a hape for the pupils to use, but we was passed round that the book moments objected! Nice situation, eh? of the kick of the bookmen will prob-it to, as it is admitted even by city least that the city's school board is serombed with creatures of the book at and the independent book compa-es, which are about as bad. The book at works under the surface, it moves with but potently, because socalled re-stable citizens in public life are not we temptation. They can be bought must be pressure of our present sys-m dishonest. The book trust runs chools, dictates appointments and and a power that no one in the bas dares oppose it. This state of things in Milwaukee is counterpart of the state of things in other cities, in all other states. It is bottoous fact that the nomination of recently successful Republican can-ter for state superintendent of edu-tion of book companies, for the open and by a certain other group of school to mapanies, in whose interests the the Democratic candidate for gover-partly made his campaign. As we however, this scandal is not local, is a general one. The proving Socialist movement will and the first successful antagonist

The growing Socialist movement will there is any possible occasion for. It is part of Rose's game to pretend to favor part of Rose's game to pretend to favor municipal ownership and give it a black eye at the same time. Seventy-two men are at work and it is claimed thirty-nine are sufficient. It is root to die of hunger that makes a man vertebed; many men have died-all men vant die. But it is to live miserable, wind business. It will have the gov-ment appoint a high commission of

It used to be the boast of Spain that its people were the most patriotic on earth, This was because they were the most ignorant. Blind patriotism is the hope of the oppressors always. The pa-triotism of mankind is better than a pa-triotism bounded by geographical lines.

triotism bounded by geographical lines. Gertrude Potter Daniels, daughter of Millionaire O. W. Potter of Chicago, for-merly at the head of the Illinois Steel Company before it in turn was swal-lowed by the steel trust, has written an-other novel giving the pluies fits-espe-cially the Standard Oil Company. Her father is called the millionaire Socialism of A very definite type, and she seems to have come naturally by her sympathy for the under dog in the economic fight, and also to have had inside information as to the dealings of the moneyed kings in getting material for her book.

An officer of the cremation company's system that is in use in the Milwaukee garbage crumatory is in the city and charges that the plant is grossly misman-aged for political reasons. It is used as a place by the mayor to pay off political debts and so has more men at work than there is any possible occasion for. It is part of Rose's game to pretend to favor municipal ownership and give it a black ere at the same time. Seventy-two men are at work and it is chaimed thirty-nine are sufficient.

Merrie Christmas, Labor! Merrie Christmas!

For Samuel Gompers and that Washington Lobby

You chaps who labor are the salt of the earth and the backbone of this great country—and you have enough votes collectively to take the govern-ment and run it in the interests of your class—the only class that de-serves consideration from a people's covernment government.

But you don't vote as one man! Thanks!!!

Very kind of you to leave the ernment with us. We'll RUN it !!

ernment with us. We'll RUN it!! The other day we ordered a big woodworking establishment in Mil-waukee not to put the union label on some government furniture they are making for us. Why shouldn't we; we are not afraid of you as long as you split your votes!

The accompanying picture shows you what we do with your rights in the United States mails. When a the United States mains, which is back in labor paper sends out its paper in wrappers having the union label on it, we put a big black square over the label. That label stands for the laboring class who are organized to laboring class who are organized to fight against our interests. Henry C.

"State Socialism! State Socialism!" brays the individualist, borrowing an ugly sounding phraze from the Anar-chists. But no Socialist wants a thing that could reasonably be called state So-cialism. We want a Social Democracy. We want not government but regulatiou. Not government from the 'op, but orden-ly agreement from below.

Isn't it a queer thing that the argu-ments that the capitalist press is now us-ing against Socialism, are all borrowed from the Anarchists, whom the capital-ists profess to hold in most righteous conand fear!

Payne, postmaster general issued an order suppressing the label on wrap-pers. We know our business, and as you do not take possession of the government and run it for your in



terests, we suppose you are satisfied. We thank you for your kindness. We wish you a very Merrie Christ-mas!!! With best wishes (!) we remain,

THE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT. Washington, D. C., Dec. 25, 1902.

Roosevelt will appoint Congressman Lond, of Lond bill fame, who was de-feated for re-election to Congress, fourth assistant postmaster general, it is an-nounced. It's the old, old story. Organ-ized labor thought it saw a victory in the recent defeat of the author of the obnox-ious Lond bill. But capitalism is capi-talism! Now the marr who sought to prevent the postal employees by law from asking higher pay, will be their boss. If you don't like the workings of capital-ism, boys, center your voling against it. Don't waste time in fighting individuals. The individual oppressors will go down with the system.

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as you can. Did you ever stop to think of it that Santa Claus is an altrnistic sort of a chap? There isn't a selfish hair in his old grey head. He won't have to be re-formed at all when we have driven capi-talism out and inaugurated Socialism. But he must have his trials these days. Think of his having—through the strange working of Prosperity—to give more presents to the rich children than the poor, and the poor the most deserving.

"Nothing can overcome the young giant of private monopoly except the greater riant of public monopoly," Edward Bel-lamy said, and no sane man will contra-dict the proposition.

colleries. They call them captains of industry, and they are. But what captains, what managers! Such managers, indeed, that about every so often the body of help-less workers dependent on them for bread are ground to pieces by the indus-trial crashes called panics, or "hard times." These are the times when these wise captains of industry have so flooded the markets of the world that those mar-kets are over-stocked. They have so managed that the consuming and pur-chasing capacity of the people has not been able to keep up with their produc-tive powers. Wise management truly!

tive powers. Wise management truly! The venerable Russell Sage was known twenty years ago to be the possessor of twenty millions. Now his weat'to is said to be three times as large or over. In the building of his immense fortune, it is said, he has met few reverses. It has been an easy game to him. No harder than for some other men to just eke out a living at mannal labor. If one man can succeed another can, says the capi-talistic wises: c. But the Sages are few and far betweed. Their imitators are legion, and the Sages rake in the wreek-age as one and another of the imitators go to shash. Oh, yee li's yoar own fault if you are poor, tra is! It pays the capitalists to have you think so, anyway.

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Total......\$242.05 GEN. BOOTH'S BIG FAILURE.

Over ten years ago Gen. William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, gave the world his sensational book, "In Dark-England," and in connection therewith set in motion a plan by which he hoped to reclaim the slum dwellers of London in rapid order. It was a sure thing, and, best of all, was sure to show the fallacy of the Socialist plan-it wasn't necessary to reconstruct society in order to save the people from the rapacity of capital; they ould be saved without disturbing the man eating game of the exploiters. Gen. Booth's flings at the Socialists were very gratefully

fleecing, the robbery of the profit system could go on, but his colonies would take care of the vanquished, the results of the fleecing system, and keep civilization clean. The farm colony of the Salvation Army at Hadleigh, England, has just made its yearly report, and now the Socialists are calling public attention to the results. calling public attention to the result. Says the Clarion: "The Darkest England social scheme has been in operation for more than ten years. Hat East End trousers makers are still use the habit, with the enemies of So-Y cialism, particularly the Anarchists, to is the habit is society would in the analysis operation for more than ten years. Trousers for food. Companies paring 42% per cent. on their sharcholders investment still expect their workgirls to keep up a respectable appearance on 10s per, wear in the east end report that bread while the institution Army's own commissioners in the east end report that bread while the last few mouths from 40 to 59 divide the spirit of personal liberty to put for 40s per ton. The Church Army declarge that the number of unemployed during the month of November, 1902, was 50 per cus Aimy officers report that 'the prospects for Says the Clarlon

this winter are far worse than for quite a number of years past. At Worship street, the other day, a widow, charked with her son's irregular, school attendance, state's that he had been the mainstay of a family of four since he started eauning 3s 6d a week at the age of 9. The Westminster coroner last week investigated two cases of starvation which had occurred in one day in the neighborhood of our national Parliament house; one of the victims had been an old soldler. In September of the system, according to docks and principal wharves in London (in one trade only of one city in the king dom) afforded employment for 2000 less hands than in September of the previous hards than in September of the previous hards than in September of the previous further the cotober figures, as we stated as tweek, show that employment in all trades has not been so had as at proper-included in the report; and, as the propo-tion of unemployed must necessarily be much larger in the ranks of unorguized hador, we may reasonably assume that near-ty half a million of men are at present without work. And the farm colony at Hadleigh finds whiter employment for about 209. How should the world be saved at this rate? The truth is that the Salva-tio empty a tidal river with a tim bucket, and have omitted to shut out the tide." There is nothing surprising about in. Charity nereer will pad never can nullify

There is nothing surprising about it. Charity never will and never can nullify or patch up the ruin wrought by capital ism Charity spolits the giver as well as the receiver. It can never be a substitute for justice. It is an abomination. Instead of doing good Gen. Booth has done mis-chief. Instead of hastening the abolition of poverty, he has delayed it, for there have been many doubties with faith in have been many doubtless with faith in his scheme who must needs patiently wait to see his scheme prove itself a failure before giving their sanction to a rational plan of campaign against the evil. I people are so constituted that they Som only embrace Socialism after they have seen every other possible remedy exploded. The same farcical results obtained in England will also attend the Salvation Army farm colony scheme in this coun-try. They will fail, not necessarily from the standpoint of the individual reclaimed, in whose case good may be done, but they will fail of the social effect claimed for them. The best way is the RIGHT way. That way is Socialism. them.

DEMOCRACY'S FUTURE GUARDIAN. DEMOCRACY'S FUTURE GUARDIAN. Rev. Herbert Bigelow of Chacinati, whose Socialistic instincts were run off on the single tax side track, was at the head of the Democratic ticket in Ohio at the recent election, and great satis-faction has been expressed by the cap-talist politicians regarded him as a man of dangerous ideas. He was too demo-cratic for the Democrats, so-called, and 1.00 they knifed him everywhere they could and influenced people to vote against 1.00 then subject of poverty and hates 3.00 5.00 to see people contented with it. Thus, he says:

"Not only do men resign themselves to the inevitableness of poverty, but they even try to pursuade themselves that poverty is a blessing. They never think, it is a blessing to themselves, but they talk softly of the blessings of other peo-ple's poverty. Gen. Booth of the Salva-tion Armsy recently preached a sermon in which he gave seven reasons for con-s. Gring poverty a blessing. The Salva-tion Army claims to have fed Christ-mas day in New York city 25,000 peo-ple. Monstrous! Seven reasons for the blessedness of eating your Christmas dinner at a charity trough with 25,000 other paupers! The blessings of poverty! You might as well talk of the gentleness of a Dakota Mirsest I would be .15 says: 1.25 "No You might as well talk of the gentleness of a Dakota blizzard. It would be as appropriate to speak of a balmy St. Louis cyclone. Cannot the preachers give us a sermon on the hopefulness of despair or on the abasembleness despair of on the pleasureableness of "ain? I have heard it said of these preachers that they think in their hearts. They seem to me to think in their stomachs. Poverty means what? Cold, hunger, shame hate, vice, crime; it means bodily sickness and moral degrad-ation."

*** THE CATECHISM OF CAPITALISTIC MORALITY. *** N FRAGMENT.

A PRAGMENT. Question: In an answer to a previous question it was stated that right is might and wrong is weakness. Nevertheless we distinguish between a moral and immoral workingman. Is not there a contradiction? Answer: By no means. The ruling class has always prescribed to the lower classes their code of morals and does it at present. If, for instance, a workingman is industrious, sober and x good husband and father, we call is industrious, sober and x good husband and father, we call is industrious, sober and x good husband and father, we call is infuters. We stamp him therefore with our disapproval and call him measures. We abhor tramps because we cannot exploit them at all. 9. But we meet hay, shiftless, unreliable and profigate people among the members of the ruling class. There are rich people who never did a stroke of lowest work during all their useless life, and pass much of their leisure in aim-less traveling from place to place. A member of the ruling class cannot be expected to behave like a commor haborer. He has the right, nay, the duty, to enjoy life as best he sees fit. Quod low in on licet boyi. There is a different code of morals or conduct for the low is not licet boyi. There is a different code of morals or conduct for the low is not licet boyi. There is a different code of morals or conduct for the low is not licet boyi. There is a different code of morals or conduct for the low is not licet boyi. There is a different code of morals or conduct for the Q.: What would be an ideal state of society?

Q.: What would be an ideal state of society? A.: An ideal society would be composed of two classes. The upper class would have only to enjoy life in its fullness and have no work to do at all. The lower class would be composed of beings with no capacity, no desire for the enjoyment of life. Its only passion would be for untiring toil, its only ambition to see their lords live a life of demi-gods.

Q: Can this ideal ever be realized? A.: Yes. By proper artificial sexual selection and careful training during a few generations the present proud proletarian may be reduced to such a state. If it be necessary to kill off a few of them before this ideal is realized, it must be done. And that is all there is to it. Do not we shoot civilization and Christianity into the barbarian tribes, when they are in our way?

be done. And that is all there is to it. Do not we shoot civilization and Christianity into the barbarian tribes, when they are in our way? Q.: What is Charity? A.: It is a cheap substitute for Justice and a very convenient thing for the ruling class. It affords us a means to show our superiority and power to the lower classes and helps us to keep them in a state of proper humility and dependency on our sweet will. Our refined ladles find in it a pleasant way of quieting their easy conscience. Beside this, charity, when properly organized and managed, saves us many an annoyance from professional beggars. We sympathies of the worthy poor by a few crumbs we throw them from our overladen tables. Q.: What is the difference between the worthy poor and the others?

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Q: What is the difference between the worthy poor and the others?
A.: It is a great deal cheaper and more convenient to produce commodities with the aid of machinery than with the aid of human power. We strive therefore with all the means in our hands to perfect our machinery and replace human hands. The reserve army of unemployed is necessary for us in order to keep our employed workers in due bounds. Charity helps us to keep this army just on the brink of semi-starvation and in constant readiness to take a proposed job on any terms. Those poor who are too far demoralized to be counted upon in time of need as a possible candidate for the office of a strikerester we call undeserving. Of course there are some poor who do not show the proper spirit of humility and appreciation of charity and are classed among the unworthy. This seems inevitable.
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Q.: What is justice? A.: Now, do not ask any fool questions. You remember the question put by Pilatus to Jesus Christ and his answer? The rule of the strong must of necessity be just.

Q: If that is the case, what do we need any charity for? A.: Well! Of course in an ideal society, as depicted above, there would be need neither for Justice, nor for Charity. All would be harmony and peace. Hada Ladof

Schenectady, N. Y.

unionist." It's all in the direction, but the direction Debs took is a forward one. We cannot say as much for Gom-pers. The history of the coming years will deal principally with Socialism. That means that history will have to pass Mr. Gompers by as a back number.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The more childen in school, the fewer dle parents.—Shoeworkers' Journal. Labor Item. The wages of sin will re-nain the same as ever.—N. Y. World. Opulence is always the product of theft, f not by actual possessor by his ancestors. -St. Jerome. idle

11 not by actual possessor by his ancestors, -St. Jerome. The present economic system depends for tis continuance on the ignorance of the working man.-Miners' Magazine. Labor clothes and feeds the world, yet labor begs for crumbs and rags. There are 333 electric light plants in op-eration under municipal ownership in the United States. These are located in thirty-nine states and territories, furnishing 25,-087 are light and 371,440 incandescent lights, and representaling a capacity of 70,-000 horse power. Ohio has 41 municipal plants: Michigan. 25; Illinois, 34; Mina-sota, 25; Iowa, 23; Missonri, 19; Indiana, 18; New York, 14; Pennsylvania, 13, and Nature created community; private prop-Nature created community; private property is the offspring of usurpation.-St Ambrose.

Ambrose. "When Ollver Cromwell passed in tri-umph through the streets of London, he remarked as he gazed upon the vast multi-tude that cheered him. 'A still bigger crowd would turn out to see me hanged.' There is nothing more untrustworthy than the en-thusiasm of the mob. It often manifests itself in a sort of collective madness, es-pecially when the war-dram beats." "Here is a stremy which shows how the

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Wider Selfhood. By Mila Tupper Maynard. 146 pp. Price, cloth, \$1.00. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr & Co. Like most men with a message, Walt Whitman was a prophet whose years were too few to permit appreciation dur-ing life. And, as is the case with all prophets whose message is rooted in truth and whose creed embraces the weal of all mankind, his spoken word lives after him and grows in power day by day. In "Walt Whitman, the Poet of the Wider Selfhood" (Charles H. Kerr & Co. Chicago,) Mila Tupper Maynard per-mits the good gray poet to tell the story largely by judicious selection from his poems. In a dozen chapters she notes "The Cosmic Self," "The Eternal Self," youth, maturity, age, unity with nature, democracy, love of country, comradeship. Perhaps she gives the most loving per-sonal touch to the two chapters which deal with the feelings of Democracy and Comradeship, that give to Walt Whit-man an individuality as expressive as the form in which he garbed his thoughts. Of Whitman it may be said, as has been said of another, "and you must love him e'er to you he will seem worthy of her entusiasm cannot fail to be trans-mitted even to the reader to whom Whit-man may have seemed to be merely a yough, uncouth man with homely ideas expressed in homely speech. As today Whitman is regarded as a better and a saner man than yesterday, so a century hence his name will be enrolled where today it is unknown.' To some his words will be literature: to many it will be a religion wherein sympathy and under-standing may be found by those who seek.

EDITORIAL SHEARINGS.

Miss Sadie Nash, the daughter of the smelter trust, recently saw a little girl hare-legged in the street car at Omaha. "Mored by pity Miss Nash removed her hardsome silk petiticoat modestly and gracefully and wrapped it about the poor child" says the press dispatch. If Miss Nash wants to cov-or all the bare legs of little girls she had better buy her petitoats wholesale. Few bare legged girls ride on street cars, though. -Laramie Weekly Times. The Socialists sent \$9,000 to the striking coal miners of Pennsylvania. The Repub-lican party sent the militia and the Demo-cratic party sent protests.--Miners' Maga-tine.

zine, The man with untold wealth is the one who dodges the tax assessor.-Philadelphia Record.

When Booker Washington has convinced the negro that there is honor in work, he might turn his attention to the whites.— Detroit News.

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Sides with San Francisco. St. Louis, Dec. 12.—Social Democratic Herald: It is my humble opinion that the situation resulting from the attitude of our California comrades toward the Union Labor party is a grave one—not because their action was wrong, but be-cause strict adherence to the party ritual has been so drilled into our members that many of them will fail to see that the California comrades are right. It is not a question of what we desire; not a ques-tion of whether we want a new labor party or not. The labor party is here: it must be met. Friend or foe? There is no middle ground; it is either unite to fight the common enemy or fight one an-other. Fight or fusion, which shall it be?

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Hard Lines for Seafarers ...

Milwaukee, Dec. 7.—Editor Herald: In this age of centralization of in-dustry and wealth, when the attention is forcibly called to labor-displacing ma-chinery and labor-saving combinations, called trusts, combinations that are to-day destructive, yet which would be a blessing under save conditions it is all olessing under same conditions, it is ways worth our attention to enquire into the labor conditions that make up such an important factor in the development. Although important, how many of us ever think of the men engaged in the shipping industry of the great lakes, for instance—the sca-faring men who risk their lives almost constantly for a mere pittance and a beggarly existence at the hands of the class they help to enrich? Great improvements have been made in the last few years in the different craft used for carrying merchandise from port to port. Where there used to be a dozen small craft, all requiring sep-arate crews to handle them, and with very limited carrying capacity, one large steel shell of a vessel and one crew now does the same work faster and better and with smaller risk of life. But these boats are not yet completely in posses-sion. The smaller ones still try to com-pete. There are every season numbers of old vessels, called "floating coffins" that go to the bottom of the lakes with their crews. The water closes in over them, the insurance is collected, and the incident forgotten. We can even go further and say that these disasters are not unwelcome to their owners, the cap-italists. Even more so the owners of the big boats. While they ride in their spe-cial cars and live in mansions of luxury, **LECTURES ON SOCIALISM** ways worth our attention to enquire into the labor conditions that make up such

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and on the side of the people the So-cialist Democratic parity. A couple of French professors, seeking new fields in which to make bids for no-toriety, have declared that love is a dis-ease. One of them says, "Love should be under control of a board of health that possessed full police authority, for love is nothing more than a disease. . There can be no doubt that love is caused by a poison, a germ, although the bacil-lus has not yet been discovered. Gener-ally the symptoms of love poisoning are poisoning. Many a crime that has been poisoning. Many a crime that has been the re-sult of the love poison." And so on! If the professor has in mind the morbid va-riety of love, popularly associated with French life-unjustly, as we have no doubt, he may be in a sense right. In fact he does instance Dandet's Sapho as an instance of the poisonous quality of the love passion is admittedly the strong-est passion in man and this passion it is propored to put under police regulation it is the habit, with the enemies of So-cialism, garticularly the Anarchists, to claim that a Socialist society would in-vade all the natural private rights of the individual, making the state the most abominable and insufferable of oppres-sors, but as the kind of Socialism we want is Social Democracy—which is but a more precise name for what is known as International Socialism—the people will hare a word to say in such matters, and can be counted on to have too much of the spirit of personal liberty to put love under official surrellance.

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the greatest force in the social evolution of the present time, consists of a beings who are most directly interested in it-the modern democracy. Secret is marked by a combination of characteristics which are new in it is being educated and enlightened in the school and by the cheap is being drilled in the national armies, by vast popular demonstrations instead of the constraints. This is becoming conscious of matter electron struggles of the time. Thus it is becoming conscious of interest porceases of the time. Thus it is becoming conscious of master force of the civilized world is still for the most part economical-stratist dependent on precarious wage labor. Having transformation inevitable process of concentration of industrial operations already re-toriant or peasant proprietor. Such efforts at continuance or restora-reactionary; they are economically unsound and must fail. The eco-reationary; they are consolically unsound and must fail. The eco-reationary; they are consolically unsound and must fail. The eco-reationary; they are sought in the application of the principle of asso-te the large industry.

to the large industry. To the large industry. To are thus brought to the conclusion that the competitive system, with is wage labor as the lot of the vast majority of the people, is not a suita-d adequate form for the social development of the future. The competi-tion has led to great strikes, which have been the cause of widespread mis-it has led to great commercial and industrial crises, which have "scattered adequate the world, followed by long continued stagnation and depres-

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worthy of free enlightened men. "The supporters of the trusts maintain, with very good show of reason, that unregulated competition is harmful and may be ruinous to all concerned, and that they can maintain fair prices, hay fair wages and secure a fair return to capital only by mutual arrangement among the producers. But the system ob-viously involves the serious objection that the great industrial chiefs who organ-ize and direct the trusts meintain fair the great industrial chiefs who organ-ize and direct the trusts are thereby constituted supreme judges of their own in-terests and of the economic interests of the whole Amercian people, that such combinations form a huge monopoly in so many of the leading articles of con-sumption, and establish an economic, social and political power, which may be a those engaged in it, the now prevailing system of regulation by capitalism in its own interests is a serious danger to the whole people. There is only one right """ " A reasonable standard of living, the competent means of a nor-mal development have been determined by science and are no longer a matter of tutopian guess work. A fairly definite measure of fresh air, food, clothing, ex-ercise and of satisfaction for the affections associated with wife and children con-stitute the rational needs of the average man. " " The effect of the Social-istic theory on these points is to remove the vital interests of man from the range of competition and to place them on an ethical and scientific basis under social control."-Kirkup.

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Stawk worth \$1000," said Butler, picking his teeth with a straw. "About that," said Haskins, modestly. "We begin to feel as if we was git'n a home fr ourselves; but we've worked hard. I tell you we begin to feel it, Mr. Butler, and we're goin' to begin to ease up purty soon. We've been kind o' plan-ning a trip back to her folks after the fall plowin's done."

"This farm is worth \$5500," said But-ler, in a careless and decided voice. "What!" almost shrieked the aston-ished Haskins. "What's that? Five thousand? Why that's double what you' offered it for three years ago." "Of course; and it's worth it. It was all run down then; now it is in good shape. You've laid out \$1500 in im-provements according to your own story."

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"That's all right, but I didn't say FC the your arry off the improvements, nor that I'd go on renting the farm at two fifty. The land is doubled in value; it don't enter into the question; an' now yon can pay me \$5000, or-git out."
"He was turning away when Haskins, the sweat pouring from his face, fronted him, saying again:
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"The kickig' about payin' you twice frim y own things-my own fences, my own kitchen, my own garden."
Butler laughed. "Your improvements!
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The law will sing another tune.". "But I trusted your word." "Never trust anybody, my friend. Be-sides I didn't promise not to do this thing. Why, man, don't look at me like that. Don't take me for a thief. It's the law. The reg'lar thing. Everybody does it." "I don't care if they do. It's stealing jest the same. You take three thousand dollars of my money-the work of my hands and my wife's." He broke down at this point. He was not a strong man mentally. He could face hardship, cease-less toil, but he could not face the cold and sneering face of Butler. "But I don't take it." said Butler, cooly. "All you've got to do is to go on jest as you've been a-doin', or give me \$1000 down, and a mortgage at 10 per cent. on the rest. Haskins sat down blindly on a bundle of oats near by, and with staring eyes and droping head went over the situa-tion. He was under the lion's paw. He felt a hortible numbness in his heart and limbt. He was hid in a mist, and there was no path out. A

limbt. He was hid in a mist, and there was no path out. Butler walked about, looking at the huge stacks of grain, and pulling now and again a few handfuls out, shelling the heads in his hands and blowing the chaff away. He hummed a little tune as he did so. He had an accommodating air of waiting.

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Thompson's January Dates.

-Rache, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30-Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls.

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The Red Ribbon.

The Red Ribbon. A Dialogue by Josephine R. Cole. Boy and girl. Girl wears a red ribbon. Boy does not. Boy-Good morning, Nellie. That is a pretty red ribbon you have on. Girl-That is my Socialist ribbon. Boy-Why, Nellie, are you a Socialist! Girl-Of course I am. Boy-What it a Socialist? Girl-Why, a Socialist is a-is a-So-cialist, of course. My papa is a Socialist and my mama is a Socialist and I am a Socialist. Boy-What does the red ribbon mean? Girl-The red ribbon means that all the men in the world have the same kind of blood, the same color, red, the color of this ribbon. Boy-Why, that seems funny. Do you mean that the negro, with black skin and wooly hair, has blood the same color as mine? Girl-Yes, just the same color as yours and mine, red. Girl-Yes, just the same color as yours

Girl-Yes, just the same color as yours and mine, red. Boy-Why does it not make his skin the same color, then? Girl-I do not know about that, but I know it is true, for once I saw a nerro boy cut his finger and when the blood dropped out it was bright red, just like this. (Points to ribbon.) Boy-Then do you suppose the Indians and the Chinamen and the Esquimaux red blood, too? Girl-Yes, everybody in the world, every man and woman, and that is what

this stands for, to show that all men and women in the world are one raco-the human race, we call it. Boy-Who told you all that, Nellie? Girl-My papa. Doesn't your papa tell you so?

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Girl-My papa. Doesn't your papa ten you so? Boy-I guess he forgot to tell me. (Comes a little nearer the girl.) I think that ribbon is a pretty color. Girl-If you would like a piece, I have one in my pocket you can have. (Pins it on his jacket.) Now you are a Social-ist, too. When we grow up we will both vote for Socialism. Boy-Why, you can't vote, you're a girl. Only the men vote. Girl-Well, when I am grown up the women will vote too. Boy-How do you know that? Girl-Because my mama says so.

State Executive Board. The State Executive Board met December 21, with all the resident members present except Dr. H. C. Berger and Howard Tut-tle.







ain't cost much in money, but I've put a lot of time on it. I've dug a new well,

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ning a trip back to her folks after the fall plowin's done." "Eggsactly!" said Butler, who was ev-idently thinking of something else. "I suppose you've kind o' cal'clated on stay-in' here three years more?" "Well, yes. Fact is, I think I c'n buy the farm this fall, if you'll give me a reasonable show." "Um-m! What.do you call a reasona-ble show?" * * Butler smiled in a peculiar way as he said, "Oh, I won't be hard on yeh. But what did you expect to pay fr the place?" "Why, about what you offered it for before, \$2500, or, possibly, \$3000," he added quickly, as he saw the owner shake-his head. "This farm is worth \$5500," said But-ler, in a careless and decided voice.

"But you had nothing to do about that.

When he sank into his bed with a deep groan of relief, too tired to change his griny, dripping clothing, he felt that he was getting nearer and nearer to a home, and pushing the wolf of want a little farther from his door. It was fhe memory of his former home-lessness and the fear of its coming again that spurred Timothy Haskins and Net-tie, his wife, to such ferociou. labor dur-ling that first near

ing that first year. "'M, yes; 'm, yes; first rate," said But-ler, as his eye took in the neat garden, the pigpen and the well-filled barnyard. "You're gittin' quite a stock around yeb. Done well, eh?" Haskins was showing Butler around the place. He had not seen it for a year. having spent the year in Washington and Boston with Ashley, his brother-in-law, who had been elected to Congress. "Yes, I've laid out a good deal of mou-ey during the last three years. I've paid out §300 fr fencing." "Um-h'm! I see, I see," said Butler, while Haskins went on: "The kitchen there cost \$200; the barn The kitchen there cost \$200; the barn

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Julian Hawthorne, the 'well-known novelist, contributes a story of the coal strike to the December Wilshire's Maga-zine. The well-known English Socialist, Courade H. M. Hyndman, is also a con-tributor, and there is an abundance of in-teresting features, especially an article by the editor in which he tells of his experi-ence with Senator Spooner during the recent Wisconsin campaign. It is an issue worth having. Send the Herald to your friends for 10 weeks, only 10 cents.

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Comrade Jean Longuet of France, grandson of Karl Marx, contributes an article on "Zola, the Socialist," to the December number of the Comrade. The issue is filled with excellent articles and the typographical appearance is much better. It may be had at all live book stands and costs 10 cents.

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