

Keir Hardie Gives Impressions from His American Trip

Berger on Timber Trust Trail

Under the caption, "America Revisited," J. Keir Hardie, that grizzled warrior, whom all felt irresistibly drawn to him...

AMERICA REVISITED. SEVENTEEN years ago I paid my first visit to the United States of America. On that occasion I went right across the American continent...

Next week will be our holiday issue. Several special articles and others appropriate to the season. Watch for it. An address to Wilson, Taft and Roosevelt by ex-Senator Dague will be among the features.

British municipal elections are now completed and show the gains for the working class party (Socialist), of which Keir Hardie is a leading member...

Socialists in Hungary have been holding anti-war demonstrations, some of which, however, ended in turbulence. The anti-war feeling among the workers of Europe is growing in intensity with each day.

Averages secured by the New York state department of labor show a decrease in average earnings of male members of labor organizations from 1885 to 1840 being 12.2%...

A movement has been started to oust Haywood from the national executive committee for his clearly known anarchistic sentiments. The movement ought to have the sanction and the enthusiastic support of every Socialist who believes in our party being a party of Socialism.

Belgium has announced that it refuses the demand of the Social-Democrats for an alteration of the constitution on the subject of suffrage because it was accompanied by a threat of a general strike.

Something recently happened to the heir to the Russian throne that was evidently unpropitious, but which was evidently removed the youth from the line of succession, since he would be unable to handle the throne as a royal successor.

The Socialists of France held a conference in preparation for its participation in the international party congress and decided to stand for a demand that the proletariat use every legal means possible against war...

NEW YORK, N. Y.—That the New York Factory Investigation Committee is undertaking epoch-making work in sounding the depths of the terrible conditions existing among the exploited workers of the state...

Capitalists of America are sowing the wind. They will reap the whirlwind unless the torch of Socialism illumines the minds of men.

and conducted to his business quarters, only to learn on more that he had been specially endowed by providence with power of healing all manner of diseases to which the human frame is heir.

DeLeon was the inspiration and guide of this movement as there then was. DeLeon is a man of strong individuality, iron will, and of an abnormally developed critical faculty.

DeLeon, however, was the outstanding figure. To him a trade union was anathema and trade union leaders were all "skates," "Fakirs," and the like. Nothing was good which he did not control.

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He had intended going over the same ground on this occasion but found that the time at his disposal was too limited, and so decided not to go further west than Denver, Colorado.

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every train a mail train. One of the jokes of the strike was that an ordinary mail train by sticking a one-cent stamp on each of the cars. An injunction was secured against Debs, which he at once proceeded to violate, and was thereupon locked up in prison for six months.

Thus, for a few years after 1895, despite DeLeon, the party kept growing up, and then the inevitable happened. The young Americans who were coming in, together with the bulk of the Germans, saw that so long as DeLeon reigned supreme the party was doomed to sterility and so they got together and formed the now flourishing Socialist party.

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The experience of our own country, and every other, shows that there is always a very large element in the population who are Socialist in every-thing but name, and who, if they do not vote the Socialist or Labor ticket, only vote the Socialist or Labor ticket, and do not do so because they believe that their objects will be better served by voting an orthodox party ticket.

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the cost of living, the way in which the capitalist class is able to import workers from many lands, all having different religions, speaking different languages, and with strong racial antipathies, to take the place of the more highly skilled, and then group these heretofore masses together so that their mutual racial and religious differences keep them from uniting, even in a trade union, has shown the working class that until they control both industry, and the state they have small chance to improve their position.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—As the result of numerous letters, petitions and complaints which have come to him from settlers in the national forest reserves in Montana, Representative Victor L. Berger of Wisconsin has begun an investigation of charges of a lumber trust operating in the national forests which is throttling the poor homesteaders.

It is charged that the federal forest service sells timber off of the reserves to the trust at a price so low that the settlers, who also have lumber to dispose of, are being ruined in trying to compete with the low price. Moreover, the several lumber companies operating in the district have an agreement so fast and tight that the settler must sell to the nearest mill, at the latter's price, or not at all.

Congress May Investigate. Mr. Berger, however, is not condemning the forest service without investigation. He thinks it probable that the service, in its present price on what timber it disposes of, has unwittingly played into the hands of the trust and given it the chance to buy any starvation price for the timber of national forests. If this proves to be the case he will urge that the government price be raised.

"I am a great admirer of the forest service," said Mr. Berger in an interview, "and I believe it to be a great agency for public good. However, this important matter ought to be probed to the bottom, and if there has been crookedness in the service it ought to be mercilessly exposed and promptly corrected."

The price sells its cross timber for \$1.25 per thousand and on the stump. Various lumber companies have divided up the territory and work under an air-tight agreement not to encroach each other's districts. Many of the settlers rely upon the sale of timber from their own land to give them their living expenses while they are proving up on their claims. They can not make this timber provide for their wants if they sell at \$1.25 per 1,000. The lumber company having plenty of government timber at this price, refuses to pay more. If the settler attempts to sell to another company, which may have no government timber at the time, he is informed that the latter company will not buy because it would be invading the territory of the former. Mr. Berger believes the solution of the question will be to raise the price of government timber to the lumber companies.

Mr. Berger has made with certain of the settlers a tour of the territory. Watch for the opening article in next week's issue.

Homesteaders Are Suffering. "These corporations have platted the entire timber belt into territories, each one appropriating a given territory. Many poor homesteaders had hoped to be able to sell their timber to keep the wolf from the door and clear the land and making habitable homes for their families.

"The homesteader goes to the company and sells his timber. They say to him: 'If we buy private timber we will have to be at a great sacrifice, as we can buy all we want from the government at \$1.25 per 1,000. The poor man goes home and talks to his neighbors and they advise him to see what can be done in getting another company interested. They offer a new company a free mill site and plenty of timber. The first thing the new company will say is: 'Let us see, where are you located? This manager takes out his Lumberman's association card and finds you are located in the Imperial Elevator company's territory. And he isn't long in telling you that he doesn't consider your proposition, as he doesn't want to butt in on the other fellows."

"This is the result: The poor devil of a settler has his choice either to abandon his claim or be forced to go at times many miles from his family to earn enough to keep them during the winter months."

Some of the writers claim that valuable timber homesteads at times mysteriously catch fire, after which they have to be sold at a loss. The valuable timber homesteads, which are being asked for a congressional investigation, have reached the Socialist attention. All the writers complain bitterly of the oppression of the lumber trust and of the government's \$1.25 price which rosters it.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The most dreaded foe of the United States regular army is vice and its attendant diseases. Herded together under unnatural conditions, and subjected to army discipline, many of the enlisted men take advantage of their brief moments of freedom to indulge in all kinds of excesses.

"The high percentage of venereal disease continues to be the reproach of the American army and the daily average number of those sick from that cause during the past calendar year was larger than the total number of those sick from all other causes of the more important diseases combined," says Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war, in his annual report to congress.

"Vigorous methods have been instituted by the medical corps in the co-operation with troop commanders to meet the evil, but time has not yet elapsed to show the efficacy of the methods. The more careful methods of inspection and diagnosis introduced during the past year by the medical corps have resulted in producing a larger percentage of hospital admissions for syphilis than in former years, owing to the detection of cases heretofore latent and unsuspected."

CITIES IGNORE PROBLEMS. "Nevertheless, I believe that the ultimate causes, which make the record of our army in this respect shameful beyond that of any other civilized nation are inherent in our own shortcomings as a nation in dealing with this problem. "So long as in our civil communities, and particularly our larger cities, we continue to close our eyes to the magnitude and extent of the evil and refrain from attacking it with all of the weapons which modern scientific knowledge places in our hands, we can not but be expected that the younger men in our army, leading the abnormal life of the soldier, will show the effect of it to a marked degree. "In this respect I believe that the establishment of modern scientific methods of inspection and diagnosis introduced during the past year by the medical corps have resulted in producing a larger percentage of hospital admissions for syphilis than in former years, owing to the detection of cases heretofore latent and unsuspected."

unionism and enabled men of the Gompers stripe to keep the unions safe from the part of a certain type of priests in the Catholic church to throw the gauntlet down to Socialism and to blacken our movement in a most un-Christian manner. We have decided this paper to take advantage of the opportunity thus opened and in future issues we shall give the sleek and crafty defamers considerable attention. Since they have chosen to make our principles a subject of publication, we propose to help them discuss it. I would ask the readers to keep me informed of all attacks, and also of all favorable opinions uttered by churchmen toward Socialism. The rabid stuff that is being fed just now to uninformed voters in the Catholic church is altogether too one-sided. What they need is a calm, patient, respectful presentation of the side that is being kept away from them. In Great Britain the Catholic

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MORALS AN ECONOMIC QUESTION. The Capitalist System is a Perpetual Menace to the Working Girl, and if She Falls She Falls Into Hell Itself.

What Shall the Harvest Be?

capitalists of America are sowing the wind. They will reap the whirlwind unless the torch of Socialism illumines the minds of men.

It has become almost as unsafe to ride on an American railway as to go up in a flying machine. The death toll on American railroads is appalling. Nearly every day the newspapers report serious accidents with tragic loss of life and limb.

The rights of property must be held sacred at any cost. The precious bodies of babes must be burnt as incense in the liturgical worship of the almighty dollar.

of our masters. These outposts in the class struggle show to what lengths our exploiters will go in their efforts to coolidge and enslave the American people.

However, out of all this wilderness of social injustice there is one striking fact that nerves us and makes our hearts throb with unbounded gratitude. It is this: THE WORKING CLASS OF AMERICA IS NOT DEFENSELESS.

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"The Fact of Class Struggle is as Axiomatic as Fact of Gravitation"--- Prof. Small

BY SAMUEL W. LALL. That Socialism is more than the protest of inefficient and incompetent members of society against success...

movement, and gave them wide publicity without mentioning the favorable conditions which make up the body of the article.

been written, to prove that Marx did not say precisely, and that so far as the industrial system of every modern nation presents, without being due to reorganization of the receiver.

steadily increased throughout historic times. There has always been men who called themselves by some equivalent of the term democrat. They have had in common some variation of the presupposition that the world belongs to the many, not to the few.

Let one trader in a street adulterate his goods and sell them cheap, and get customers. If unchecked, in five years' time half the traders in his neighborhood will be adulterating what they sell in order to compete and live.

A Reverend Father Badly Twisted

The Reverend Father Mahony, V. G., has been preaching a series of sermons in Hamilton, Ont., upon Socialism. In the first sermon he decided that no Christian could be a Socialist.

coming impervious to wholesome and just criticism. He has become heedless of malice and he becomes careless of considered and just opinion.

Was Too Good!

BY ELLIS O. JONES. "I have here an article on How to Escape the High Cost of Living," said the Contributor.

The only trouble with this article is that it's too good. Why, man alive, it actually tells how to escape the high cost of living.



Old Times Returning

Faced with charges of misappropriation of city funds because of double payment of salaries to members of his office force, City Clerk Peter F. Leuch escaped being requested to explain his action Monday afternoon before the common council by calling upon his friend, Alderman Adolph Schwefel to engineer a recess in the midst of council business to Tuesday afternoon.

Police Heads Need Vice

Why do the police want a segregated vice district? "Because," said District Attorney Zabel at the church of the Letter Day Saints, Twenty-seventh and Clarke streets Sunday night.

The Anti-Jesuit Question in Germany

In consequence of a new and more severe interpretation of the Anti-Jesuit law of 1875 in Germany, the bitter conflict between the Roman church and the German government occasioned originally by that law promises to break out again.

where, either in religion or politics. And yet this acting upon principle is not a matter of sentiment in any sense, but is based wholly upon the perception of materialistic facts.

Socialists Did Overtime

"Although members of the city clerk's force during the Social-Democratic administration worked overtime on the preparation of the tax roll they did not receive a cent for overtime work," said Henry Carl D. Thompson.

Deadened by Criticism

President Taft made a little confession of emotions before a "club" of his admirers in a moment of weakness. Undoubtedly he was touched on an interesting phase of criticism when he spoke of the deadening effect injustice comes to have on an official subjected to it.

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A Disarmed People is a People Conquered by Rulers and Held in Contempt

Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, in a letter to the New York Times, discusses the military policy of the war department relative to the distribution of troops, with a view to calling public attention to the military weakness of the United States.

There can be no question that the American people are becoming more and more unfit for military duty. We are not as well prepared today for war as we were one hundred years ago, when we had no army organization worthy the name, though we had splendid material for a volunteer force.

A century ago the greater part of the male population of the United States was familiar with the use of firearms. Outside of the few cities in the land, nearly every citizen owned a rifle or, at least, a "smooth bore." When he was mustered into the service it was not difficult to instruct him how to shoot. He fought our wars and acquitted himself, on the whole, quite as creditably as the trained soldiery of Europe.

A century later, the South African Boers showed that in modern warfare, the frontier rifleman has lost none of his capacity to hold his own against the professional soldier. After being stripped of all its trappings, war consists in killing men with rifles. Unless he can shoot and hit what he shoots at, the soldier is a failure, however well he may be trained in maneuvers and the manual of arms.

Gen. Wood points to Switzerland's military system and suggests that in it we may find a model. Every citizen of Switzerland of military age is an active member of the militia. Gen. Wood, in discussing the Swiss system, tells us:

Switzerland, through her system of military callisthenics in her schools and gradual leading up to military instruction, is enabled to give thorough military instruction to all her men, with the exception of temporary interference with their ordinary occupations, which is more than compensated for by the resulting increase in their economic efficiency. There we have a nation where every man is thoroughly trained to discharge one of the most important duties of a citizen, viz., the duties of a soldier in time of war. This condition has been reached with little or no interference with his ordinary pursuits. With the exception of troops assembled for short concentrated periods of instruction, there are no troops constantly under arms. The officers, non-commissioned officers and instructors are constantly at work on various portions of the active army assembled for the purposes of instruction. Switzerland can turn out 220,000 men in forty-eight hours, and she has behind this force some 300,000 more who have been trained and are still of a military age. The whole establishment is maintained for less than \$6,000,000 per year. No people more law-abiding and self-respecting exist anywhere. Every Swiss takes pride in having received the training which will enable him to be of the most service to his country in case of war.

The military system of Switzerland provides for a idea in arms. It is the system which in theory prevailed in the United States, but which in fact had no existence, before the enactment of the Dick law.

Mr. Berger has urged upon congress the creation of a militia modeled after the Swiss system, which would provide every citizen with a rifle and secure the liberties of the people from attack within and

insure the nation from invasion from without. But congress has paid no heed. The idea that a people to be free should be armed has lost caste along with other revolutionary conceptions that were contemporaneous with the birth of the American republic.

We must confess some surprise that Gen. Leonard Wood should think that a military policy that would make the United States impregnable from attack, even if the military forces of the world should be hurled against it, would meet with favor from our mammon-made masters, who are quite as fearful of the people armed, as they are of "the mob" enfranchised and unchecked by judicial restraint.

The initiative, referendum and recall have no such terrors as a militia free from mercenary taint and inclusive of the whole body of the people. Then Mr. Wilson's figure of speech, wherein the means of direct legislation and immediate dismissal of faithless officials become "a gun behind the door" to warn off the public enemy, should become a reality.

If we are to have a militia, let it be a militia such as the constitution contemplates—a militia to insure the people's liberties rather than an army which may be used to subvert them.—Milwaukee Leader.

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PARTY NEWS OF THE WISCONSIN MOVEMENT

Social-Democrats in State Legislature—Senate, Gabriel, Zophy; Assembly, Carl Meisler, Edwin Ginn, H. Kiefer, Martin Gerecki, J. H. Vin, William L. Smith.

RACINE.

Racine—Alderman N. P. Nielsen, Racine's only Socialist alderman, mourns the loss of his oldest daughter, Mayme, aged 23, who recently passed away. She was very popular among her many friends and especially the Scandinavian branch where she always took a leading part at their entertainments and parties. A wreath of flowers was sent by the Executive Board of the Central committee of the party. The funeral was largely attended.

The Racine Trades and Labor council at a recent meeting listened to an address from Mr. Oscar M. Sullivan of the Central association, the subject of social centers in the public school buildings, upon giving some interesting statistics on the success of other cities who have adopted these centers he urged the council to use its influence to bring about a favorable sentiment for the same in Racine.

The council voted to appoint a committee to contemplate a plan to bring this movement to the attention of the various unions in the city and to report at the next meeting.

The Danish co-operative store at its annual meeting voted to declare a dividend of 6 per cent to its shareholders after placing 3 per cent in the reserve fund and paying 5 per cent on the capital invested. It has a membership of over one hundred.

The Scandinavian branch gave a party Saturday evening, December 7 at Liberty hall where a good time was enjoyed by its members.

The members of the Finnish branch are preparing for a party to be given Christmas eve at Liberty hall. The Finns are unusually quiet in the city and their affairs are always successful.

A. C. BOWMAN.

MENOMONIE. Menomonic—Comrade E. L. Thorne, who has been at home suffering from malaria since last summer, left Thursday night, Dec. 5, for Seattle, Wash., where he will remain if the climate agrees with him.

Comrade Thorne was slated to speak on Socialism, in Norwegian, Wednesday night, Dec. 4, at North Menomonic hall, but was unable to do so because of an attack of chills. As Menomonic is fairly well supplied with local talent, this did not prevent the holding of the meeting. Frank Kelley, an old Socialist war horse and a veteran of the civil war, was put into the gap and gave one of his usual interesting talks. At the close of the meeting five of those present signed applications.

Menomonic local is considering the presentation of the Socialist party, "Under the Lash," some time during the winter. Menomonic local intends to set a pace. Other locals, please do the same. Send in your news items. We want to hear about you.

A book and literature station has been established here, at 609 Fifteenth avenue, by local comrades. It is proposed to handle all books and other literature dealing with the question of public welfare. Also to take subscriptions to Socialist papers and magazines and other papers and magazines of a truly progressive character. The business will be conducted under the title, The Menomonic Book company. All profits are to be used for educational purposes.

Frank Kelley, Sr., is game to the core. Although badly hurt as a result of a runaway (referred to in this enclosure), when the boys gathered about him he said: "It is all in the game; we must expect things like this to happen; it is in a good cause. Did we do any good tonight?" referring to the meeting addressed by him at North Menomonic.

[Enclosure.]

Dunn County News—Frank Kelley, Sr. and his son, Frank, were both badly hurt in a runaway accident while returning from the Socialist meeting held in North Menomonic Wednesday night which was addressed by the elder Mr. Kelley.

The horses were frightened by a train at the bridge near the Globe Iron Works at about 11 o'clock, the shaft broke, and both men were thrown from the buggy. Mr. Kelley, Sr., suffered the fracture of two ribs and his son was cut about the face and neck, and scalp wounds. They were taken home at 2 a. m. in an auto from the Pongratz garage after receiving attention in a physician's office down town.

It was at first feared the elder gentleman had been internally injured, but this fortunately proved not the case. Mr. Kelley is 70 years old and considering his age is improving with remarkable rapidity. Besides receiving two broken ribs his face was badly bruised.

NEOPT.

Neopt—Our last meeting was held at the Taggart residence and it was very enjoyable, full of business.

Mrs. John Derostier is enjoying a short visit from her sister, Mrs. C. R. Long of International Falls, Minn., and will accompany her on a visit to another sister living in Suring, Wis., and from there they will go to Walsh, Wis., and enjoy a good old-fashioned Xmas dinner with a brother that they have not seen for about 15 years. From there they will go to Rhinelander to partake of a sumptuous New Year's dinner with Mrs. Derostier's youngest daughter. From there Mrs. Long and little son Howard will return home to International Falls, one of the wealthiest cities in Minnesota, for its stay.

Mrs. J. B. Derostier is contemplating a month's visit with relatives in the near future. In her absence, Mr. Derostier, one of our most active Socialists will be cared for by a daughter, Mrs. F. Long of Chicago. She being a nurse, no doubt her father in a month's time will be the sturdiest Socialist that we are so much in need of here.

While visiting at Neopt my niece, Mrs. Long, and I were invited to attend a Socialist meeting, December 8, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Taggart, which we enjoyed far even beyond our expectations. We never knew just how social a little Socialist meeting could be made. But we were not a little surprised, when about 10 p. m., the funniest of that most delicious drink, coffee, filled the room. We had our hands full for a few minutes to persuade the comrade chairman, Joseph Derostier, to adjourn the meeting. But when he saw the trays carried in loaded with good things he surrendered.

MRS. LANG.

SHEBOYGAN. SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin—The vote in the special election Tuesday stood 1,879 "no," against 1,530 "yes," on the question of approving the

amendment to the ordinance governing the water works commission. This means that Mayor Dickman is defeated in his plan of getting control of the commission.

This victory is probably due to the Socialists. Dickman will not be ousted from the commission as some people expected, but it means that the membership of the commission will remain at three.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING

To the Editor and to Comrades: The election of a state executive committee is of tremendous importance. It is this body of officials that by virtue of its general supervision of party activity and its great initiative powers, gives tone, gives color, and gives strength to the militant Socialism of our state.

Personally, I feel that we are in the zenith of time demanding a new unfolding of party activity not only in Milwaukee but throughout the state. We need a piercing, uncompromising Socialist point of view to emanate from the state executive committee and to radiate over the entire state and that this is a necessity is shown by the repeated expressions and even bold advocacy of bourgeois politics on the part of party members in private and from public rostrums which should be discouraged and checked. In addition to a strong Socialist conviction the state executive committee should be a body thoroughly alive to the exigencies of the times, and absolutely aggressive in pushing our propaganda. Our choice of comrades for the posts on the state executive committee should therefore be determined only by the measure of their conviction.

I do not wish to be understood as criticizing the personnel of the present state executive committee, but simply as pointing out qualities, according to my humble opinion, that personnel, present or future, should possess.

For Socialism yours fraternally, OSCAR RADEMAKER, Milwaukee.

THE STATE BOARD AGAIN

We have received a second letter on the subject of the state board from Comrade John Doerfler, Jr., himself a candidate and the author of the Seventh ward branch circular which was sent to the various Milwaukee branches. He says:

To the Editor of the Social-Democratic Herald:—Considering that only one of the several communications sent to the Herald for publication which were favorable to the circular issued by the Seventh ward branch of Milwaukee was published, and that three in criticism thereof were given space, I beg the privilege of making a reply.

The two points called to the attention of the members in the circular are: first—the need of electing comrades on the executive committee solely with regard to their qualifications, ability and availability of time, necessary for real usefulness on the committee, and not merely because of a certain popularity or prominence, gained in matters that are not a fair criterion to judge their fitness on the committee. The second point is—the need of change in the internal policy of the state organization, that is, the present idea or method of administering the affairs of our organization, so as to allow of a fuller and freer participation on the members therein, without fear of the results of a difference of opinion, and thereby enlightening the sense of responsibility of every member to his obligations.

These two points have been studiously evaded in all three of the communications, last week's circular, sent to the Herald, in criticism of the circular, by impugning of the motives of the comrades responsible for the issuing of the circular. The comrades are cautioned therein against "self-seekers," inner selfishness, and a "lack of fraternal activity in the cause," etc., and are insidiously lead to believe that there is a scheme on foot which contemplates a deviation from the constructive policy and tactics of the Wisconsin movement as distinguished from what is generally known as Impassibilism. Comrade Seidel, for whom the designated has the highest regard and estimation ungraciously and poetically withdraws his name as a candidate evidently appreciating that with all devotion to the cause and his capacity for good in the organization his usefulness on the committee would be greatly negated by his inability to attend the meetings of the committee regularly.

The question is asked, why is it advised that a new resident membership be elected?

In the absence of any information from headquarters, for which the committee is responsible, giving the general membership some idea of the listlessness and irregularity of attendance at committee meetings it was thought advisable to urge the election of new members believing that that would encourage such members of the present committee who might possibly justly feel aggrieved by the general criticism in this respect to make known their innocence. The responsibility for any misunderstanding rests entirely with the committeemen as a whole, for not having kept the membership better informed. If the circular had made only certain committeemen the object of criticism it would inevitably have resulted in personalities, which would only have befogged the questions at issue.

The foregoing letter suggests some thoughts that The Herald may be permitted to present without presuming to "take sides" as between the members.

Any effort that tends to increase the

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Wonders of Insect Life

A study of insects is very interesting. I have, insects, many of them have better eyesight than man, and stated numerous facts about animals and fowls, but the student of the way of insects, could write volumes of highly instructive descriptions of intelligent flies, bugs, ants, bees, etc., etc. Several years ago a nature student invited me to look through his microscope of strong power at a drop of water. I was astonished at seeing three or four different kinds of live things swimming about therein. Some looked like eels or snakes, some like toads, others like turtles. I next examined a prawn. It was fairly alive with tiny insects, invisible to the naked eye. There were a half dozen varieties of living things, each seeming to be having a good time. According to E. A. Ayers, M. D., an authority on insects, many of them have better eyesight than man. He says, the snail has an eye on the outer end of each long flexible horn. Then there is the rock-clinging starfish with his penta rays jeweled with eyes, and the wood-louse called the millepede—with twenty-eight eyes set in rows, all of seven—and the blood specialist leech with ten little eyes surrounding his mouth, to guard against tainted food, and the dozen-eyed silkworm. In viewing the house-fly we need a lens. The big visible bulging eye we see are composed of thousands of unit, cone-shaped eyes. Bound into one compound eye, each of more or less spherical shape. Under a lens they look like a glass-eyed pavement bent to convexity, their faceted corners are variously set in square, hexagonal or prismatic frames, each glistening facet is the corner lens of a distinct self-working eye. Their number in each compound eye is enormous. There are fifty such eyes in the ant; 1400 are allowed to the drone bee, and 3500 to the "workers." Our pet kitchen fly has 3000 chances of seeing food crabs, the beetle has over 500, while more than 13,000 aid the dragon-fly in his pursuit of the mosquito.

Professor Exner, of Vienna, through the Hiltiphot lenses of the eye of a fire-fly has photographed, not the product of one tiny eye, but the joined picture gathered by probably several hundred eyes, each carrying its scenic view to the brain by its element of nerve. Compared with insects, the strength of almost any large animal, and especially of man, is absurd. A man is considered strong if he can drag a

mass weighing three or four times as much as himself, but the beetle will walk with five hundred times his own weight. If a man were placed under a wooden box with five times his weight on top to hold it down, he would remain there indefinitely; but to retain a stag-beetle prisoner in the same way, one must pile on top of the box at least eighteen hundred times its weight.

Charles Adeler, a writer, speaking of the strength of the sand beetle and his intelligence, said:

"Last summer I took my boy down to the lake shore, where any amount of sand beetles were crawling about. They are very powerful and are about three-fourths of an inch in length.

"My boy amused himself by covering them with sand, and it was astonishing to see how fast they dug themselves out. I dug a hole with my hand about eight inches deep and put a beetle in it.

"He tried to crawl up the sides, with no success, then the beetle began to dig sideways, spiraling his way upward. Half way up he encountered a protruding pebble, which he tried to straddle.

"He tumbled back into the hole. Using his old spiral way, he met this pebble the second time. He hesitated, then he merely turned around and spiraled his way up in the opposite direction to the top. I set him at liberty, which he truly deserved."

"My boy and girl readers would find the study of insect life thrillingly interesting. The whole infinite universe seems to be throbbing with life. The leaf of every tree serves as a world to millions of living creatures. Even our own bodies are the dwelling place of myriads of them. How marvelously wonderful are the works of nature! How modest should we all be standing in the midst of such unsolvable mysteries.—R. A. DAGUE.

Judge Jones and Deacon Daris

It has been said that children and intoxicated people tell the truth. That is probably not strictly correct, but I once heard a story about an old lawyer and a church deacon which would seem to substantiate the statement. Old Judge Jones on one occasion went to church, when somewhat intoxicated. In the course of his sermon the minister in discussing the drawbacks to the work of the church, said: "The immoderate use of alcoholic liquors is an old lawyer and a church deacon which would seem to substantiate the statement. Old Judge Jones on one occasion went to church, when somewhat intoxicated. In the course of his sermon the minister in discussing the drawbacks to the work of the church, said: "The immoderate use of alcoholic liquors is an old lawyer and a church deacon which would seem to substantiate the statement. Old Judge Jones on one occasion went to church, when somewhat intoxicated. 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The amount received at the national office for dues during the month of November was \$5,015.25.

A dispatch to the Chicago Arbeiter Zeitung announces that Thomas J. Morgan, a well-known Chicago Socialist, was killed by accident at Williams, Ariz. Mr. Morgan and his family left Chicago for southern California.

Harrassed by thugs employed by its capitalist enemies and forced into financial difficulties in its battle for the Western Federation of Miners against the Homestake Mining Company, The Black Hills Daily Register has suspended publication for many years.

S. Fischer, Verlag, the largest publishing house in Germany, will shortly issue a complete edition in German of Gustav Myers' 'History of Great American Fortunes.'

What promises to be the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of college students interested in Socialism ever assembled in the United States will be the fourth annual convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society to be held in New York city, Dec. 27 and 28.

The facilities of caring for the wounded soldiers will always be insufficient, for a modern equipped army can do more killing and maiming in the care of its fighting men.

The Bulgarians cannot properly take care of their own wounded soldiers, the wounded Turks are left to die.

The press of all countries should dwell upon this side of the war, and cut out the picture and the flubby nurses, even if the crown prince of Greece is said to be inside of it.

It is rather a pity that with all his opportunities to study and learn, William D. Haywood has been unable to arrive at any real understanding of Socialism or comprehension of the meaning of socialist political action.

The existing order is so vastly practical that it wastes annually five times as much material wealth as it produces.

Wisconsin Movement

Interest of the members in the state organization is commendable, but the probability is that every member will do his or her best to forward the state activity. This has always been true, and the record for the past two years shows a very notable growth in the state organization.

All controversy inspired by personal campaigning is a practice which the Social-Democratic party has always condemned and branded as unsocialistic. But apart from this the party will do well to give earnest consideration to all such suggestions as that in the above letter regarding party policy.

There are loyal hearts and spirits brave, There are souls that are pure and true; When give to the world the best you have, And the best shall come back to you.

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Congressman Berger in a Lively Debate

WASHINGTON, D. C.—As the result of an amusing, and at times spectacular, debate on the floor of the house, with Representative Victor L. Berger, the Wisconsin Socialist, taking a leading part, the bureau of standards in Washington, which heretofore has been famed chiefly as the official custodian of the national yardstick and other standard measures of the United States, is to be turned into an active bureau of the government.

The debate, which was precipitated by Congressman James M. Cox of Ohio, the governor-elect of that state, who offered an amendment to the departmental appropriation bill providing for the expenditure of \$15,000 to start the bureau on the new work, presented the strange combination of Cox, a Democrat, 'Uncle Joe' Cannon, the Republican job-holder, and Berger, the Wisconsin Socialist, fighting shoulder to shoulder for the passage of the social measure.

'Uncle Joe,' who was defeated for re-election last year, and who has since a lifetime of Republican job-holding, made one of the first 'uplift' speeches of his career, urging the importance of passing legislation looking to the protection of the workers.

'This was Berger's opportunity. His opening sentence caused much amusement in the house.

Mr. BERGER—Mr. Chairman, I am glad to have the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Cox) in the chair.

Mr. JOHNSON (South Carolina)—Mr. Chairman, I move that all debate on this amendment close in five minutes.

Mr. BERGER—Mr. Chairman, I asked for time half an hour ago.

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Says Reducing Costs by Cutting Wages Fallacious

If it is a popular saying, with a pleasantly humorous meaning, that 'the ghost walks' when the man comes around with the weekly wages. But not there is a genuine superstitious belief connected with this ghost as indicated by William C. Redfield in his little book, 'The New Industrial Day.'

'It is strange that so practical a people as we should be ghost worshippers, but we have been and some of us still are, and the ghost is the 'Rate of Wages,' has long stalked about on the top of the tariff wall and scared us with its ferocious visage.

He has a fellow ghost called the 'Cost of Production.'

Mr. Redfield, who speaks from a large experience as a successful manufacturer and observer of the world's commerce, has convincing things to say that should be cheering both to manufacturers and wage earners who are inclined to tremble under the influence of the old superstition.

Nothing is gained by destroying industrial capitalists.

We intend to expropriate the expropriators, but you cannot do it by ruining a machine or a piece of goods now in the hands of the expropriators.

You cannot expropriate by smothering physical and cooling epigrams. You must get down to solid work and show the workers how to use their irresistible power, their power to run the industries and their power to organize the comrades of jobholders.

The Sixth and Seventh Wards branches of Leavenworth combine into one organization under the name of the Central branch. Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. in G. A. Hall.

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PENNSYLVANIA

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Every Herald hustler—every Herald reader should take advantage of the fact that Ameringer is to be a regular writer for The Herald and go after a lot of new subscribers.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS

his feet and exclaimed: 'Here I am Mr. Preacher! Yes, I confess up that I drink too much, and some times get drunk.'

A Dude, a Pug Dog and Mr. Jonas

Once I was on a crowded street car coming into the city of Tacoma from a suburban town. We stopped at a certain street crossing when a man with a baby in his arms got up to go out.

Puzzles

Cross-Word Enigma. My first is in gold but not in brass, My second is in gold but not in brass, My third is in food but not in fare.

THE PUPPIES' MISHAP

The first took on the dealers' pose, The pups all night in the cold have lain, Now morning finds a huddled heap Of tired doggies sound asleep.