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The Alpha and Omega of Socialism is the Transformation of Private Competing Capitals into Public Co-Operative Capital.

THE POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND ETHICS OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

Editorial Note and Comment.

A people's government would strangle monopolists; instead of that, monopolists strangle the government and starve the people.

Blanco's slowness in preparing for the evacuation of Cuba seems to keep pace with Uncle Sam's slowness in providing food for starving Cubans.

It is law that defines robbers; and while law is elastic, it has never yet included in its definitions the robbers from whose depredations society suffers most.

The capitalistic ideal is the dominance in the state of those who possess property. The Socialistic ideal is the dominance of the laborers—and all citizens would be laborers under Socialism.

Aguinaldo thinks the Filipinos are capable of governing themselves. Perhaps he has learned something about the incapability of American capitalists to govern for the benefit of the American people.

The Arena magazine has suspended. The controlling interest was secured by capitalists, who, unknown to Editor Ridpath, "shut down the works" after the September number was out and left no opportunity to Dr. Ridpath to bid his readers farewell.

By carping about the "tremendous responsibilities" the war has brought upon us as a nation, capitalist plunderers and Christian preachers are evidently trying to ignore the responsibilities at home before the war, which responsibilities are still upon us.

The miners at Pana have made an offer to submit the differences between them and the mine owners to arbitration. But since Pullman made the rule that employers of labor should have nothing to arbitrate, the civilized methods of workmen have had little consideration.

"Sound money, protection and expansion" are said to be the great national issues to be advocated by the Republicans. "Sound money" in the interest of bankers; "protection" in the interest of manufacturers; "expansion" in the interest of militarism. "The people be d—!"

The failure of communistic colonies, of which we have had about eighty in the United States, and which are pointed at to prove the impracticability of Socialism, in no way retards the growth of Socialist sentiment and conviction. And there is no reason why it should; the two things are entirely different.

Andrew Carnegie, a resident of Scotland, and famous as the manufacturer of high-priced spurious armor plate, is organizing a trust to corner shipbuilding in this country. Andrew has obtained the right to use the Krupp process of making steel armor. It will be an armor plated monopoly in this hemisphere.

As long as there are private capitalists there will be public corruption. As long as there are private privileges there will be public protest. As long as peaceful evolution is obstructed, violent revolution is possible. As long as the producers are willing to be nothing in the state, parasites will be everything.

The members of the National Industrial Commission began to earn their salaries at Chicago last week. By the way, what is there for this commission to do that could not be done by the National Bureau of Labor. It serves no purpose beyond that for which the bureau was organized, except to create a few more salaried positions.

You don't believe in the state interfering in the business of production and distribution of wealth? No. But you do believe in capitalists interfering with the state, to the extent of controlling it and, thereby, controlling the economic condition of the people? Well, you are only an "average" American. The average American is magnificent in patriotism and prejudice.

The Chicago Journal thinks the church doors, which are closed six days

in the week, should be opened and the schoolless children of New York city allowed to enter. It says there can be no greater religious work than to give the children an opportunity to learn. But the boys might whittle the pews, and that would greatly disturb the religion of the average pewholder.

Bishop Samuel Fallows of Chicago in a sermon last Sunday said: "We must have a regular army of at least 100,000 soldiers. We must lift the standard of American soldiery to the lofty height which the age and the country demand." We had supposed that the business of a bishop was to bear aloft the banner of the "Prince of Peace," but perhaps we have been mistaken.

Theodore D. Lauderdale, a ten-year-old boy, the other day received \$600 for a leg cut off by the St. Paul railroad. That was the amount allowed by the court; but of course a lawyer had to be paid, at least one-half the amount, leaving the boy the pay of a colonel in the army for a month, probably less. If Theodore lives to a ripe old age he will have plenty of time to reflect over the generosity of railroad corporations.

Public Opinion prints two pages of clippings from editorials in various newspapers of this country commenting on the assassination of the Austrian empress by an anarchist. Not once throughout the editorials is the word Socialism mentioned. This is a grateful sign of the times, and we hope the editors of the land have at last gotten it through their noddles that anarchism and Socialism are opposites and have nothing in common, save dissatisfaction with the present state of society.

Frank Ficks, a soldier of the Seventh United States Infantry, died at Denver of typhoid fever contracted in the Santiago campaign. Before Frank died he said he had been ill treated and neglected ever since he was taken ill, and so intense was his feeling against his superiors who conducted the "war of humanity" that he made a dying request that he be not buried in his uniform.

Referred to the "Dodge" investigating commission.

The British Trade Union Congress, at its annual convention, three weeks ago, adopted the following resolution by a vote of 708,000 against 410,000:

"Inasmuch as this congress believes that the labor problem can only be solved when the land and the means of production, distribution and exchange are made collective property, and as the opinion prevails that political action is the best method to accomplish this object, it is recommended that trade unionists render their moral and financial support to the Socialist Labor parties."

Socialism would not be spoiled by politics, because the spoils system would be no part of the Socialistic state. The spoils system belongs to the capitalistic order. And what are the "spoils"? Money. It is money that buys laws and bribes law-makers; it is money that supports the lobby, corrupts legislation and perverts justice; it is money that moulds editorial opinion, controls voters and determines elections. Abolish money and the spoils system goes with it; and that is what Socialism will do.

Do all in your power to direct public attention to the candidates of the Social Democratic Party. This you can do best by ordering a bundle of papers and sending marked copies to your friends. If you are a union man—and you ought to be—introduce The Herald to the homes of your fellow unionists and induce them to subscribe. Let the trades unionists know what is the attitude of our party toward them, by putting a copy of our platform and resolutions in their hands. Be constantly on the lookout for Socialists and induce them to join your branch.

It transpires that the medical director at the Chickamauga camp was a veterinary surgeon, whose specialty was the treatment of cats and dogs. Following is his card: "Hospital of the New York College of Veterinary Surgeons, New York. Rates of board: Horses, per day, \$1.50; dogs, per day, 50 cents; cats, per day, 50 cents. Baths for dogs: Small dogs, 50 cents; large

and long-haired dogs, \$1. Medicated, special. Professional charges according to nature of the case. Dr. R. S. Huidekoper."

"Political pull" made this horse, cat and dog doctor a physician to the boys in blue, and now that the fact is out nobody is found willing to shoulder the responsibility.

The chief of police of New York City is a fine representative of the unthinking and conceited capitalist class. He belongs to the wise class that get into positions under capitalism. A convention of factory inspectors was held in his city the other day, and the chief made a speech in which he said: "The only cure for the sweating system is in the restriction of immigration." This expression of opinion, the report says, was warmly applauded by the assembled delegates. It is a sore misfortune to labor that people holding such views should fill the positions of factory inspectors. An ideal factory inspector would be one who had true sympathy for the toilers, and who would study into the true causes of their misery. This anti-immigration talk is simply an excuse to cover up the real trouble. So one is not surprised to read that some of the delegates expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the labor laws as they were. The world has about so much work to be done, and the more there are to do it, provided the work of the world is properly regulated, the easier it will be for each one of the workers. Moreover, this great land is full of resources, enough for all the immigrants that wish to come here for hundreds of years. The trouble really is that capitalism has laid a heavy hand on all that is valuable, and has thus brought about suffering in the midst of plenty. The stress of the hunt for a living has forced men to turn sweaters and to prey upon their fellowmen in distress. You don't hear factory inspectors holding their jobs through old party favor telling the people the truth about this thing. It is easier for them to fool the people with anti-immigration talk. They believe that the world should be fenced off into pens and the people kept in this or that pen as best pleases the master class. Keep such fellows in power, you wage-slaves, if you don't, someone will think you have a mind of your own on election day.

These laboring men who talk about the dignity of labor during the year and then go and vote their master's tickets on election day disgust self-respecting men. How can they expect the world to respect labor when labor has so little respect for itself that it will not vote for labor on election day? All this talk against monopoly during the year amounts to nothing if capital can whip the laborers into line on election day. Capital is very considerate, too. It gives the laborer the chance to choose between two capitalistic parties. So long as labor's strength can be divided by those two parties the plutocracy has no fear; but let the laborers unite in a true labor party and they begin to tremble. They look with contempt on the laboring class in this country, but the case is different in Germany and France. Over there the workers have sense enough to have parties of their own. You know what the result is: The exploiting, parasitic class is actually trembling and trying to find ways by law to restrain the workers from expressing a preference at the ballot box. We know a man who is loud all the year in running down monopoly. To hear him you would think him very dangerous to the capitalists. But he isn't. He's the easiest fooled fellow you ever saw. When election time comes around the old capitalist parties get up some fake "reform" plank, and they get not only fool our noisy friend, but they get him to actually work for one or the other of their parties! He thinks he's very cute, but we fail to see any results of his cuteness, or the cuteness of the many who are just like him that lessens the hunger and distress of the people.

Lots of people are fooled that way. If you'll only look the situation squarely in the face, you will see how hopeless it is to expect the old parties to do anything in the real interests of the people. We are living under the capitalist system. All the evils we groan under grow out of that system. That system must give place to a better one before those evils will disappear. Those who vote for the Socialist ticket vote to have that cutthroat system abolished—they vote for the emancipation of labor. Those who vote one of the old party tickets vote against a change. The politicians well know that if the people saw the issue clearly they would overwhelmingly vote for the change, so they do everything they can to obscure the issue. They do this by springing fake reforms. They know their business.

ROSA PROLETAIRE'S CAMPAIGN LETTERS TO BROTHER JOHN.

No. 1 of a Series of Letters Suited to the Times.

My Dear Brother John:—Well, I see the Social Democratic Party of America is ready for the political fight. It will be a lively fight, a fight for labor's inalienable rights and Socialism. For the next few weeks we must be in the political arena day and night—go out on the highways and byways preaching the gospel to the millions of toilers.

I might give you a little straight goods on a somewhat delicate question. I am willing to send you a letter every week from now to Nov. 8, the day of election. Are you willing to spend 25 cents a week for fifty copies of the Social Democratic Herald for distribution among your fellow citizens? John, another thing, your branch shall expend \$1 to \$5 a week for extra copies of the Social Democratic Herald—100 copies for 50 cents—including Rosa Proletaire—! John, go down into your pocket, and I will do my share.

The Social Democratic Party, organized less than four months ago, has now tickets in the field as follows: Full state tickets in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri. Congressional tickets in Baltimore and New York. County ticket in Terre Haute, Ind.

The fact that our party is politically active in eight different states argues well for the healthy life in our movement.

John, a Socialist campaign requires work, work, hard work! Good Socialist literature must be put into the hands of every man active in the labor movement, of every citizen of your district. Every honest man and woman will become a Socialist provided you properly explain to him or her what Socialism means.

Intelligent as you are, John, you still have some of the old, cannibalistic notions, or, rather, the notions have you. You say you cannot understand how the Missouri comrades could nominate a common union workman for prosecuting attorney, a union woodworker for judge of criminal correction.

You are possessed of the old notion that a prosecuting attorney must necessarily be a corrupt, rotten lawyer and ward heeler, who in reality knows as much of right and justice as the average China-Poland hog knows of Dr. Felix Adler's ethical culture. The same is true of the ward heeler that occupy the high places in our courts of justice.

The average working man would do more justice to the people than all our high-salaried judges. He would not let the millionaire robber escape and punish the poor devil for stealing a loaf of bread; he would not issue injunctions against striking workmen and sanction the murderous work of capitalist hirelings, as, for instance, in the Hazleton massacre case in Wilkes-barre.

The Missouri comrades nominated wage-workers for the judiciary offices as a protest against the criminal and abominable work done by capitalist representatives of justice against the organized and unorganized wage-workers of this country.

There is more justice practiced in our little trades unions than in the highest courts of our modern capitalist government.

Wage-workers are now being confronted by a horrible state of affairs. The Cuban war of "emancipation" is over. Thousands of our young soldiers have been sent home as cripples and their health and life are gone forever. The capitalist class is now reaping the almighty dollars where the life blood of men was used as fertilizer of the field of speculation. Indeed, the better times are coming—better times for the capitalist speculators, but the masses of the American people are being driven into the eternal hell of poverty, misery and starvation.

Wage-workers of America, on Nov. 8 you will have a chance to vote for economic freedom and peace. The Social Democratic Party of America is your party. It is your sacred duty to work and vote for it. Every vote for

this party will be a vote for a better system of society. A movement like ours, based on sound principles, is necessarily progressing slowly in the start, but once grown to a certain extent it will grow in strength and power like the majestic Mississippi river in the spring time, when the mild rays of the rising sun destroy the blocks of ice and snow in the mountains. When the sun of Socialism will shine into the dark valleys of popular ignorance, when the ice of the public prejudice is broken, you will be surprised when the flood of the Socialistic movement will sweep over this country, bearing the high water mark, to the great satisfaction and joy of the poor and oppressed.

John, I have cheering news from England. The British trades unions, representing 1,200,000 wage-workers, held their annual congress in Bristol, and by a vote of 708,000 against 410,000 adopted the following resolution:

"Believing that the labor question can only be solved by making the means of production and distribution the collective property of the people, and being of the opinion that political action is the best means to bring this about, the congress hereby recommends to trades unionists to henceforth give their moral and financial support to the Socialist labor parties."

A fine victory for Socialism, isn't it, John?

Insist that every wage-worker read our Social Democratic platform. Wherever and whenever possible teach your fellow worker the following Social Democratic campaign song, which I find in one of our Socialist papers:

We remind you of Homestead!
We remind you of Cripple Creek!
We remind you of Coeur de Alene!
We remind you of Tennessee!
We remind you of Brooklyn!
We remind you of Buffalo!
We remind you of Pullman!
We remind you of New Bedford!
We remind you of last year's miners' strike.
We remind you of Hazleton!
We remind you of Oshkosh!
We remind you of Pana!

Then ask every wage-slave: Have you forgotten that Democratic and Republican lead alike pierced through the hearts of your fellow slaves?

Have you forgotten that Democratic and Republican politicians alike ordered the militia and Federal troops to shoot down poor wage-workers?

Have you forgotten that Democratic and Republican representatives of justice combined to check the onward march of organized labor?

John, never forget! Let us never forget to do our duty on election day! Never forget to work and vote for the Social Democratic Party! Vote for Socialism, or rivers of wage-workers' blood will flow—more than in Hazleton and Latimer. If you don't vote right, don't complain when the capitalist shoots "right."

In Socialism I trust and in the good common sense of the American working people. Your beloved sister, ROSA PROLETAIRE.

The Engineering News gives the following table of the expense of waterworks under private and public ownership:

States.	Public.	Private.	Per cent difference.
New England...	\$23.42	\$28.12	20
Middle...	19.36	26.94	39
South Atlantic...	23.79	30.20	27
South Central...	31.06	36.88	17
North Central...	18.73	25.92	38
Northwestern...	20.77	28.46	37
Southwestern...	32.53	39.64	22
Pacific...	29.32	46.96	71
Canada...	21.07	31.43	50

Courade Magalhaes gives some interesting details of the Socialist movement in Lisbon. He says that all the workers are practically united in trade unions of some sort; but they are short of funds, and up to the present have not been successful in any of their strikes. All the trade unions busy themselves with politics, the greater being Republicans, although there are a considerable number of Socialists. As the Portugal workers have neither clericalism nor jingoism to contend with, their late progress has been very great.

THE ABOLITION OF WORK.

History repeats itself. That is His- tory's trade, and a poor trade it is. When my ideal is realized, I hope His- tory will strike out an original line for itself. Till then I suppose we must be content with its more than clock- like regularity in going the same old round time after time.

at this portion of the book I felt like a castaway on a desert island who sees a ship in the offing flying the flag of his fatherland. Jefferies goes the whole way, he believes that Work will in time become absolutely unneces- sary, as will be seen from the follow- ing quotation:

THE FATHERLAND.

Where is the true man's fatherland? Is it where he by chance was born? Doth not the yearning spirit scorn In such scant borders to be spanned? O yes! his fatherland must be As the blue heaven wide and free!

INTERNATIONAL MENTION.

At Epernay, France, where the party has been organized only three years, Dr. Pechadre has been elected by a vote of 2,151 against Fleuricourt, who was supported by a coalition of Reactionaries, Opportunists and Radicals.

Three Socialist city councillors of Bilbao, Spain—F. Perezagua, a miller; T. Pasqual and F. Corratore, printers— have been arrested for "insulting the army." They were sentenced to imprisonment for two years and four months.

In the Groningen province of Holland a Socialist has been elected to the provin- cial council, both for the town of that name and for Hoogezaand. At Groningen city the party poll was 1,351 out of 2,705. A year ago 214 Socialist votes could be secured.

Delegates have just been chosen for the election of deputies to the Land- thing, Denmark. In the towns 417 can- didates of the Socialist and Radical alliance were successful, and only 163 Conservatives. A considerable strengthening of the former element is thereby insured.

The utilization of the tides for gener- ating electricity has been accom- plished at Ploumanach, in the Côtes du Nord, France. The local circumstances favored the engineer, for the high tide there overflows a bank into pools at a lower level, and he had only to insert a water-wheel capable of driving a dynamo and charge accumulators. There is very little doubt that the tides will become a most important source of power in future, when coal is more expensive, owing to its rarity.

Among the bills submitted to the di- rect popular vote of the electors of the Swiss canton of Zurich recently was one dealing with the taxation of ground values in towns, so as to ab- sorb for public purposes a share at least of the "unearned increment." The bill was accepted by 27,609 votes against 14,337. Thus was the thin end of the wedge of land nationalism been successfully driven into Swiss institu- tions. The local Socialists actively sup- ported the measure.—The Clarion.

The Congress of the Social Demo- cratic Party of Denmark was held at Odense, 146 delegates representing 101 groups and 21,900 members. The party has 250 organizations; the trade- union membership numbers 70,000. Since the last congress the number of Socialist members of municipal coun- cils has risen from 100 to 200. Plans were considered for the formation of a national union of agricultural labor- ers and the establishment of co-opera- tive industries under party control. The next congress will meet in Copenha- gen.

The Purleigh colonists have given the bulk of their capital, amounting to \$6,000, to the persecuted Dookhobortz, many of whom have left Russia to set- tle in Cyprus. The Purleigh people have kept only sufficient money to carry them on for six months, when, if the colony does not become self-sup- porting, and no outside help is re- ceived, a break-up would seem to be threatened. Since the Whatnot's visit to Purleigh two of the members have decided to leave and join another group who intend to take some land near Gloucester. They want a "broa- der basis" on which to develop their in- dividualities.—The Clarion.

The labor movement is becoming thoroughly modernized in Japan. A general election is being held this month, and the bosses are resorting to the same tactics of intimidation and disfranchisement that are practiced everywhere to keep capitalism in power. Before being allowed to vote the workers are compelled to pay taxes to the amount of £3 a year, and this is having the effect of producing a strong agitation for a free ballot, and is turn- ing the most intelligent laborers into Socialists. Another cause for the spread of Socialism is the relentless manner in which the capitalists are at- tacking the trade unionists upon the industrial field.

The movement in Des Moines, Ia., to purchase the city waterworks, now owned by a private corporation, for the sum of \$850,000 has been defeated

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Table listing books and their prices, including Karl Marx, Capital, Cloth; F. W. Sprague, Socialism, from Genesis to Revelation; August Bebel, Woman: Past, Present and Future; Edward Bellamy, Looking Backward; Fabian Essays in Socialism; Charles Vail, Modern Socialism; Ashplant, Heterodox Economics and Orthodox Profits; Herbert Casson, The Red Light; Henry D. Lloyd, Wealth Against Commonwealth; Thorold Rogers, Six Centuries of Work and Wages; Volney, The Ruins of Empires; Thomas Paine, The Rights of Man; The Socialism of John Stuart Mill, Edited by Bliss; Henry George, Social Problems; Osborne Ward, The Ancient Lowly; W. D. P. Bliss, What Christian Socialism Is; Adams, President John Smith; Richard T. Ely, Socialism and Social Reform; Blatchford, Love and Sympathy the Basis of Socialism; Buchner, Man in the Past, Present and Future.

PAMPHLETS.

Table listing pamphlets and their prices, including Frederick Engels, Development of Socialism From Utopia to Science; J. L. Joynes, Socialist Catechism; Sidney Webb, What Socialism Means; The Class Struggle; The Religion of Capital and Socialism Explained; The Proletariat and Down With Socialism; F. G. R. Gordon, Hard Times: Cause and Cure; Karl Marx, Analysis of Money; Watkins, Evolution of Industry; Wm. Morris, Monopoly: How Labor is Robbed; Wm. Morris, Useful Work vs. Useless Toll.

by a small majority. The proposition was warmly advocated by Major Mac- Vear. One peculiarity of the election was that the women were allowed to vote, and the leaders among them made an active canvass in favor of the purchase. The Des Moines Register sums up the vote as follows: Total men for purchase, 2,464; Total men against purchase, 2,911; Majority men against purchase, 447; Total women for purchase, 1,296; Total women against purchase, 1,018; Majority women for purchase, 278; Total vote for purchase, 3,760; Total vote against purchase, 3,929; Net majority against purchase, 159.

PLATFORM OF THE S. D. P.

The Social Democratic Party of America declares that life, liberty and happiness for every man, woman and child are conditioned upon equal political and economic rights. That private ownership of the means of production and distribution of wealth has caused society to split into two distinct classes with conflicting interests, the small possessing class of capitalists or exploiters of the labor force of others and the ever-increasing large dispossessed class of wage-work- ers, who are deprived of the socially- due share of their product. That capitalism, the private own- ership of the means of production, is responsible for the insecurity of sub- sistance, the poverty, misery and deg- radation of the ever-growing majority of our people. That the same economic forces which have produced and now intensify the capitalist system will compel the adoption of Socialism, the collec- tive ownership of the means of produc- tion, for the common good and welfare, or result in the destruction of civiliza- tion. That the trade union movement and independent political action are the chief emancipating factors of the working class, the one representing its economic, the other its political wing, and that both must cooperate to abolish the capitalist system of production and distribution. Therefore, the Social Democratic Party of America declares its object to be the establishment of a system of co-operative production and distribu- tion, through the restoration to the people of all the means of production and distribution, to be administered by organized society in the interest of the whole people, and the complete emancipation of society from the dom- ination of capitalism. The wage-workers and all those in sympathy with their historical mis- sion to realize a higher civilization

should sever connection with all cap- italist and reform parties and unite with the Social Democratic Party of America. The control of political power by the Social Democratic Party will be tantamount to the abolition of cap- italism and of all class rule. The solidarity of labor connecting us with millions of class conscious fel- low workers throughout the civilized world will lead to International So- cialism, the brotherhood of man. As steps in this direction, we make the following demands: 1. Revision of our antiquated Federal Constitution in order to remove the obstacles to full and complete control of government by all the people, irrespective of sex. 2. The public ownership of all indus- tries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. 3. The public ownership of all rail- roads, telegraph, telephone, all means of transportation, communication, water works, gas and electric plants, and all other public utilities. 4. The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, coal, iron, and all other mines; also of all oil and gas wells. 5. Reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production. 6. The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of a large number of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose. 7. All useful inventions to be free to all, the inventor to be remunerated by the public. 8. Labor legislation to be made national instead of local, and interna- tional where possible. 9. National insurance of working peo- ple against accidents and lack of em- ployment and pensions in old age. 10. Equal civil and political rights for women, and the abolition of all laws discriminating against women. 11. The adoption of the Initiative and Referendum, and the right of recall of representatives by the voters. 12. Abolition of war as far as the United States are concerned, and the introduction of international arbitra- tion instead. The Social Democratic Party of America does not hope for the estab- lishment of social order through the increase of misery, but on the contrary expects its coming through the deter- mined, united efforts of the workers of both city and country to gain and use the political power to that end. In view of this we adopt the following platform for the purpose of uniting the workers in the country with those in the city: 1. No more public land to be sold, but to be utilized by the United States of the state directly for the public benefit, or leased to farmers in small parcels of not over 640 acres, the state to make strict regulations as to improvement and cultivation. Forests and water- ways to be put under direct control of the nation. 2. Construction of grain elevators, magazines and cold storage buildings by the nation, to be used by the farm- ers at cost. 3. The postal, railroad, telegraph and telephone services to be so united that every post and railroad station shall be also a telegraph and telephone center. Telephone service for farmers, for residents of cities, to be at cost. 4. A uniform postal rate for the transportation of agricultural products on all railroads. 5. Public credit to be at the disposal of counties and towns for the improve- ment of roads and soil and for irriga- tion and drainage.