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DON'T FORGET THE PRESS FUND. We are anxious to close that deal for a job press and paper cutter

CONQUEST OF MEXICO. An all absorbing topic for discussion and speculation the past week

As a matter of fact, Mexico was conquered long since, by American and foreign capitalists

A CAMPAIGN FOR SUBS. Why not? The season is here. The industrial conditions are ripe

SCHMIDT, THE OX MAN

By Covington Hall.

That "something else" can be nothing else than the organized and determined effort of the Mexican working class to overthrow the system of peonage itself.

"We do not want masters; we want land and liberty. The ballot will not feed us, one little group of rebel fighters is reported to have said to the insurgent general, Madero.

Capitalism must be protected. So, another "tool of the interests" at once reaches to the rescue of his masters.

What a lesson on the true nature of the political state as the handmaid of King Capital! It matters not what these millions of workers have suffered, and still suffer.

But let a half dozen bell bellies in Wall Street whisper the word into this "president of the whole people's" ear,

And why shouldn't it be so? That's what the political state was created for: to serve as an instrument of the ruling economic class to oppress and hold in subjection the working class.

But for all that, the political state is only an instrument; it is not the underlying cause of oppression; nor would the abolition of the State alone, if that were possible, remove oppression.

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The American Magazine for March has an article on "Scientific Management," by Frederick W. Taylor, who is heralded in a "foreword" by Ray Stannard Baker as the new wonder worker who is destined to make the lion of Capital and the lamb of Labor lie down in peace together.

Mr. Taylor—Schmidt, are you a high priced man?

Mr. Taylor—O, come now; you answer my question. What I want to find out is: Whether you are a high-priced man or one of these cheap fellows here.

Schmidt—Did I get \$1.85? Val at a high-priced man! Vell, yes, I was a high priced man!

As usual, the Ox Man fell to the bait, and was initiated into the mysteries of high finance, partly.

Mr. Taylor claims that when he had educated and philanthropized Schmidt and the other Ox Men into the real science of handling pig iron that "all of this gang were receiving 60 per cent more wages than the other workmen around them."

Before they were scientifically educated, the Ox Men were getting 9-10c per ton of pig iron handled.

Had they been paid at the uneducated rate of wages, instead of receiving \$1.85 a day, they would have received \$4.37 for the 47 1-2 tons.

Before they were educated the Ox Men were handling 12 1-2 tons of pig iron and receiving \$1.15 per day; after graduating they got \$1.85 per day; at the uneducated rate of wages, was equal to approximately 20 tons of pig iron; so that, even after their wages had been advanced "60 per cent," the Ox Men were delivering 37 1-2 tons of pig iron per day; more than double their uneducated production, for which they were getting absolutely no pay.

It certainly is a good thing for the Ox Men that Mr. Taylor was as altruistic as Mr. Baker pictures him, for a real hard-hearted man, one who was not a genius having in mind the elevation of the race, might have advanced their wages 400 per cent, and, by so doing, forced them to steal their daily bread instead of earning it in the sweat of their brows, as honest Ox Men should always do.

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By the way, we are sorry to hear that "seven out of eight men were physically unable to work at this pace"

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THE COMING CONVENTION

THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE Industrial Workers of America is called to assemble in Chicago, Monday, May 1, 1911.

Every I. W. W. local union should be represented in that convention by one or more delegates.

Rising prices, stationary or falling wages, periodical depressions and lay-offs—each and all are working overtime to direct the discontent into divisive channels to the master class.

In view of these facts and the increasing social responsibility resting upon our organization, the I. W. W. must be up and doing as never before.

Its educational work must be strengthened for its great work of the coming years.

Let us, then, have a big convention, an enthusiastic convention, a CONSTRUCTIVE convention—one that will resolutely grapple with these great problems and put our organization in a fair way to solve them.

All hands together, for the Sixth annual convention!

As the reputation being exceedingly close.

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