

# **GUARD THE BA**

## Further Instances of the Conspiracy to Disfranchise the Working Class.

## IF NOT BALLOTS, BULLETS.

Review of the Primary "Reform" Laws that are Just Now Being Proposed in Several States of the Union- Also of Several States of the Union- Also of the New York Proposed Biennial Legislature Constitutional Amend-ment-All Underhanded Ways to Pilfer the Ballot out of the Workers' Hands -Silver Bug South Carolina and Mis-sissippi Have Already Disfranchised the Workers, Now the Gold Bug North is at Work to the Same End.

More than once has attention been called in these colums to the signs that denote a positive and organized attempt on the part of the capitalist class to deprive the working class of the ballot. More signs are coming in.

These fresh signs are the proposed primary "reform" bills that are appearing in New York and other States, and the New York bill for biennial sessions. These primary bills are so constructed that the secrecy of the ballot, considered to be necessary if the workingman is to have a free expression of political convictions, is to a great extent impaired.

In the first place, only those workingmen who hang on the skirts of capitalist parties can with impunity participate in the proposed primaries. In such primaries no one is to participate, who does not openly enter himself in the registration lists as a supporter of the party in whose primaries he wishes to take part. Accordingly, if the workingman wants to participate in a labor party, he must announce so publicly. or that party can have no ticket in the field. It follows from this that the w of the ballot is to all intents and purposes demolished. Unless workers are ready to run the risks, that a secret ballot is intended to protect them against, the workingmen can have no ticket of their own choice to vote for: they are placed to the alternative of not voting at all, or of voting for parties they don't want, there being no others in the field. What is this but disfranchisement?

In the second place, the proposed primary laws fix the hours of enrollment so that they cover to a large extent the time the workingman is at work, and, as primary enrollment days are not holiday, the capitalist class has full swing and the working class is hampered. When a small army is confronted by a large one, it is a strategic move for the small one to put itself in a defile; in that way the numbers of the larger army that are in excess of the smaller are virtually eliminated from the liattle; only a force equal to that of the smaller one protected by the defile is able to oppose it. The battle becomes more equal. This is

what the provision amounts to that limit imary registrati

same thing by a back door. The prisame thing by a back door. The pri-mary reforms that are proposed are in-tended to do that. What is the differ-cfice between a disfranchised working class and a working class that nominal-ly has the ballot, but is so hampered that it cannot set up a ticket of its own? None

that it cannot set up a ticket of its own? None. Let the working class allow them-sclves to be fooled and led by the nose much longer by the labor fakirs, and hept from joining the Socialist Labor party, and they will be confronted with the alternative that confronts their felicw wage-slaves in many a European-country: either absolute submission and slavery, or physical uprising. Where the ballot is silenced, the bullet must speak.

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She Wheels in Line With the Inter. national S. L. P. Movement.

LONDON. Ont., March 7 .- Canada now for the first time takes a place on the statistical roll of the International Socialist Labor party. At the official count in the office of the Sheriff of Middlesex treturning officer for the constituency of London, Ont.), the following vote was recorded for the candidate of the S. L. P. to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, as a result of the clection in this city on March 1st, 1898. Henry B. Ashplant (candidate of S. L. P.), 126.

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# THE NEW SPIRIT.

Events in New Bedford that Mark a | To Carroll D. Wright, Advocate of the New Era.

Gompers Turns up Again, is Again Challenged and Runs off once More-Is now Known in New Bedford as "Mr. Go"-Cheers upon Cheers for the S. L. P. and the S. T. & L. A.-Hickey's Work.

NEW BEDFORD, March 5 .- The comrades here are full of joy. That for which we have long worked is fimily accomplished: the masses of our New Bedford working class are at last leavened by the spirit of New Trade Unionism and of the Socialist Labor party. Let me sum up the situation.

About three weeks ago, Mr. Samuel Gompers came here with intent to capture us for his pure and simple dead ship. We challenged him, and he ran away; then came the meetings addressed by Comrade De Leon and the organization of three Socialist Trade and Labor Alliances of Weavers and Spinners. The stream set in our direction. Thereupon Mr. Gompers, who now goes around here by the name of Mr. Go (you will presently see why), thought the coast clear and again turned up here. He ran ringht into the clutches of Comrade Hickey who was then on the grounds. We again cl. 4lenged Mr. Go, and he again ran awa). The first time his excuse was he had to catch a train for Pittsburg, which turned out to be false; his excuse this time was that he had to catch a train for Boston, equally false. He left the hall amidst the hootings of the big audience. As every time he had to go, he is now called "Mr. Go."

This afternoon the "Arm and Hammer" fell heavy. Between this strike and the next, pure and simpledom will have been crushed. We organized a fourth Alliance-a mixed L. A. with twenty-one men.

Comrade Hickey's last words: "The next strike in New Bedford must be conducted by the S. T. & L. A.!" vis not met with applause: that was not strong enough to express the approval of the audience: it was responded to with cheer upon cheer for the Socialist Labor party and for the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance. The occurrence was an eye-opener to

all of us.

# NOT GOMPERS BUT GOMPERISM.

Sunday's Mass Meeting for New Bedford Striker's in New York.

Under the auspices of the Woman's Branch, Socialist Labor Party, Section Greater New York, a mass meeting was held last Sunday in the Grand Central Palace in behalf of the New Bedford strikers. 'A band performed, the Liedertafel sang, and Comrades Carless. Forker and De Leon spoke. The sum of \$50 was raised.

The occasion brought out clearly the attitude of the party on an important matter.

Time was when the party's feelings were turned against itself. The desire to aid the proletariat in all its struggles had caused it to be deceived by appearances and to render aid where



# **Religion of Capital.**

Rejected by the Boston "Globe"-The False Reasoning, False Statements and Duplicity of a Statistical Lackey of the Capitaliat Class Laid Bare-His "Religion," and What Thereby Hange, Likewise Dissected.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 16. Sir-In looking over the "Globe" the other day I noticed that you addressed a large audience in the First Universalist Church, of Lynn. Mass., on the evening of Feb. 7th, and having read very carefully such portions of said address as the paper gives, I herewith take this opportunity to answer to certain statements which you uttered in regard to industrial conditions and the attitude of the Socialist Labor party, of which I am proud to be a member.

I consider that some of the statements which you made were absurd, and I think that anyone who studies the questions will agree with me. According to the reporter there were "many prominent people present." Perhaps the reason you adopted such a line of argument was owing to the fact that your "solution of the labor question," as you term it, was especially applicable to that certain class known as "prominent" people. You certainly could not have been "catering" to the laboring class when you uttered such rank statements concerning existing conditions. and the purposes and principles of the Socialist movement.

You are quoted as saying in part: "If industrial conditions necessitate, in the opinion of employing capital, a reduc-tion of wages, this REDUCTION should be RESTORED when business conditions allow."

Do you mean this statement as you say it, or do you mean that the FOR-MER SCALE of wages should be restored? We hear, once in a while, of some employer restoring the scale of wages which were paid before the re-duction, although even this does not happen very often, but who has ever heard of the reduction being restoredthat is the amount which the employees lost during the time the reduction was in effect? That would be restoring the reduction, and if done, there would be no strikes or labor troubles. I hardly think that if it was necessary for the employer to cut down wages, to meet some great competition, and it was agreed that the employees should receive the amount of the reduction when business conditions allowed, that there would be much kicking by the workers. The reason they kick at the present time is because they are continually being cut down, and do not even have the former scale of wages restored when business grows brighter, let alone the restoration of the reduction, while the income of the employer remains the same, or increases, as the case may be, generally the latter.

You next say that "confidential relations should be established between the two parties to production, and if this could be brought about it would considerably soften the present struggie between capital and labor."

not so, and will not allow it to be rep-resented as the truth if in their power to prevent This latter class is composed mainly

This latter class is composed mainly of those who believe in the Socialist doctrine, which you say is nothing more than a "criticism of modern methods, without prescribing any remedy for the faults which, it is alleged, exist in our social system." If Socialism is a "crit-icism" of the present system, and does not rive any remedy, why do you prenot give any remedy, why do you pre-scribe religion as the ONLY remedy when the Encyclopedia-Britannica and other good authorities claim that "The ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christianity?" You also claim that Socialism means the rankest injustice and immorality. I claim that it aims for a truer justice than at present, as well as a higher standard of morals, as its vital principle, "every man according to his deeds," goes to Then you go on to say that "it is show. unfair and immoral, because it gives equal pay for unequal services; that it means the disintegration of the family, the retrogression of the human race, and the degradation of the uni-

Next, you show that the workingman needs MORE justice, that he must have a LARGER share of the comforts and as barrows, which it is his right to have, as it is his labor which produces all of them. Only you advocate that a "margin exist above the iron law of wages" (which you say "has already been raised from 10 to 15 per cent.)? while Socialism demands that the existen bo Socialism demands that the system be Socialism demands that the system be so changed that every man receive every unit of what his own labor produces. That is justice, as Socialists see it, and as the Bible teaches it. They demand that the government be run by the WHOLE people, for the WHOLE people, instead of, by and for a few, then and not before can we say there then, and not before, can we say, there is justice done to every man. If the co-operative commonwealth

would be unjust and immoral, because it would give equal pay for unequal services, it would be no worse than a system that allows the piling up of a fortune by a man who does nothing and leaves a mere pittance for the one whose labor produces everything. But it wants no such thing, it simply wants the laborer to get the whole value of what his labor produces. And this is unjust, immoral, is it? If it causes the disintegration of the

family, what does the present compe-titive system do in that respect, when it forces the members of the family to compete with one another for a job? When it forces the child into the sweatshops and mills, shut up in close apart ments, when it ought to be at school wearing its young life away, or learning crime and vice, and in a great many cases taking the job out of his father's hands, so to spéak, because it can do the work cheaper. This does not cause breaking up of family ties, does it? )h. no! this is justice, certainly!

You prescribe religion as the ONLY remedy to straighten these difficulties, regardless of the fact that it has held sway over all civilized countries of the world, and still the conditions are rap-ially growing worse. Such religion as you have in mind caused more bloodshed than anything else since the foun-dation of the world, and will continue to do so, for the reason of the difference of the creeds. It causes a division among the workingmen to-day, for the same reason. If there was a universal religion, it would accomplish much, and that is the principle of Socialism, the brotherhood of man, that Christ brotherhood of man, that Christ preached on earth nearly two thousand years ago, that your Religion of Cap-ital denies. He was ridiculed and persecuted and killed by the wealth-grab-bing Jews of that day, and every advoate of right and justice has suffered a like treatment, in past history.

The so-called religion of to-day, and which you recommend, is one great big humbug; ministers with fat salaries, churches that cost millions upholding churches that cost minions upholding a style too expensive for the common people, and in the midst of all this luxury, thousands are starving every year. I admire the spirit of Wendell Phillips when he replied to those who called him a traitor and an infidel, with these words: "I am a traitor to a country where justice is not shown, and an infidel to a church that can be at peace in the midst of sin. Religion, as preached to-day, cannot better the condition of the working people, because it upholds the competitive system which keeps them in wage slavery. Dr. Henry K. Carrol, special agent Dr. Henry K. Carrol, special agent of church statistics, gives the number of church members to be 20,611,781 in the United States in 1893. Just think! over twenty millions! Why, if the So-cialist movement had twenty million followers, there would be more effect shown on the condition of the working more in one wear than there has been men in one year than there has been by your religion in two thousand years. You say. "there should be no content-tentment, except of a kind that means that we are content that the world is progressing": you mean.—of a kind that means that we are content to see a few who run the world to-day, progressing, and thank God that we are permitted to live and witness it. The only way to bring about a right state of affairs is to throw aside all race and "religious" prejudices, and vote for the abolition of the present competitive dog-eat-dog industrial and social system, and the substitution of the co-operative commonwealth, the true brotherhood of man, which should true be the religion of the world, in which all would work together in harmony all would work together in harmony for the promotion of the welfare of the human race, having as its motto:--"Each for all, and all for each," broth-ers in the full sense of the word, from the fact that, although they may not be born of the same mother, yet, they are all created by the same just God, D. C. DOW.

"FREEDOM"-"HONOR"

## The Exibition that Capitalism is Making of its Virtues.

Just as Soon as Political Leaders, Once Admired, Interfers with the Sale of Papers, the Journals turn upon Them -Just as Soon as a War Will take Money out of the Country, War-Ship Builders Become Pacific.

The attitude of the New York capitalist press on the Ellsworth bill, and the attitude of our shipbuilders, immediately after the news that Congress was to appropriate some ten millions to build war ships, are two ingots from one quarry. They may seem different, yet are they one.

Only the other day, one set of our capitalist journals was in hysterics with indignation at Croker, and was setting up Tom Platt as the paragon of political purity and freedom; while another set of them equally hysterically denounced Platt, and clung to Croker as the "Rock of Ages." Now, of a sudden, what do we see? The former lovers of Croker have turned a somersault and violently agree with his former "defamers" that he is no good; and the former doters on Platt have veered around and are at one with his former "traducers" in pronouncing him unfit. Both sets now agree that neither Platt nor Croker is a savicur of freedom.

Why is this thus?

Answer:-The Ellsworth bill forbids the papers to publish photographs, and, of course, caricatures, etc., without the consent of people so photographed, etc. and Croker and Platt favor the bill. Much of the attraction of these papers lies in the "pictures" of people they get

up. The pockets of these newspaper men are touched by the bill favored by their former ideals; and their pockets being the seat of their morals, we see them now not only strutting about as paladins of the "freedom of the press." but cutting the wonderful political capers above described, Now to our war-ship builders.

Among the "patrlots" who wanted by all means to avenge the honor of our dead marines in the harbor of Havana the war-ship builders were prominent. Visions of fat contracts for ships hovered over their heads and lulled them into sweetest slumber at night. Other "patriots" there were-the speculators in food, ammunition, guns and other requisites for war-also indignant over the Spaniard, and insisted that the national honor demanded war, but our war-ship builders" patriotically" fanned the war flame with greatest zeal, "War!" "War!" "War!" they cried; one would imagine that their patriotic feryor demanded an immediate declaration of war. Now, all of a sudden, what do we see? These war-ship builders, who, just before were so hot for war, now want "moderation." "War by all means," say they; "our national honor requires it; our murdered soldiers demand it; but not so fast---- let us first build up our battle ships; moderation, moderation:" etc., etc.,

Why is this thus? The appropriation of some ten mil-lion dollars by Congress for war ships

to virtually working hoars. The work-ingmen are the overwhelming majority. The capitalist class wishes to reduce the fighting size of this army; its primary provision accomplishes for what the protection of a defile accom-plishes for a small army fighting against a larger one. This may be shrewd tactics, but they should be un-derstood by the workers.

Finally, there comes the proposed biennial bill of New York. According to it the Legislature is to meet only once every two years, and this will necessi-tate a change in the election of Assemblymen. Now they are elected every year: if the biennial plan goes through, they will be elected only once every two years; which is the same as to say that every other year the workingmen will be disfranchised from voting for Assemblymen. The capitalists could not vote either, 'tis true. But there again the defile strategy comes in. As things are going on, the capitalists fear every year to have seats taken away from them. If the battle can be waged at longer intervals, then their small forces would every other year be equal to the larger ones of the workers, in that the latter could not conquer them, not be-ing allowed a chance to fight.

The straight forward disfranchisement of the working class was attempt-ed before, but had to be abandoned Its openness raised too loud a hue and rs openness, raised too loud a nue and cry. Since then the campaign to dis-franchise has been conducted in the above surreptitious ways, to wit: The next best thing to no ballot in the work of the distinct the

the workers' hands, is to diminish the opportunities to wield the ballot. In-stead of an election every year, elec-Intions are to be made few and far between. In pursuit of this conspiracy the terms of offices are being made longer and longer; blennial sessions of the Legislatures are coming in; and we may be ready for the terminal

may be ready for triennial, quadrien-nial, etc., Legislatures. Again, if the ballot cannot be boldly taken from the workers, such laws may be passed as will accomplish the

PORT RICHMOND, L. I., March 8. Until recently the ferry which connects this town with Bergen Point, N. J., was the property of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. It is now owned by the Consolidated Traction Co.

The Penn, R. R. Co. has in operation an insurance department for the "ben-efit" of its employees. It is called the Voluntary Relief Association. Membership in it is not compulsory, but the members of it are given the preference in dull times and otherwise favored. If a member leaves the service of the con pany or is discharged he forfeits the premiums paid.

The employees of the ferry here were nembers of the association. With the sale of the ferry was severed their con-nection with the Penn. R. R.: conse-quently loss of membership in the association and forfeiture of money paid in.

Of course the ferrymen see no parallel in their "transfer" to the Consolidated Traction Co. and the sale of a chattel slave. They are "free" to "select" their own master; while the slave had no say

All the great railroads are taking up the insurance department scheme. That of the B. & O. is, I am told, compulsory. The companies not only find this scheme an excellent thing to keep the wave scheme but a maxing investwage slaves docile, but a paying invest-ment as well. This is about the way it works: A man is insured say for \$1,000; during the year the company keeps out of his wages say \$25, half of which is turned over to the insurance company. with which the railroad company does business; the other half the railroad company keeps as payment for "collect-The insurance company then gives the railroad company a \$1,250 policy; the railroad company in turn writes a policy of its own to the in-sured for \$1,000, so that when a member dies the railroad company makes \$250

Great are the schemes by which the capitalist makes his steals ONE OF THE "INSURED."

the struggle was only seemingly against but in fact in favor of the capitalist class. Experience had shown the difference between strike and strike. Strikes that are instigated by capitalists so as to get rid of their surplus goods, strikes that are instigated by shyster lawyers to have a chance to draw up contracts to the tune of \$2 a piece, strikes that are instigated by labor fakirs to get a chance to rake in dues—none of such strikes is a mani-festation of the class struggle of the proletariat. They are all conducted un-der the banner of capital. To aid such strikes with money would be a stupid-ity on the part of the S. L. P. All that would thereby be accomplished would be to deprive the party of funds for avitation. it would be to throw away agitation: it would be to throw away indices; and nothing could suit the cap-italists better. The New Bedford strike, however, is

a bona fide strike; the spirit that prevalls there is a healthy spirit. To sup-port such a strike with funds is proper and wise; it is a way to knock down Comperism, and Gomperism means capitalism, being a bulwark of capitalism The Woman's Branch of Section New York justified its existence by calling a meeting for such purpose.

The English translation of Karl Marx' "Eighteenth Brumaire," that recently ran through THE PEOPLE, is now to be had bound in an elegant volume of 78 pages, with Marx' picture as frontispiece. This work is of great value. No Socialist, even though he be no student, and no student even though he be no Socialist, can afford to be without it. Apply Labor News Co., 64 E. 4th street, N. Y. city. Price 25 cents.

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Very true; but do you really think that it can be brought about under the existing industrial system." Under this competitive system it is not policy for the capitalist to take the laborer into his confidence for the simple reason that it is not to his private interest to do so; therefore, if any "confidential relation" does exist, it must necessarily be one-sided or not at all.

Here is another illustration of the where-am-I-at style of your address; you emphatically declare that "you may raise wages as high as you will, I care not to what extent, and you cannot remove the struggle; it will always exist!" And in the beginning you acknowledge the reduction of wages to be the trouble and advocate the advancement of wages as the remedy. Which of these statements are the people to swallow as the proper medicine?

Just what you mean when you state that "the tendency of wages is upward and the cost of things is downward," at the present time. I fail to see, as here in Manchester it is somewhat the reverse, and I don't think this city an exception as regards the present con-ditions. Is it possible that you can make such an assertion right in the face of the fact that throughout the country a large percentage of the factories and corporations have cut wages from 10 to 25 per cent. and that flour, meats and other nec ssarles of life bring higher prices than they did one year ago? If you are not ignorant of these things (and a statistician had not ought to be), then you must be trying to rub the fur of the "prominent" people, who listened to your address, the right way. There are some people whose interests de-mand that they believe or profess to be-lieve such statements as that, and there are some too importing or correless to are some too ignorant or careless to question the truth of it, but there also some who know by experience that it is 1896. Needed to complete files,

#### Take Notice.

is so large an appropriation that it justifies the fear among our patriots that these funds are to be immediately expended for immediate war; if so ex expended for immediate war; if so ex-pended, a large lump thereof would have to go abroad into foreign war-ship builders' pockets. That is a direct at-tack upon the pockets of our own "pat-riotic" war-ship builders. The capitalist patriot's pocket contains not only the plunder that is in it, it contains also the plunder that he thinks he should have. The ten million appropri-ation for ships he considers his prop-erty; has he not "worked" to get it by fanning the flames of war? Not to get it is to him an outrage. To spend any of that appropriation abroad would be such an "outrage"; and as the rage" would be certain in case of "outmediate war, his ardor for the immediate avenging of our honored dead has considerably cooled. He now wants the actual declaration of war set off a little so as to give him time to gobble up the whole appropriation.

The pockets of the capitalist class are the seat of its "love for freedom." Its "patriotism." its "religion." and all its long catalogue of virtues. According as its pockets, present or prospective of profits, are affected so is the concrete manifestation of its virtues.

The Social Revolution will indeed be a purifying fire. Humanity is being asphyxiated in the fumes of capitalist immorality.

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The ansient "heathen," perhaps, excused the slavery of one man on the ground that it was a means to the ground that it was a means to the fall development of another. But to preach elavory to the masses in order that a few crude and half-educated upstarts might become "eminent spinners", "extensive ssusage-makers," und "influential shoe-black dealers"-to do that they lacked the bump of "Christianity," Marx. Marx.

#### THAT "LEAVEN."

The attempt of the felon class that now rules the country to profit by the death of our ill-starred marines in the harbor of Havana by means of a war that shall cost many more workingmen's lives, has incidentally served a good purpose. It has served the purpose of so throwing our "illustrious patriots," together with their henchmen, off their guard that, in their headlong rush for war and martial pretences, they are here and there allowing quite valuable insight into the standard of the Americanism that their "patriotism" aspires at. One of these insights is afforded from official source.

The question of the nativity and quality of our marines having been raised. a high navy official expresses the opinion that the native American sailor has great alertness and adaptability; but that on the other hand the duller Briton is apt to have been trained in the school of deference to superiors and unreasoning obedience, which on the sea prove highly valuable. "Where the Yankee sailor." proceeds our "patriot" navy official, "knows all his rights, and knowing, dares maintain, the foreignborn sailor, ten chances to one, has never set his more sluggish mind to studying the laws of his own status; the same difference is to be observed in an even greater degree between Americans and sailors of any other northern nationality."

From these premises, our "patriot" navy official draws a conclusion that is worth marking. His conclusion is not that the soldier of a Republic, that is one in fact besides the name, can not too much "know his rights, and, knowing, dare maintain"; that an armed force of civilization can not too zealously steer away from and exclude units of a dull, obsequious and nonself-respecting character. No. our "patriot's" conclusion is the reverse. He

"While the native recruit, therefore, is always welcomed on the receiving-ship, the foreign-born citizen constiship, the foreign-born citizen consti-intes A VALUABLE LEAVEN to dis-tribute throughout the lump, and all ex-perienced nearship. perienced naval officers recognize this fact

We shall not here stop to probe the opinion that imputes to men, who, finding themselves tyrannized abroad, pull

cialism should have at least as large a vote for the abolition of the 'sapitalist system of wage slavery as any other of the leasr i pe. Yet what do we fee? Not ing the effectiveness of the very thing they are straining for, to wit, the label. system of 'wage slavery as any other or the less ripe. Yet what do we fee? Not one, singl ?. solitary vote rec orded or cast in the Y 'ripest of States' for the Socialist programme! Every, vote cast in Kansas i & vote for the principle of the private ownership of the land on and the capital with which f.o work.— with all that that implies. The Kansas vote is divided between this gold bug capitalists and the Silver bug capital-Such workers themselves scuttle their label. On the other hand, the workers who

capitalists and the Silver big capital-ists, both of whom fleece their working-men and them treat them to the rifle

men and then treat them () the rine diet. Not a wote is there cast in op-position to the principle that underlies such practices. Or is Mr. Clemens' opinion that Kan-

sas is ripest fot Socialism based on the fact that he is got a politic il job from

one of the twe labor exploiting and op-pressing parties of capital in his state?

POLITICAL and ECONOMIC.

The Covington, Ky., "Union Agent"

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after their own h carts. The illustra-

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the very thought that the capitalists

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italist in fraternal handshake with an

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workingman. How ideal is not this

picture of the brotherty relations that

exist between the Capitalist Class and

the Working Class! How neatly does

not this picture conceal the fact that the

capitalist is a sponge on the worker

and that the relations between the two

are those of hostile classes! How well

does not the picture aid the delusion

that the worker's welfare depends upon

the welfare of the idler, and thereby

aid the false tactics of the former in

suppressing the political struggle for

his own class interests and serving as

food for cannon in the stiruggle of its

Surely the "Union Agent" deserves a

big subvention, from the capitalist

class; but probably it gets only and is

content with a bone; -- these people al-

We have more than once expressed

the well-grounded suspicion that the

water, recommended' and indulged in

by the New York "Voice" (Prohibition-

ist), must be heavily mixed with alco-

holic essence. How else is this passage.

proudly inserted in that paper's col-

hibition meeting said, 'I don't want to be known as the son of a veteran. I

want to be a veteran in some grand

war for the right; hence I join your

That son who considers a movement,

headed by landsharks, note shavers,

and the Treasurer of the Standard Oil

Trust, a movement whose runners up-

hold and profit by a system that breeds

drunkenness, prostitution, suicide, in-

fanticide and all the other choice fruits

of the capitalist tree,-that son who

considers such a Pharisee movement a

"grand war for the right," must be a

fit candidate for Keely; nor would the

knowing wonder if he, his "glorious"

father and his inglocious editors speed-

ily became "Keely, graduates" with

"Organized labor of the city of De

of the community of not less than 50,000 souls. Now, if these 50,000 people

e0,000 souls. Now, if these 50,000 people were all to eat, and wear and use none but goods bearing the union label, bought from union clerks in the day time, whit a tremendous impetus would be given the conditions which the union

label represents. Our manufacturies that are now using the label would be kept running to their fullest capacity and the owners of others, seeing the

'The son of an old soldier at a Pro-

umns, to be explained:

movement.

highest honors.

ways sell themselves very cheap,

exploiters' class interests.

we don't share it.

If that is they ground for his opinion

understand that the seat and root of the trouble lies in the wage system of production, such men will push along to overthrow that system; being known to march and move intelligently, their wage-slave-holder will be intimidated. he will not dare to reduce wages as brazenly as he now does, he will rather reduce profits, and thus, the wages being protected, the power to enforce and derive benefit from the label would be strengthened.

The hopelessness of economic weapons of warfare or protection-such as labels, strikes, boycotts, etc.-,unlinked with the weapon of class-conscious revolutionary political warfare, is an established fact. To still propose, and still recommend such weapons, and still pin hope upon them, as done by the 'Retail-Clerks' Gazette" is ignoring the teaching of experience, and sounds like a voice from the grave.

The following "news item" from the Newburg, N. Y., "Sunday Telegram" is well calculated to remind one of the horse-laugh with which Bismarck (since sent kiting by the Socialist Labor party vote of Germany) greeted the, 89 Socialist votes first cast in Berlin; it may also serve to illustrate the internationality of the capitalist stupidity:

"A Socialist labor organization with twelve or fourteen charter members has been formed at Fishkill Landing. Meetings will be held in the rear room a public house on Main street Thursday evening of each week. The promoter of the scheme for the dethroning of capitalists and corporation is a man from Newburgh who is blessed with only one eye, but with which lonesome organ he can see a great way ahead in his mind. A well known insurance man was unanimously chosen chairman of the meeting on Thursday chairman of the meeting on Thursday should be party is to "dictate prominent citizens were enrolled as party or the Debs party, is to "dictate prominent citizens were enrolled as to others; if to do that implies a will charter members. The place for the lingness to "assume to think for "dictate in the provide the state" if to do that implies a dictagood sites are in the perspective. At the first meeting it was hard to elect a treasurer, the amount of responsibility being far too great to permit of anyone present permitting himself to as-sume the great burden of the office. am told that the charter members only signed the documents in expectation of the tapping of a free keg of beer, but they were sadly disappointed, for when the meeting ended the Newburgh contingent silently 'moped' down to the and took the first boat home leaving their thirsty friends and coad a wondering croud behind. iutors There is said to be 98 cents in the treasury.

How beautiful, how innocent withal, does not this, from the New York "Evening Post" (Gold Bug Free Trader), sound:

"It surely cannot be many years be-fore the people generally will recognize the necessity of applying principles of common sense to the civil service gen-erally, both at home and abroad."

In view, however, of the fact that the Gold Bug Free Trade capitalist class, just the same as its doubles, the Silver Bug Free Trade, the Gold Bug Protectionist and the Silver Bug Protectionist capitalists, is lowering the wages of workingmen fathers and mothers, thereby depriving them of the opportunity to sending their children to school; in view of that whole capitalist classes' stinginess in school appropriations, depriving large numbers of the children of the poor from school room: -in view of all this, what the "Even-

ing Post" actually means is this: "It surely cannot be many years be-fore our Civil Service Regulations will keep out of all offices worth holding all the children of the working class, and the children of the working class, and then only our children, the chil-dren, the children of the "Evening Post" class will have a chance at the public crib."

This reasoning would not be incor-

dignation meeting over the cold-blooded assination of workingmen on strike against the invention-thief McCormick! And what additional light is not thrown upon the "righteousness" of that paper's indignation by its present posture that condones the crime of Hazleton!

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The indignation at wrongs indulged in by the capitalist press is the very quintessence of perfidy.

Fortunately, it is not the voice of perfidy alone that is raised from the press of the land. The Socialist Labor party's voice rings clear in the midst of the perfidious din that goes up from the capitalist press on the Cuban affair and all that thereby hangs.

The San Francisco, Cal., "New Charter" says well:

"Congress is rampant over a desire to 'free' Cuba. If war should be de-clared with Spain, where will the Congressmen be when the guns begin to roar? As far in the rear as they can get, heroically drawing their salarles. Where will the Cuban masses be when 'freed?' They will be subject to a new set of exploiters and will soon discover "that a change of government does not mean a change of condition."

The Girard, Kans., "Appeal to Reason," in answer to questions from cor respondents why it does not state point blank as it may think, what party the working people should vote for-the Socialist Labor party or the Debs "party" -...declines to mention the party, and places its declination upon the ground that it refuses to "dictate" to people what party they should vote for, and that it prefers to "allow people to think for themselves, instead of assuming to think for them."

All of which forces forward the question. Why does the "Appeal to Reason" at all appear?

If, to express an opinion and argue for it, in the matter of what party torial readiness not to "allow people to think for themselves":--can it be considered less "dictatorial" to express an opinion and argue for it against "Trusts," against the "Money Power," against the old parties, against Capitalism and in favor of Socialism2 Surely not. If the "Appeal to Reason" were to practise its own theory that such expression of opinion and arguing for it is an interference with the freedom of others to think for themselves, then it should either stop publication altogether, or appear in four blank pages. But it does not. Extensively, vehemently, furiously it "goes for" "Trusts," etc., and declares for Socialism. What then does the "Appeal to Reason" mean by its theory?

What it really means is that it is ready to express its opinion and argue therefor in all matters on which it is, or imagines itself, clear: hence, upon "Trusts," "Money Power," "Capitalism," "Socialism," it hesitates not to express its views and stand for them, and induce others, by argument, to accept them; but that on the subject of the Debs "party" it is not at all clear, and therefore wishes to withhold its judgment. Such an attitude might be open to the charge of lack of fitness to participate in the national debate now going on; but, if frankly admitted, would be free from the charge of unfairness that it is now open to, by seeking to hide the fact behind insinuations against others.

Not being frank enough to admit that it lacks the knowledge to enable it to size up the Debs "party," the "Appeal to Reason" seeks to conceal its ignorance behind the mask of "democracy." and, in pursuit of its skulking course, it is ready to go to the length falsel imputing a "dictatorial" spirit to the S. L. P. for not doing in this respect. what the "Appeal to Reason" does not do in all others,-to "allow people to think for themselves." This is all there is in the "fair play," 'democratic" theory behind which the 'Appeal to Reason'' seeks to shelter itself. The fact, however, involves a much more important point. It illustrates the habitual unfairness in methods on the part of all those who disagree with the tactics of the S. L. P. The point is well illustrated by the 'Appeal to Reason's" theory or excuse for not uttering itself pro or con on the S. L. P. and the Debs "party."



UNCLE SAM & BROTHER JONATHAN.

Brother Jonathan-I have become positively proud of our Government. of late I was beginning to feel inclined to look upon it as you Socialists do. But you are off. Likewise are you off in the opinion you hold of our capitalist class. It and the Government are not neglectful of the poor: least of all are they neglectful of our soldiers. See how unanimous is the feeling among them of indignation at the foul murder com mitted upon our marines by Spain in the harbor of Havana. Our Government and our capitalists are now

Uncle Sam-"Always." is good indeed!

B. J.-Yes, ALWAYS. When were

chunk of a laddie when our Civil war

B. J.-Don't remember that particu-

S .- Well, this was the situation. The Greenback had depreciated greatly; so much that it took \$2.85 in Green-backs to buy what \$1 in coin did.

B. J.-What have we got to do with the money question? I thought you Socialists claim the money question has nothing to do with the Labor Question. U. S.-And so it hasn't. But the con-

ment at that time throws some little light upon their attitude towards that part of the working class that was fighting the Union's battles. Well, then, the Greenback was greatly depreciated : business was burt there

by because of the insecurity of prices that accompanies such discrepancy in the purchasing power of current money. Thereupon the Legal Tender Act was passed

B. J.-And did that hurt the soldiers' interests?

U.S.—It did, as you will see. By rea-son of this disparity, the Legal Tender Act provided that the credit notes, or the Greenbacks of the Government were not to be legal tender in the payment of the interest on the Linited States bonds:

B. J.-Now, again, I am less able to understand you. Don't you, Socialists claim that money must have intrinsic value-

U. S .- Or be redeemable in intrinsic value: and we add that that is the pest that attaches to all money under the

B. J.—Very well; then where is the wrong in legislating for a payment of debts with intrinsic value or coin? U. S.—None whatever, provided they had legislated the Greenback clean out

of its legal tender power. And herein lies the point. Our capitalist class and Government legislated the depreciated Greenback out of legal tender power ONLY in the interest of the capitalist class, and left the legal tender power sticking to that depreciated Greenback in all transactions where they were debtors themselves;-

B. J.—You don't say! U. S.—Keep cool, because, if there is any feeling in you, you will be boiling hot before I get through with my story.

and show you how these capitalists love our soldiers. Well, then, by the Legal Tender Act payments due on the bonds had to be

made in coin; most other payments could be made in Greenbacks. The soldiers' salary was not a pay-ment of interest on bonds: consequenttories, railroad yards, mines, etc.; then them to the bones, and shoot them down if they dare "ask for more." In time of war they live upon the working class whom they enlist, or draft, or cajole into the ranks.

Whether in the solicit's uniform or the workman's blouse, the proletariat is used by the capitalist class and its government as cattle. It cheats them right and left, passes laws in its own behalf; and fett, passes there out of their pay; and uses their very misfortunes as a pre-text for Pharisaic indignation on which

to perpetrate some more swindle upon Tat you were ready to be taken in by their false pretences shows only how effective their tactics of rascality are.

## A VARIETY INTERLUDE.

[By J. LESLIE in London, Eng., Justice.]

Scene: A Castle, apparently in the air, Enter various personages, male and female, in dramatic attitudes. They group themselves artistically, and then all sing, to the inspiring air of "Dunum-a-doo":

Behold! There now before you stand The elect of Democrac Whe

represent on English land The latest Aristocracy.

Mark our genteel exterior, Our picked and choice variety; We're Socialists superior— The Fabian Society.

Then they all dance round to a medley, in which the strains of "Rule Britan-nia" can be distinctly heard, with a faint suspicion of the "Marseillais," while a microphone MIGHT enable while a microphone MIGHT enable one to trace a fragment of the "Car-magnole." They resume: -

We've stranded Marx upon the rocks, With scarce, of rag, a relic on: And who dare bark? Shall dunghill

cocks Confront the dazzling Helicon?

In very truth we do believe— Believe it, in all piety— 'Twas Nature's utmost to conceive The Fabian Society.

Here they all execute a dance of wonder at each other's abilities, and the dance closes with a breakdown. They

resume:--Good British Trade, attention pay; We undertake to vitalize;

So Pauca Verba when we say, Our motio is to socialize. Throw Revolution to the dogs,

Hi-tiddly-hi-ti-ti-tity: We're statesmen and not demagogues---The Fabian Society.

ensues a ceremony of adulation, in which they all worship a figure with a face like the sun, with spots on it. They resume:

The lion of the S. D. F. May treat us with scurrility; The Oracle of old was deaf

When taunted with futility. Our battle-chy, "On, Stanley, on; Enhance our notoriety;

Shine, spotted sun, shine out upon

The Fabian Society.' Here they all dance a garland, and the

changes are so quick and complicated that it is hard to tell one dancer from another. They resume:-We all things are-but most are fond

In manner Daily Chronic'ly Of posing as a new Gironde, Though Hyndman smiles sardon-

ically. No criticism e'er can jar Our sense of self-propriety, We are, we are, we are, we are The Fabian Society.

Here they all fixedly regard each other, and then suddenly vanish, to typity that they are lost-in admiration of one another. The stage then repre-sents, so far as it can be made to do so, an Historical Vacuum. Gradually there emerges an enlarged doll's house on the chimney of which sits a magpie, who croaks "Arma Virunque Cano!" Then a tall figure comes from behind the house, and advancing to the footlights with an air of Aristolleian Omniscience, sings:

Though men may come and men may

go. The phrase is Tennysonian, I'm always here, that men may know The Fabian's Jevonian.

they always have been, thoughtful of the weal and the honor of our soldiers.

they not? U. S .- How old are you?

B. J.-Sixty. U. S.-Then you were a pretty big

was on. B. J.--1 was.

U. S.-And you know all about it? B. J.-I do; and right royally were our soldiers treated.

U. S.-Did you ever hear about the Legal Tender Act of '62?

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duct of our capitalists and its Govern-

up stakes and fiee to our shores, less love of freedom and character than to men who, born here patiently submit to the indignities that the capitalist class and the Government inflicts upon native and foreign citizens alike. We shall let that pass.

Not so, however, with the opinion that, instead of our native sailors (they "knowing their rights, and, knowing dare maintain"), being used as a "valuable leaven." to raise the standard of our foreign-born citizens in the navy. the reverse should be the case, and our foreign-born citizens in the navy (they being "dull." "deferential" and of "unreasoning obedience") should be used as and constitute a "valuable leaven" to-do what? To lower the higher standard of the natives down to the level of the "deferential" and "unreasoningly obedient" foreign citizen!

Who needed this admission to know what sort of civic virtue our "patriots" have in store for and aspire at in behalf of our peoples" None of any intelligence. Nevertheless, the admission is valuable.

"Americanism' Our ruling class' means a "duil mass, deferential and of unreasoning obedience"; and its "patriotism" is to leaven our people DOWN to that level.

Wipe it out!

Mr. G. C. Clemens, of Topeka, Kans. is one of the curiosities of Kansas who claims to be a Socialist. He recently said that "Kansas is ripest for Socialism of any State in the Union." If this is so, what a commentary is not tha fact upon Mr. Clemens' "Socialism." Surely the State ripest of any for Soadvantage accrning to their competi-tors trough this trade mark of free and well-paid labor, would be quick to adopt such conditions as would make its use by them possible. Every store would have union clerks and there would be a healthy rivalry among merchants to see which could carry the best assortment of label goods." Is this passage dug out of some

musty archive of quaint and ancient lore?

No! It is taken from a modern publication.

Is it then culled from some capitalist organ, anxious to cause the working class to persist in its illusions, and thus remain eternally a prey to the results of false tactics?

No! The passage is taken from the Detroit, Mich., "Retail Clerks' Gazette," a labor paper that surely does not mean to cheat the workers!

And yet, here is an instance where ignorance of facts and where false reasoning, tho' well-meaning, can accomplish the worst that fraudulent desi, a can wish.

The label, especially in a large city, unaccompanied and unbacked-up by a class-conscious political movement of the working class, intended to overthrow the capitalist system, can accomplish nothing, except keeping the workers in false gaze. Workers who imagine the label alone could improve their condition, do not understand that. under the capitalist system the working class, organized and otherwise, is bound to get its necessaries as cheaply as possible, because their wages must steadily decline; workers who do not understand that will politically uphold the capitalist system, thereby upholding the cause of a declining wage, thereby strengthening the necessity of looking for cheapness; and thereby destroyrect were not the Socialist Labor party movement there, were not, consequently, the Social Revolution certain to head off the "Evening Post's" felow crew.

The Cleveland, O., "Citizen," organ of the C. L. U. of that town, can not be blamed for the following exultation at the grave of a fake labor paper with which it has for some time been wrestling:

The Chicago 'Eight-Hour Herald' is dead. With almost his last gasp it stat-ed that the 'Citizen' 'is a dead duck' because the mighty Gompers came to the rescue of the skate and fakir bri-gade of so-called labor papers that we have been making war on because of their disreputable tactics. It is in orde Mr. Gompers to send one of his famous sympathy letters to the proprietors of the dear departed, which was one of his warmest supporters."

What a ring of righteous and patriotic indignation is there not in these words of the Chicago, Ill., "Tribune": "The time is past for conjectures as to whether there is to be war with Spain. There is war now. It will not commence when Congress declares war. It began when Spain blew up the Maine in the harbor of Havana. Any declaration of war that Congress may make will be merely an announcement that this country is ready to administer to the countrymen of Alva condign punish for an act of perfidy more atrocious than any he ever committed."

And what a light is not thrown at the indignation, against the "countrymen of Alva" and the "act of perfidy more atrocious than any he ever committed." entertained by a capitalist paper that gloated at the judicial murder of innocent men in Chicago, whose only offense was that they had called an in-

The following squib from the Johnston, R. I., "Beacon" condenses, into a few lines, volumes of valuable information on matters that are of prime importance to the wage slave in picking his way out of the labyrinth of false teachings that surround him:

"Capital is the creation of labor, al-though the laborer is the slave of the capitalist. Labor produces capital and the capitalist secures it by robbing the laborer and making him his slave. 11 the laborer received in wages the full product of his toll there would be no such thing as capitalists, and profit, interest and rent would be unknown. But instead, under present conditions, the laborer produces, first, enough to pay his own wages, second, enough to re-place the capital used up in the process, and then a balance equal to one-half or two-thirds of the total product which the capitalist retains as profits in return for the part he does not play in the production of wealth. So, the la-borer not only pays his own wages and the profits of his masters, but actually reproduces the capital used."

the soldier could be and was paid.

not in coin, but in Greenbacks. The soldiers' pay was \$13 a month. But as he was paid in Greenbacks with a purchasing power that was at a dis-count of \$1.85, the soldiers did not get \$13, but only \$4.56-that being the purchasing power of the \$13 in Greenback

hat they got;-B. J.-Thunder! U. S.-Accordingly our "soldier-lov-ing" capitalists protected themselves; they saw to it that when, in payment of the interest on their bonds they got a thing called ONE DOLLAR, that a thing called Orth the purchasing thing should not have the purchasing power of only about one-third of a dol lar: they saw to it that by their law law every time they received thirteen things called dollars, those thirteen things should have the purchasing power of \$13, not the purchasing power of only \$4.56. But the soldier they left out in the cold.

B. J.—The divvil, you say!

U. S.—They protected themselves by law against the economic law of capital that reduced the purchasing power of the Greenback; but the soldier who was in the front, who was bleeding dying, or undermining his health for life so as to keep up the very Govern-ment on whose existence the payments to those capitalists depended,-that so dier was left out in the cold. The "soldier-loving" capitalist, who stayed at home protected himself with the aid of the Government, but the soldier was left exposed to the working of that economic law

B. J.—The divvil, I say again! U. S.—And what is more, that soldier was doubly cheated. They pretended to pay him \$13 and gave him only \$4.56.

to pay nim sis and gave nim only state. Now, Sir, what say you to your theory about the Socialists being wrong? B. J.-I drop it; I never knew that? U. S.-So don't make a fool of your-self now. The capitalists and their Government live upon the working class like hyenas.

In time of peace, they live upon the working class in the shops, mills, fac-

o heal your sore anxiety. Iam, Iam, Iam, Iam The Fabian Society.

The curtain falls amidst thunders of applause from the higher-priced parts of the house, while the occupants of the pit and gallery look at each other and wonder what the devil it is all about.

### LETTER BOX.

#### Offhand Answers to Inquirers.

H. B. H., Chicago.-You being nearer "Headquarters" (we know you will smile, but we shall call it "Headquartcrs') ought to have better means to ascertain than we. That Debs party being a one man affair, does not publish its financial resources; we have no way to ascertain whence its funds come to pay the traveling expenses of its agi-tators. But this we know that at least Mr. Debs' railroad fare cost him nothing. He travels on passes. How this comes about we don't know; it is curious, but we have no time to inquire.

B. W., Holyoke, Mass.-Read the report on the first page of this issue from New Bedford.

M. L. W., Lynn, Mass .-- James Carey. of Haverhill, should long ago have been fired out of the party; but the party's tolerance is great. He is economically, a concelted ignoramus and has been a breeder and of slander against the party and its most esteemed members: that yarn about Comrade Match-ett, our '96 Presidential candidate. having marched in a McKinley parade, is an instance in point, that illustrates the man's viciousness and stupidity. The, experience made with him is wholesome; the party has learned a lesson. He should join Gordon et al. in the "Social Democracy," they are birds of a feather.

N. N., Cleveland, O .- No, thank you.

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# GERMANY.

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erat" and approved by resolution the value full combination within the meaning of the law. Among the twelve victims of the Freiberg prosecution—all leading Social-ists—six were members of the Reichstag, namely. Bebel, Vollmar, Dietz, Auer, Frohme and Viereck. Four of these, including Bebel, were sentenced to nine months and the others to six months' imprisonment. Upon their release it was found that the health of some had been severely impaired by the treatment they had received during their incarceration. In February, 1887, the Reichstag took issue with the government upon the Army BHI and was "patriotically" dissolved; whereupon the National Liberals and the Conservatives united their voting forces. This was a powerful com-bination; but Bismarck feared its consequences far less than he did the growth of Socialism, and his attention during the electoral campaign was chiefly di-rected to the movements of the Social-Democrats. Their electoral leaflets were prohibited, their meetings dispersed, their agitators apprehended, their houses invaded and searched. On election day, they cast 763.128 votes or 213.- 133 more than in 1884? In Berlin, where the persecution had been most relent-tess, they cast 93,335 ballots, or 40 per cent. of the total vote. To wing, however, to the party coalitions that had taken place, the number of socialist deputies fell from 24 to 11. In Saxony, where the Socialists cast 149,279 ballots for their candidates, or nearly 29 per cent. of the total vote, we did not elect one deputy. But there was no rejoicing on this account is due to protearian vote, and not one of their organs dared to controvert this onclusion of the Berlin "Volksblatt". The propertied class may divide or com-ites asying: "Tant va la cruche & leau qu'enfin elle se casse" (so much goes they did not elect one deputy. But there is ours." Exasperated to madness, Bismarck demanded from the Reichstag not only a extension of the Berlin Socialist propagandists and granting to the

the debate upon this infamous bill of arbitrary and unlimited proscription that his anti-Socialist legislation received its death-blow. Under the decision of the Court of Appeals already referred to, a great trial was taking place at Elberfeld, in the course of which the police system of esplonage, with all its attendant corruptions and rascality, was laid bare in its cancer-like hideousness before the nation. Finallr, the Socialist deputy Singer presented to the Reichstag official proofs of the fact that the police was regularly employing agents to incite workingmen to deeds of violence. One of these agents—a certain Schroeder—was arrested in Switzerland and a box of dynamite found in his possession. It was shown by testimony taken before the Swiss atthorities that Schroeder—was arreceiving a regular salary from the di-rectors of the Berlin police as a special spy; that in this capacity he had con-trived to make himself a trusted companion of Stellmacher, Peukert and other noted Anarchists; that he had taken a leading part in an Anarchist confer-ence and that he had pari for the printing of several issues of the "Freiheit" when it was temporarily published in Switterland during the imprisonment of Mest in London. From the details of this exposure it appeared clearly that the purpose of the government in entertaining friendly relations with the Anar-chists was not to discover and thwart their plots, but to actually suggest, en-courage and aid such plots in order to promate anti-Socialist legislation. Sing-er's revelations naturally produced a wide-pread sensation and profound dis-gust, and when Bismarck's proscription bill came to a vote in January, 1890, a few conservatives only were found sufficiently barren of honor and con-science to record themselves in its favor. The Reichstag was immediately dissolved and the 20th of February appointed for the election of a new parlia-ment. ment

ment. In the meantime important events of another sort had taken place. First may be noted the two international Socialist congresses held simultaneously at Paris in July, 1889, and in only one of which Germany was represented. As no movement could pretend to be of an international character without the co-operation of the German Social-Democracy, the position taken by the latter on this occasion was the first necessary step in the direction of complete unity upon a sound basis of principle and tactics. It no doubt facilitated the task assigned to the Belgiams by the two Paris congresses, of accomplishing this unity at Brussels in 1891. At any rate the Paris gatherings of 1889, by the nature, number and nationalities of the organizations represented, plainly showed that the Socialist wave was advancing in all countries, and that a new force, with which the governments of Europe would have to reckon in their in-

force, with which the governments of Europe would have to reckon in their in-ternational relations, had made its appearance. Next came the death of the old Emperor William, and the ninety days' reign of his dying son Fritz, during which Bismarck gave the astonished world a spectacle of intrigue unsurpassed in the annuls of the Roman Empire. This bold man had dreamt of nothing less than to make the Chancellorship—that is the zero imperial power becoding this family. is, the real imperial power-hereditary in his family.

is, the real imperial power—hereditary in his family. When the William of many uniforms ascended the throne, his first care was to rid himself of his overtowering Minister in a decent way, if possible, or, this failing, in any possible way. In the light of his subsequent conduct it may safely be assumed that he did not then have for the Socialists, or for the pro-letarian classes generally, a more tender regard than Bismarck had ever shown. But it admirably served his purpose to differ with the Chancellor concerning their treatment; and it served also the purpose of his corriters to encourage this difference, to widen it by good argument, to strengthen it by displays of virtuous indignation, and to push it to a climax by flattering their young dupe will a prospect of universal genuffexion to his greatness as the clemefitest monarch, the kindest father of the poor people and the wisest statesman of his day. Hence came out-assudden, as unexpected, as any theatrical change of dow. Hence came out-as sudden, as unexpected, as any theatrical change of uniform could be-the two famous "Rescripts." namely: One addressed to Bis-marck, instructing him "to bring about a conference between the governments of countries competing with Germany on the world's markets, with a view to the international regulation and limitation of the labor exacted from working people;" the other addressed to the Minister of Commerce, declaring that it was the duty of the State "to regulate the time and regular of labor so that the the duty of the State "to regulate the time and nature of labor, so that the health, morality and material welfare of the working people, as well as their These rescripts were the law, might be preserved." These rescripts were issued on the 4th of February, 1890, or sixteen days before election. And we know of American politicians, noted among their fellows for their wonderful achievements in the field of political tomfoolery. who then admiringly declared that the young Emperor had not his peer in. this country. The German workmen, however, unlike their fellow proletarians of American before here the full ways of here. of America, reasoned that if William had become or was in a fair way of be-coming a "friend of labor," the best mode of pleasing and strengthening him was to vote the Socialist ticket. On election day, therefore, they cast 1.427.298 votes for the Social-Democratic candidates, electing 20 of them outright, and 15 more at the second ballot.

of the Empire. It had now advanced to the first, leaving the Centrists (or Ultramontanes), who came next, 117,000 votes behind. The following compar-ative table shows the gains it had made in those three years at the expense of its various opponents:

Paulallat	1890.	1887.	Increase.L	ecrease.
Socialists	1,457,323	763,128	694,195	
Centrists (Ultramontanes)	1,340,719	1.516.222		175,503
National Liberals	1 197 200	1,677,979		490,310
German Liberals	1,167.764	973,104	194,660	
German Conservatives	899,144	1.147.200		248,056
Free Conservatives (Imperialists)	485,959	736,389		250,430
Poles	246,773	219,973	26.800	
People's Party	147.570	. 88,818	58.752	
Guelphs	112,675	112,827		152
Ausalians	101 156	233,973		132.817
Anti-Semites	47.536	11,593	35,943	
Danes	13,672	12,360	1,312	
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Total vote ...... 7,207,960 7,493,566 ...... 285,606

The inconsistencies between the votes cast and the number of seats carried The inconsistencies between the votes cast and the number of seats carried by each party were very striking. With proportional representation the So-cialists would have had 80 representatives in the Reichstag instead of 35; the Ultramontanes, 75 instead of 105; the National Liberals, 65 instead of 35; the German Liberals, 64 instead of 70; the German Conservatives, 49 instead of 66 by the Imperialists, 27 instead of 22; the Poles, 13 instead of 16; the People's Party, 8 instead of 10; the Guelphs, 6 instead of 10; the 'Alastians, 5 instead of 13; the Anti-Semites, 2 instead of 4, and the Danes none instead of 1. On the 10th of March, 1890, Bismarck "received his sack."

Anti-Semites, 2 instead of 4, and the Danes none instead of 1. On the Joth of March, 1890, Bismarck "received his sack." We have thus dwelt at some length upon the twelve years' era of repression in Germany, because of the unique specialci ft affords in the history of the class struggle—that is, in the real history of human progress; namely, the spectacle of a class-conscious proletarial, with every limb fettered and appar-ently impotent, steadily rising under a cushing weight of despotism by the mere force of its intelligent will, and wit2 at a violent blow forcing its way to freedom. The subsequent events, though not less important and instructive, are better known and may (for the present) be reviewed brieffy. We attempt was made in the new Rechatag to further prolong the lay of constrainos were held throughout Germany. In the districts where the state of sigge had until then been in force, the expelled actiators relarmed and were instrainos were held throughout Germany. In the districts where the state of sigge had until then been in force, the expelled actiators relarmed and were instrainos were held throughout Germany. In the districts where the state of sigge had until then been in force, the expelled actiators for market in the first of the the 19th of October. It was the first that had met on Germa soil in twelve years. It was attended by 300 delegates from all the districts of Germany. Representatives of Socialist parties had also come from France. Felgium England, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Demmark, Sweden and Noway. The proceedings were opened by Liebknecht. The debates, which fmancial report of Bebel, who had charge of the funds during the period of re-pression, showed a balance on hand of 171,820,90 marks for about \$13,000, the congress gave the party a new organization. In accordance with its new conditions of existence. The "Berliner Volisblatt," under the new name of the and gagged but practically annihilated, rose from its ashes. In March, 189, there were alteready 27 dulies and I

293 years and 70,000 marks. As to the famous "rescripts" of 1890, they became a part of ancient history together with the man that it had been their sole purpose to drive out of power. There was, of course, no "conference of governments." no national or inter-national "regulation of labor," no "limitation of the workday, and no intention to do aught but let well enough alone at all costs and all hazards, as was amply shown by the treatment of strikers on every occasion. Even in the im-perial workshops, on the State railways, in the post office, and in every public service where hopes of improvement had first been entertained, the condition of the workers was steadily getting worse. It became daily more apparent to some, who had not yet perceived it, that the "health, morality, welfare and equal rights" to which Little William had "rescripted" that the laboring class was entitled, were not in their nature imperial presents, but were things to be fought for every day, everywhere, by the laboring class itself. Determined to conquer, the Socialists advanced ano ber, step, And it was again a long step. At the parliamentary election of 1893 they polled 1,786,738 vores and elected 41 deputies to the Reichstag.

At the parliamentary election of 1898 they polled 1.786.738 votes and effected 41 deputies to the Reichstag. Since then, a number of local contests have taken place, with results showing in every case the steady growth of the party. In 1894 the Socialists resolutely entered a campaign in the 6th parliamentary district of Schleswig-Holstein, where they held 147 public meetings and sent debaters to 40 other assemblages called by Liberals and Conservatives. They carried the day by a handsome majority. They carried also the 23d district of Saxony. These two victories increased to 46 the number of Socialist deputies in the Reichstag. In 1895, owing to a combination of narties against them, they lost a context of the sector of

trict of Saxony. These two victories increased to 46 the number of Socialist deputies in the Reichstag. In 1895, owing to a combination of parties against them, they lost a seat at Lennep-Mettmann, although their vote was larger than in 1893 by more than 2,000. On the other hand, they gained one seat in the Dresden-Country district and one at Dortmund. In each of these two districts the Socialist vote surpassed the total vote of all the other parties. In that same year the Social-ists increased to 14 seats their representation in the Chamber of Saxony, 2 in the Chamber of Wurtemberg, and 3 in the Chamber of Baden. In 1896, they gained another seat in Halle, Saxony, which raised to 48, the number of Socialist representatives in the Reichstag. They also increased considerably their representations in municipal councils. The national con-gress of the party, held at Hamburg, had to discuss a very important question of tactics, to wit: "Shall the Socialists of Prussia participate in the elections for the Landtag (or Prussian Chamber) 7. The suffrage in these elections is re-stricted by property qualifications, which make it extremely difficult if not ab-solutely impossible for the Socialists to elect any candidate. Some delegates argued that by taking part in the contest the Socialists would, in fact, increase the chances of the Conservatives against the Liberals, thus candidate. Gones delegates argued that by taking part in the contest the Socialists would, in fact, increase the chances of the Very law of exception which the Reichstag, elected by the universal suffrage of the whole Empire, had finally abandoned. Others held that the party could not place itself in the attitude of favoring the Liberals, whose political treachery was as much to be feared as the open hostility of the Conservatives. Finally, a resolution was adopted, deelaring that the party should place candidates in the field wherever there might be any chance what-ever of success, but that it should strictly abstain from any alliance or com-pr

## PARTY NEWS.

### Activity of Millitant Socialists East, West, North and South.

SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-Secretary Henry Kuhn, 184 William street, N. Y. NATIONAL BOARD OF AFFEAIA - Secretary Robert Bandlow, 193 Champiain St., Cleve land, O.

#### National Executive Committee

Session of March 8th with Comrade Furman in the chair. Absent Bennett, Matchett, Stuhl, the latter two excused, The financial report for the week end-ing March 5th showed receipts to have

ing March 5th showed receipts to have been \$\$8.60; expenditures, \$48.90; bal-ance for the week \$39.70. Comrade Hickey reported as to his agitation in New Bedford and Haver-hill., The work in New Bedford has been very successful. The letter from Haverhill was written shortly after his arrival in that city, and gave only an outline of the work as planned by him-self and Comrade Goldstein, of Boston: the latter had come over from Boston to self and Comrade Goldstein, of Boston; the latter had come over from Boston to assist in the reorganization of the Sec-tion. Hickey explained that Carey had kept out of Haverhill all along all the information about the S. L. P., had pre-vented THE PEOPLE and the leaflets of the party from being distributed, so that our position was not known at all and whatever Socialist organization there was hore exclusively the char-acter of a personal following of Carey. Comrade Keinard reported about his work in Georgia, where he found the field very unpromising. He was ordered to so arrange his tour as to put in one week's work in Milwaukee, Wis.

in one week's work in Milwaukee, Wis. so as to take a hand in the campaign

Charters were granted to new Sec-tions in Phenix City, Ala.; Rockvale, Colo.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Meriden, Conn.

L. A. MALKIEL, Rec. Secy.

#### A Call

#### To the Sections and Members of the Socialist Labor Party.

Comrades-A most important step in about to be taken, one that will be of the most far-reaching consequences for the future development of our party and our movement. With the first issue the new volume, that is to say the first issue in the month of April, 1898, the subscription price of our national official organ, '1 dE PEOPLE, will be reduced from \$1 a year to 50c, a year, or 25c, for six months.

It is needless to point out to the Com-rades the increased opportunities for gathering subscribers and swelling the circulation that this decrease of the price affords to all who are engaged in the work of carrying the light of So-cialism to the workers of the land; nor should it be necessary to demonstrate that lasting results in propaganda can be obtained only by bringing home to be obtained only by bringing home to the masses of the working class the pure and unadulterated teachings of the S. L. P. as found in our organ, THE PEOPLE.

But in view of the change made it becomes necessary to go to work in a systematized manner, to work with greater zeal than ever, and to leave no stone unturned to gain new readers and

new subscribers. The Sections of the party are there-fore called upon to consider this matter at their next regular meeting, to ap-point canvassing committees, and to take in fact all steps that are needed to insure a prompt and energetic agita-tion. Every member of the party who sees this call should make it his busi-

sees this can shown make it his busi-ness to see to it that the matter is brought up at the meeting of his Section or branch, and proper action taken. Organizers are requested to report without delay to headquarters as to the action taken and state in their reports the prospects of an increase of the circu-bation in their reporting headlings

lation in their respective localities. It may be added that Section New Haven, Conn., has already pledged it-self to secure 200 new subscribers and to pay in cash, for one year, whatever they may fail short of that number. In the hope that this welcome news may be the means of spurring our Com-rades all over the country to renewed efforts on behalf of THE PEOPLE, and

in expectation of prompt reports on the part of the organizers, we remain, yours fraternally. The National Executive Committee, HENRY KUHN, Secy.

Connecticut. . MERIDEN, March 4.— On the 28th of last February an American branch was organized at the Alhambra Hall. Hav-ing failed several times to organize a branch, we sent for our comrade, Mr. Chas. E. Patrich, of New Britain, and with his kind assistance succeeded at last; after we once get started. Meriden will no longer be ignorant as to what Socialism is and means. Having suc ceeded in organizing a branch, Social-ism will succeed at last. Stick to it, and never give it up, as we are all fighting for Life Liberty, and Humanity, that is our motto. Our first meeting will take place on March 11th, as we do not expect our charter much before that. We hope to be able to give still better reports in future.

The party press and factics were then considered. A resolution was unani-mously adopted indorsing the official organs of the Socialist Labor party, de-claring the utmost confidence in the National Executive Committee, and emphasized by upholding the factions of emphatically upholding the tactics of the party and the attitude of the party pre

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The State Committee was instructed to issue a manifesto to the proletariat of Maryland, said manifesto to present the salient features of Socialism and call attention to the fact that the worldwide movement of the capitalist class to make it impossible for the working class to seize the powers of government had reached Maryland in the shape of a clause in the new charter for the city of Baltimore, in which clause the cap-italist Legislature at Annapolis has raised the property qualification so that now no one shall be eligible for the office of Mayor of Baltimore who has not paid taxes on at least two thousand dollars' worth of property for two years prior to his election. After resolving to have the literature for the State bear the label of the Inter-national Typographical Union and the Pressmen's Union, the convention ad-journed. wide movement of the capitalist class to

JULIAN PIERCE, Secy.

Massachusetts. LAWRENCE, March 2.--A letter from Lawrence might be oi interest to the readers of THE PEOPLE. As we are progressing so nicely, we want all to know about it. Having secured per-manent headquarters in the central building on the main street of our city. Branches 2 and 3 now propose to carry on a vigorous campaign all summer, and prepare for the fall campaign, and show all comrades that we are going to do our share here for the 100,000 for 1598. We have a nice library, and all the

We have a nice library, and all the leading Socialist papers and some from England, pictures of Marx and Lasalle decorate the walls, and the crimson banner of International Socialism ocbanner of International Socialism oc-cupies a conspicuous position, so-that when any comrade from out of town comes to our city he will know where to find us. We shall be more than pleased to have such visitors call on us. The best news of all is that we have nothing but class-conscious mem-bers; all others who apply and do not agree we consider better on the outside until they do. In closing we send greet-ings to all comrades, and that the good work go on. work go on.

BOSTON. -- Old Franklin School-house, Wednesday evening, March 16th, Tecture by Thomas A. Hickey, ef New York, Subject: "Errors of Deba-ism."

city:

MASS MEETING will be held at Craft' Hall, 313 Gratiot avenue, Sunday March 6th, under the auspices of the Socialist Labor party. Subject: "Socialism." German and English speakers will address the meet-ing

Friends :- Day by day the people see their liberties slipping away from their grasp, and the conditions of life be-coming harder; they see value of every kind diminishing, save those controlled by monopoly, and the wealth that was theirs, passing by skilful political nan-curres into the hands of their oppressors. They see contraction of industry that always is followed and must be followed by contraction of the currency. throwing thousands of men out of em-ployment, and reducing the masses to a condition of slavery; they also see that the government of the country has become an instrument of oppres-

sion in the hands of the capitalist. Under such circumstances there is on-ly one thing to be done, and that is to If y one thing to be done, and that is so readjust measures and systems to these changed conditions of social and in-dustrial life that will break the power of monopoly and give the people in-dustrial as well as political freedom. Come and bring your friends.

#### New Jersey.

HOBOKEN, March 8.—The Branches Hoboken of Section Hudson County of the S. L. P. held their city and ward nomination convention on Thursday, March 3, for the annual charter election to be held on Tuesday, April 12th. The following comrades were nomi-The following comrades were nomi-

nated ated: For Recorder—Henry Schreck. For Water Registrar—Fred Voss. For Water Commissioner—Au

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Michigan. DETROIT, March 9.—The following call for a meeting was sent out for the first time to the Jewish workers of this

The following table shows the progress made in 26 great cities of Ger-many during the twelve years of "exceptional law":

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Dresden 17	202 9	5.079 (	Chemnitz	9,899	24,641
Leipzig	.822 1	2.921	ElberfeldBarmen	11.325	18,473
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Of the above cities, Berlin, Hamburg, Altona, Leipzig, Francfort and Stettin were in a minor state of siege. In other districts, where the minor state of siege was also in force, the result was not less significant, as appears from the following figures:

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Nor was this all. A fact of still greater import remains to be noted. In the Social-Democracy occupied the fifth place among the political parties

promise with the other parties. In 1897 the party contested ten seats in the Reichstag that had become vacant. Three of these were formerly held by Socialists, two of whom (Schulze of Koenigsberg, and Grillenberger of Nuremberg) had died in the harness, and one (Joest, of Mainz) had resigned for private reasons. Owing again to a combination of parties, and although the Socialist vote was as large as in 1893, the Mainz seat was lost. On the other hand, the Koenigsberg and Nurem-berg seats were preserved; the first by a majority of 696 votes over the total polled by the three other candidates, and the second by an increase of several thousands as compared with 1893. Theloss of Mainz was made up by the gain of a new district at West Havelland, in Brandenburg. In all the other districts the Socialist vote showed a marked increase. The elections for the Landtage and seats. and seats.

and seats. The present Reichstag is coming to the end of its natural life, and a gen-eral parliamentary election will be held in Germany in June or July of the current year. Elections will also be held this year in France and Belgium. We confidently look for a manifestation of Socialist sprength in those three countries, that will open the eyes of the blindest to the fact that Capitalism has run its course and that the Social Revolution has been set down by the hand of Progress on the book of Fate as one of the earliest events of the Transition Course Twentieth Century.

[The End].



WORKINGMEN! Attend this Free Lecture and learn the opinions of an able socialist speak-er, upon your industrial condition. We socialists, are not dogmatic in our views, neither are we atraid of questions or discussions, hence questions will be allowed and a free discussion will be remnitted.

workingmen, come in your numbers to learn if you are sympathetic, to debate if you are to devote half of his time to each State.

Maryland and District of Columbia. WASHINGTON, March 8.--A conven-tion of the Socialist Labor party for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia was held at the Labor Lyceum in Baltimore on Sunday after-noon, March 6. Delegates were present from Washington, Canton and the American and German branches of Section Baltimore. No delegates ap-

peared from Hagerstown. Comrade Golden, of Section Balti-more, was elected chairman, and Comrade Pierce, of Washington, acted as secretary. After approving the action of the several Sections in locating the of the several Sections in locating the State Committee at Washington, the convention proceeded to consider plans for agitation. Owing to the probable financial ability of the Sections of Maryland and Washington to keep an organizer permanently in the field, it was decided to instruct the State Com-mittee of Virginia for the purpose of determining if an agreement could not be reached whereby the Comrades in Maryland. Virginia and Washington would guarantee enough weekly sub-scriptions to keep an organizer perscriptions to keep an organizer per-manently at the business of instructing the working class in those two States in

vater Schroeder.

First Ward Nominations: Councilman—Henry Schmidt. Tax Commissioner—Chas. Toepfer Gustav Widmayer.

Commissioner of Appeals-Claus Eichler.

Committee to Fill Vacancies: Comrades C. Abs, N. Deitricu and F. Mende

Third Ward Nominations: Councilman—Henry Kitz. Tax Commissioner—Franz Schleman. Tax Commissioner—Arthur Mende. Commissioner of Appeals-Herman Landwehr.

andwehr. Constable—Fred Mende. Justice of the Peace—Otto Windfuhr. Justice of the Peace—Edward Jacob. Fouth Ward Nominations: Councilman—George Bleasby.

Tax Commissioner-Fred W. Reum-

Tax Commissioner-John Bischoff. Commissioner of Appeals-John B.

Gross. Constable—Chas. Peters. No nominations in the Second and Fifth Wards. Lack of candidates. Days of Registry—Tuesday, March 15th, from 1 to 9 p. m.: Tuesday, March 22d, from 1 to 9 p. m.: Day of Election—Tuesday, April 12th. Polls come from 6 s. m to 7 p. m.

Polls open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.

New York. The 9th Assembly District, S. L. P., Borough of Manhattan, has arranged a mass meeting to be held on Monday. March 14th, S P. M., Utah House, corner of 25th street and 8th avenue. On this occasion a free lecture by Com-rade H. Carless; subject. "When Pros-parely Will Come," will be delivared and illustrated by gorgeous stereopti-con views. Pictures of machinery and social conditions will be displayed dur-ing the lecture.

Regular meeting of the General Com-mittee of Section Greater New York,

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S. L. P., will be held on Saturday, March 12th, 8 P. M., at the Labor Lyce-um, 61 East Fourth street, New York. Delegates should not fail to attend. For the General Committee, L. ABELSON, Organizer.

West Side Districts. Free lectures on Socialism, every 2nd and 4th Sunday, \* P. M., at Narragansett Hotel, 456 W. 40th street.

Programme of lectures for March and April 1898: March 13......St. Simon and Babocuf

Lecturer, James Allman. March 27. Why we indorse the Social-ist Trade and Labor Al-

ist Jrade and Labor Al-liance. Lecturer, Thomas Hickey. April 10...... China and Capitalism Lecturer, Chas. Matchett. April 24........... The Proletariat Lecturer, A. S. Brown, Questions will be answered after the lecture, but must be confined to the subject.

subject.

Lectures in German every 1st and 3rd Sunday at the West Side Union Hotel, 342 West 42nd street.

New York Socialist Cycle Club was organized Saturday, March 5th, at 64 E. 4th street, with 15 members. It pur-poses to spread Socialist agitation. Temporary officers were elected. The election of permanent officers will take place on Saturday, March 12th. 8 P. M. Comrades asked to join. ALB. DELZ, Sec'y.

ALB. DELZ, See'y. Socialist Labor Party, 18th Assembly District of Greater New York. Sunday evening lectures, free to everybody, at Suyvesant Hall, 351 East, 17th street, near 1st avenue, New York city. Business meeting every Thursday, 8 p. m., at 246 1st avenue, between 14th and 15th streets. Come and join. Programme of lectures for March: March 13—"Origin of the Capitalist System." N. T. Stone. March 20—"The Proletariat." A. S. Hrown.

Brown, March 27—"The Morals of Our Age."

S. Berlin. Lectures commence promptly at 8 p. m.

Questions will be answered after the lecture, but must be confined to the subject.

Brooklyn .- Lectures and discussions

Brooklyn.—Lectures and discussions on political, social and economic ques-tions every Sunday evening, 8 p. m., at Club House, 887 Myrtle avenue: March 13-"Trades Unions." R. Hughes, March 20-"Foot Pounds." Ch. Teche. March 27-"The Proletariat." A. S. Brown

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Questions will be answered after the lecture, but must be confined to the subject.

GLOVERSVILLE.-In order to en-large the circulation of THE PEOPLE and to make our friends and sympa-thizers acquainted with purely scientific Socialism and the uncompromising tactics of the S. L. P., our Section de-cided to send for four weeks to a number of addresses our party organ. This is at the same time an invitation to sub-scribe. Some one of our party mem-bers will call on the receivers at the end of this month. Orders will also be taken any evening in the Labor Lyceum, **8** Fremont street.

though very quiet, yet Hlair County Section is not dead altogether. One not acquainted with the conditions here, does not know the difficulty which confronts the movement in this inland town wholly controlled by the P. R. R.; but in which of the apprendix inexe but in spite of the apparently insur-mountable obstacles the comrades have mountable obstacles the comrades have shaken themselves from their lethargy and adopted the tactics of activity. Sunday, the 2°th of February, we had Comrade John R. Root, of Pittsburg, here, the annoucement being only a verbal one exceeded our most sincere expectations. He spoke of the neces-sity of a class-conscious political or-ganization before they can ever hope ganization before they can ever hope of bettering their conditions and finally emancipate, themselves from wage-slavery. Comrade Root has a pleasing appearance and is an able expounder of the cause; the applause that he received showed that his speech was very much appreciated by the audience; three new members being the result of the meeting. During the five years Section Blair County has been in existence, not a line to my knowledge has ever appeared in THE PEOPLE as to our progress, or retrogress would be more proper, for we have experienced them both. Here especially the work of agitation has been done, and the expenses borne by a small band of faith-ful workers. We appeal to the friends who have received the truth and knowledge of Socialism to abandon their petty prejudices that keep them away from the meetings and show themselves up in their true color, to come to our aid in this our struggle for emancipation. Now is the time you are needed, the party canot afford to lose one con-vert. You have not forgotten the wrongs that were perpetrated on one of our most able and active comrades during the Presidential campaign when he was discharged and forced to face very risky conditions with his family-starve or steal-but' was successful getting another job after some months of worry in idleness, for simply being a Socialist. Such hideous outrages committed by the hypocritical "law and or-der" capitalist class should serve as a spur to work more energetically and more indefatigably for the overthrow of the capitalist system with all its wrong-doings and injustices. We have arranged matters with the State Com-mittee on a lecture tour by Comrade

Jere O'Fiheller, Abington, Mass.; John F. Conley, Pittsburg, Pa.: James Waugh, Blocton, Ala.; R. A. Statham, Cardiff, Jefferson Co., Ala.; Geo, Webb, New Decatur, Ala., and Alex. B. Mc-Culloch, Manchester, Va., requested or-runising material ganizing material.  $\Lambda$  complaint of the N. Y. German Cooks and Pastry Cooks to the N. Y.

Central Labor Federation, D. A. No. 1, because they alleged that their members were not employed that their mem-bers were not employed at the N, Y. Volks-Zeitung" festival, had been re-ferred to the G. E. B. It was resolved to request the Board of Directors of said paper, to in future also contract for the employment of those members at festivals

Very interesting letters were Wad from Alb, Schmatz, Louisville, Ky., and a L. A. will be organized there shortly. Peter Schwjete, St. Louis, Mo., re-

quested by instruction of the State Committee S. L. P. the use of the label on a publication called "Arm and Ham-per". He was informed that the emmer." He was informed that the em-ployees would have to organize a L. A or join one of the existing Mixed Al-liances before the label could be grant-

6d. M. Weber, Buffalo, N. Y., reported good progress; and that he will speak on March 19th at Erie, and try to or-ganize a L. A. He will also try to re-organize the Section, S. L. P. The em-ployees of the Polish party paper "Sila"

ployees of the Polish party paper "Sta" joined the Mixed Alliance and a mem-ber-at-large was accordingly trans-ferred. The said paper was granted the label of the S. T. & L. A. N. Y. Central Labor Federation, D. A. No. I, reported that its Arbitration Committee had made stremous efforts to organize the employees of Leopoid Miller & Son, Cigarette Makers of the "Lerov" brand.-but failed. They had "Leroy" brand, but failed. They had consequently declared the concern as non-mion and desired the action en-dorsed, Granted, Geo, Dubois, Albany, N. Y., reported

that the organization is making good

progress. M. Keller, D. A. 12, Philadelphia, Pa. reported good progress, and that an agitation is being pushed among the leather workers at Gloversville and Johnstown, N. Y. Henry Wehner, D. A. No. 10, Boston.

Mass., reported that D. A. No. 8 had donated \$10 to the New Bedford weav-ers, and Bakers' and Confectioners'

ers., and Bakers' and Confectioners' L. A. No. 2, \$25. . Tailors' Prog. Union No. 11, N. Y., donated \$5 for the same purpose. Shirt froners and Laundry Workers, Philadelphia, Pa., desired to rejoin the S. T. & L. A., and this was granted. The "Home Study Publications" of Scranton, Pa., requested a list of uni-ons. This was not acceded to

This was not acceded to. ons. The next meeting will be held Wed-nesday, March 16, 8 P. M., 64 E. 4th

D. A. No. 1.

street.

Delegate J. Langhard, of the Progress

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Bartenders' Union No. 1 reported that its Secretary Paul Reichenbecker had called upon boss Krieger, 231 E. 33rd street, who retracted his utterances

street, who retracted his attended against union labor in writing. Waiters' Alliance Liberty reposted that they had expelled a member for

being in arrearage with dues and for violation of the constitution. Int. Pianomakers' Union reported that arrangements will be made this week to organize the Bronx Borough. The collections for the New Bedford strikers are to be called in. The prospect is that \$25 have been realized. Silver Workers' Prot. Ass. reported that they have called in the subscrip-tion lists for Friday night. According to short reports something like \$30 will accumulate.

Pressmen and Feeders' Union initiated new members. \$10 were donated to the "Neue Zeit."

Prog. Typographical Union No. 83 donated \$20 to the "Neue Zeit." United Marquetric Workers will hold

an important meeting Monday at 64 E. 4th street, and the Secretary is requested to attend.

Prog. Rolled Cigarette Makers' Union reported that 17 members who refused to obey the decision and not make ci-gars at the strike factory of Sidenberg were summarily expelled. It was also arnounced that these expelled members had organized an opposition union un-the the initian of here Sidenberg. He der the tuition of boss Sidenberg He should ask the aid of Leopold Miller. Relative to the trouble in Sidenberg's shop and for the purpose of protecting the interest of the Prog. Rolled Cigar-ette Makers' Union, delegates E. Bohm, 4. Waldinger and D. States F. Bohm, A. Waldinger and P. Lustig were elected a special committee.

The chairman thereupon presented the banner won by the Bohemian Butchers' Union to its delegate who received same with thanks and stated that its first public display would be at the Ninth Anniversary celebration of the C. L. F

Swedish Machinists' Union reported that it will call in its subscription lists for the New Bedford strikers and re-port next meeting. United Maccaroni Workers reported

making good progress. During the debate on the Workmen's

Educational Society non-union em-ployees a member of Bartender Union No. 1 named J. Nicholous stated that he was employed at same place until it was found out that he had joined the above union. Then he was discharged. The organizations were again urged not to buy any shares or donate monies to that Society.

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## D. A. 49.

The regular meeting of D. A. 19 was beld on Friday evening, March 4th, with D. M. W. Daniel De Leon at the cap-

Roll call showed all officers present except Worthy Foreman Murphy who was detailed to the mass meeting of the Knitting Workers and Outside Esquire Kops who was detailed to the Shoe Fitters' meeting. Credentials received from Fred Guil-

mann, Bakers' Union, L. A. 81, and Wm. Clough, Broad Silk Weavers. They were admitted and obligated.

Reports of officers: D. M. W. reported having spoken at a mass meeting of Broad Silk Weavers

on Thursday evening, Feb. 24th, and at the conclusion a local of that industry was organized. Had also organized locals of weavers in New Bedthree ford, Mass. District Secretary reported he had at-tended meetings of the West Side Agi-

the Joint D. A.'s. Received and filed. One from L. A. 2394 inviting the dele-Received and filed. gates to their ninth annual ball on Sat. - gates to their ninth annual ball on Sat, evening, March 12, at Baumgarmer's Military Hall, corner Leonard and Scholes streets, Brooklyn, Received and acceptod. One from Musical Pro-tective Alliance, L. A. 1028, complain-ing against Carl Sahn and Progressive Musical Union of Brooklyn, who failed to attend the meetings of the Joint Ex-centive Board of the musical locals. ecutive Board of the musical locals, which had been established by the G. E. B. Secretary instructed to bring the matter before the G. E. B. One from Comrade Chas. Wicklien, requesting the Secretary to call at the West Side Union Hotel on Feb. 28th. Attended to by the Secretary. Secretary was instructed to write to

they dony being responsible for their

locals voting against the meetings of

the G. E. B. and inquire what district the Prog. Musical Union, L. A. 115, was affiliated with.

Secretary was instructed to loos for a hall for the district to hold meetings in as the present place was too small to hold the delegates.

On motion it was resolved to request the locals and members of the same to contribute to a fund for agitation pur-

L. A. No. 11 reported that they had held a mass meeting on Feb. 28, which was well attended. Had contributed \$5 to the New Bed-

ford strikers and \$3 to the May Day

conference. L. A. 68 contributed \$2 to the May Day conference, and appointed a com-mittee to act with committee from L. A. 11 to visit the Journeymen Tailora

L. A. 81. Bakers' Union, had words for an interchange' of cards with the International Bakers' Union.
L. A. 122, Shoe Lasters, reported they had contributed \$3 to the May Day con-

ference. L. A. 109, Pioneer Alliance, elected delegates to the May Day conference. Will hold a mass meeting on March 5th Will hold a mass meeting on March oth for shoeworkers. Expect soon to or-ganize the railroad men as the locals in the K, of L, are no earthly use. D, M, W. Collins, of D, A, 75, K, of L, who had hobnobbed around the political parties during the last campaign indorsing first one and then another, sent a com-mittee to the Mayor and the Corporation Council requesting them jo see that the ordinance regulating the speed of the ordinance regulating the speed of the trolley cars was not violated. This was enforced at the expense of the em-ployees. They were compelled to work ployces. They were compelled to work overtime for which they did not receive extra pay. Collins then called on the officers of the trolley company, stating that they were very well satisfied with the company, and to complain about the men having to work overtime, and Mr Johnson told him to withdraw the complaint from the Corporation Council and the men could get through on time though they had to violate that ordi-nance. The complaint was withdrawn. nance.

hance. The complaint was withdrawn, L. A. 298, N. Y. Shoemakers, reported that their members were well-satisfied with the settlement of the strike in Weil's factory. They had also gained a number of new members. Bronx Borough Labor Club reported

Bronx horoogn Labor Chub reported that they had been disappointed in the speaker for the 28th. He failed to at-tend. They will hold an agitation meeting on March 14th for railroad men. Comrade Vogt was detailed to speak there.

L. A. 111 reported that their mas meeting was a grand success. They gained twelve new members. They will hold a mass meeting uplown and request a German, Bohemian and English speaker. Secretary was in-structed to take notice. United Broad Silk Weavers reported

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THE SOCIALISTS' BALL

18th Assembly District, S. L. P. will be hold

Monday, March 16, '98,' St. Patrick's Eve.

Standing advertisements of Trades Unix and other Societies (not exceeding five inst will be inserted under this heading hereafters the rate of \$5.00 per annum. Organizations should not lose such an eyes tunity of advertising their places of meeting.

Carl Sahm Club (Musicians Union Meetings every Tuesday at 10 s. m. at East 4th street, New York Labor Lycen Business Secretary: Frel.

Contral Labor Federation of New York (S. T. & L. A., D. A. No. 1). Meri at 2.30 every Sunday afternoon at 64 East it afreet, New York City. All benchmarked and about Unions should be represented. Commu-nications are to be sent to the corresponding secretary. Ernest Bohm, 64 East ith stress, New York City.

Cigarmakers' Progressive International Bureau: 44 East 4th attract. Distinct 1 (Babe mian), 324 East 7th street, every Salarday at p.m.-District 11 (German, at 25 Forsyn 81, meets every Salarday at 8 p.m.-District 111 meets every Salarday at 8 p.m.-District 111 meets at 1527 avenue A, every Salarday at 8 m.-District 11V, meets at 327 West 4m attract every Salarday at 8 p.m.-The Board of Super visors meets every Tuesday at 1422 md avenue at 8 p.m.

Empire City Lodge (Machinists), meter Labor Lyceum, 64 East 4th street. 273 Secretary: PETER STAPLE

German Waiters' Union of New York, Office: 385 Bowery, Union Hall, 1st Borr, Meetings every Friday at 4 p. m. Board of Supervisors meets every Wednesday at 4 p. m. at the same hall.

Musical Protective Alliance No. 1022 D. A. 49, S. T. & L. A., Headquarter 79 E. 4th street. Meetings every Friday at 0'clock noon. Fred. Hardmann, Pres. Fred Woll, corr. See'y, 79 E. 4th St. J. S. Kring, Husiness accut. Business agent

Section Essex County, S. L. P., Beets the first Sunday in each month at 2 the hall of "Essex County Socialist Club," 16 Springfield Ave., Newark, N. J.

Skandinavian Section, S. L. P. Meet 2nd and th Sunday of every month at a o'clock a. m., at Schuler's Hall, 21-25 East and St. New York City. Subscription orders taken for the Scand. Socialist Weekly, Scand. Ar. ARBETAREN.

Socialist Science Club, S. L. P., 84th 35th A. D. S. E. Cor. of 3d Av. and 169th S. Open every evening. Regular business meeting every Friday.

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Tuesday, March the 22nd, Lucien Sanial, of New York, will give a lec-ture in Gloversville. The name of the hall where he speaks will be published in next week's issue, also the subject. Admission is free to all

#### Buffalo, N. Y.

The monthly joint meeting of the Section Buffalo, S. L. P., will be held this Sunday, March 13, at 2:30 p. m., in Labor Lycoum, 550 Broadway. The important business to be transacted reuires the presence of every member of all branches.

In the evening of the same day, at 8 P. M. sharp, the American Branch S. L. P. will hold in the same hall a discussion meeting. , Subject: "The Cuban Question from a Socialist Standint." Everybody welcome. For the celebration of the 59th anpoint.

niversary of the revolutions of 1848, and of the 27th anniversary of the Paris Commune the Central Committee S L Commune, the Central Committee, S. L. P., has arranged a grand ball, with lec-tures, singing, dancing, etc., to be held Saturday, March 19th, at 8 P. M., in Miller's Harmonia Hall. 264 Genessee street. For the English lecture is secured our veteran Comrade Lucien Sanial, of New York. The German speaker will be Combrade K. Ibsen, of speaker will be Combrade K. Iosen, of Cleveland, O. Tickets, admitting gen-tleman and lady, 25 cents. Whoever of our Buffalo comrades and friends has not got those tickets yet, not only for their own use, but for sale, should get them at the Labor Lyceum as soon as possible.

#### Pennsylvania.

BLAIR COUNTY, March 4.-It will be of some interest to the comrades throughout the land to know that, al-

ent. Granted

inger was chairman.

Mrs. Martha Moore Avery. Sections throughout the State should take an interest in this grand opportunity.

PARLIAMENTS OF LABOR.

General Executive Board, S. T. & L. A.

At the last meeting August Wald-

A committee from the Hat Makers' Union, Newark, N. J., was granted the floor and stated that they had reorgan-

ized and they desired the old charter. They have a membership of 150 at pres-

Sections

A committee representing the Local Joint Executive Board of Ind. Bakers' Joint Executive Board of Ind. Jakers Unions appeared relative to the label. They claimed that many thousands of labels issued by D. A. No, 8, were still unused, and that the plates for the S. T. & L. A. label were quite expensive. It was resolved to notify the L. J. E. B. that under present circumstances the G. E. B. was bound by the referen-dum vote recently had on the label. and that no doubt the next convention

and that no doubt the next convention would settle the matter. A committee from the Prog. Rolled Cigarette Makers' Union was admitted relative to the label. They acquiesced in the use of the G. E. B. label, and same was granted. It was announced that the speech of

Comrade De Leon to the New Bedford strikers would be published in pam-phlet form and orders should be forwarded.

The matter of the next Convention was then broached, and it was decided to proceed to nominate cities in which to proceed to nominate cities in which to hold the same. New York was nominated, but withdrawn. Then fol-lowed Buffalo. N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., and Newark, N. J. On vote both Buf-falo and Philadelphia were ordered to a referendum vote. A discussion en-sued as to date. May, June, July 4th, and September 19th being named. On vote July 4th and September 19th were and september 1stit being named. On vote July 4th and September 19th were ordered to a referendum. July 4th was proposed, because it being a holiday. less time is lost. September 19th was proposed, because of cooler weather. The referendum vote on city and date "must be in by May 5th 1988. must be in by May 5th, 1898. The secretary was further instructed

The secretary was further instructed to begin his yearly report. N. Y. Central Labor Federation, D. A. No. 1, invited the G. E. B. to its Ninth Anniversary on March 13th, at 5.30 P. M. 64 E. 4th street. Accepted. Charters. were granted the United Broad Silk Weavers' Union. Silk City Mixed Alliance, Paterson, N. J., and German Bohemian Textile Alliance, New Bedford, Mass.

Club, was chairman at last Sunday's Federation, D. A. No. 1., S. T. & L. A. and delegate L. Pomrantz, of the Pressand Feeders' Union, was vicechairman.

A complaint by C. Perenz against Waiters' Alliance Liberty for expelling him was referred to a special commit-

him was referred to a special commit-tee for investigation. International Pianomakers' Union-send John Kohrman as a delegate. The Credentials' Committee reported un-favorably because the candidate ac-knowledged to be a member of the Democratic party. The report was sustained and the credentials referred back to the union. back to the union.

N. Y. Socialist Literary Society in-vited the body to attend its Masked Ball on March 19th, at Webster Hall. While the invitation was accepted, the Society was notified that the hall was non-union.

Gen. Ex. Board, S. T. & L. A. noti-fied the body relative to the commit-tees' decision in the appeal of Waiters' Alliance Liberty and endorsing the

Arbitration Committee reported that baker boss Kruse promised to send his workmen to the Union during this week, and hence action was deferred

week, and hence action with deterred until next Sunday. Organization Committee reported making good progress. Empire City Lodge, Machinists, re-ported donating \$2 to the New Bedford strikers.

Arrangements' Committee for the Ninth Anniversary celebration of this body, this Sunday, reported that the Carl Sahm Club had offered an orches-tra of 12 men. All unions are requested to forward their flags with pole during the week to 64 E. 4th street. Carl Sahm Club reported having fur-nished an orchestra gratis for the mass

nished an orchestra gratis for the mass meeting of the Working Women's So-ciety, at the Grand Central Palace. They donated \$5 to the New Bedford strikers. Three members were expelled for violation of the constitution.

tation Committee, and they will arrange for a mass meeting in the near future, and expect to organize a trade or mixed local. Received word from the Glove Cutters' Union, who would like to have an English and German speaker to explain the aims and objects of the

Alliance, Distributed circulars for the Pioneer Alliance, who would hold a meeting for shoeworkers on March 5th. Had suc-ceeded in settling the strike of S. Well's factory, where members of L. A.'s 122, 298 and 2,394 were out. The lasters re-ceive an advance of 25 per cent. and sewers 20 per cent. notwithstanding the fact that Organizer Clark, of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, interfered, and a number of members of his organization applied for positions. A more detailed account of this trouble will appear later. Had attended the mass meeting of the Longshoremen and mass meeting of the Longshoremen and Scamen's Union, with Comrades Murphy and Lissauer, who explained the aims and objects of the Alliance. Me-Hugh and Wilson, of the American Longshoremans' Union, who had been challenged to debate. failed, as usual with men of that stamp, to put in an appearance. This union will hold a meeting on March 6th to consider the advisability of anniving for a charter to advisability of applying for a charter to the S. T. & L. A. Secretary requested that the district take steps to create a special fund for agitation purpose

agitation purposes. Communications received from River-

Communications received from River-side Association, L. A. 43, of Yonkers, referred to the Secretary with instruc-tions to go to Yonkers on Monday even-ing. One from Shoe Flitters' Union re-questing information on the S. T. & L. A. Secretary had sent Comrade Kaps to their meeting to give the desired in-formation. One from Comrade Moren, of the City Ex. Com. of the S. L. P., in answer to inquiry of the Secretary. Re-ferred to Comrade Vogt to make report at our next meeting, when further action will be taken. One from Ernest Bohm, Secretary of D. A. No. 1, in re-lation to Joint D. A. meetings, wherein

progress and expect large increase in membership at their meeting on the 9th

1563, Excelsior Labor Club, initiated six new members. Elected delegates to the May Day conference. Will hold an entertainment and reception in the N. Y. Labor Lyceum on April 16th. Next meeting will be held at 23 Duane street on March 9th.

street on March 9th, L. A. 1028 increasing in membership, and hope that the district will acce that the trouble with the musical unions is settled one way or the other, L. A. 2394, Goodyear Turn and Welt Shoemakers, reported initiating new members, and that the superintendent of one of the large factories in Brooklyn was trying to win the members, away was trying to win the members away from the union by establishing a sick and death benefit association. They do not think he will succeed.



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