







CORRESPONDENCE.

[Correspondents who prefer to appear in print under an assumed name, will attach such name to their communication, besides their own signature and address. None other will be recognized.]

To, An Analyst and a Prophet

TO THE PEOPLE.—I take my pen in hand to let you know that the... [Text continues with a critique of the Socialist Labor Party and its members, mentioning names like Edgewise and analyzing their political stance.]

Engete Hough, West Newton, Mass., writes: "Our election is quite encouraging, as are the returns from you. I have been making an analysis of the vote in this State..." [Text continues with a detailed analysis of the 1908 election results in Massachusetts.]

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 11.

Merited Commitment to THE PEOPLE'S Artist.

TO THE PEOPLE.—The Progressive Lithographers' Alliance No. 170, S. E. & L. A. Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., has just issued a... [Text praises the artistic quality of the Socialist Labor Party's publications.]

New York, Feb. 12.

The Modern Fakir Anticipated by Rienzi.

TO THE PEOPLE.—While reading Bulwer Lytton's "Rienzi, Last of the Romans," the other evening, I came across the name of Rienzi, a name which I think that Rienzi must certainly have had the labor fakir in his mind, for by substituting a few modern names for ancient ones, he would have advanced my fortunes... [Text discusses the concept of the 'labor fakir' and its relation to modern labor movements.]

Canton, O., Feb. 13.

Pen-Photography of San Jose, Cal., and Vicinity.

TO THE PEOPLE.—We have pretty fair meetings here, but times are getting harder every year. The paradise for Chinese and Japanese. They work as servants girls, though they are all men; besides they work on the farms and orchards, and even the other things that are done in the East, come and get fished here. [Text describes the conditions of Chinese and Japanese immigrants in California.]

San José, Cal., Feb. 12.

An Infamous Bluffer and Liar Nailed.

TO THE PEOPLE.—A year ago the writer of this article was elected Corresponding Secretary for Barre Branch of the Granite Cutters' National Union. In my first letter to our trade journal I drew attention to the fact that the purpose of the Granite Cutters' National Union was not to defend the interests of its members, but to serve the interests of the capitalist class... [Text exposes the hypocrisy of the Granite Cutters' National Union.]

Barre, Vt., Feb. 13.

a further effusion on the subject from a "pure and simple" writing under the cognomen of "Trade Unionist." In that effusion it was claimed that the German Engineers, I. e. German Socialists, and not British capitalists defeated the British Engineers in their strike for the eight hours day... [Text continues with a critique of the German Engineers' strike.]

London, S. E., Jan. 10, 1899. "Dear Sir:—Yours to hand to-day and I have pleasure in replying thereto. First, it is 'scabbed' us in Great Britain during the big dispute. On the contrary, they gave us every assistance in their power both in Great Britain and in Germany..." [Text discusses the support given to the German Engineers' strike.]

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I have also in my possession corroborative evidence of the facts contained in Mr. Barne's letter. In the form of letters from Comrades of the German Engineers' Union, Mannheim, Germany, dated 1898, and containing the following: "Of course all particulars can be had from Mr. Barne, as to what each of the countries actually did, but German Socialists are not to be blamed as assistants and special thanks were sent to them by the Engineers' Executive." [Text provides evidence for the critique of the German Engineers' strike.]

Barre, Vt., Feb. 13.

As to Expressions.

TO THE PEOPLE.—Jas. N. Boulton, of Vancouver, B. C., (per your issue Feb. 5) assumes that such "blood sucking parasites" as "Gold & Co." are our "acknowledged brothers." [Text discusses the use of the term 'blood sucking parasites' to describe capitalists.]

London, Ont., Feb. 5. [Text continues with a critique of the use of the term 'blood sucking parasites'.]

II.

TO THE PEOPLE.—I would like to make a few remarks on the objection taken by Mr. J. N. Boulton to the expression "such blood sucking parasites." Now the first thing to be remembered is that the Socialist Labor Party never promises truth to make a friend, never withholds a blow at error lest it make an enemy. It is ever outspoken and straightforward in its criticism. [Text discusses the Socialist Labor Party's stance on truth and criticism.]

Hamilton, Ont.

III.

TO THE PEOPLE.—Jas. N. Boulton's questioning in the last issue of THE PEOPLE, the advisability of using such expressions as "blood sucking parasites" is due to a misunderstanding of the class struggle that prevails in society to-day and which forms the ground work of the political and economic organization of the Socialist Labor Party. [Text discusses the class struggle and the use of the term 'blood sucking parasites'.]

Hamilton, Ont.

and instruments of production, the individuals of which in their fight to maintain their economic control are compelled to enlarge their business or go to the wall, which results in the concentration of economic power into fewer and fewer hands. In order to be successful capitalists, they must exercise control of enough money and power in their class or, as shown by Karl Marx, the capitalist must have both "constant" and "variable" capital. [Text discusses the economic control of capitalists.]

The consumption of labor power, which is embodied in flesh and bones and is the life force and energy of the intellectual worker, is not a commodity that can be bought by the capitalist for a certain sum of money, but as Karl Marx says, "surplus value" that is, the capitalist pays for the value of the labor power, and receives his value in the form of the surplus value that is going on between these two classes and the fact that their interests are diametrically opposed to each other. [Text discusses the value of labor power and surplus value.]

Boston, Mass., Feb. 7.

IV.

TO THE PEOPLE.—Availing myself of your invitation to express opinions on the use of expressions such as "blood sucking parasites" as used in the pamphlet "Why We Are Not Socialists," and objected to by Jas. N. Boulton, I would like to say: Judging by the tone of Boulton's letter, he is not a Social Democrat, but a Socialist. [Text discusses the use of the term 'blood sucking parasites' in the context of Socialism.]

TO THE PEOPLE.—The capitalist class is that part of society which does not produce wealth, but the tools necessary to produce wealth; by wealth I mean the necessities and luxuries of life. [Text defines the capitalist class.]

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THE PEOPLE IN LAWRENCE, MASS.

TO THE PEOPLE.—THE PEOPLE was recently put in the public library here by the Lawrence, Mass. Branch of the Socialist Labor Party. [Text reports on the acquisition of THE PEOPLE in Lawrence, Mass.]

LABOR NEWS COMPANY,

147 East 23rd Street, N. Y.

Table listing prices for various publications from the Labor News Company, including 'The Communist Manifesto', 'Wage Labor and Capital', 'The Development of Socialism from Utopia to Science', etc.

S. L. P. Supplies.

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LETTER BOX.

Off-hand Answers to Correspondents.

[No questions will be considered that come in anonymous letters. All letters must carry a bona fide signature and address.]

P. D. CHICAGO, ILL.—If you have followed up THE PEOPLE closely, as you probably have, you will have noticed that a policy of putting in extra copies of the pugilistic one; in the latter, the policy is always to give the first blow; THE PEOPLE'S policy is never to give the first blow. [Text discusses the policy of THE PEOPLE.]

T. P. & W. G. VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS.—The poem or story is good; it would, however, not be the thing to copyright; it would not pay. If you allow us, shall publish it in these columns; it will surely take. [Text discusses a poem or story.]

F. G. CINCINNATI, O.—No; the miser and the capitalist are not birds of a feather; the greed that seeks an animal's death does not give them a common character. Listen to Marx: "While the miser is merely a capitalist gone mad, the capitalist is a rational miser." [Text discusses the miser and the capitalist.]

C. S. NEW YORK.—Powderly was ousted from office because money that the General Office had collected upon a call for funds to aid the Coeur d'Alene and the House of the Strikers and organizers were kept by him to pay his own salary as General Master Workman, the dues not being enough. [Text discusses the ousting of Powderly.]

W. W. A. N. Y.—Your point has been substantially covered quite recently in a Letter Box answer. The "time spent in denouncing and exposing crooks" is well spent. [Text discusses denouncing crooks.]

M. M. D. CANTON, O.—The "Social Democrat" suspended circulation some time ago; it did not long survive the Chicago Herald. [Text discusses the suspension of Social Democrat.]

Z. C. PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Send to Boston, Mass., 147 East 23rd Street, this city, for Lawrence, Mass. Evolution of Property, and Morgan's "Ancient Society." They are both advertised in these columns. [Text discusses Lawrence, Mass. Branch.]

E. W. W. LYNN, MASS.—The man who talks as you do of what he evidently knows nothing about shows that he does not know anything at all. [Text discusses a man who talks about knowledge.]

A. H. S. VANCOUVER, B. C.—There are no special rules to organize educational clubs. [Text discusses organizing educational clubs.]

E. O. C. WICHITA, KANS.—I never proved that the "Chicago Anarchists" threw the bomb; what has been proved is that the jury was packed against them, and that the bomb was thrown by one of the Chicago men. [Text discusses the Chicago Anarchists.]

J. M. PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Let us have the exact passage that you object to in the "Reflected" letter of the issue of the 4th inst. [Text discusses a letter from Plainfield, N.J.]

P. P. BUFFALO, N. Y.—If men on strike are entitled to the full support of the treasury of organized labor can afford, then, all that the capitalist class would have to do is order to be struck by the men on a bankrupt condition the organized labor of the land, would be to instigate strikes whenever it is known that there is a treasury available. [Text discusses the support of strikers.]

J. W. S. CHICAGO, ILL.—Put your question in a little clearer by giving the arguments pro and con. As you state it, a dozen different interpretations and answers are possible. [Text discusses a question from Chicago, Ill.]

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