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Central Music Hall Address By - Geo. D. Herron.

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTURE

First of the Series Is Attended by a Very Large and Thoroughly Appreciative Audience.

delivered the first of a series of twelve and control of the series of twelve determined in the control of the large and to the series and the conservatively estimated that fully 1,500 persons were present. Comrade Herron spoke for an hour and a half to as attentive and appreciative an audience of the conservatively estimated that fully 1,500 persons to fix the economic things spec which people depend is the sin siest and surest way of owning the people, or of appropriative and appreciative an audience of the conservation of the conservatio tentive and appreciative an audience as ever gathered on such an occasion. The course of the lectures which extend through the months of January, and life. We are all seeking some sort and life. We are all seeking some sort and life. day afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Admis-

The subject of Comrade Herron's Religious Synthesis." How theroughly and satisfactorily he handled to one another the liberty they teach. the subject is shown in the following And so far as the issues of life are to form the lecture. The Work-concerned, it is all one to a man vention. Further resolutions favoring ers' Call regrets that for want of space whether it be his labor-power and an early national convention of all So-

thusiasm. So puerile and sectasian has is to be a slave. thusiasm. So put to kind action the special section of late reform effort, that the people have rightly refused its faith and respect. Not because of anything radical in recent programs have thing radical in recent programs have spiritual nerve or faith to be free. The they and their leaders been without effective following; but because of their very lack of radicalism. There has been no moment in the last decade when the people were not far and away more radical than any of their leaders; but the leaders were too stupid and unbeliates to know it. We have reached to locals at Pitts-meaning of liberty has scarcely dawned to loc the leaders were too stupid and unbelieving to know it. We have reached the case in which the sheep have much more sense than the sheep have much of the signs of promise that men will not now be led by tame and tinkering proposals. It means that heroism is becoming scientific; that the spiritual instinct of the common life can be the right word in its behalf, the people

ferent problems of our arising worldcrisis, we shall find that we are dealunder different phases. Each expresses ar form of the growing conflict of the self-governing idea of life against the reactinities (far form of the growing conflict of the self-governing idea of life against the breaths, so poisoned are yet all with 1. On matter the send in the semi-annual reports. capitalistic idea from which our laws and customs spring. By a far-sceing the economic system upon which existing religious, political and moral systems clearly depend. The coercive ate, the spiritually coercive religious institution, the economically coercive that is so destructive to the growth and integrity of the individual soul, all spring from the same capitalistic root. Full up that reot, and you pull up the civilization that grows upon it. Every institution or system that is into be when capitalism goes. Let us out and wince not at the immensity of its issues and consequences. There will then be no confusing the lines of conflict, and we shall be more likely fo acquit ourselves as men upon whom rest world-responsibilities. We must not blink the fact that the Socialist ent comes as the most radical and far-reaching revolution ever pro-No more demand for economic reform the capitalistic system of production and listribution; against the wages system of slavery and spollation, and the predatory and gambling commercial sys-It is not reform that socialism see, but a wholly new kind of a suing in an altogether new human crecause the present kind of world is bad, any more than a cost is had because it is worn out, but be-pause its possibilities of usefulness and are the possionines of usergiaess and erty are exhausted, and its instituus no longer fit to care for the comu good. And, mark you, just so cure the Socialist movement is shot ough with the fire of a great spiritpassion, as I believe it will be, that

ETHICAL PROBLEMS sure will its demands grow more radical and far-reaching.

For deeper than the capitalistic systerm is the false thought of life in which it is rooted, and from which it draws its nourishment. Not only must the system be uproofed, but the soil that sustains it must be removed. That soll is the thought that it is necessary for some reople to use and rule oth people, either for the good of the ruled. the good of the ruling class We do not realize it, but our whole civilization and its culture are built out of various forms of private property in man; they are built upon the assump tion that the many lawfully belong to the few, in one way or another. THERE IS NOT A HUMAN Last Sunday afternoon at Central WHICH, IF ANALYSED CLEAR Music Hall, corner of Randolph and THROUGH WILL NOT BE FOUND State streets, Comrade Geo. D. Herron RESTING DOON SOME DIRECT OR delivered the first of a series of twelve INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF HUMAN February and March will undoubtedly of private property in our fellow-creaprove of great value to the Socialist tures; all using one another in ways movement in Chicago, Socialists should that practically amount to the owner-not neglect the opportunity to bring ship of one another. The immorality their friends to hear these lectures. and degradation that result, both to Comrade Herron will lecture every Sun- the user and the used, from the use of our brothers for personal ends, or for impersonal ends that we take to be good, is yet remote from our ethics. of publish the whole address: mind-product, or his conceptions of cialist organizations received from Se-"It is in the fragmentary and un- truth and determinings between right attle, Tacoma, Buckley, and Benton

instinct of the common life can be ace, some kind of fear or coercion. The trusted to know what is greatly worth labor of the world has love at its heart, while. When the definite and compre-but it has a slave-built civilization on hensively radical program appears, and its back, and the slave-fear in its soul. will flock to it full-armored, and will leave no hostages behind them.

"Now if we closely question the difslave-postures of submission. Our paid bills standing from the last cam-thoughts are the thoughts of slaves, paign. The committee on literature is and our deeds are the deeds of slaves, instructed to tabulate the vote of the and we pray the prayers of slaves, So S. D. P. Comrade N. Gelger sends the breaths, so poisoned are we all with tyrani-tactics and slave-ethics, that we have as yet no real consciousness of liberty, nor any experience by which to instinct, the self-governing idea now liberty, nor any experience by which to the postulates itself upon a democratic So-interpret it. Before liberty can become 1901. even a comprehensive ideal, it will re- | On motion the locals are requested quire a new thought of life in which to to contribute for the purpose of dissystems as the organs of its expres- party during the last campaign. on. And this is not to be wondered at, when we reflect that our institutions, as well as our religious and moral systems, are the product of the long slavecenturies, with their slave-conditions and tyrant habits of mind and activity. Our present kind of a world answered in a perpetually tragic way, for the long centuries of evolution from slavery, but it is no fit world for free men express themselves with. The human race has outgrown its methods of work and moral codes; where they once up lifted and liberate I the race, they now Grag it down, and add weights to its bonds. It will take a new heaven of free choices and equal opportunities above our heads, and a NEW MARTH TION BENEATH OUR FEET TO MAKE THE SOULS OF MEN A FIT HOME FOR LIBERTY TO DWELL

> Perhaps we can now see how the eco nomic and religious and political crises are all one, and why their solution must be on. These crises alike proand intelligent struggle of man for the possession and direction of his own life; for that self-ownership which is the soil and substance of liberty. That the struggle is now putting an unwonted strain upon all our modes of life and ciety, and that this strain is getting close to the breaking point, merely in-

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SHOWS STEADY GAIN ASK FOR A VERDICT gives a good illustration of the squeez-

Committee Reports.

Resolutions Regarding Convention, Financial Conflition, Etc.

The Provisional National Executive The employes of the Tribune had dis-Committee met Saturday December 23, ner together on New Yar's day, and a 4900, at Springfleid, Mass., with Morris letter was read to them which is to be Hillquit in the chair. Absent John 5, sourcessed to the "Tribune Family". Chase, without excuse. Mantes of pre-which it is assumed will be in existence thous meeting approved as read.

Nashus, N. H., announcing that the the resolutions then and look at the councides intend to start a Socialist trobaic records of our efforts, enjoy Reading, Mass.; Pittsburg, Pa.

Resolutions received from Local Chicago, Ill., favoring an early convention; compromising nature of recent reform and wrong, that be ordered by others wash; Eric, Fa.; Nashville, Tenn.; Tifprograms that we must seek their fall-than himself. For to have one's life in O.; Saginaw, Mich.; Ticonderoga, N. ordered for him, to have it taken out of Y.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Haverhill, they are not worth following: not his own hands and directed by someworthy of noble faith or thoughful entering the fall of the same of t and California state committees; re-ferred to new business.

National secretary reported having ordered 10,000 due cards, 2,500 constitutions in English, 1,500 in German, 10,000 application cards sing others applies.
Charters granted to locals at Pitts-

of Comrade Pete Curran is meeting with success, Collected by the N. E. C. for Massachusetts Municipal Campaign Fund, \$293.43; received for International

cource itself, and new institutions and charging the debts incurred by the

On motion the questions of unity were ordered to be referred to a general vote of the party and the National Se retary was instructed to submit the

The Committee on Grievance reports that it has examined the evidence upon the expulsion of Theodore Kiessling of Local Lawrence, Mass, for working fo to live in, and neither its systems nor the success of the Republican party its faiths wil answer for free men to and finds the expulsion justified. -Report accepted.

Ordered that Committee on Literature repare a proper application blank Ordered that a press stamp be issued to ions of the constitution. National Sec retary instructed to buy a typewriter.

Ordered that the general vote on na Honal convention be closed March 1, Receipts since last session are \$464.22;

expenses, \$458, 65. The next meeting will take place Feb-

Adjourned. Henry Slobodin, Rec, Sec'y.

ist vote in Chicago has inmost important factor in the Socialist campaign. Are you selling any Call Postals?

The opposition to the bill arises directly from threatened material interests, and the statement put ferward as to why the bill should be defeated Socialist campaign. Are you selling any Call Postals?

Provisional . National Executive Capitalist Journalism Appeals to Posterity.

PROGRESS OF PARTY AFFAIRS. FUTURE TO JUDGE THE PAST.

Twenty-eight New Branches Organized - Audacity and Folly of Today Hope for Justification One Hundred Years Hence.

communications were received from the letter reads, "May those who read

weekly in the French language; Eurre, the nactives and their work as bentisfy Vi. Denver, Col. New Britain, Conn.; as we do today." With child-like faith, these present signed the letter and it Ky.; -Washington State Committee, on propaganda: Dover, N. H.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Pannsylvania State Committee; there will be such a paper as the Tributed Big Territorial Committee; burne in existence one hundred years. Puerto Bico Territorial Committee, for. bune in existence, one hundred years warding a credential for Sahlingo Igle. From now and this letter survives, to-sins as a member of the N. E. C. for getter with the memory of what the Puerto Rico; Brockton, Mass.; Belle- Tribune now is, the cosmepts that will ville, Ky.; New Jersey State Com-mittee; The Toller; Oklahoma Territors the signers anticipate them they would lai Committee; Reno, Ney.; Adjer, Ala.; never have exposed their names for the Reading, Mass.; Pittsburg, Pa. rhemiselves and their talents to the task of itomulgating unwholesome and disgusting occurrences which would never methods by which the sails of a few streets. At least one thousand persons few, that they should fail to grasp the good natured jovial informality. From opportunities (open to them), of betterpossible way to that betterment, but crowded with Socialists and their sym-

> the pressure of their economic condi-tions the masses elected turn, as the seasons and attached the condition of the militant Socialists of Chi-cason. The floor was under the managefind pleasure in the doing, and express ment of a committee of young men the hope that their tactics would con-from the Socialist Educational club.

a Presbyterian church, all of the pall better humor to enjoy the evening. bearers were so drunk before they At 1 o'clock the dancers took a re reached the grave that they had to cess and marched into the supper room transfer the task of lowering the coffin where, a sumptuous lunch had been to other hands. These pall bearers spread by the Socialist ladies. There were all deacons and trustees, etc., of was all manner of good things to atlathe church, and their disgraceful conduct prompted the ministers to forbid supreme. After the supper was dis-the use of liquors thereafter at funeral posed of, the merrymakers again betook ceremonies."

One hundred years from now men will arise to recount the advance made in ournalism, and the utter incompetency of those in whose keeping journalism now is, will be brought out. Drunk with the applause and favor of the small ute the waters of intelligence and progress to all, prostitute it to base ends; and when it shall die to its preinfquitous office, to arise again to the purpose of its true usefulness, other hands at the grave shall lower it to its knew not how to use.

DON'T WANT PARCELS POST.

Little Business Men "Roar Gently As a Sucking Dove" Against It, With "Vigorous Patitiona."

triumphant course of the economic derelopment. According to the nawspapers he is preparing to offer "vigorous" opposition to its passage by getting out "petitions" against the contemplated measure. A "vigorous petioughly in harmony with the other contradictions inherent in capitalism.

It would seem that these reactionarles are intuitively aware of the fact plotter recognizes this so completely, that he even dare not make a "de-

ranks of the exploiters. It is as fol

The "small" merchanis declare that the passage of the bill would afford department stores and catalogue houses an undue afford data of the bill would afford despertment stores and catalogue houses an undue afford the large them, in assume as it would enable freight to be sent through the mails at such rates as would give the "big" merchants a chance to pull down their prices to figures with which they could not profitably compete. Moreover, they say that it would enable the "big" men in the large cities to undersell the "small" men in their home towns.

To which the "big men" might re tort, "What are we here for?"

"public opinion" in their behalf, it is probable that ther "petition" will hardly prove sufficiently "vigorous" to pre vent the passing of the bill. And th job of convincing the "public" that it is to their interest to pay more for goods than they absolutely have to is no task, particularly while the system which buys labor in the cheapest market remains th vogue. When the bill dines law, however, we may expect evolution,' a pastime which has recent hampions of middle class interests.

Look out for the Chicago Federation f Labor's report on municipal owner-

DOINGS IN "SOCIETY."

Our Best Citizens Hold High Carniva in Brand's Hall on Last Saturday Night.

The third annual Workers' Call bene occur but for their abstinent; that they fit bail took place last Saturday night sheeld spend their time discussing the at Brand's Hall, corner Clark and Eric benefactors of a rotten vessel could were present, and enjoyed themselves best be trimmed; that they should pros- as only Socialists among Socialists can titute the power they have to do good enjoy themselves. The Wurkers' Call-service to all, to the exigencies of the balls have become famous for their ing mankind by pointing out the only Sunday morning the large half was traitorously yield up the confidence of pathizers. Both old and young availed the people, until by the slow process themselves of the opportunity, which of enforced reasoning brought on by only comes once a year, to "trip the

tinue until their successors one hundred. Great credit is due these comrades for years afterwards might glory in deing the able manner in which they super-the same "work," will be the cause of vised the affair. Music for the occastheir being regarded by all one hun- ion was furnished by Holmberg's ordred years hence, as creatures low in-chestra: The Socialist Sangerbund deed. Was present and favored the assembled No such letter was left by the merrymakers with several selections, church of America one hundred years Especially was their rendition of "The ago to be read at this time, but the Marseillaise" appreciated by the com-Rev. N. D. Hillis has risen to tell what rades. The speaker for the occasion a wenderful improvement has come was Walter Thomas Mills, who in a about in church morals. "One hundred few well-pointed and humorous reyears ago," he said, "at a funeral from marks, served to put the crowd in still

> themselves to dancing, which continued until 4 o'clock in the morning. When it was all over the co well pleased with the night's entertainment.

slave-driving class, the present trust- organ of the SOCIALIST struggle at the ballot box this apring. PARTY.

Union Men Take Notice! We desire to notify the membership

of the trades unions of Chicago and oblivion. Their drunkenness blinds been selected to publish the report of them, and when their eyes shall open, the Chicago Federation of Labor upon their function will be in other hands Municipal Ownership. As it is desiramore fit to administer that which they ble to give this report the widest possible circulation trades unionists are requested to bring this matter before the spring. that a sufficient number of copies may be provided. Secretaries of unions tak ing action upon this subject, and ordering a definite number of copies, will The parcels-post bill now pending in N. Clark street, stating the number of ongress affords another opporunity copies they are prepared to take to the petty capitalist to display his special rate of \$3.80 per thousand will be made to Chicago unions, \$4.60 per thou sand to unions elsewhere to cover postal ible as the matter will appear in the issue of the 19th inst. It is necessar, that all orders for copies reach this office not later than Thursday, the 17th inst., to make their fulfilment possible

To Spy Out the Land.

Robert Rives La Monte, the brilliant Comrades attention: In all that "congress" is the instrument of young Social Democrat who toured this previous elections the Social- their bigger competitors. The small exway to New Zeniand. He is going to study the labor situation in that much to the circulation of the that be with a "petition" instead, to bly put his impressions in book form.

Workers Call. Don't forget be presented with all the vigor which La Monte is a keen observer, and whatthat the party organ is the The opposition.

The opposition of the powers taked of little country, and will probably put his impressions in book form.

La Monte is a keen observer, and whatever he may publish all ever he may pu noré or ices heated controversy

Socialist . **Pointers**

John Collins is a union man and he s the only one who will be nominated.

Not everybody who claims to be a ocialist is one. Actions speak louder than words.

Are you going down in your pocket as hard as you can for the spring cam-

The man who is willing to follow a leader is not a Socialist, no matter what he may call himself.

Remember we want 10,000 votes for John Collins, and we can have them if each Socialist brings in a man.

California's large vote and splendid organization is a rebuke to Socialists who are divided into hostile camps.

If you want to elect an alderman this spring Just get the workingmen of your ward interested in the Workers' Call. The average reform movement soon

ceived sufficient advertising out of it.

One thing the early part of the century will bring will be Socialist harmony, for the signs are all in the air.

No doubt John P. Hopkins would be for municipal ownership along with the rest of them, if he could thus gain his

The Sunday-closing laws were not made for the benefit of the ruling classes. No restraining laws were meant for them.

If Mr. Rockefeller is not the government now, he probably will be after he has a few more good days in Wall street.

How foolish of Aguinaldo not to be satisfied with the kind of liberty the black men in the United States pos-

America is now the creditor nation of the world, but that fact does not feed any tramps, at least so that anyone can

Mr. Bryan is not coming our way so

fast that he is running over any small boys or old people who refuse to get out of the way. There is not half the tragedy in the

death of a rich man as there is in the taking away of the head, and support of some humble home, The capitalist who has made a suc-

cess by accident or otherwise, puts a tremendous amount of stress on brains as a means of success. The new century will probably pro-

duce the usual number of freaks who will want to tell the Socialists just how to run their business. Oom Paul would do well to study so

cialism which will overcome the Brit-ish empire after his brave Dutchmen have been defeated and conquered. Defeated organizations in the build-

The Workers' Call is the ing trades have a chance to renew the One of their own number is a candidate.

The small trader who gets frozen out by one of Rockefeller and Morgan's big deals immediately gets excited and red in the face in advocating anti-trust laws.

The difference between the Altgeld Socialists and the Carter Harrison Socialists is so slight that they will probably be found voting one ticket this

J. Pierpont Morgan is to reduce the cost of producing coal, but the people will have no interest in the reduction, as he will slip the amount into his own

striker who is nursing a broken head from a policeman's club, to know that the city democratic administration has furnished jobs for most of the labor

Here is an item that goes far to prove the truth of the statement that classed on the exist in this country. A patch from Cleveland, Ohio, to the Chicago Record says:

Cleveland, O., Jan. 3.—The feminine portion of Cleveland society is AGHAST at the knowledge that it danced with detectives at Ruth Han-na's coming out party in the Chamber of Commerce building New Year's

of these man catchers were in attend-ance at this "society" function dis-guised as guests, which is undoubtedly It appears from this report that fifty gs, III. Interest the postoffice at Chicage, III., as mail attered the second class. The Workers' Call is published for and under a control of Locat Chicage of face decialistic to Chicage, a corporation without capital ock, the whole revenue of which must be excited for socialist propagation. Resultances may be made by postoffice money der, expiress money order or bank draft.

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tions and Hems of news concerning the ement are requested from our readers, ribation must be accompanied by the e writer, not necessarily far publication, widence of good faith.



A DOUBTFUL "BALANCE." In reviewing the progress of human

society in the century just passed, it is interesting to observe how every capitalist newspaper and magazine attempts to show, as a justification for the present arrangement of things economic, that the condition of the work ing class has on the whole been im proved. While it is hardly necessary to debate this question pro and con, it is easy to see why so much space is devoted to it in the journals which reflect the opinion of the ruling class. No such strained and labored effort is necessary to convince the casual reader that so far as the possessing classes are concerned, the century has brought to them material benefits out of all proportion to what the actual producers have received. But the reviewers evidently consider that they can only demonstrate that to use a phrase much affected by all of them, "while the rich are growing richer the poor are grown less poor."

That the economic development of the century has not riously affected the life conditions of the working class they in general- are ready to admit. But they are careful to make it appear that whatever hardships have been inflicted upon the workers, has been rather more than balanced by compensations in other ways. If for instance the workmen have lost in individual independence, they have been more than compensated by the collective independence and power which comes from the formation of unions -- a concluston which seems rather doubtful when it is considered that the concentration of wealth' and the control of whole branches of industry in the hands of small groups of capitalists notoriously tends to place them in a position to ignore the demands of labor organizations, and in many cases to actually destroy them when they attempt to use the collective tedependence and power, which they are said to pines. To which he retorted that Me-

Again, the intellectual loss resulting from the elimination of skill through machine production, where the whole labor time of the worker is spent in an the opportunities for popular education, the extension of the press, and the assumption of political responsibilobserved that since these things are yet under the control of the exploiters, it is a debateable question as to whether the workers in reality have gained more than they have lost.

Many similar illustrations might be taken at random from these productions, all tending to demonstrate that on the whole the working class ledge for the nineteenth century shows some what more of profit than loss, but the above will suffice. These matters are still open to dispute, sithough it is hardly probable that any Socialist will be found wasting his time on arguing the details in order to disprove a favorable balance however small. It and for the sake of argument the contention of these capitalist apologists might be admitted. The real question is "Has the working class, whose laber alone made this enormous wealth possible, received in proportion to what their labor has created, as much as the workers of the two or three centurfes preceding the nineteenth?" This inquiry may be scarched for in vain in the columns of the capitalist press. Its very appearance is a prelude to social-

The wants of the workers have mul-

vere in themselves created by the de relopment of capitalist production, and for their partial satisfaction the capisurplus value. It is after all, these use a familiar expression, they were wants which can only be precarlously and partially gratified that constitute the real basis for the progress of the working class in the nineteenth cent-

statement that capitalism creates the for the instruction of those who imforces which will ultimately destroy it, agine that the progress of the world will form the chief work of the twentieth.

A few months ago Mark Hanna, speaking on the favorite Republican topic, of "prosperity," stated plainly that the working class could expect no more than they were at present "enfoying" miess a total economic charge (he didn't specify it), took place. We are inclined to believe that statement from Hanna was exceptional, in that it was absoutely true. And the twentieth century will be devoted to the fulfilment of his prophecy, for the basic-reason that the wants of the working class can less and less be satisfied under the present system of production and distribution;

MIDDLE CLASS "REVOLUTIONS."

It has been steadily contended by Socialists, and has often been pointed out in these columns as well as those of other Socialist papers, that the question of imperialism was an economic pecessity for capitalism; that it was ism which reigns today in the work curing markets for the commodities produced therein. Against this necess. ity the outbursts of sentimental ora tory, the harking back to abstract principles conceived of as the essence of liberty in the eighteenth century have proved impotent, and those politicians who satisfy themselves with the assurances of Republican statesmen as to the impossibility of imperialism are only now beginning to see the worth lessness of such assurances.

On January 4 Senator Teller, on the floor of the senate, publicly revoked a former speech which he had made before the same body, assuring the people of this country that there could be no imperialism in the Philippines. He then declared that the government accorded to the islanders was essentially imperialistic. Senator Hoar implored his colleagues to allow "God's law to prevail in the islands," adding that the only crime of the Filipinos was their love of liberty.

Senator Wellington followed in speech in which he asserted that he had only voted for the Paris treaty bement under this new fule which recognizes the had been misinformed and misled by the administration, and by the President himself. He then demanded to know the intentions of the administration regarding the Philippines. He was promptly informed that the President could not think of reliquishing authority in the Philippines, To which he retorted that Mc-Kinley had already surrendered territory in Alaska to Great Britain. His opponent replied that this transaction was not a surrender but a "modus vivendi." Wellington then declared that unless a revolution or uprising occurred against this policy, the territory surrendered in Alaska would never be reclaimed by the United States.

ment under this new fule which recognizes the cristence of the franchises, dizes the existence of the franchises, that they are not allowed to escapture the votes of 200,000 Chicago workingmen, goes a long way towards workingmen, goes a long way towards that they should the assessment made under it frauchises, that they work not set freely a last year, but the assessment made under it frauchises, that they work not the fact and the assessment made under it fraudulent. It is the purpose of the Federation to test both in the cours. The trial which is to come up in January term of the curvity of dollars which Mr. Armour will be retreated that the public does not approve of the teachers engaging in this work, nor of their methods of conducting it. The time has come to approve the view of the franchises, the cristence of the massessment made under it fraudulent.

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Within the last two or three week these reactionary hints have been heard more than one public individual. They are only referred to in the capitalist press with short and contemptu ous comments attached.

And rightly so. Capitalism has noth ing to fear from the vaporings of its alone carries the potentiality of revolu tion within itself, cannot be induced to champion the cause of the small exploiter with any hope of success. The revolution which Wellington postulates will not materialize, for the evi dent reason that sufficient- materia Yet in the face of the tremen nomic problems of the present, capital ist pigmies are blind enough to hop that revolution can be inaugurated land in the Arctic regions or the reten tion or relinquishment of a group of is lands in the Pacific. The contempt with which the organs of the grea expitalism treat this visionary aspira tion is thoroughly justified.

Wellington was miginformed and nisled-and is indignant about it. He cannot see that this trickery is also a part'of the "modus vivendi" of capitalism just as the periodical deception of the working class during election

time, and that promises made to those SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE. who have no power to exact their fulfilment are worthless. The anti-imperfallst ballots which elected him might talist exacted tribute in the shape of just as well never have been cast. To thrown away.

Political and economic supremacy are inseparable and the spectacle of our Tellers, Hoars and Wellingtons vainly attempting to stay its course on sen-To demonstrate the truth of the timental grounds, is perhaps necessary is measured and bounded by the landmarks of a hundred years ago, instead of the economic and material interests of the present.

THE TEACHERS' FEDERATION.

Musical and Dramatic Entertaiment to At the Coliseum.

A musical and dramatic entertain ment will be given under the auspices of the Chicago Teachers' Federation, at the Collseum, Wabash avenue and Fifteenth street, on January 18th at 3 ing more and more expended in keeping p. m. The proceeds will be devoted to the system itself alive, and the exploitthe Tax Fund which the Federation is endeavoring to raise, for the purpose are compelled to disgorge an ever-inpeoples' fight for JUST TAXATION of municipal franchises." The following explanation of the struggle which the Teachers' Federation is now engaged in, is published by request:

This entertainment for the benefit of the Federation Tax Fund, aside from the Federation Tax Fund, aside from its merit from an amusement stand-point, is of unusual interest owing to the great public question underlying its inception and the efforts of the Chicago Inception and the efforts of the Chicago
Teachers? Federation to secure for all
tax payers equitable just taxation. This
struggle which has occupied so much
public attention during the last year
has been marked by many new and
startling phases. From the first it
called public attention to facts that
seemed to have escaped notice. For 23
years the state of Hilneis has had on
its statutes a law for taxing franchises,
but for 24 years that law has been ignored.

"I want to know why that was done.

"The gentleman is out of order.—Point

but for 24 years that law has been ignored.

In 1899 the franchises of the street railway, gas, electric and telephone companies of Chicago enlirely escaped, though the statements of these companies to their stockholders showed the value of these franchises to be upward of 20 million dollars.

To prevent these franchises from espaping taxation this year as last, the Federation, on October 8, instituted mandamus proceedings to compel the assessors to list the property as provided by law.

The assessors listed it, for the free franchises from each compel the state Board of Equalization to assess the property so listed.

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The State Board disputed the right of the courts of interfere, but on November 21, Judge Creighton decided against the State Board and gave the Board three days in which to answer the petition of mandamus.

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stock and franchise in the net earn capacity. The Board made an asse ment under this new fule which rece nizes the existence of the franchis

of that spirit, and a very substartial one at Coliscum January 18, 1851.

Though begun by a part of the community this is a work in which the vita interests of the entire community are concerned, and it is a work which should be done with the aid and cooperation of the entire community.

Chicago Teachers' Federation.

We are heartily in accord with the eachers in their effort, and hope that they may be successful in comp the corporations to disgorge, part, at least, of the wealth they have extracted from the labor of the community? Puboney can be put to no better serv ice than the education of the voung and the children should be secured an opportunity to acquire as much knowl edge as possible, before capitalism de yours'them in its sweatshops and tories. In the fight against the robber class, which the teachers are now waging, they will also learn valuable les ns as to the pature and structure of capitalist society, and the prospects which it places before them as workers.

Some of the ward branches have established a regular system of selling Workers' Call postals. This is the most important work a branch can do. If your branch is not al-ready disposing of its quota of Call postals agitate the matter at your next meeting.

Union men see that your organiza-tion secures copies of the next issue containing the views of the Chicago Pederation of Labor on municipal own

Don't subscribe to help out the editor Subscribe to help out yourself.

"War of Great Trusts to End." "Coffee and Sugar Men Agree." "Gets \$500,000 From Tin Trust." Champion Iron and Steel Sells Muske. gon Plant to Combine."

These items which appeared in the morning papers of January 4th would seem to indicate that the new century opens auspiciously for American cap talism. It is to be peace instead of war between the great exploiters. The working class might profitably absorb the significance of this tendency. While the capitalists unite for exploitation why should not the laborers of America in turn unité for emancipation?

At the same time reports from across the Atlantic state that Europe has almost arrived at the end of its taxing power. The enormous cost of armies and navies together with the rapid growth of American competition fore tells that a serious crisis is near. From this dilemma there appears no way of escape, as the demands of the "state, embodies in itself the fabric of capitalist society, become more exact-ng year by year. The surplus value extracted from millions of workers is becreasing portion of the spoils. Yet leng before the time that capitalism becomes actually unprofitable, there will many millions of its victims organized to help it out of existence and who will not be content to stand idly by while it falls to pieces of its own weight.

Union men are especially requested to see to it that their respective organizations are supplied with the next issue

The gentleman is out of order.-Point of order, Mr. Chairman,-If the gentleman will sit down-Sit down!-I know what you did when you was in the City -You're a stiff .- Sit down you stiff. -When you was in the City Hall you went after everything in reach .-Put him out-Put him out!" Motion to adjourn was passed.

The above is a faithful transcript from the press report of the proceedings of the Democratic County Central committee on January 7. In all this "feast of reason and flow of soul" it would be difficult to detect any traces of the "eternal and time-honored principles" of democracy, though it might appear that a "declaration of independence" was being noisily proclaimed by every individual present. It is evidently, a very difficult process to secure the 'consent of the governed' even amongst the representatives of the party who make the phrase a political fetish, but this was the object aimed at, though it was disguised under the elegant expression of "getting an axe out for the Burke faction." The fact that statesmanship of this sort is competent to capture the votes of 200,000 Chicago workingmen, goes a long way towards

It is utterly immaterial whether the dead man is to be regarded as a "friend" or an "enemy" to labor. 'The method by which his wealth was ac cumulated will still persist, and the death of a dozen multi-millionaires per day would make absolutely, no differ ence in the life-conditions of the working class. Jay Gould, Vanderbilt, Pullman, and scores of others are gone, but the system of private property in the means of production still survives, and will survive until capitalism receives its death-blow at the polls through the medium of the Socialist ballet.

The re-apportionment bill is perplexing the capitalist politicians. want to disfranchise the working class and throw the onus upon the other felow. It will be noticed that the Republicans do not intend to call the southern states to account for the disfranchisement of the colored people They actually helped to defeat a resolution tending towards that object.

The reasons for this policy are apparnough. The Republicans will not in erfere with the action of the southern Democrats because they desire them selves to disfranchise the norther working class. We have stated this before, and as the development of this scheme progresses we would repeat the warning, which is also a call to action

BUNDLES OF THE WORKERS' 100 copies 50 cents. 50 copies 35 cents.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES.

Branches should pay the carfare of peakers who address their agitation

The Second Ward branch holds agita-tion meetings at Freiberg's Hall. Twenty-second street, near State, every Friday night.

All Socialists residing in the Four-teenth ward are requested to send their names and addresses to F. M. Hull, 8 Thomas street, Secretary Fourteenth Ward Branch Socialist party.

Last Sunday evening the Fifteenth Ward branch held a very successful agitation meeting at Socialist Hall. Ar-mitage avenue, four doors east of Min-waukee avenue. Comrade Bigelow addressed the meeting.

All comrades who held Workers' Cal all tickets are requested to make their return to A. Klenke, 36 N. Clark street, as soon as possible. The ball accounts must be figured out right away, and comrades holding tickets will confer a great favor by attending to this impadiately.

The Thirty-fifth Ward branch held an interesting agitation meeting last Friday evening at their hall in Masonic Temple, Austin. The speaker of the evening was Comrae Thos. J. Morgan, who took for his subject: "The Historic Basis of Socialism." Comrade Sfangland was chairman of the meeting. The attendance was good. The discussion lasted till 10.0 clock.

There was a good crowd present at the meeting of the Twenty-fifth Ward branch last Sunday afternoon at 3 celock, at their ball 989 Sheffield ave-nue, near Belmont. Comrade A. M. Simons delievered an interesting ad-dress on the sublect: "What the Sodress on the subject: "What the So-cialists Would Do If They Captured Chicago." After the address there was a long and interesting discussion. Next Sunday afternoon at the above address, Comrade A. Bisno will speak.

The petitions for nomination of city The petitions for nomination of city officers are now in the city organizer's hands for distribution. The comrades should lose no time in providing themselves with these petitions and securing enough signatures to assure the tickst a place on the ballot. This should be done immediately so that the party membership will be able to devote all their time to securing signatures for the ward and town petitions as room as the matter of redistricting is settled. Petitions can be had on application to A. Klenke, city organizer, 38 N. Clark street.

A great many branches in getting out cards and hand bills neglect a very important matter. The Workers Call must not be forgotten at any time. Hand bills and cards used in advertising branch "meetings should also be made to advertise the Workers' Call. Such an advertisement is valuable because it reaches people who would otherwise never hear of the paper. We recommend the following formula to be used by the comrades on all hand bills, programs and cards: To learn about socialism read the Workers' Call, ergan of the Socialist party of Chicago. Office, 36 N. Clar kstreet."

The Socialist Educational club held an interesting agitation meeting last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at its headquarters, 1132 Milwaukee avenue. The speaker of the afternoon was Comrade Thos. J. Morgan. His subject was: "Law and Socialism." The attendance was good, and was composed almost entirely of young people. After, Comrade Morgan's address there was an interesting discussion 'participated in by nearly all those present. The discussion lasted until 6 o'clock. Comrades will do well to attend these meetings of the S. E. C. and help to make them a success. The enthusiasm and interest manifested by these young Socialists is a matter of inspiration to those who are older in the movement, Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock A. M. Slmons will address the club. The Socialist Educational club held

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The Thirtieth and Thirty-first Ward branches have secured headquarters at 6008 Halsted street, for the winter. The rooms will be kept open every evening and a regular series of agitation meetings will be arranged in the near future. A good stock of Socialist literature has been laid in, and the party papers will also be on file. Everything is being arranged for the comrades so that instructive and enjoyable winter evenings may be spent in-a well-equipped reading-room. New life has been infused into these branches and a steady educational campaign will be maintained during the winter months. The zeal and enthusiasm displayed by Comrades A. Brown in taking steps to push things through, is highly appreciated by the membership of the branches, and exists significant of the new activity which now animates the Socialist comrades of Englewood.

Engagement

Under the system as it now exists, the wealth of the world, however created, ducer, is made to flow toward certain centers of accumulation, to be enjoyed by those holding the keys of such situations. The world appears to be approaching a stage at which those who labor, no matter how skilled, how industrious, or how frugal, will receive, according to the "iron law," formulated by Ricardo, only so much for their services as will enable them to subsist cere thanks to the comrades from alfinds its way into the hands of a comits production.

nized as such, that would be committed haps to remind those comrades y a just distribution of the products of wielder of the blue pencil is

is the mark of an effete civilization, and warns us of the approaching dotage of the race.—(Paragraphs from The Psychic Pactors of Civilization,"

CORRESPONDENCE.

Submitted to the Membership.

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Comrades:—The National Executive Committee has received a number of resolutions on the subject of unity from various locals of the party, and it now becomes our duty to submit the propositions contained in the same to a general vote of the members in accordance with the provisions of our constitution. The resolutions referred to are party original and party indorsed those coming from Eoston, Chicago and other locals, and those adopted by locals Seattle. Wash, and Sagleaw, Mich.

In order to give the membership an opportunity to pass upon all questions involved, in the said resolutions, we hereby summarize them in the following:

your yes or no on each of the following questions:

Question 1. Shall a national convenion of the Socialists of the United tates for the purpose of effecting a union of Socialist forces and establishing solid party erganization be called for nearly data? estion 2. Shall all locals of the So-

cial Democratic party affiliated with the Springfield N. E. C. be invited to participate in such convention? Question, 3. Shall all branches of the S. D. P. affiliated with the Chicago N. E. B. be invited to participate in the

onvention? Question 4. Shall all sections of the ocialist Labor Party be invited to parclipate in the convention?

Question 5. Shall all Socialist State

rganizations not affiliated with national committee be invited to par-ticipate in such a convention? Question 6. Shall all other Socialisa organizations recognizing the class organizations recognizing the class struggle and the necessity of independent ent political action of the working be invited to participate in

ent political action of the working class, be invited to participate in the convention?

Question 7. Shell the only condition of participation in such convention be a pledge to abide by the decisions of the convention?

Question 8. Shall the basis of representation for all such organizations be one delegate for each local organization, and one additional delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof?

Question 9. Shall two or more organizations be permitted to co-operate for the purpose of sending delegates on the above basis?

Question 10. In what city shall the convention be held? Name city.

Question 11. Shall the N. E. C. be authorized to fix the date and change the place and basis of representation of the convention in conjunction with the Chicago N. E. B., or any state organization?

Respectfully submitted.

The Provisional National Executive Committee,

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Note.—Any person or organization
can have copies of the above by applying to the National Secretary, Court
Scuare, Springfield, Mass.
—Springfield, Mass. Dec. 29th, 1900.

Various Reminders From the N. E. C.

Springfield, Mass., January 5, 1901. Comrades: -With the beginning of the new century there came to this ofthe new century there came to this of-fice two new publications started in the interest of socialism and the S. D. P.; one is The Challenge, published in Los Angeles, Cal., Comrace Gaylord Wilshire, editor, and the other the Mis-souri Socialist, edited by Comrace E. Val Putnam, and published by Local St. Louis.

St. Louis.

Both are typographically excellent, and the matter contained in them is of interest to every Socialist; they are in the field to propound the revolutionary principles of scientific socialism, and should have the support of all Socialism.

on said propositions.

Any person or organization not affiliated with the N. E. C. can have copies of the above by writing to the National Segretary for them. Notices, advising locals to make nominations for secretaries to the International Socialist Ba-reau will be sent out at same time; nominations for said office will close on

nominations for san February 9th at 5 p. m. Comrades, don't forget to also elect your member to the national council, as previded for by the constitution.

To Literary Contributors. The editor desires to return his sin-

have forwarded articles, press paratively few usually non-producing pings, verses and and other literary matter, to this office. Much valual laws of all countries permit to claim copy and material for copy has in this that they own the very sources of all manner been secured, and it is hoped wealth and the right to allow or forbid that the supply of copy from contrades whose matter has not always been util-These are great, serious evils, comined will not cease to arrive upon that pared with which all the crimes, recogif no government existed, would be as have thus assisted us that it would be trifles. The underpaid labor, the pro- manifestly impossible that everything longed and groveling drudgery, the sent in should appear in our columns wasted strength, the misery and squal- , when the limited size of the paper and or, the diseases resulting, and the pre-mature deaths that would be prevented are taken into consideration. Also the abor, would in a single year outweigh means infallible, and perhaps in many all the so-called crimes of century for cases the most valuable matter has not the prevention of which, it is said, gov- always been selected for publication enment alone exists. The vast theatre but while the judgment of one individof woe is regarded as wholly outsi's unimust be depended upon there seems the jurisdiction of generament, while to be no remedy in sight. In conclusion the most strenuous efforts are put forth the editor again wishes to express his o detect and punish the perpetration obligation to the comrades who have of the least of the ordinary recognized assisted him in making the Workers' rimes. This ignoring of great evils Call attractive, and hopes for a continual value of their favors, assuring them that under the circumstances he ing, as far as he can judge, the best

"Is Saul Also Among the Prophets?"

The happy instances where individuals manipulate circumstances, so as to bring out striking results are rendered more conspicuous by the number of other individuals who entirely fail not only of such achievement but of anything comparable therets. And yet it is known that these others grade only somewhat below the first in capacity. Of all the stupendous waste exhibited in the physical and moral world this is perhaps the most tragic in character and consequences. Yet it is enacted unsurfacely and with little dramatic ef-

is not a clipping from any of our socialistic, or semi-socialistic literature, it nately denied and ridiculed all such setually an editorial from the Chicago it." Tribune!

antagonistic to the vital principle of tion to 'tend a machine' for ten hours modern captalism. It may be safely a day," predicted that a blunder of this kind less the age of miracles is still with us; unless the Tribune's editorial manage ment has experienced a change of heart, or softening of the brain; in short, unless "Saul is" really "among the proph-

Flagrant ingratitude, (blackest of crimes), rank heresy, foul treason!!! What, from the standpoint of capi-

ich a statement as this: "the problem of the world's economy is to develop and give scope to individual original-

Why, even a babe in a capitalistic "the object of the world's economy" is to "give scope" to nothing save finan-it not the lot of all? Under socialism it cial acumen. Highly conducive indeed will be the lot of all.] to the development of "individual originality" is the process of modern industrialism, .in which a man is made a to wear out, in our gigantic "hives of ceaseless grind, eight, ten or twelve prise is never realized." hours per day, year after year, at the

sixteenth part of a trade! omy is to absolutely crucify 'individual man must perish that the system may ic greed." it would have told "the truth, that man-emancipated, glorified man ociect of the world's economy plies the victory of socialism. SHOULD be to develop individual orig-

"the English Marshall, declares that one-half of the power of human initiative - is supd by the PRESENT SOCIAL OR-DER, and it is not difficult to accept

In its breadest statement the problem of the world's economy is to develop and give scone to individual originality the benefits of whose exercise are registered in individual character as well as in objective resuits.

The English economist, Marshall however, declares that one-half of the power of human individual originality order," whenever it has been charged with "high crimes and misdemeanors" to show that all such charges were -to show that all such charges were both base and baseless, and to denounce in unmeasured terms those who preferred them, as "crany Socialists," dangerous Anarchists," "disturbers of the peace," etc. It has exhausted all making." Yes, this statement is self-the eloquence and ingenuity at its com-evident. Said Martin Chuzzlewil to mand in the effort to show that the "present social order" is Heaven's best gift to man, a most beneficent and ideal

after another being sacrificed on the al-No, dear reader, the foregoing article tar of capitalistic greed, but the Tribune and its fellow-organs have alter emanates from a journal which has al- sertions; though supported by abundways hitherto boldly and proudly pro- ant evidence. And now the Tribune claimed itself to be the capitalistic says, "Yes, yes, it's all so, and it's too ORGAN PAR EXCELLENCE. It is bad. Something must be done about

"It is typified"-all this "waste" How it ever succeeded in cluding the above noted-"by the circumscribed ca vigilant eye of the managing editor is reer of the working class boy, who, at matter for conjecture, for it must be 14 years," (yes, and very often many that its publication was purely an accident. Why, every line of it is fatally fluence of the 'graded' system of educa-

Why, the Tribune seems to actually will not be repeated, unless-well, un- deplore this state of things, almost pities the boy, knowing too that child-la bor is one of the main pillars which support the present capitalistic system -let it be successfully undermined and the whole fabric is in danger.

Suffer little children to come unto me For the editorial in question cannot and forbid them not " shricks capitalbe regarded by the Tribune's plutocratism, the omnipotent, to her vassal Legic patrons as anything short of a CAP-islation, and child-murder, in workshop, ITAL offence, (no pun intended). factory and business mart, goes ruth-against the order which supports it. lessly on—the interests of civilization demand it-"the problem of the world's economy," which finds it so much cheaper to discharge the father and

"The lot of the few who enjoy more elastic and extended educational opportunities and a more adequate field of action thereafter is more in the pub-He eye. Theirs, however, is not the lot cradle(so to speak) comprehends that of the great majority." [Why is it not

"Among the latter," (that is among the unfortunate "majority"), "there is no inconsiderable proportion who supplementary part of a machine, forced power of individual initiative is but industry," body, soul and spirit, in a tial contribution to the world's enter-Does the Tribune not know that un-

der capitalism it never can or will be Had the Tribune stated its case this "realized?" What then? The fight is "The object of the world's econ- on. It is man versus system. Either nality in the interest of capitalist- survive, or the system shall be destroyed whole truth and nothing but the shall reign undisputed over his rightful fruth." But the Tribune implies, (and kingdom, the earth. The first means in this implication lies the heresy), that the triumph of capitalism, the last im-

"There can be no doubt," says the Pribune, "that the dominant aim of the century which has just closed has been

ommercial rather than humanistic." What! Do you mean it. Tribut mercial rather than humanistic?

who have built hospitals, endowed universities, established foreign missions given away in charity thousands of the illions they have amassed out of the ill-requited later of their fellow-men in days of old, will stare and mutter and the labor of their fellow-men's children, whose fate the Tribune considers so "tragio?" In spite of all this the "dominant aim" of the century has not "As deep as a well nor been "commercialism." The charity wide as a church doon," we are was just a little side-show! Well, well, clined to think it may well! If a Socialist had said this—but as a "starter;" at least. Who knows a Socialist didn't say it. It was said but that it will ultimately become our or implied by Plutocracy's bosom friend, the Tribune, and the Tribune knows what it is talking about.

"It has been the century of wealth-Colonel Diver: "Oh! There is an aristocracy here then. Of what is it

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'science") this paragraph becomes too amusing to be regarded seriously; but the statement as it stands virtually means "Yes, we said all these things, but we lied and we acknowledge it: there is a better way, or one can be found, MUST be found."

And what is the better way? Here

the Tribune is slightly non-commital-"The problem of this century is to work out that higher economy in which there shall be a still better directed effort to effect material saving, but in which the emphasis shall be shifted from the material product to the human agentin which social advance rather than the instinct of profit-making shall dic-

Exactly. This is just what socialism proposes to do. It stands ready to solve the problem, and it will be solved.

"A century whose conscious effor shall be to make all existing progress converge upon the development of its people and upon insuring scope to their willingly training up under their feet a capacities will realize a peculiar qualforce certain to overthrow them. It is

It will, undoubtedly-we always said it would. It will not only be a cultar"-it will be a finer quality than humanity has ever yet dreamed of and a "profusion" of productive ex-pression of which the best and grandest achievements of all the by-gone ages will be but a hint and a prophecy But never can these great results be obtained while even a taint of capital. ism offends the nostrils of the man and woman of the twentleth century. No man who works for filre, labors the lash of starvation, or tolls under the direction of a master can achiev his best work. Only with the downfall of wage slavery and the ownership and control of all instruments of production them can the twentleth century rise to the dignity and grandeur which will surely, ere long, crown it as the long looked for Messiah of time, the monarch

The Tribune remarks that it cannot be denied that "the spirit of a higher social economy-partially a revolt and partially an instance of constructive self-assertion-is moving with grea force in Europe and America."

The Tribune does not quite like to say that this "spirit" is socialism-that If is safer to indulge in "glittering higher social economy." . But- "that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet," and so long as the Tribune is disposed to concede that capitalism "has been weighed in the balance and found wanting," and that a change is imperatively demanded in which "social, advance" shall "dictate

action," we shall not quarrel about erms. True, the Tribune's sudden con version to socialism may by some beooked at a little askance, and many, as among the prophets?" But while we concede that the Tribune's socialism is and incredulously ask, "Is Saul also wide as a church door," we are in-'efficial organ?" bered that the "dying thief" only to pented of his misdoings as he hung spon the cross, but it may be that nineconvenient not to postpone their peni-tence till the hour of crucifixion, in the hope that crucifixion may thus finally averted. It is sometimes wise to" take time by the forelock," and the "children of this world" have ever been wiser in their generation than the blidgen of light." After all, it may not have been altogether by accident that great political creed to occupy our at-the editorial on "Twentieth Century Ien, and the central problem in this the editorial on "Twentieth Century Economy" found its way into the coi- creed is the question of the distribution umns of capitalism's great organ. As of wealth." in the case of "Saul," there is possibly. Up to the

method" in the Tribune's "madness, but we greatly fear that there will be weeping and waiting and gnashing of teeth" among the rank and file of the plutocracy over its erstwhile, champlon's new departure, and they too will be asking, with flerce imprecations, the very natural and pertinent questions, What in the H-ades does it all mean? Can it really be that "Saul," our Saul, ur stanch ally and "familiar friend, up his heel against us?" "Has he wickdly betrayed our trust," . (and our frusts), and gone over "horse, foot and fragoon" to the enemy? "Is Saul." clank him, "also among the, (socialistic) rophets?"

What answer will the Tribune give to these momentous queries? We await with bated breath the responsive utternces of the oracle.

Sherile Woodman.

[That Socialists generally keep them-selves well posted on the utterances of the more representative capitalist jour-asls, is shown by the fact that the writer of the above criticism was by no means the only comrade who detected the very unusual tone of the matter which appeared in the editorial column of the Tribune. The editor had some criticism to preparation was the of the Tribune. The editor had some criticism in preparation upon the same subject, but the arrival of copy from another contributor also dealing with it, determined him to suspend opera-tions in favor of his correspondents. The observations of Comvade Hitch upon the subject in question are the

MAN VERSUS THING.

In our opinion the author of the foreoing article was writing straint: He sees more than his position allows him to express. The idea that flesh and brain was inevitable and that legislation should have regard to the eeds of persons may be tolerated occasionally in a newspaper editorial, but would be promptly recognized and oposed in the halls of legislature as involving ultimately an attack on property rights. The reason why is a common-place to all Socialists, viz.: proletariat, the lowest stratum of our present society, cannot stir, cannot raise itself up, without the whole superncumbent strata of official society be ing sprung into the air."-(Communist Manifesto, p. 28.)

Let'us admit that the plutocracy and prosperous. They know that if they to overthrow their benefactors. Such is the selfishness and ingratitude of human nature. Give them so inch and they'll take an ell. The workers, hav ing once been given political equality, fied, with reasonable prosperity; this would only increase their appetite for more; and the perception of this fact will ever prevent the capitalists from the era of the golden rule in economics. This is a paradox which forms a perin socialism before they know it, is erroneous. The sooner we realize the true nature and magnitude of the task before us the sooner we shall be throwing all our energies in the right direc-Marcus Hitch.

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LABOR ITEMS

And Notes From Trades Union Journals Gimpses of the World-wide Struggie and Exchanges, Throughout the United States.

One- man tending a nail machine urns out as many nails as a 1,000 men formerly did by hand.

Formerly it required a good workman to gin five pounds of cotton per day

Nearly 14 per cent of the total number ot wage earners in Minnesota are women, according to the report of the State Labor Department. The Workers' Call has been requested

to publish the text of the Chicago Federation of Labor on municipal ownership. Will appear next Issue. Order at Prof. Henry Davies, of Yale Universi

ty, says that "socialism is the next

over eight thousand membership have withdrawn from the Chicago Building Trades Council. Twenty-three unions with eleven thousand members are still affiliated with it. The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Mine Workers of America will con-

vene in Indianapolis January 21. This will be the largest labor convention ever held, as delegates representing 230,000 miners will be present .- Ex.

Rev. George Hawes read a paper bebore the United Presbyterian Ministerial Association of Pittsburg in which he came out straight for socialism, concluding that it is the hope of civilization. They're coming from all sides.

Eastern railways are experimenting matter of consumption of coal and water .- Ex.

The Chicago Lake Scamens' union has decided that its members may hold political jobs and still retain their membership in the organization. This decision was passed by a majority of two votes, which was a narrow shave for the capitalist politicians.

At last the boot and shoe manufac turers, hemmed in on all sides by trusts controling material they use, are forming a trust. Sixteen large firms will combine and it is the intention to wipe out all middlemen and sell all products direct to customers through retail stores to be established.

The big strike inaugurated by many trades in Genoa, Italy, because the government closed the Socialist and labor headquarters has been called off, the ministry having announced that the headquarters will be re-established. In parliament the Socialists introduced a esolution to withdraw all troops from China, and a hot fight is expected.

In her dealing with the poor, so far as mild weather goes, nature seems to be setting our favored classes an example this winter. Yet there has never pities the working class and wishes to when their dinner pails are running m., on Sunday, to 10 o'clock a. m., help them and make them comfortable over full?—Galesburg Labor News. Monday, he protested to Superintend

pool that will be the second largest. the eastern railroads. All commissioned agents who were employed by the firms in the steel pool are being let out, and they will now have an opportunity of paying subsidies to wealthy shipowncontemplating their "full dinner pails,"

Oh, ho! The independent glass com- peoples' gift-matter properly, so John. ity and profusion of productive expres- this selfishness and ingratitude of the bine, which was organized to smash the ron, who thought his constitution as working class which will ultimately trust, is reported as having entered into well as that of the other clerks our an agreement with the octopus to hold to be considered, by striking against his up prices and prevent the "demoraliza- chains finds that the blow rebounds and tion of trade by unprofitable competi- knocks off his official head. nefual stumbling block to Mayor Jones tion." The trust has also played a neat of the proposed steal.-Cleveland Citi-

A strike of stevedores in Havana was promptly squashed by Governor General Wood. He issued orders to the the strikers' places at any cost. The dispatch states that "his attitude took all the stelke fever out of the discentented stevedores and they went back to work." And yet the Cubans do not at department as at present man them. They enjoy the same privileges that are conferred upon free Amerinot even grateful. But perhaps the acapproval of the "better classes" in

During the city campaign there will not be much oppor-tunity for open-air agitation on account of the season. However, the comrades still have the Workers' Call. Pushing the circulation of the party organ is the best way to work for socialism. Are you selling any Call

FOREIGN NEWS.

of the Proletarian Army for "Ita Liberty.

AUSTRIA.

The local Socialist organ at Trieste, the "Lavoratore," is going to appear twice instead of once a week.

That report of the defeat of the So-Now two men with a machine turn out challets in the Austrian elections which the daily press has been exploiting should be received with caution. to one there is a capitalist trick at the bottom of it. It is almost certain that the explanation of what has really happened will come to light in a week or so. The details of the last election in Austria give good reason for believing that a policy of coercion, disenfranchisement or fraud of some other description has been put in operation.

. BELGIUM.

The dock laborers strike in Antwerp is reported has ended in a victory for the employers, who by the introduction of 40,000 outside laborers have been able to continue business as usual, and ig-Up to the present nine unions with nore the strikers entirely. The employes may make the most of their victory, but it is safe to say that the les will not be lost on the Belgian laborers when they again go to the ballot box.

FINLAND.

In all respects Finland is a very interesting country. Its people live a happy, simple life, and progress has been made in many directions. The latest interesting news is that one of those Maisons du Peuple, that is a building which serves both as a club and a cooperative stors, has been opened at Tamerfors. The Finns, too, are maintaining a brave struggle against Russian oppression. They once counted on the support of Europe. That, however, they will not get, and they will have to work out their own 'salvation. The with a new discovery to increase the country, which has hitherto been peace-power of steam. The claim is made that ful and contented, under Russian rule the invention will prove a success and will become as revolutionary as Po-that the saving will be immense in the land, but at present the Czar and his advisers are living in a fool's paradise; the awakening will be a sad one,

FRANCE.

At Carmaux Calvignac has been reelected mayor. It will be remembered that five years ago he was sentenced to five years' deprivation of his political rights, and he had therefore to vacate his post as mayor. The Socialist who was elected in his place, however, signed in his favor as soon as Calvignac could legally sit again.

The strike at Calais still continues strikers are receiving substantial aid from English trade unions

GERMANY.

At the election for the local parlianent in Wurtemberg the Socialists have gained three seats.

The Socialist party in Bavaria has been holding a congress, the action of the party was approved.

"Postoffice Socialism."

A good example of postoffice socialism is furnished by the registry division of the Chicago postoffice. The advisory board has recommended for removal Henry K, Johnson, the charge being inbeen such a period of kidnaping cases, istry department, and on account of beburgiaries, hold-ups, bank robberles ing made to work from 8 o'clock p. m., and defalcations. What does it ail on Saturday until Sunday noon, a mean? Why can't people be satisfied space of 16 hours, and from 9 o'clock p. Monday, he protested to Superintendent Fourteen of the largest steel plate Marr, who admitted that on account mills in the United States have entered a pool that will be the second largest all the "employes" were being taxed, combine of the kind in the country, the other being a pool composed of three financial houses that now control all the eastern railrands. All composed to the pool of three ting any satisfaction, Johnson Coostinthe above-stated result

The government, of which this postcontemplating their "full dinner palls,"
like the iron and steel workers who had
their wages cut.

crs. does not pretend to conserve the
energies of mere mail clerks by providing sufficient help to get out the

When the people become wise enough and all others who are trying to bring game in issuing watered stock to its to take possession of their own, pres about socialism in a less offensive way employes and electing Simon Burns a ent-giving will not be a commercial af-than by the class struggle. The idea member of the board of directors, thus fair but can be induiged in whenever that the abolition of capitalism can be blocking strikes. It is said prices will the heart prompts to it. The setting sugarcoated so as to become sweet and palatable to the capitalists or that we can steal a march on them and usher workers, will receive a penny advance earth, good will to men" spirit, will become a relic of that barbarism which on the one hand and an ignorance nerpetuator on the other. Postoffice cialism" may be helping in the direction of that longed-for time, but apparently not, as one who rebelled against slavery to the commercialism which socialism must do away with, is dismissed from the postal service forthwith. The postappreciate the liberty bestowed upon is not socialism but a species of state little of the benefits of a good instituare conferred upon free Ameriaworkmen in similar ases, and are
workmen in similar ases, and are
even grateful. But perhaps the acmoney for state socialism or take your

You Are Informed That

A good time can be obtained by ab-ending the Eighth Annual ball of the aSalle Political and Educational club which will be held on Seturday, Jan-nary 12th, 8 p. m., at the Medinah Temrided for the occasion, and everything has been done to make the ball enjoyable and successful. A large atte

Ethical Problems

(Continued from page 1.)

dicates that man is reaching a stage of conscious and purposeful evolution When a slave begins to be restive in over; let one link of his chains break and he will try other links. So with the collective man in a world-system of slavery; let one bond on his soul or body snap, and he will tug at other bonds, till at last the whole slave-order is put to the test, when he sees that he must have liberty everywhere or nowhere. Thus the effort for economic freedom is disclosing itself as the struggle of man for standing ground upor which to achieve an emancipation that shall be complete; an emancipation reaching, as high and as deep as human feeling and action, and opening the gates through which each man's life may pass into a rich, glad, free song of universal good. The economic struggle is indeed but the last form of the agony of man for the salvation of Materialistic as it seems to be; a truthful analysis will show this struggle to be more radically and prophetically spiritual than anything that has come to the world since fisher-men and slaves halled Jesus as the

The need of a new-religious synthe sis is therefore identical with the need of a new economic system, or of a new kind of politics. There is really but one great human need, whatever form a valuable acquisition to the Twelfth it may take to express itself in; it and Thirteenth ward Socialists. does not matter whether we call it economic or religious or political. From whatever point of view we look at the human problem, and however we express our view of it, we all mean the ic, the drama, and social gatherings. same essential thing, when our expressions are analysed. What we see and feel is the need of a principle and state-ment of life that shall cover all its Wha facts and forces, and that shall organize these into a working synthesis which shall supply the uttermost hu man need and liberate every human aspiration and energy. Call the synthesis what we please, it will turn out to be a new and human religion; and that, just because it has found econon ics and religion and politics to a different names for the same effort of the human spirit to achieve its freedom and wholeness."

Town Conventions.

The West Town convention will be held in Aqua Pura Hali, 1986 W. Lake street, near Campbell, on Wednesday, January 16th, 8 p. m. This town comprises the 7th, 8th, 9th, 19th, 11th/12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th 19th, 28th and 35th wards. these wards are requested to bring be-fore their next business meeting the tricts, and at the same time send s

The North Town convention will be held at 52 Wells street, January 19th, 8 distributed along with Kitchner's proc This town comprises the 20th, lamations. p. m. This town comprises the 20th, 21st, 23rd, 24th wards. The representation is five delegates for each ward. tion is five delegates for each ward, carry this projett into effect. It con-Branches will elect their quota of deler-sists of "Mr. Van Rensaellear, presi-

The Town of Lake View convention Cronic, both members of the will be held in Proletariat Hall, 989 Sheffield avenue, near Belmont, Friday, January 18th, 8 p. m. This town rises the 25th and 26th wards, This of these two wards are requested to be ation due to their rank." present.

Comrades of the South Town, Town of Lake, and Town of Jefferson, are Philippines shows a corresponding senturgently requested to make arrange-timent amongst the 'Industrials' in Luzon:

There are a great maky VERY rich mesting burs, and I find them very miss peoples. WHAT LAND THE CHURCH DOES NOT OWN THEY OWN, but they are afraid to go out and look after their farms, so the LAZOM. Str. and Str. and Str. and I find them very miss peoples. WHAT LAND THE CHURCH DOES NOT OWN THEY OWN, but they are afraid to go out and look after their farms, so the LAZOM. Str. and Str. and Str. and Str. and Str. and I find them very miss peoples. WHAT LAND THE CHURCH DOES NOT OWN THEY OWN, but they are afraid to go out and look after their farms, so the LAZOM. Str. and Str. a

Meetings for the Week.

The following meetings have been arranged for the coming week:

fourth Ward, 52 Wells street. Speaker, J. D. Evans.
Sunday, January 12th, 8 p. m., Pitteenth Ward, Socialist Hall, Armitage avenue, four doors east of Milwainkee avenue. Speaker, Benjamin F. Wilson, Monday, January 14th, Twentieth Ward, northwest corner Ciydourn and Halsted. Speaker, J. W. Barteis.
Wednesday, January 15th, 8 p. m., Hull House. Subject: "Philosophy of Kari Marx."
Wednesday, January 15th, 8 p. m., Pitteenth Ward, Socialist Hall, Armitage avenue, Subject and Sugar The war between the coffee and sugar the work of the components of the comp

inging Society; M a. m., Childrens unday School

riday, January 18th, 3 p. m., This-nih Ward, Michile's Hall, southwest ner Grand and Western avenues, aker, J. B. Smiley, riday, January 18th, 8 p. m., Twen-first Ward, Garfield Turner, Hall, abee and Garfield, Speaker, R. A. rris.

M. Simons.

Priday, January 18th, S.p. m., Tenth
Ward, 116 W. Twenty-fourth street,
west of Gakley. Speaker, John Collina.

Priday, January 18th, S.p. m., Pourteenth Ward, Hinchman's Hall, 334 W.
Division street, Speaker, W. T. Mills.

Socialist Singers.

Every Surday, 10:30 a. m., 1003 W. Madison street, corner Western avenue Music by the Schubert Spring Quar-tette. Lecture by Fred's, G. Strickland. The meeting last Sunday was an excellent beginning for the morning house About all the available chairs were in The beginning of a Socialist chorus is already accomplished. Comrade Grethen was present and rendered a very enjoyable solo on the violin.

Each number of the Schubert Quartette was encored. Their playing is exceptionally fine and reflects much credit to the Kelleg Music school, 523 S. Western avenue, with which they are associated. These comrades are certainly

Comrade Strickland spoke especially to Socialists on the value of Socialist meetings in our propaganda. He men-tioned the value of simple speech, mus-Comrade Brennan presided and intro duced this yell, which was heartily

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"benevolent assimilation" process.
Dispatches from Pretoria state that
the "influential burghers of that city recently met to consider suggestilooking to the ending of the war. A Secretaries, of proposal to send the burghers who had election of five delegates to each town proclamation to those still in the field showing the hopelessness of resistance. was unanimously adopted, and will be

A committee was at once-formed to dent; Mr. Cronje, a brother of General Volksrand; Mr. Zeederburg of the Second Voolksraad, and Mr. De Koch.

Genera lKitchener assured this body of "influentials" that all who would will be a mass convention. Members surrender would "receive the consider-

The following extract from a letter written by an officer now serving in the

clal avenue.

22nd, 33rd, and 34th wards, 'The representation of this convention is five delegates for each ward branch. Secretaries of these wards are requested to call special meetings, if necessary, to elect their delegates.

A. Klenke, Organizer.

A. Klenke, Organizer. who first stated that "capital (he mean capitalists), was timid, knew whereon he wrote.

The war between the coffee and sugar January 18th, 8 p. m. dividual the "consumer," who had been Wednesday, January 18th, 8 p. m.
Twenty-sixth Ward, hall at northwest
corner of Belment and Southport avenue. Speaker, Aug. Klenke.
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11. Literature and art as social forces.

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