

THE WORKERS' CALL

"Workingmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain."

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REPORT OF THE CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Socialist Pointers

"Labor is prior to and independent of Capital. . . Capital is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. . . Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration."--Abraham Lincoln.

An Open Letter to the Street Railway Commission of the City of Chicago:

Gentlemen: In reply to your inquiries, the Federation of Labor, on behalf of labor interests involved, respectfully submits for your consideration the following suggestions:

1. When the so-called franchises expire in 1902, on, WE THEN HAVE COMPLETE MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF THE RAILWAYS, without any action either state or municipal, vesting the same in the city. The roadways vest as exclusively in the municipality as though no grant had ever been made and this without legislative action of any kind whatever.

2. A right of way granted for a fixed term must necessarily restore the original status at the expiration of the term. It becomes then as though no grant had ever been made--as though the city had never given the special privilege to the use of its streets. As with a lease to one's premises, so with a right of way--it is merely a temporary tenure for a specific purpose reverting absolutely to the grantor at the expiration of the term. Neither a lessee nor a grantee has any vested interest in nor claim to a renewal of a lease or a franchise privilege except by specific stipulation to such effect, which must be set out in the document evidencing the lease or grant. The rights of the tenant or franchise-holder cease absolutely and for all time the very day their grant or license expires.

3. Not even action by the courts declaring the contract ended is necessary. "When the franchise is granted for a specific period of time it expires at the end of such period, and no judicial proceedings are necessary to declare it at an end, nor will a failure of the city granting the right to fulfill any collateral contractual obligation operate to prolong its existence." American and English Encyclopedia of Law, vol. 23, p. 875.

4. The courts have already decided that failure to provide for the companies' property gives the railway companies no rights. "It is impossible," says the Supreme Court of Louisiana, "that such failure should operate to prolong plaintiff's right to exercise the right of way by a railroad over the public streets after the expiration of the term for which the privilege was granted; or to prevent the sovereign power of the city, delegated by the state, over the public streets, FROM IMMEDIATELY ATTACHING FREE FROM SUCH PRIVILEGE."

5. In the exercise of her sovereign right and volition, the city sold to the plaintiff the privilege of this right of way for twenty years AND NO LONGER. The term has expired. The plaintiff has no longer any such privilege. The sovereign rights of the city have reattached. ABSOLUTELY FREE FROM ANY PRIVILEGE OF PLAINTIFF. HER SOVEREIGN POWER OVER HER STREETS, DELEGATED FOR THE CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE OF HER PEOPLE, CANNOT BE RESTRAINED IN ITS EXERCISE TO AWAIT THE SETTLEMENT OF CONTROVERSIES TOUCHING RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS NOT CONCERNING THE FRANCHISE OR PRIVILEGE ITSELF, BUT OTHER PRIVATE PROPERTY."

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J. Pierpont Morgan is starting the century right by cornering all the anthracite coal.

The Socialist party does not need any Mark Hanna's, if any earnest seeker after information should ask you.

No doubt Bryan would be coming our way a good deal faster if we had a million votes at our command.

The man in Maine who is 100 years old and cast his vote for McKinley may be said to be enjoying a green old age.

It is said that Rockefeller will start a paper, but what will be the use when he owns so many papers already?

Of course it is the fault of the other members if your branch is not doing what it should towards winter agitation.

This is a free country and the constitution does not prohibit any Socialist who feels he needs leaders from having them.

Even in disease there are classes; the rich people are all having the grip while the poor have to be contented with colds.

Why this kick on Mark Hanna's ship subsidy; haven't the workingmen been subsidized for years by the protective tariff?

Some well-disposed people believe there are no classes in this country because they never come in contact with but one class.

If Socialists do not hew to the line how can they expect muddled middle class reformers to walk in the straight and narrow path?

The workman who is afraid of socialism does not know what socialism is, but that is not necessarily the case with the capitalist.

J. Pierpont Morgan thinks he will be able to win the next coal strike because Mark Hanna will not care how long he keeps it up.

Workingmen need not worry any longer about the spring campaign; their leaders have met and turned their votes over to Carter Harrison.

The churches that want to drive out vice never stop to ask where the man who contributes to the collection plate got his money, nor how he got it.

Rockefeller does not yet own the earth, but as he owns the courts and congresses it is only a matter of time until he will take possession of the former.

With municipal gas and street car lines some people seem to think that the workingman would have free supper and breakfast in addition to the full dinner pail.

It may be hard work to get subscribers for the Workers' Call, but the Co-operative Commonwealth is not going to fall into your lap if you simply sit down and wait for it.

No wonder New York duds recognize in Great Britain a more progressive country than their own when the Socialists of that nation elected two members of parliament.

By all means let us increase the standing army; then in the day that is swiftly coming when the emperor of Germany will want protection from his subjects we can loan it to him.

The people who are so certain that socialism will be a failure are probably of the opinion that capitalism is a success, but their opinion is not based on Dinn and Bradstreet's reports.

The Single Taxers are running a city ticket, but they will find the rich men who have been patting them on the backs will be found voting for capitalism when their selfish interests lie.

Mark Hanna thinks the public schools will always be a bulwark against socialism. They certainly should be considering the way the Chicago school teachers are being treated by the capitalist parties.

It is the popular belief that the American workingmen is the most intelligent in the world, but in no other civilized country do the workingmen allow the lawyers and bankers to make all of the laws for them.

The time is rapidly approaching when the capitalist papers and orators will be obliged to attempt to answer the actual arguments of the Socialists and cease their amusement of knocking down Socialist straw men.

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ORGANIZED LABOR ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

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The movement for "municipal ownership" springs mostly from the needs of the small business and property-owning classes, who see in it an apparent relief from excessive taxation.

The game laws of Colorado will be suspended in favor of Governor Roosevelt during his hunting tour in that state.

FUTILITY OF COMPROMISES.

The search for some common ground upon which laborer and capitalist can meet and adjust their differences seems to be as vain as the ancient quest for the philosopher's stone.

railroad president has recently declared that he would rather go out of business than arbitrate, and now from the side of the workers the same conclusion is reached and translated into action.

The most interesting phase of the situation lies in the fact that the union to which these men belong had entered into an arbitration scheme, similar in many respects to that which was exploited at the recent conference in Steinway Hall as a decided step towards settling the heretofore-unresolved "labor problem."

The so-called "economists" who attempt to harmonize elements which in their nature are antagonistic, bear the same relation to scientific students of sociology as the alchemist of five centuries ago does to the modern expounder of chemical science.

The union men who have disregarded the impossible agreement to which they were a party, and who have ignored the order of their president to return to work, have by their action recoiled the utterance of the railroad magnate who declared that he would "rather go out of business" than arbitrate.

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It is a strange superstition that makes men regard what THEY KNOW TO BE ELEMENTALLY GOOD as dangerous in practice, and what THEY KNOW TO BE ELEMENTALLY WRONG as practically SAFE.

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

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

This general clamor over "municipal ownership" has a tendency to make some professed Socialists forget that the object of the Socialist movement is the abolition of the wage system.

"Public ownership of public utilities" in the mouth of the capitalist politician, has no meaning to the proletarian who feels the galling chains of wage slavery.

Our present mayor who is now an avowed advocate of this brand of "public ownership," has been careful to explicitly declare that it involves not the slightest violation of the rights of private property—he doesn't add, "in the means of production and distribution"—but that is what he intends.

The little capitalists may carry it out—if they can—but they need not look for the assistance of the militant proletarian, who knows that so far as his class is concerned, their conditions of life would not be perceptibly altered.

There is something ludicrous in the efforts of the petty exploiters who feel lacking the necessary capital to attain this object, he becomes a supplicating class in their behalf.

The ambition of the small capitalist is invariably to become a big one. Lacking the necessary capital to become this object, he becomes a supplicant to the workers for political aid.

Owing to the skill, enterprise, intelligence and industry (and "abstinence") of the workmen of this country, another striking American success has been secured.

Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith, a writer of popular fiction, has been recently denouncing "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which he referred to as an "appalling, awful, criminal, mistake."

A Problematical Victory.

At last the "reformers" have scored a victory. The army canteen has been abolished as a concession to the "good" people who find their pleasure in circulating the pleasures of others.

The Thirty-third Ward Branch has met at Sherman Hall, at 3146 Commercial avenue, South Chicago, for meetings during the winter.

A WORKINGMAN'S LETTER.

Comrade John Collins, Socialist Party Candidate for Mayor Accepts the Nomination.

Comrades of the Socialist Party:— In accepting the nomination of your convention for mayor in the approaching municipal election, I take the opportunity to state briefly my understanding of the obligations which devolve upon me through its acceptance.

The platform adopted by the Socialist party in the same convention which conferred this nomination upon me, I accept in its entirety, and shall, if elected, endeavor to enforce its provisions as far as possible.

The Socialist party is essentially the party of the wage working class and I, its nominee, am a wage worker. It stands alone in representing the material interests and aspirations of that class, and emphasizes the necessity of the political supremacy of the workers as the only means whereby its object, the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution can be secured.

Recognizing, however, that the development of capitalism constantly increases the difficulty of effecting economic organization of the working class, and in many branches of industry renders such organization impossible, I shall therefore aid and assist to the utmost the general body of wage workers in their struggles for better material conditions of life.

The Socialist movement is characterized by its frank avowal of the existence of a class struggle, unavoidable and inherent in the present economic system, upon which as a foundation the entire movement of the modern proletariat towards economic freedom is based.

The candidates of the various capitalist parties who may be nominated for the office for which you have selected me as your candidate, invariably regard the securing of such nomination as a tribute due to their superior merit as politicians.

Finally, I recognize your mandate alone as a guide, and comprehend that I am subject to recall at your pleasure.

Fraternally, John Collins.

The Herron Lectures.

Central Music Hall was packed again last Sunday by an enthusiastic and thoroughly sympathetic audience, who had gathered to hear the second of the series of Herron lectures, on the ethical aspect of socialism.

But there is a still more revolutionary service which socialism is likely to render to the spiritual life, though it is not so obvious as the service of the cooperative ideal; and that is the deliverance of religion from the wage system of rewards and punishments.

Your slavery rests on your neighbors' ignorance. Give him a Workers' Call to help break your fetters.

CIRCULATION NOTES.

A club of eight comes from Kansas City, Mo.

Comrade A. Eisenman turns in three half-yearly subs, all in Chicago.

Comrade F. Thiel turns in a club of eight half-yearlies, all in Chicago.

The Workers' Call has ordered a large stock of books to be given to our hustlers as premiums. Watch these columns for the announcement.

Comrade Burns of Brodhead, Wis., sends us a list of eight of his neighbors who want to read a good Socialist paper during the year 1901.

Call postals are furnished in amounts over one dollar, yearlies for 40 cents, and half-yearlies for 20 cents. This offer does not hold good for the premiums.

Rev. H. W. Greenham, secretary of the Church Home and Hospital, at Orlando, Fla., sends us a renewal of his subscription for a weekly bundle of the Workers' Call.

Comrade Fred. Nary, of Rock Island, is still keeping eternally at it. Having disposed of his supply of postals bought a few weeks ago he orders another dollar's worth, splits on his hands and mixes in for another tussle with capitalism.

Comrade Stark, of Bowling Green, Ky., sends us a list of 110 names with the request that sample copies be sent to them. That is right, comrades; send us the names and then follow them up for subscriptions.

Comrade Lockwood of Sacramento, California, sends us a bunch of 14 subs and concludes his letter as follows: "With my hearty commendation to the Workers' Call for its sticking to the fundamental principles of scientific socialism, fearing not to teach the class struggle," etc.

Comrade J. W. McFall, of Medford, Okla., chairman of the Socialist party for that territory, sends us a club of three subscribers and orders a supply of Call postals. Comrade McFall says: "I regret that I am unable to do more for the paper. I regard it as the best propaganda periodical extant."

The Socialist campaign never ends. The Socialist propagandist is a persistent, cold-blooded, remorseless animal—at least, that is what he ought to be. Go after them boys with rapier and bludgeon. Bring in those subscriptions no matter how your victims squirm—they'll thank you for it by and by.

Says Comrade Allen of Palmer, Mass.: Enclosed find stamps to renew my subscription for a portion of the century. They say Chicago is the storm center. If so, make the wind whirl! Comrade Allen may rest assured that we are blowing harder than ever. If he doubts it, let him glance over this column.

Comrade Kraatz of Evanston, renews his own subscription and sends in the name of a neighbor who wishes to read the Workers' Call during 1901. And this reminds us: If every comrade who renews his subscription would go out and get a neighbor for a partner, the number of Socialists in the country would increase handsomely.

Comrade Carl A. Carlson, of Kewanee, Ill., says: "I have received a number of copies of the Workers' Call from friends and I like it very much. Enclosed find 50 cents for 6 month sub. for myself and a friend." All of which leads us to remark: Never forget your friends, boys. Make them see the light just as clearly as you do.

Comrade J. C. Holzer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who recently subscribed for the Call, writes us a letter of strong commendation and encouragement. Comrade Holzer is so well pleased with the organ of Chicago Socialists that he concludes his letter by asking: "What would be the cost of a complete file of the Workers' Call to October 1, 1900?"

Letters of commendation for the Workers' Call come thick and fast. Comrade Dowler of Longfellow, Tex., says: "Enclosed find 50 cents to renew my subscription to the Call—been reading your paper for past three months—think it is the best of the seven Socialist papers taken at this office. Endorse your views regarding unity. Keep up the good work—dump the obstructionists and play ball."

Twenty-five members of the Socialist Educational Society, of Rockford, Ill., subscribe for the Workers' Call. Comrade Neuvant writes encouragingly concerning the progress of socialism at Rockford. The Workers' Call would suggest that if all locals and Socialist societies throughout the state would subscribe in a body to the party organ, it would prove a strong agent for holding the organization together and infusing the comrades with the right kind of class-conscious working zeal.

Nay, nay, Comrade Rogers, you must not get piqued at your neighbor who says he is just as good a Socialist as you are, but who you say is in a somewhat "muddled" state, resulting from his having obtained his knowledge of socialism from reading certain "socialistic" publications. You should be patient with him. He is in a state of transition—merely cutting his teeth, one may say. Why not give him a little medicine to hasten the process. Make him subscribe to a paper which preaches straight-out, class-conscious, materialistic, revolutionary socialism. Give him a dose of the Workers' Call.

Are you still hustling for subscribers?

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Springfield, Mass.

Organization has been the order of the day for the past week, and with pleasure I inform the comrades of the formation of the following locals, who have applied to the N. E. C. for charters: Modesto, Lompoc, Ventura, Vallejo, Alhambra, Long Beach, Farmersville, Santa Ana, Perris, Redland, Winchester, Hemet, Colusa, all in the state of California, and Altona, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Williamsport, Pa.; a branch of Local Luzerne county, Pa., located at Wilkesbarre, and the affiliation of Local Liberal, Mo., with the united party.

Noting blanks on the unity question have been sent to all locals and organizations of which I had addresses, and any Socialist organization not having received any can have them by applying to me.

States desiring to participate in the deliberations of the national council should send in the name of their elected representative by February 1st.

Notices of nominations of two secretaries to the International Socialist Bureau have also been sent out, and locals desiring to "make" nominations must send in the names of the comrades nominated before February 9th.

Yours fraternally, Wm. Butcher, Natl. Sec'y.

THE SHADOW OF FREEDOM.

Unreality of "Public Ownership" While Economic Class Rule Remains in Existence.

There is no surer way to secure the continual enslavement of a man or a class than to deceive them into thinking their slavery does not exist. Once they can be hypnotized into this state of mind they are bound by far stronger chains than smith ever forged or jailer ever locked. This has long been the condition of the laborer. He has been deluded into thinking that freedom to change masters meant freedom from masters.

The result of this is that it is sometimes harder to make workmen realize that they are living under a class government in this country than in those nations where an hereditary nobility and executive are in power. Yet it is beginning to be understood in a fairly indefinite way that the present state and municipal bodies of America are controlled and exercised in the interest of the capitalist class.

The error in this position lies in the fact that those so talking have swallowed all that the capitalists have told them about the laborers being kings in this country and in some way think that national ownership would mean ownership by the laborers.

They do not see that to place additional power in the hands of a present government is to give greater weight to the instruments of oppression. Hence it is that the Socialists declare that if the laborers wish to receive any benefit from municipal or national ownership of any utility they must first gain possession of the government which is to own them.

This is why it is that even if there was any reason to believe that the Democrats were sincere in their demands for municipal ownership it would still be of no interest to the laborers to secure the enactment of such a measure while either of the old parties are in power. It would simply be the old farce of apparent freedom and actual slavery-over again. But if the laborers will elect to power the Socialist party, the only laborers party in the field this spring, then they may be assured that not only will municipal ownership be secured, but that all the benefits that are obtainable from such ownership and operation will redound to the workers.

Comrades and Friends:— To carry on the campaign, we are in pressing need of money. The bills incurred for printing the petitions, calling of ward conventions, postage, etc., etc., and other urgent expenses, are still unpaid.

The many other expenses that will be necessary to carry on the work, the printing and distribution of literature, pamphlets, and other printed matter, cannot be done without money.

Now comrades you must respond, otherwise we cannot do this work. Hoping to hear from you in response, we are

Fraternally, The Executive Committee.

Per. H. A. Morris.

That offer of ten three month subs for a dollar is still good.

SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE.

Glass Workers' Union Adopts a Thoroughly Class-Conscious Declaration of Principles.

The following declaration of principles, adopted by the Amalgamated Glass Workers' International Union of America, in 1899, may be taken as a forecast of the attitude which organized labor will necessarily occupy in the near future.

Society at present is COMPOSED OF CLASSES WHOSE INTERESTS ARE HIGHLY ANTAGONISTIC TO EACH OTHER.

On the one side we have the proprietary class, possessing almost all the soil, all the houses, all the means of transportation, machinery, raw material and all necessities of life.

The laboring millions receive from the product of their labor only so much as is necessary to live a life of misery and starvation.

Every improvement in machinery, every new discovery of hitherto unknown forces of nature, the proprietary class arrogates to itself for the exclusive purpose of increasing its possessions.

The workers having become superfluous are compelled to sell their labor at any price in order to save themselves from starvation.

While the millions of the working people are left without the means of existence, without rights and unprotected, betrayed and sold out to their enemies by the state and by the press, the arms of the police and of the militia are directed against them.

In consideration of these facts we declare:

1. That the laboring class MUST EMANCIPATE ITSELF from all influences of its enemy, the proprietary class; that it must organize, locally, nationally and internationally for the purpose of settling the power of the organized masses against the power of capitalism; and that it must see that its interests be represented in the shops, in the different branches of the local, state and national administrations and governments.

2. National and international trade unions are apt to exert a powerful influence upon production prices, the hours of labor, regulation of apprenticeship, and to support their members in all the different phases of life.

3. The combat through which they have naturally to go with the organized power of capitalism leads them to recognize that all trade unions must form one great, powerful body; the solidarity of the interests of all is proclaimed, the workers mutually assist each other. Soon THE FACT WILL BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM OF PRODUCTION RESTS UPON THE VERY SHOULDERS OF THE WORKING CLASS, and that if the workers only display their firm determination and exert their power, a new system based upon justice might easily be introduced.

4. There is NO POWER ON EARTH large enough to resist the will of such a majority if it be enlightened in regard to its rights; it will accomplish its aims and objects irresistibly. The right of nature is upon its side. THE EARTH, TOGETHER WITH ALL ITS WEALTH, BELONGS TO MANKIND.

The results and triumphs of civilization have been achieved through the course of thousands of years and with the assistance of all nations. The organized workers will come to carry out into reality these principles, and they will establish a state of affairs under which everyone will enjoy the fruits of his labor.

This declaration from an organized body of workers leaves little to be desired. Although the logical conclusion, political action on the part of the workers to wrest the powers of the state from the capitalist classes is not expressed plainly in words, it is nevertheless strongly implied in every sentence. The Glass Worker's union is to be congratulated that it has in its ranks men sufficiently intelligent to see the truth, and courageous enough to proclaim it. The position taken can never be successfully assailed, as it is a faithful reflex of the conditions as they exist today, and only through the frank recognition of the existence of the class struggle as given in the opening sentence, can labor ever hope to achieve the object aimed at in the closing one.

Seems Rather Queer.

According to press reports, "speculation" is doomed in Wall Street. It is declared that Rockefeller and Morgan can operate there without the remotest chance of loss.

A PROGRESSIVE BODY.

Machinists' Local Union of South Chicago Addressed by a Socialist Fellow-Craftsman.

The South Chicago Local of the International Association of Machinists, held an open meeting at Union Bank Hall, Friday evening.

The speaker showed the fallacy of the oft-repeated assertion that the interests of the workingman are identical with those of the capitalist, and proved that just the opposite is the truth.

Comrade Collins' speech was enthusiastically received, and he was frequently interrupted with applause.

Every improvement in machinery, every new discovery of hitherto unknown forces of nature, the proprietary class arrogates to itself for the exclusive purpose of increasing its possessions.

The workers having become superfluous are compelled to sell their labor at any price in order to save themselves from starvation.

The Workers' Call is the organ of the SOCIALIST PARTY.

TWENTIETH CENTURY "MUSIC."

How the Vocal Talents of the Negro Are Stimulated Under Capitalism in the New South.

The recent declaration of Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith, that the publication of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was "an appalling, awful, criminal mistake," puzzled us not a little as to the reasons for such a remark.

Chief Sanitary Inspector Jordan and officer Seth Knight arrested eighteen negroes late Wednesday evening for violating the city sanitary laws.

There are many negroes in the city who are said to live in idleness, eating the sour food they can gather out of slop tubs and swill barrels.

In the light of the above incident we are inclined to believe that a strong argument could be made for chattel slavery as against social conditions as they exist today in the "New South."

Are you still hunting for subscribers?

You could not make the workingmen of Germany believe that municipal ownership is socialism.

LABOR ITEMS

And Notes From Trades Union Journals and Exchanges, Throughout the United States.

AUSTRIA.

One of the reasons for the defeat of the Socialist candidates in Moravia and Bohemia is the large increase in the number of votes given to the candidates who are in favor of some local interest or other.

FINLAND.

The oppression goes on. The governor general has suppressed a daily and a weekly paper and has suspended another for four months.

FRANCE.

At the Bourse du Travail, the labor exchange founded by the city of Paris, there has recently been established classes in which lectures are given, not only on the labor laws regulating the relations of French workmen, but also on other subjects.

GERMANY.

Twenty, the son-in-law of Liebknecht and editor of the "Volksblatt," of Halle, has been sentenced to four months' imprisonment for attacking some judges and also to three months for lese majeste.

HUNGARY.

There is a weekly Socialist newspaper published at Budapest called "Nepszava" (The Voice of the People).

PUTTING OUT FEELERS.

Cautious Moves in Congress Towards Ultimate Disfranchisement of the Working Class.

An obscure member of the House of Representatives, Olmsted of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution last week which provides for a thorough investigation of the disfranchisement of the southern colored voters.

The cigar trust is not likely to injure the C. M. I. U. to any great extent. On the contrary it will in reality benefit them by bringing certain economic facts to their attention.

Thirty-third Ward Program.

Program of Socialist party meetings at Sherman Hall, 5149 Commercial avenue, South Chicago.

Jan. 19—A. Klenke: The Effect of Unsteady Employment.

Jan. 26—T. J. Morgan: The Future of the Trusts.

Feb. 2—W. T. Mills: The Socialist's Program.

Feb. 9—C. H. Kerr: Morals and Socialism.

Feb. 16—Mary E. Coleson: Why Women Should Be Socialists.

Feb. 23—J. B. Smiley: Public Ownership.

March 2—M. H. Taft: Inevitable Effect of Machine Production on Social Organization.

March 9—May Wood Simons: The Development of the Class Struggle.

March 16—John Collins: Socialism and the Trade Unionist.

March 23—A. M. Simons: The Meaning of Expansion.

March 30—(Special rally)—W. T. Mills: The Issues of the Coming Election.

The pope complains that "wealthy Protestant missionaries are profiting by the poverty of the Italians to make converts of them."

FOREIGN NEWS.

Glimpses of the World-wide Struggle of the Proletarian Army for Its Liberty.

Socialist paper in the French language will be started by the S. D. P. in Nashua, N. H.

Japan now boasts of a daily Socialist paper. It is called the Commons and is published Tokio.

Washington's official chemist's opinion is that the use of labels on bread is not detrimental to health, as some of the scabby plutes claimed.

The strike of the union molders at Fraser and Chalmers will give Carter Harrison another opportunity of showing what he will do for union labor.

Every time Mr. Rockefeller builds a larger boat, Uncle Sam blows in a few millions deepening lake channels, and another nail is driven into the coffin of the small boat owner.—Ex.

Failures in 1900 were slightly more numerous than in the preceding year and the liabilities also showed a slight increase, says Bradstreet's.

The Italian government's latest book of labor statistics says only seventy out of 256 strikes that occurred in Italy during 1899 were successful.

Michael Owens, a Toledo workman, has invented a new automatic glass-blowing machine that makes all kinds of chimneys, tumblers, water bottles, electric bulbs, and glass lubricators.

In a book descriptive of Ireland, there appeared a chapter on snakes, which, from its brevity, has since become famous.

Supreme Court of New York rendered a decision that practically kills another "labor law"—the law the granite cutters had enacted providing that all stone to be used in state or municipal work must be cut in the state.

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J. B. Gehr, a Democratic leader of Washington state, has done likewise.

Another new slave law is now in effect in South Carolina—the home of the Bryanized, Tillmanistic, 16-to-1 "workingman's friends."

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Worthless Advice.

A young man was sentenced to one day in the county jail by Judge Baker last Thursday for stealing a handkerchief from the store where he was employed.

He had a wife and child he said, and was unable to support them on nine dollars a week, which was the "salary" he was getting.

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Not There, My Child!

The discovery of "demands" (omitted or included) in the late municipal program adopted by the Socialist party of Chicago, argues either a deplorable lack of understanding on the part of the discoverer, or an abnormal faculty for seeing things that don't exist.

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OUR LOST "DIGNITY."

"Unnecessary Annoyance" by "Hordees" "Business Man's" Opinion of the Cheap Laborer.

The "dignity of labor" is receiving several hard jolts just at present in the daily press and elsewhere.

We will consider it a favor should YOU notify us when YOU want men and boys in any capacity.

The aggrieved one informed us that he objected to be classed as a part of a "horde."

The manager of "The Fair" department store also falls foul of the dignity of labor in giving his opinion of the desirability of making \$15 per week instead of \$8, the legal minimum for exemption from garnishment proceedings.

I think it is a mean law, and that the exemption should be at least \$15. I GO ON THE THEORY THAT NO BUSINESS MAN SHOULD TRUST ANYONE WHO IS NOT GETTING MORE THAN \$8 PER WEEK.

Of course no one ever heard of any employe in the Fair getting less than \$8 per week.

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"THE POOR MAN'S BEER."

A Political "Friend of Labor" Utilizes the "Vice Crusade" to Catch Working Class Voters.

The man of destiny at the city hall, to make the executive duties lighter, has taken up legislative work to the extent of introducing an ordinance repealing the ordinance of June 2, 1873, which provided for the closing of saloons at midnight.

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Federation Report

(Continued from page 1.)

Shall Our Millions Go to London?

It is time the people of Chicago ceased furnished millions of dollars to be carried to London, to install systems of railways there.

Only a Change of Leeches.

And what of Chicago? A new combination of leeches to suck the life-blood out of labor comes here and stealthily crawls into the bed of privilege vacated by Yerkes.

Our Opportunity Is Now.

We today have an opportunity such as will not soon again be presented to the city. Will the people of Chicago stop this carrying away of vast millions in private hands?

As to the River Tunnels.

When the tunnels of Chicago are lowered, they should be lowered with reference to being a part of the system for a downtown subway and should not be surrendered to the railroads to enable them to mulct the city a few years hence.

Keep Our Wealth at Home.

The Federation of Labor respectfully requests the street railway commission to lay this matter before the council in its real character and recommend a plan by which these millions of profit may in the future be used in the hands of the city for the improvement of its own service.

A Review of the Problem.

Seventeen—Historically considered, the problem of public franchises, as it is termed, is the outgrowth of our industrial development. With the rise of our complicated industrial system—that is, the concentration of capital in a more economic production and distribution of wealth, there has developed an ever-growing class of dependent wage workers.

Growth of the System.

But concomitant with this development in industry and the consequent concentration of population in industrial and commercial centers, new powers have been born to society. The phenomenal growth of urban life has made necessary a system of transnational transportation.

Necessity for Public Control.

The self-evident social character of the service can no longer be concealed. In the early days of our modern industry we delegated this necessary public service to private corporations, or individuals. We vested the rights that belonged to all the people in the hands of a few, and who have used the power that money commands to intrude themselves as barons of special privilege to their own immeasurable profit and a corresponding public loss.

The Usurpation of Special Privilege.

By the common law, the bulwark of Anglo-Saxon liberty, all highways belong to the body politic exclusively. And it has only been by the grants of our public officials that barons of the highway have been enabled by public law virtually to put a toll-gate on every public roadway and then, like the highwayman of old, stop every man, woman and child who passes and issue his command backed up by the power of the state. "Stand and deliver! None pass by me unless they pay me tribute!" But none of the petty robbers of olden time ever dreamed of possessing the fabulous wealth that today is levied upon the travelers to and fro in America.

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Importance of Action Now.

By the reversion of the franchises to the city, Chicago now has an opportunity to retain on behalf of the whole people their legal title in these franchises. They should never again be alienated. On the contrary, because of their self-evident social character, these public functions now delegated to private enterprise should from time to time be reassured by the municipality.

Chicago's Opportunity.

Chicago will then lead the world as a city where the common heritage of all the people is sacredly maintained for the benefit of all.

Minor Details Merely Divert Attention.

Taking up any other phase of the question would tend to distract the attention from the fundamental and only question in which the body of people are interested, and we, therefore, decline to enter upon a discussion of them, insisting that the rights of the people shall be protected at this time by retaining what by law reverts to the city and the people, and not creating new "vested rights" with the privilege of public extortion for fifty years, twenty years, or any other period of time.

It matters naught whether the privilege of extortion and license to rob is paid for or not.

Meetings for the Week.

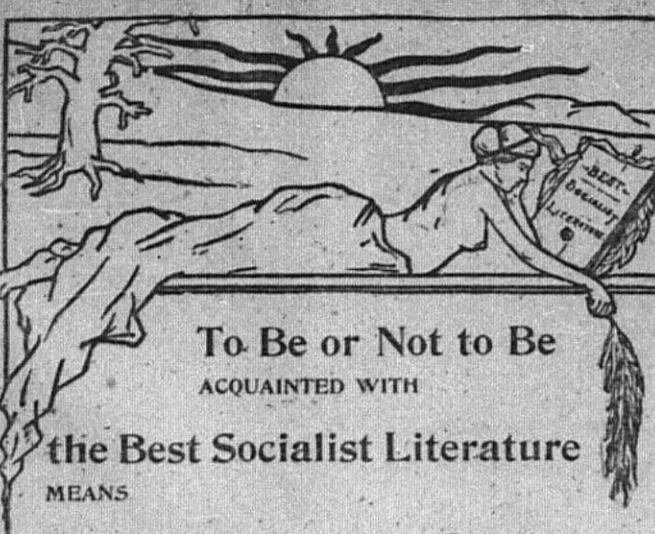
The following meetings have been arranged for the coming week:

- Sunday, 3 p. m., Central Music Hall, Speaker, Prof. Geo. D. Herron. Subject: "The Future of Jesus."
Sunday, January 20, 3 p. m., Sixteenth Ward, 434 Noble, under Walsh's Hall. Speaker, A. Blano.
Sunday, January 20, 3 p. m., Socialist Educational Club, 1122 Milwaukee avenue. Speaker, A. P. Kottler; subject, "Psychology of Socialism."
Sunday, January 20, 3 p. m., Twenty-third Ward, 308 N. Franklin street. Speaker, W. T. Mills.
Sunday, January 20th, 3 p. m., Twenty-fifth Ward, 959 Sheffield avenue, near Belmont avenue. Speaker, Peter Sissman.
Sunday, January 20th, 5 p. m., Twentieth Ward, 52 Wells street. Speaker, John Collins.
Sunday, January 20th, 8 p. m., Fifteenth Ward, Socialist Hall, Armitage avenue, four doors east of Milwaukee avenue. Speaker, T. J. Morgan; Singing Society, 10 a. m.; Children's Sunday School, 11 a. m.
Sunday, January 20th, 3 p. m., Thirty-first Ward, 698 S. Halsted. Speaker, Aug. Klenke.
Monday, January 21st, 8 p. m., Thirty-first Ward, 698 S. Halsted. Speaker, Aug. Klenke.
Monday, January 21st, Twentieth Ward, northwest corner Clybourn and Halsted. Speaker, Aug. Klenke.
Wednesday, January 23, 8 p. m., Hull House. Speaker, J. B. Smiley.
Sunday, January 20th, 10 a. m., Twelfth Ward, 1009 W. Madison street. Speaker, F. G. Strickland. Single School.
Thursday, January 24th, 8 p. m., Miller's Night School of Political Economy, Schiller Building, 103 E. Randolph street.
Thursday, January 24th, 8 p. m., Thirty-first Ward, 698 S. Halsted. Speaker, J. Wanhope.
Friday, January 25th, 8 p. m., Fifteenth Ward, Socialist Hall, Armitage and Milwaukee avenues. Speaker, A. M. Simons.
Friday, January 25th, 8 p. m., Fourteenth Ward, Hinckman's Hall, 354 W. Division street. Speaker, John Collins.
Friday, January 25th, Second Ward, Freiberg's Hall, Twenty-second near State. Speaker, Aug. Klenke.
Friday, January 25th, 8 p. m., Twenty-first Ward, Garfield Turner Hall, Laramie and Garfield. Speaker, A. Blano.
Saturday, January 19th, 8 p. m., Miller's Night School of Political Economy, 698 S. Halsted street.

The Socialist Chorus

every Sunday, 1003 W. Madison street, corner Western avenue.
Next Sunday, January 20, address by Fred'k G. Strickland; music by the Schubert Quartette.
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The first number in the hall, was a selection by the Schubert String Quartette. Each original member of this quartette was present: G. Frederic Kellogg, Jesse V. Stevens, W. H. Kellogg and Dauphin H. Kuylog. Each player is an expert and their harmony is fine. New members were secured for the Twelfth and Thirteenth Ward branches and a number of subscriptions to the Workers' Call were taken.
Comrade Strickland spoke on "Slavery, Ancient and Modern." He will speak next Sunday on "The New Politics, a Class-conscious movement."
Comrades, this meeting is held at an hour when any of you can attend. Seats reserved free if you come early and sit down on them. All the chairs were taken at the last meeting.
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