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"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:

of labor interests involved, respectfully FRANCHISE." submits for your consideration the fol-

First-It does not seem to have occurred to your honorable body that your is proceed upon an assumption that is false ab initio. For

Franchises Vest in City.

L. When the so-called franchises exany action either state or municipal, reaction of any kind whatever.

Expiration of Grants.

2. A right of way granted for a fixed term must necessarily restore the origfinal status at the expiration of the the People, 72 IlL, 547, term. It becomes then as though no grant had ever been made-as though the city had never given the special . . From the date the grant expires privilege to the use of its stream. As therefore, the railway companies not lutely and for all time the very day than those of the city itself. their grant or license expires.

Even Judicial Action Not Required.

of Law, vol. 23, p. 975.

Railways' Property Interests Give No Rights.

les property gives the rallway compan-

City's Control Attaches Immediately.

In the exercise of her sovereign right and volition, the city sold to the plaintiff the privilege of this right of way

New Franchises University rights of the city have reat-ANY PRIVILEGE OF PLAINTIFF. HER STREETS, DELEGATED FOR BE RESTRAINED IN ITS EXERCISE TO AWAIT THE SETTLEMENT OF CONTROVERSIES TOUCHING CONCERNING THE FRANCHISE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Railroad Co. Vs. City, et. at., 39 La. Acn., 710, 711.

Canal, etc., Co. vs. New Orleans, 30 Am. & Eng. Ry. Cases, 146.

No Legislative Action Necessary.

5. Hence, municipal ownership of the expiration of the license to the compenies and not an act of legislation cial action is necessary for the accom- will be the same in one that they ar plishment of complete municipal con- in the other.

A City Franchise Merely a License.

a matter of fact and law, not franchises roads is not as difficult as the franthere itemses for the disc of the streets est are striving to have the public imduring the term set forth in the license grant. The supreme court sets this farth in emphatic terms in a decision of ways, among which are the following.

an states emanate PHOM, THE GOV-

Davis vs. the Mayor, 4 Kernan, 506. Partin vs. Mills, 106 III., 60.

Municipalities Cannot Grant Franchises. erty to be used by the city. "Being a mere license '. . . Ithe

city) could waive a strict performance of the condition as to time. The dicense [of right of way] granted by the ordinaped is no more a franchise than lessing equipment from some manufac-would be the grant of the right of way turer upon a similar basis and negotipire in 1903, on, WE THEN HAVE would be the grant of the right of way turer upon a similar basis and negoti-COMPLETE MUNICIPAL OWNER- by a private citiben. . . There is ate for the construction of power SHIP OF THE RAILWAYS, without no authority for the assumption [that] bouses to furnish the power. the Beense to the railway company to vesting the same in the city. The road-tonstruct its road on Indiana avenue ways vest as exclusively in the municipality as though no grant had ever of the whole argument on this branch been made and this without legislative of the case. At most it was but a mere license, and comes within no definition of a franchise, nor does it ema-a franchise.

Chicago City Railway company vs.

Railway Companies Rights Gone.

with a lease to one's premises, so with only have no right to the use of the a right of way-it is merely a temporary streets, but as a matter of fact and tenure for a specific purpose reverting law, they are from that day on tres-absolutely to the grantof at the expiration of the grant. Neither a lessee nor public nulsance or may be held for rent, a grantee has any vested interest in storage and damage for every day that nor claim to a renewal of a lease or a their rolling stock and roadbed remain franchise privilege except by specific in place thereafter. They have no more stipulation to such effect which must rights ror any more "vested interests" be set out in the document evidencing than have saloons in the renewal o than have saloons in the renewal of the lease or grant. The rights of the their licenses upon expiration. There tennel or franchise-holder cease abso- are no interests to be considered other

City Has Full Control.

8. The city has the option of compell-3. Not even action by the courts deing the railway companies, at their own
its conduct of our mail system. It
claring the contract ended is necessary, expense, to remove every visiting of
leases wagons, cars or frains or asiablishes routes of its own just as may
specific period of time it expires at the cuter into an arrangement with the end of such period, and no judicial pro-companies for the use of the property ceedings are necessary to declare it at for the public benefit at a reasonable an end, nor will a failure of the city charge (until such time as the legal granting the right to fulfill any collate-transfer of the same can be effected) ral contractual obligation operate to to be legally determined by an appraisal based upon the market value of the American and English Encyclopaedia, material entering into the construction of the roadbed.

Method of Appraisal,

9. This appraisal cannot take cogni-4. The courfs have already decided gance of franchise values, for the com-that failure to provide for the companles' property gives the railway companies no rights. "It is impossible," says' tion enter into the appraisal, for the that its abuse merely decreases the Supreme Court of Louislana, "that reason that at the expiration of the profits of government operation-noth-such failure should operate to prolong grant the city has a right to its streets ing more. plaintiff's right to exercise the right of clear of trackage or other property, way by a railroad over the public and in paying for the raw material it streets after the expiration of the term saves the railway companies the cost for which the privilege was granted; of removing such material from the or to prevent the sovereign power of streets. Even compensation based on the city, delegated by the state, over the the cost of material entering into the ATTACHING FREE FROM SUCH companies, for the reason that for them to remove the rails and restore the streets to the required grade and condition would cost more than the rails

· New Franchises Unwarranted.

The term has expired. The plaintiff has who advocate new grants to show the lings, of perhaps a million dellars, surno longer any such privilege. The sov- advantages of such grants-the same as though the question were to turn over the waterworks of Chicago to a honesty of mayors and subordinates private monopoly instead of freating still been a profit to the city of millions HER SOVEREIGN POWER OVER the problem as acquiring a title and THE CONVENIENCE AND WEL- have the same rights to the franchise in the rallways that we have in the water supply franchise now.

Giving Away Our Waterworks.

The question, then, isas if we should ask: Shall the city part with bonds to buy the company's equipmen PRIVILEGE JTSELF, BUT OTHER the waterworks monopoly in-1903, or with its railway monopoly? It has the from the proceeds of the operation same exclusive rights in the one that it thereof which must in any event be the ultimate course to be pursued. considered from a similar point of view, and with equal care. Why should we turn over our water supply to private hands, that favored corporations may wax rich on that which is absolutely right of way is a resulting status of the increasing to our very existence in a nopely, which is hardly of less moment in urban life? The Interests of the city

6. The franchises, no-called, are, as necessary equipment to operate the

The Simplest Method.

I. The simplest way and the one that

Gentlemen: In reply to your inquir- (municipal body, it is understood, POS- monthly rental, to be based upon a per-tes, the Federation of Labor, on Behalf SESSES NO POWER TO CONFER centage of profits or a fixed payment. of the actual present worth of the prop-

Companies Powerless to Defraud.

2. If the companies refuse to treat

. May Be Purchased in Trust.

3. Or, if it becomes necessary, a company can purchase these or other properties in trust for the city, to be faid for in stipulated installments covering city shall be authorized to take the same in such manner as hereafter may be provided by law-as by issuance of bonds or otherwise.

Limit of Indebtedness No Bar.

4. Any one of the foregoing plans raquires no additional indebtedness and can be entered upon without any acmaybr and aldermen the entire responmilnes of public or private advantage as our city officials shall determine.

Plan of Postoffice Department.

The second plan is adopted very largely by the postoffice department in its operation of the department.

Abuses of the Leasing System.

And while it is 'entirely practical where the necessity exists; it is inadvisable as a permanent plan because of favoritism in making contracts like, for instance, where the federal governthis way it may be as under franchise holdings, a fruitful source of private profit, the government has demon strated that it is a practical plan and

Abuses in Our Water Department. The millions of dollars worth of water

stolen by public connivance in Chicago is another illustration of abuses arising under public opinion in our water sup e city, delegated by the state, over the the cost of material entering into the ply system. But these abuses are al-ible streets, FROM IMMEDIATELY randhed is virtually a clear gift to the ways capable of being cured in short order by the force of awakened public opinion, as recent events unent the burb met in hurried session and for water steals in Chicago plainly demon

We would not because of these steelrender our control of the water supply which has, notwithstanding this dis of dollars over and above the steals, We wift after 1903 not to mention the more satisfactory and cheoper supply of water which in would not warrant.

5. We may be authorized to issue and pay both principal and interes

Leasing the Franchises.

4. Or we may, through fesing the main advantage of municipal ownerlease out the franchise to the highest bidder for a specified time. This, cured by indignant public opinion however, in reality, is not ununicipal short order. And any mayor or public ownership, but merely a shifting of the official refusing to give better service has the presence of municipal owner- tribution at the hands of the toters suming the character of short leases or ality leases, and they may be for a be made for the accommodation of the without compensation to the city. Hence, to a large extent, leasing the lines is merely a shift in the nature of the tenure, making more frequent the odle. The only real municipal owner-ERNMENT OR THE SOVERERGY most naturally recommends freely to the chief plan of furnishing POWAR - ove . their existence to a public-approval under our present legal water - multiplat ownership in the ordinance lot a cityl comes within equipment from the present holders for falct and is the only cointin of the local field of the city to take the contract of the con

on the cars, a charge over and above to fereign capitalists who perform no the value of their ride, to be paid into real service for their returns. And, giv-the public treasury to relieve large ing more than due weight to the far-2. If the companies refuse to treat amount in taxes. Such a procedure is FERABLE TO GIVE THE MILLIONS upon a reasonable basis; arrange for unconstitutional and an abuse of the AWAY TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO power of direct taxation that should not be tolerated for a moment.

Workingmen Pay Landlerds! Taxes.

let them do it outright and direct and as a matter of fact 19 not necessary not under the guise of a public benefit we submit that it is better to be wasted in Chicago than by foolish codfish arises. pose as public benefactors.

Compensation a Method of Fraud.

The demand for compensation is, under the surface, merely-the demand of the downtown impliores for a share in the amount extorted from the people by the franchise holders.

Selling Away the Peoples' Rights.

Compensation, therefore, is a method of robbery under the form of law; and tion of the state legislature. They place the public official who would give away the whole solution of the railway problem in our own hands and put upon the the companies paying a few influential men's taxes under the name of comshally for any ill-advised action that pensation, is merely a cheap pretender may be taken during the next few years who, more vile than Essu, would sell concerning the disposal of these gold the birthright of the people for a mess. of pottage and then let another get the

Deferred Public Ownership.

Four-Deferred public ownership is power can more securely intrench itself. behind the fraudulent pretense of "vested interests." If on the expiration of the present franchises there are som interests that prevent the people from enjoying their own, upon the expiration of the next franchise these "interests" ment pays for car cental the cost of the that must be protected will then be of the city of Chicago safe in the hands car over and over again. Yet while in legion. The very fact that the people of any mayor or alderman who does not time will be a precedent that will the public in their title to these franchise more easily defeat the reversion of the here, and now. To be betrayed by a pro-streets to the people next time. It is fessed friend, to be sold by one's own formance of the duty with which he the hands of one's avowed engines. himself is charged.

Common Expiration of Grants Impossible.

Furthermore, it is impossible to fix a time, either in the near or remote futuce when the grants will expire in common The citizens of Chicago will recall that just previous to the annexation of Austin to Chicago, the council of that sune peculiar impelling motive granted a franchise for fifty years. Are the railway companies of Chicago to be Municipal Operations Profitable Despite notified that all that is necessary for hem to do to secure their downtown rights of way is for them to get a legal hold for ninety-nine year's on some branch line and then the people of Chicare to surinely wait for the expiration these ill-gotten privileges for them to assert their rights to that which be- Hours, Wages and Service Superior to Fere. longs to them? The question gives its own answer. The negligence or ionesty, as the case may be, of public officials in extending these privileges, as they have, instead of being made a eason for the further grants of privilege, should be regarded as they in fact are, the very best reasons why no further grants should be made.

Political Influence of Little Importance.

Nor'ls the objection that under municipal operation the political pull s be used to secure employment worthy this kind coming in close touch with the great body of people everyday would be than we get now would meet swift reship-is a pleasant juggling of words in at the ensuing election. Under public -control thousands of voters would not All grants, whether as- have to ride to and fro packed like cattle in and about filninety-nine year franchises, are in re- equipped cars. Ample provision could stated monthly or yearly compensation, public and yet there be a magnificent compensation for a term of years or a profit over and above operating ex-

Penny Wise-Pound Poolish.

It seems abourd that any public man worthy bangers-on would profit to the ns private operation is a thousand ore expensive with poorer serv-

Suppose, for the sake of argument centage of profits or a fixed payment. Compensation is merely a form of robas may commend fiself to the mayor
and the city council, the amount of
rental to be based upon an appraisal

Compensation is merely a form of robthat a million deliars a year went to
Mark Hanna's, if any earnest a
after information should ask you.

and the city council, the amount of
rental to be based upon an appraisal

from those who of necessity must ride given. More than that amount now goes

No doubt Bryan would be coming property owners from paying just that drawn supposition, WHY IS IT PRE-IN NO WAY BENEFIT CHICAGO RATHER THAN TO THE HOME EVERY CENT OF THE MONEY IN If the working classes, who are main-ly the users of the street cars, must or three barons rather than to the mands pay the property owners taxes, many? If money is to be wasted, which

we submit that it is better to be wasted tocrate in an attempt to be semebod; in the courts of Europe.

Meaning of Procrastinations.

Deferred public ownership means a private grant in perpetuity or else reversion to the people only when by progress in new inventions or by the nature of things the franchise ceased any longer to be valuable. After the land had been denuded of forests no one would want and there be advocates of a franchise to cut timber

Only One Ronest Solution.

The only way to secure public ownership is to take advantage of the ter-mination of the franchise. Hold him who advocates 'some other time' as he is-the enemy of public rights-the betrayer of the body politic. At the last mayoralty election all the candidates declared themselves in favor of municinet public ownership at all. It is a pal ownership, even the candidate who crafty, thinly velled ruse to grant a was supposed to represent the interests fr inchise to extert money from the peopie-while admitting that it is wrong passaut, we presume that the veriest
It is merely a cheap man's method of
manipulating power so that corporate stop-after he personally could no longer stop after he personally could no longer benefit by its continuation.

Ownersnip Must Come Here and Now.

The Chicago Federation of Labor and its friends are not advocating municipai ownership in any such Pickwicklan sense. Nor do we regard the interests were cheated out of their rights this attempt to safeguard the rights of the only the coward or political trimmer supposed representative, is worse than who would put on his children the per- to be beaten at the polls and suffer at

Measures to Improve Operation.

Fifth. We are opposed to the zone system, in favor at present of the 5-cent fare and universal transfer, for the following reasons:

Evils of Zone System.

1. A zone system intensifies the con-gestion of population, crowds people in the workingman would have free supfilthy houses and raises rents for down-per and breakfast in addition to the town landfords. full dinner pail. town landlords.

One Fare and Universal Transfer.

fer opens up the opportunity of pretty, operative Commonwealth is not going inexpensive suburban villas, making a to fall into your lap if you simply sit healthy home possible and mitigating the evils of the overcrowded condition

not materially tend to solve the labor members of parliament. problem. Instead, (a) three shifts of workingmen of eight hours each, (b) payment of guaranteed wages on a fair basis, (c) railway lines to all parts of swiftly coming when the emp and facilities with ample accou tions for all at all hours, and finally (e) amenability to public control by arbi tration would do more to solve labor tickets for a dollar or some other questionable makeshift of a similar charac-

Futile Reforms an Irritant.

Unmeaning promises of sterile measires offering pittances to poverty are backs will be found voting for capibut a mockery to wage workers. On the one hand stands the landlord, quick to appropriate to himself through creased rents anything that enables him erty. On the other hand stands the employer, equally ready to readjust wages to any decrease in the cost of flying at his first opportunity-limited only by the effectiveness of the organi gation of the workers; and against the landford even organization is futile.

Employes' Rights a Prime Pactor.

But an eight-hour day at an increased should raise the point that a few wage, will for the time at least enable the employes to live respectably, imextent of a few closs by public control. prove their homes, get some leisure and that the present stage of municipal deiopment" and thereby the operation are clusters, such as the fraction of a superative, when under present con-republic out ht and have right to be.

Pointers

J. Pierpont Morgan is starting the century right by cornering all the an-

The Socialist party does not need any Mark Hanna's, if any earnest seeker

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

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

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

Of course it is the fault of the other sembers if your branch is not doing what it should towards winter agita-

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

rich people are all having the grip while the poor have to be contented with colds. Why this kick on Mark Hanna's ship

Even in disease there are classes; the

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 be

ause 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

The workingman 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

onger 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 carth, but as he owns the courts and

congresses it is only a matter of time until he will take possession of the With municipal gas and street car

It may be hard work to get subscrib-2. A single fare and universal trans- ers for the Workers' Call, but the Co-

nize in Great Britain a more progre sive country than their own when the 2. A fare reduced a cent or two would Socialists of that nation elected two By all means let us increase the

No wonder New York dudes recog-

standing army; then in the day that is city and (d) an improved system Germany will want protection from his The people who are so certain that

tration would do more to solve labor socialism will be a failure are proba-difficulties than selling twenty-five bly of the opinion that capitalism is a ess, but their opinion is not based on Dunn and Bradstreets' reports.

The Single Taxers are running a city ticket, but they will find the rich men who have been patting them on the

Mark Hanna thinks the public schools will always be a bulwark against so-claism. They certainly should be, considering the way the Chicago school teachers are being treated by the capi-

It is the popular belief that the Amercan workingmen is the most intell in the world, but in no other civilized lawyers and bankers to make all of the

The time is rapidly approaching whithe capitalist papers and orators who obliged to attempt to suswer actual arguments of the Socialists arease their amusement of knock.

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ORGANIZED LABOR ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

The complete text or the report of the Chicago Federation of Labor upon the question of municipal ownership will be found in the columns of this issue of the Workers' Call, where it appears by request. The position of organized labor towards this subject will, we think, prove interesting to the readers of the paper from the fact that the question is dealt with as near as possible from the standpoint of the working class. Time and space do not permit of an adequate editorial comment, but it is safe to predict that the ideas suggested in the report will find little favor from either of the great political parties, who have between them taken turns in preying upon the working class of Chicago. These ideas are completely hostile to local capitalist interests and their rejection by both Re publicans and Democrats may be looked for as a matter of course. In suggesting measures impossible of realization under capitalist class rule, the rank and file of organized labor will ultimately be brought to see that in the victory of socialism alone can they be enforced.

The ingvement 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 enormous dividends now accrulag to the owners of the means of city transportation, they wish to utilize for that purpose. That these dividends should be diverted to the uses suggested by she Federation of Labor is a measure which they could not be reasonably expected to favor. The Federation takes the stand that the franchises revert to the city on expiry, without any legislative procedure, and scout the idea that the present holders are entitled to any compensation whatever. They ask that the city street railway system be made self-absorbent, that the dividends earned shall be used entirely for improving the service, increasing the pay of the employes and reducing the hours of labor so that more may be employed. It will be apparent that this disposition of the question lies utterly outside the framework of present soclety. These demands may be looked for in vain in any capitalist political program, and even supposing that they were enforced, the improvement in the material conditions of the working class as a whole would be so slight as to be hardly perceptible. However, the fact that the Chicago Federation of Labor have taken the position stated in their report, affords a measure by which the growth of class-consciousness, and recognition of class interests amongst organized workingmen can be judged. It is probable that no great length of time must clapse before the entire truth forces itself upon them, that in the collective ownership of ALL the means of production and distribution by their class lies their only hope velt during his buntleg tour in that of permanent and considerable better. ment of their material conditions of life.

PUTILITY OF COMPROMISES.

The search for some common ground upon which laborer and capitalist can to be as vain as the ancient quest for the workers are considered fair game a new solution, or rather a pretended new solution, been ushered in with a apparent to both though it is only fair WRONG as practically SAFE.—(Ryv. to say that such result is no surprise (Seo. D. Hervon in Why 1 Am' a Socialdisputants and its worthlessness m to the more keen-sighted individuals on either side. Fellowing the example of the . Don't subscribe to help out the editor iste George M. Pullman, a well-known

railroad president has recently declared that he would rather iro out of busine than arbitrate, and now from the sld of the workers the same conclusion is number of expert workmen in this city, though ostensibly bound by an arbitra tion agreement, have even in defianc of the appointed officials of their union where they were employed, and are still out notwithstanding the declaration of the international president to the effect that they had clearly violated their

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 Steinway Hall as a decided step towards settling the heretofore, unsolved "labor problem." In fact, this particular agreement was eulogized in glowing terms at the same gathering, as an sure harmonious relations between em ployer and employe, and abolish that bugbear of both parties, the strike And get within a few weeks, at the first contact with material interests, the much-vaunted agreement explodes leaving the visionaries who regarded it as a preliminary to final settlement weeping over the fragments.

The so-called "economists" who at tempt to harmonize elements which in their nature are antagonistic, bear the ame relation to scientific students of sociology as the alchemist of five centuries ago does to the modern expounder of chemical science. Out of the demenstrated failures of alchemy however ame the discovery of modern chemical truths, and so out of the fruitless experimenting of economic quacks, the reality of the class struggle as a truth will emerge, and the strike and lockout will remain as manifestations of its of capitalists and laborers, two classes whose material interests compel them to assume an attitude of uncompro mising hostility towards each other.

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 recchoed the the utterance of the rallroad magnate who declared that he would "rather go out of business" than arbitrate. In quitting work, they have actually done o. That they will resume again is of course certain. Their physical needs demand imperatively that they sell their only commodity-their labor power, But nevertheless they have demonstrated the folly of the economic charlatans who insisted that lasting peace was attainable if the patients would only swallow their bolus. Both worker and on that they could not keep it down They may swallow it again, but the tion.won't "cure all diseases incident to humanity," and least of all, the social flicted. The elimination of one of the function is no longer necessary. The statement made by Abraham Lincoln continue half slave and half free still stands good and is applicable to all. That question was not settled by arbitration; it involved material interests which could tion and wage slavery. Their regrets not be compromised. And the issue of will be about as effective to chang today between the laboring and capitalist classes in like manner can neve reach its solution through mutual agreements which invariably disclose the impossibility of their observance. They are merely armed truces incidental to the progress of the class tailing the pleasures of others. This

The game laws of Colorado will be sided in favor of Governor Ho Even should be take a shot at a deer," says the report, the act will, only be regarded as a "breach of court-Workmen who meditate going on strike in Colorado should nostpone action until Teddy finishes his husting tour. There are no "game laws" to prevent the capitalist from taking a meet and adjust their differences seems shot at them-by proxy. In such case the philosopher's stone. No sooner has and Roosevelt has already a reputation as a "mighty hunter" in this field,

It is a strange *superstition tha flourish of trumpets, than it is shat. makes men regard what TNEY KNOW tered to pieces by one or other of the dangerous in practice, and what THEY

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SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

ownership" has a tendency to make some professed Socialists forget that ect of the Socialist move the abolition of the wage system.

"Public ownership of public utilities n the mouth of the capitalist politician. has no meaning to the proletarian who eels the galling chains of wage slavery and knows the only manner in which they can be broken. It is only a catch who represents it as being a part of ocialism is simply lying. To the latter, the "public" is the capitalist c'ass "Public ownership" of this sort, an exist along with wage slavery, and actually does in some countries at pres-

Our present mayor who is now an avowed advocate of this brand of "publie ownership," has been careful to explitty 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. And just for this reason Socialists regard the whole scheme with indifference

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. When Socialists become the publicand they can only become so by acquir ing the public powers-then, and then, will "public ownership" contain any Socialisi meaning whatever,

There is something ludicrous in th efforts of the petty exploiters who feel Lacking the necessary capital to attain this object, he becon working class in their behalf. All their appeals are directed solely to the main tenance of existing conditions, a fact which even if it were possible, would certainly be undesirable from the point of view of any working man who is capable of thinking.

The ambition of the small capitalist is invariably to become a big one Lacking the necessary capital to be come this object, he be ant to the workers for political aid. He calls upon them to notice his impotency, and often makes that very apparent fact a plea to induce them to work more cheaply so that he may be still able to compete with those better

Owing to the skill, enterprise, intelligence and industry (and "abstinence") of the workingmen of this country; anstriking American success has scored. The newspapers point with pride to the fact that the records of visitors at the fashionable European resort known as Baden Baden, show who infest that vicinity, exploiters of American nationality were numerically greater than those of any other nation. We American workingmen are surely pre-eminent in "self-denial" We even feel proud of the fact that we can sup port more parasites than any other nation on the face of the globe, and the pres knowing well our abject stupidity are always careful to tell us joice accordingly. their whereabouts, so that we may re-

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. eriminal, mistake," any particular form of property hasalways evoked similar expressions from the owners of such property, and all last Sunday by an enthusiasti: slightest effect. If the overthrow of aspect of socialism. who from time to time will publicly lament the good old times of compermatters as Smith's are now

A Problematical Victory.

At last the "reformers" have The army canteen has been abolished as a concession to the "good" people who find their pleasure in cur time the so-called "saloon element" in the neighborhood of military posts are elated over this latest move of the morality mongers, expecting, not without reason, that the trade formerly carried on by the canteen will be diverted to their Establishments.

Aircady, however, the protests against the bill are coming is thick and fast. Military authorities predict that much more difficulty will be found in obtaining recruits for the army in cosequence and that desertions will become moré numerous. If there is un; truth in these forecasts it looks as it the "reformers" victory may be short-lived, when the increasing necessity of stablishing a large standing avmy is aken into consideration.

The Thirty-third Ward Branch has Stad Shorman Hall, at 5140 Commercial avenue, Routh Chicago, for meet ings during the winter. A meeting will be held eath Saturday night. Comrade Kienes will speak at the first meeting. January 19th, on the subject. "The Erect of Uncertain and Unsteady Em-

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 onvention for mayor in the approach ing municipal election, I take the op portunity to state briefly my understanding of the obligations which de

The platform adopted by the Socialist party in the same convention which conferred this nomination upon me, accept in its entirety, and shall, if elected, endeavor to enforce its provision 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 enting the mater ial interests and aspirations of that lass, 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 ble the use and enjoyment of the full product of labor by those who perform

As a member for many years of a la bor organization, I shall in the event of election, in all cases and at all times advocate and support the interests of organized labor when engaged in economic strife with the capitalist class to the extreme limit of such power a I may possess.

Recognizing, however, that the de elopment of capitalism constantly increases the difficulty of effecting eco nomic organization of the working class, and in many branches of industry enders such organization impossible, I shall therefore aid and assist to the utmost the general body of wage workers 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. With whatever power I may be invested, I shall take advantage of every expression of this struggle. whether economic or political to carry it nearer to its ultimate object-the complete supremacy of the working class-entalling the overthrow of the present capitalist system, and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

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. As a Socialist, I rec ognize that my nomination cannot be and is not regarded as such, either by those who conferred it upon me or by myself. I am merely your representative-your servant, whom you have chosen to do your will. Should our party be successful at the polis it will be incumbent upon me to see that the public administration is conducted in the interests of the working class, identifying as I do the public interests with those of the entire body of wage

Finally, I recognize your mandate alone as a guide, and comprehend that am subject to recall at your pleasure. My written resignation shall be placed in your hands previous to election, to hold or enforce, as you may think proper.

John Collins.

The Herron Lectures.

Ceptral Music Hall was packed again that Mr. Smith has said regarding Mrs. thoroughly sympathetic audience, who Beecher Stowe's book has been repeat- had gathered to hear the second of the ed millions of times before without the series of Herron lectures, on the ethical chattel slavery is still referred to in rassed in size that of las. Sunday week. such terms, how will the abolition of We regret to say that lack of space wage slavery be regarded forty or fifty this week makes it impossible to pulafter it has taken place? Prob- lish any large portion of Comrade Her-

Says: (Enclosed find 50 cents to renew my subscription to the Call—been reading any 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 deliver arms of religion from the wage system of rewards and punishments. We here come again upon the identity of the sconomic and the spiritual life. Where ever we take a cross section of the whole human fact, we find the exil principle of the economic system to be destraying the freedom and calue of every kind of action. This is especially true in what we call religious activity where our motives tooch the low water wark of immorally. The Christian teaching concerning rewards and panishments is the wage system of production and distribution carried over into the the wage-stavery of the human sund. As the economic system is the capital ration of productive means and resources so the religious system is the capital ration of productive means and resources so the religious system is the capital ration of productive means and resources so the religious system is the capital ration of productive means and resources as capitalism sustains sitself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the church sustains itself by the wage-slavery of albor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the church sustains itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sitself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the church sustains itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor, so the capital sits itself by the wage-slavery of labor as the capital sits i cat its libration of speciment means and control with the wage shavery of labor, to the church sustains itself by the wage shavery of the spiritual life. As capitalism from reasons that the first of the spiritual of labor, so the church increases itself by absorbing the economic output of labor, so the church increases itself by absorbing the spiritual original of labor, so the church increases itself by absorbing the spiritual original or so that the same spiritual original or so by its victous shauthers labor power, so by its victous standards of rewards and punishments the church paupetizes and debauches soul power. Fo soon as you have done way with the wage system in industry, you will find it arready banished from spiritual or ethical motives. And from spiritual or ethical motives. And from the soil of socialism, even in its materialistic stages, will spsing up standards of ethical value that will at least prepare us for spiritual decency and be worthy of manity respect.

Tour slavery rests on your neighbors

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 .. Chmrade A. Eiseman 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 husters as premiums. Watch these columns

From Springfield, Mass.

—Springfield, Mass, Aug. 14th, 1901.

Organization has been the order of the day for the past week, and with pleasure I inform the commades of the formation of the following locals, who have applied to the N. E. C. for charters: Modesto, Lompoc, Veritura, Vallejo, Albambra, Long Beach, Farmers ville, Santa Ana, Perris, Redland, Winchester, Hemit, 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. Comrade Burns of Brodhead, Wis. ends 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 prem-

Rev. H. W. Greetham, secretary of the Church Home and Hospital, at Orlando. Fin. 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, spits on his hands and mixes in for another tussle with capi-

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. You can always bag some game.

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 spcialism, 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: for the paper. I regard it as the best propaganda periodical extant.

The Socialist campaign never ends. The Socialist propagandist is a persist. ent, cold-blooded, remorspless animalat least, that is what he ought to be. Go after them boys with rapier and Bring in those subscriptions no matter how your victims squirmthey'll thank you for it by and bye.

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

Comrade Carl A Carlson, of Kewauee. Ill., says: I have received a number of copies of the Workers' Call from friends and I like it very much. 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. rade Holzer is so well pleased with the organ of Chicago Socialists that he concludes his letter by asking: would be the cost of a complete file of In the first case the labo

Letters of commendation for the ably there will, be a few archaic sur- ron's secture. The following excerpt Workers Call come thick and fast. vivals of the Hopkinson Smith type, touches the main points of the dis- Comrade Dowler of Longfeliow, Tex., says: ¿Enclosed find 50 cents to renew

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 jatter ever locked. This has long been the condition of the laborer. He has been

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Springfield, Mass.

Voting blanks on the unity question

have been sent to all locals and organi-gations of which I had addresses, and any Socialist organization not having received any can have them by apply-

received any can have them by applying to me.'
States desiring to participate in the deliberations of the reational council should send in the name of their elected representative by February 1st. Notices of nominations of two sectories to the International Socialist Bureau have also been sent out, and locals desiring to make nominations must send in the names of the conrades nominated before February 9th.

Yours fraternally.

THE SHADOW OF FREEDOM.

Unreality of "Public Ownership" While

Yours fragernally, Wm. Butscher, Natl. Sec'y,

united party

deluded into thinking that freedom to change masters meant freedom from nasters. In the same way he is deceived concerning the government under which he lives. With the coming of democratic and republican forms ofgovernment the laborers have been made to believe that they are their own rulers, not seeing that unless their spinds are free they cannot govern

The result of this is that it is some times harder to make workingmen realize that they are living under a class government in this country than in bility 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. Many who see this however do not seem to be able to make the logical deduction from this that adding to the power and functions of such a government cannot help the laborers. Many persons who would hever think of giving the Trans-Siberian raffroad with its fares at less than a cent a mile as an example of a step toward socialism, although it is govern mentally owned, and probably furnishes road in the world, will still demand that the present capitalist government of the United States nationalize our

railways as a step toward socialism, 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 from municipal or national ownership of any utility they must first gain possession of the government which is to own them. There is all the difference ing for a capitalist party for the purand working and voting for a Socialist "What party to secure the same apparent end. the Workers' Call to October 1, 1900?" adding to the armory of their enemy; weapons for their own defense

This is why it is that even if there was any reason to believe that the Democrats were sincere in their de-

bills incurred for printing the petitions, calling of ward conventions, postage, and other urgent expenses,

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,

Per, R. A. Morris

That offer of ten three menths subster a dollar is still good.

SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE.

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

The following declaration of princiales, adopted by the Amalgamated Glass Workers' International Union of America, in 1990, may be taken as a forecast of the attitude which organized labor will necessarily occupy in the future. It is in many respects the clearest we have yet seen, and its frank and outspoken recognition of the struggle between the classes as the basis for action, is a clear expression of the fact that the rapid development of capitalist production in this cois awakening a corresponding intelligence in the minds of the working. class as to its inevitable tendencies

Society at present is COMPOSED OF CLASSES WHOSE INTERESTS ARE HIGHLY ANTAGONISTIC TO EACH OUTHER. On the one side we have the proprietury class, peasessing emest all the soil, all houses, factories, means of transparation, no object to present the contraction of the contraction transportation, manhanes, raw materia and all necessaries of life. 'In compari-son to the entire people this class rep-

con to the citize people this class rep-besents a small minority.

On the other side we have the work's man, possessing nothing but their in-tellectual and physical power with which to labor, and which they must sell to the possessors of the means of production in order to live. The work-ers represent the millions.

production in order to live. The workers rein sent the millions.

The interest of the possessing class
consists in buying the productive power
of the laborer as cheaply as possible,
in order to produce as much as possible and to amass wealth. The few handred thousant proprietors arrogate to
themselves the larger part of the
vealth produced by the workers.

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

and starvation.

Every improvement in machinery every new discovery of bitherto unknown forces of nature, the proprietary class arrogate to fiself for the exclusive pierose of increasing its possessions. Through this process human habor is more and more displaced by machinery.

chinery.

The workers having become superfluous are compelled to sell their labor at any price in order to save themselves from starvation. The value of labor gradually decreases, the laboring people are being impoverished more and more their consuming power is more and more lessoned, and the consequence is that the commodifies produced remain injoin the market without being bought by anyone. Commercial stagnation sets in, production is decreased, and even partially suspended. The crisis has arrived.

The proprietary class presses into it rvice the POWER OF THE STATE the police, militia and press to project the possessions produced by others, and to declare for the "sacredness" of prop-

while the millions of the working people are left without the means of extense, 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 milith are directed against them.

In consideration of these facts we destrict.

i. That the laboring class MUST EMANCIPATE ITSELF from all influ-ences of its enemy, the proprietary class: that it must organize locally. class: that it must organize locally, nationally and internationally for the purpose of seitling the power of the organized masses against the power of capitalism; and that it must see that its interests be represented in the skeps, in the different branches of the local state and national administrations and covernments.

in the different branches of the local state and national administrations and governments.

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

3. The combat through which they have naturally to go with the organized power of eapitalism leads them to recognize that all trade unlons 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 WORK-ING 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. Arrayed against the power of capitalism and its millions stands the power of the laboring masses, self-reliant and conscious that they possess the power with which to overwhelm their antagonists.

4. There is NO POWER ON EARTH

There is NO POWER ON EARTH largeschough 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 mature is upon its side. THE 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 sired. 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 exed plainly in words, it is neverthe as strongly implied in every sentence. The Glass Workers' union is to be congratulated that it has in its ranks mer Sciently intelligent to see the truth. and courageous enough to proclaim it. The position taken can never be suculty assatted, as it is a faltaful re-Hex of the conditions as they exist to day, and only through the frank recogstruggle as given in the opening seacan labor ever hope to achieve the object aimed at in the closing one.

Seems Rather Queer.

cording to press rep med in Wall street. It is on operate there without the re-

A PROGRESSIVE BODY.

Machinists' Local Union of South Chi- And Notes From Trades Union Journals Glimpses of the World-wide Struggle cago 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. At the close of the business session visitors were inciable half-hour was enjoyed. The officers for the ensuing term were then installed, after which Comrade John Collins, who had been invited as speaker, Reviewing the great inventions and Wonderful material advancement of the past'century, he showed that what has been gained has been appropriated and by the ruling class, while working class has been reduced to subjection. To change these conditions, to gain for labor the control of the great forces it has created, and for the workis the great cause for which all workingmen should unite.

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. The aim of the capitalist is to The oppression goes on. The gover-squeeze out of the laborer the largest nor general has suppressed a daily and possible product and to leave him the a weekly paper and has suspended ansmallest part in return. Political union other for four months. of the working class to secure its own interests must be the next-step. He called upon trade unionists to be at the front in the fight for the working class

Comrade Collins' speech was enthusastically received and he was frequently interrupted with applause, Sevwas raised in dissent. One speaker illustrated the absurdity of the statements sometimes made about the "long and hard work" of the capitalist, by aking up a chair which he twisted cialiste." around saying, "I might do this all day and think I was working, but what would I produce?" that is the question."

The body unanimously voted the purchase of 1,000 copies of the next edition of the Workers' Call. The South Chicago lodge is well known as one of the for lese majeste. most enlightened and progressive of the local unions in Chicago,

M. H. T.

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TWENTIETH CENTURY "MUSIC:"

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

The recent declaration of Mr. F. Hop kinson 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 Ultimate Disfranchisement of the remark. But the mystery is now cleared up. There is no doubt but that Mr. Smith has been reading the following paragraph from the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph, of January 11th, which ap-

Mr. Smith may not be entirely wrong large as it is it would be to the counof Legree as portrayed by Mrs. Beecher resolution and this feeler by Curtis even if it be admitted that the picture as a result of putting that resolution of the twentieth century. The prodigal, ment into application both in the north-we are told, "fain would have filled his ern and southern states and behold, belly with the husks that the swine they would have a smaller house, which did eat," because "no man gave unto being more easily handled would readto satisfy his hunger in that mannet. advantage of the "country." If such conditions are considered by Mr. Smith as a PERMANENT result of the abolition of chattel slavery, he might he aboution of that the Madame Roland, to any great extent to usher in the sleeping stewards of souls, ye sheperds

You could not make the werkingmen of Germany believe that municipal ery hand, yet the man who is not areful what he says has to go to jail or lese majeste just the same.

LABOR ITEMS

and Exchanges, Throughout the United States

AUSTRÍA.

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 canditerest or other. It must not be forgotten that Austria is a mere geographical expression and that there is intense hatred between the different nationalities. In this election these parties have the scabby plutes claimed. made every effort to win seats. Then, too, the government and all its officials have been most unscrupulous in their actions, and in many cases have not only falsified the returns, but have pre vented Socialists from voting. So that, under all these circumstances, it is not ingman the full value of his product, lost. The persecution goes on even in Vienna, where several of the Socialist candidates have had their election addresses confiscated. If that is done in the capital, it is easy to imagine what freedom is left in the provinces.

FINLAND.

other 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 fectures are given, no only on the labor laws regulating the eral members followed, endorsing the relations of French workmen, but also sertiments of the speaker, and no voice on other subjects. These are under the was raised in disseat. One speaker il- management of the trade unions of the department of the Seine. Among the lecturers I note the name of H. Lagardelle, the editor of the "Mouvement So

GERMANY.

Swienty, 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.

HUNGARY.

There is a weekly Socialist newspaper published at Budapest called "Nepszava," (The Voice of the People). The government, has decided on prosecuting it, and the Socialists are deganizing meetings to protest against this action. The police, however, are doing all they can to break up the meetings, and several riots have occurred.

Rlots have occurred at Budapest, where the unemployed have been attacked by the police,-London Justice.

PUTTING OUT FEELERS.

Working Class.

'An obscure member of the House of Representatives, Olmsted of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution last week feet in South Carolina—the home of the which provides for a thorough investi- Bryanized, Tillmanistic, 15-to-1 "workpeared under the heading, "Negroes gation of the disfranchisement of the ingman's friends." The law provides want to Eut Garbage: "Southern colored voters, before action that where a worker contracts to labor Chief Sanitary Inspector Jordan and officer Seth Knight arrested eighteen negroes late Wednesday evening for violating the city sanitary laws. The garbage carrie carried a lot of spoiled mullet from one of the fish dealers in the city to the crematory, and the negroes thought they could secure some good fish out of the trash and were picking the fish out, of the garbage when they were arrested. The recorder fined them all \$2.50 rach or twenty-nine days on the chaingang, with an option to take a whipping; they quickly made up their minds that they would rather take the whipping. WHEN THE WHIPPING HEGAN THE MUSIC OF THE PROPERTY AND THE WHOLES STARTED, AND THE WHIPPING BEGAN THE MUSIC OF whole aspect which is delta is represented by the supplemental than the succession of supplemental than the workshop by solidarity at the purpose the investigation of the purpose that the policy than the purpose that the policy than the purpose that the policy that the purpose that the policy that the purpose that the policy that the purpose that the purpose the investigation of the purpose that the purpose the investigation of the purpose that the policy that the purpose that the purpose the investigation of the purpose that the purpose that the purpose that the purpose that the purpose the investigation of the purpose the investigation of the purpose that the purpose the investigation of the purpose the purpose the purpose the purpo AROUND. IT IS THOUGHT NOW senting a higher power, and if he can durity in the workshop by solidarity at the polls: They will see that laws lab-picking over the trash when tion will reveal that the inverses of the bled for and obtained by capitalist law-Torx. PICKING OVER THE TRASH WHEN IT IS CARRIED TO THE CREMA-TORY.

There are many negroes in the city who are said to live in idleness, sating the south's representation of the sour food they can gather out of slop tubs and swill barrels. A few days ago a negro pleaded for employment ago a negro pleaded for employment on by only a few men, and as the rest the sour food they can gather out of tailon will be cut dawn. As the work slop tubs and swill barries. A few days done by the House is actually earlied by voting with the Secialist party ago a negro pleaded for employment by the city, saying he and not for esymptotic such as he could pick from the ground and out of the slop tubs in the alleys or back of the hotels.

Thirty-third Ward Program of this to the speedy carrying out of the capture of the speedy carrying out of the slop tubs in the alleys or back of the hotels.

Word time the membership was cut down, at In the light of the above incident W. E. Curris, the Record's correspondwe are inclined to believe that a strong enf at Washington, who is used by capargument could be made for chattel italistic interests to do any "feeling" slavery as against social conditions as for them, says that the House is too they exist today in the "New South." large and that if it were only half as in his opinion. Southern writers have try's advantage. This is by no means a always contended that the character prediction, but might not the Olmsted Stowe was a gross exaggeration, but have some connection? Supposing that was strictly representative, there is no into practice the capitalists should con-scene of misery in the pages of "Uncle clude that the South had done a wise Tom's Cabin" that can compare for thing, and then start to do the same one moment with the revolting and thing themselves in the North and then fiendish incidents sketched by the Mator even matters all around they could con Telegraph as a common occurrence agreeably put the fourteenth amendmin," but it is not on record that he sty do their bidding, thus keeping the Protestant missionaries are profiting by question, for the must know was publicly whipped for attempting "business interests" settled to the great the poverty of the Italians to make

> The Socialist doesn't depend upon the "awakening of the public conscience" co-operative - commonwealth awakening of class-consc class-consciousness gether much more effective.

Always remember that the main bul-wark of capitalism is the ignorance of the workers. They are in darkness only because they do not know the way out. ing all you can to show then

FOREIGN NEWS.

of the Proletarian Army for Ita 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 is published Tokio, Washington's official chemist's opin-

ion is that the use of labels on bread is not detrimental to health, as some of The strike of the union molders at Fraser and Chalmers will give Carter

ing 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

Harrison another opportunity of show-

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 small business man is walking the plankthat is all.-Missouri Socialist.

The Italian government's latest book of labor statistics says only seventy out of 256 strikes that occurred in Italy during 1898 were successful. Sixty-eight difficulties were either compromised or ended in defeat for the strikers.-Typographical Journal.

Michael Owens, a Toledo workingman, has invented a new automatic glass-blowing machine that makes all kinds of chimneys, tumblers, water botties, electric bulbs, and glass lubricators, and more skilled workingmen will be compelled to walk the plank.

.In a book descriptive of Ireland, there appeared a chapter on snakes, which, from its brevity, has since become famous.) It read, "There are no anakes in Ireland." We cheerfully commend this to Mr. William J. Bryan as a model for his speech on "The Future of the Democratic Party."-The Advance.

Supreme Court of New York rendered a decision that practically kills another "labor law"-the law the granite cut ters had enacted providing that all stone to be used in state or municipal work must be cut in the state. Messrs. Duncan, O'Brien and others will take notice that their good union money was thrown away in the little lobbying game.

Thomas Meredith, of Lewis, Ia., a Populist speaker and writer of national reputation, has come out for socialism. J. B. Gehr, a Democratic leader of Washington state, has done likewise .-Holmes and Rentleman, the chief workers for De Leonism in Los Angeles. Cal., have thrown up the sponge and gone into the S. D. P. They couldn't stand the boss' trade union tactics.

Another new slave law is now in ef-

Program of Socialist party meetings t Sherman Hall, 5149 Commercial ave-

of the Trusts.
Feb. 2.-W. T. Mills: The Socialist's chief from the store where he was employed. He had a wife and child he Feb. 2.-C. H. Kerr: Morals and Socialist's said, and was unable to suppose them

ing their souls for bread! Wake up we The of the spirit. If ye will uphold those other third will not keep the soul safe. body starves the soul is impaired. The soul will go out to those who feed the body. It is dangerous to roo the body below the subsistence point.

Send in a club of ten this week.

OUR LOST "DIGNITY."

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

The "dignity of labor" is receiving everal hard jolts just at present in the to make the executive duties lighter, daily press and elsewhere. The feel- has taken up legislative work to the ings of one of "the reserve army of in- extent of introducing an ordinance dustry" who came into our office the repealing the ordinance of June 2, 1873, paper. It is called the Commons and for work, were outraged by the follow- loons at midnight, and the reason he ing inscription on a card which he had gives why the saloons should be open in procured at an employment office. It that workingmen who are employed

another nail is driven into the collin of cant" performed in a legitimate and business-like manner, and our indigance and found wanting, was promptly point of the employer is to give "unnecessary annoyance.'

The manager of "The Fair" department store also falls foul of the dignity powerful advocate—their ballots. of labor in giving his opinion of the desirability of making \$15 per week in-stead of \$8, the legal minimum for exemption from garnishment proceedings, He is quoted as follows in the Times-Herald of January 14th:

the rub. Anyhow, if the dignity of the erous other men were practically alone liantly by contrast in both cases.

"Confiscation."

"Chicago has the power to CONFIS-ATE, and will demand Ogden plant." The above is a headline from the Chicago American of last Sunday. The Ogden Gas company it is claimed has laid recent deal with the People's Gas acquirement of "property." The charge of others was a favorite one made against Socialists, but it seems it is beginning to lose its terrors for the small exploiters. And no wonder. Their all error, at whatever cost, to proclaim the truth from fulfiling his purpose. cated by their more powerful rivals and that is not in the possession of the last few weeks, are not without so

outh Chicago.

12 A Kienke: The Effect of Un-Employment.

26.—T. J. Morgan: The Future last Thursday, for stealing a handkericlism.

Feb. 16.—Mary E. Coleson. Why Wo
"salary" he was getting. The judge in nen Should Be Socialista. Feb. 23,-J. E. Smiley: Public Own-learning that he was American born march 2 - M. H. Taft: Inevitable 21-ect of Machine Production on Social Organization. March 2.-May Wood Simons. The learning trades. While to a certain exwelcoment of the Class Struggle tent the judge correctly stated the rea-March 15.—John Collins Socialism son why clerks are underpaid, (the tenand the Trade Unionist.

March 22.—A. M. Simons: The Mean-dency of young men and women to prefer store work which they think puts ing of Expansion.

March 39.—(Special , raily)—W. T. them "above" laborers and mechanics; thus making them an easy prey to employers of that sort of labor), he showed The pope complains that "wealthy gross ignorance of the trades side of the the country is overrun with journeyman converts of them.". What, are they tradesmen looking for jobs. Those buying converts? Why, that is trafficking in souls! The Italians are sell- good wages have their unions to thank more than their trades. But perhaps the judge had in mind the idea of scabwho rob even to two-thirds of the he had a trade, n which case he could sustenance, religion and the probably feet exempt from supposed in- lack of understanding" on the part of suif to the young man, seeing that he the discoverer, or an abnormal faculty was addressing a thief. An injunction for seeing things that don't exist. was addressing a thief. An injunction ssuer might properly feel on easy and even terms with one in his own line of business.

"THE POOR MAN'S BEER."

A Political "Friend of Labor" Utilize the "Vice Orusade" to Catch Working Class Voters. The man of destiny at the city hal.

other day after an unsuccessful hunt which provided for the closing of sawas a notice to employers, and read during the night should not be deprived of their glass of beer. Ye Gods, this is We will consider it a favor should YOU notify us when YOU want men and boys in any capacity. It will cost YOU nothing and will save YOU the UNNECESSARY ANNOYANCE caused by the HORDES of insuitable applicants who continually persist in applying for situations they are unfitted for.

becoming the friend of labor with a venguance. It seems Mayor Harrison thinks he can use the workingman for any and all purposes. The vice crusade, started to make political capital among "respectable" people against Harrison, applying for situations they are unfitted for. becoming the friend of labor with a vantage, using the workingmen as the The aggrieved one informed us that lever and the saloons as the fulcrum he objected to be classed as a part of But in doing this he unwittingly lays a "horde." That he was an "unsuitable bare in a delicate spot, the class strug-applicant." he was quite willing to ad-mit, but he falled to discover the true night worker be allowed his stimulant reason therefor, though the card in in the workingman's saloon as well as question made the matter plain enough. the night pleasure seeker in his gilded The promoters of this philanthropic buffet? Maybe the workingmen whom scheme were careful to inform the em- he seeks in this manner to gather to his ployer that their efforts didn't cost him political fold will appreciate his solicianything, but these terms didn't apply tude in their behalf, but if the trick to the prospective employe. So when must be performed with the class the applicant was notified that three struggle for a background the workingdollars was expected from him before mens' eyes may lose sight of the trick-"business" could be transacted, and he ster. Having perceived the class strug-confessed his inability to meet the gle they might die to him politically, terms, the deal was at once declared off. and then the friend of the workingmen Thus was the test of a "suitable appli. will have lost the workingmen, for cant" performed in a legitimate and when they see fully for themselves, what, to merit his title of "friend," he nant friend being weighed in the bal- has been pointing out to them and not remedying, they will see the why and relegated to his proper place, a rongst wherefore of his supposed friendship the "hordes" of "unsuitable applicants" and dump him and all the rest of his and dump him and all the rest of his whose only function from the stand- ilk as friends for expediency," and rest their case with their friends indeed who are friends in need-themselves politically organized wielding their most

Worships the Past. Bishop Fallows says he would rather

take the translations of all the old Greek scholars and other scholars have followed their lines, than that of 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 ANY. ONE WHO IS NOT GETTING MORE THAN \$5 PER WEEK. The WORST Teature of the law is that it permits them to take the EMPLOYER to justice-shop that is many miles away from his pidee of, business-clear to the end of Cook county, and to keep taking him there. in the rut of the ages. Of course ne one ever heard of any enment we might recall that at the time employe in the Fair getting less than of Christ the great majority did as the \$8 per week. They might of course be bishop is now doing-they clung to the produced for less, but then you see ald scholars. And at the time of Co-they could not be trusted. But the lumbus, he was alone in the opinion "worst" feature—the "unnecessary an-that the earth was round. Gailleo was noyance" to the employer-aye, there's alone and Newton was alone and numworker is somewhat clouded, that of in their new discoveries. The humble the "employer" shines out more bril- Shakespeare with his humble education still stands alone and unrivalled. The truths necessarily is head and shoulders above those who cannot get out of the rut, and the men of small calibre of course would rather follow the teachings of those who were their superiors, not being able to see that the old teachers were wrong. It is not its property open to "confiscation" by strange that in religious matters the old survives longer than the old in other Linght and Coke company. Things
must indeed be desperate with the littie' capitalist when such a word as
"confiscation" is used to describe the quired courage he will meet with oppoof desiring to "confiscate" the property him, but the fact that one who from sition from those who are inferior to made the confines of his fat salaried position, eries out in alarm against him, will not deter the man who has cut lose from

the truth from fulfilling his purpose

foundation. The following portion of a press dispatch from Paris, which appeared in last Sunday's papers, goes to show that France has not been able to escape the influence of the approaching "unity:"

A number of prominent society women have undertaken to draw over influential royalists to the imperial cause; and the millions necessary to buy up parliament and government officials have been promised by wealthy JEWISH and CHRISTIAN CAPITAL-JEWISH and CHRISTIAN CAPITAL ISTS, alarmed at the ravages of SO-CIALISN, without which it seems now impossible to hold the republic together. Both the Bonapartes have announced themselves as opposed to anti-Semit-ism, which is necessary to secure the concourse of the Rothschilds. So this then is the common bond

which draws the professors of different creeds together. Whatever menaces capitalism also threatens "religion," and the upholders of both see the necessity of closer relations at once. Who unity of the working class was responsible for this happy result?

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

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Federation Report

(Continued from page 1.)

Shall Our Millions Go to London!

furnished millions of dollars to be car- torted at his peril. ried to London, to tostall systems railways there. The ten millions that Yerkes carried away might today be improving our own system were it not the city, Chicago now has an opportun for the connivance and co-operation of ity to retain on behalf of the whole our public officials who enable the cor- people their legal title in these fran porations to prey upon the people morn- chises. They should never again be ing, noon and night, and then, when allenated. On the contrary, because of they have amassed their millions, carry their self-evident social character, them them away to form the basis of a fund public functions now delegated to priwhere that they may have a franchise time be reassured by the municipality.

Only a Change of Leeches.

And what of Chicago? A new combination of leeches to suck the life-blood the people is sacredly maintained for out of labor comes here and stealthily the benefit of all. crawls into the bed of privilege vacated by Yerkes, and are now attempting to fasten their fangs in their blood-suckmayor and aldermen. What will the people do?

stop this carrying away of vast millions for or not. in private hands? Or will they again extend the special privilege of preying in contained would, if submitted to a upon the public for tan, twenty or formal referendum of the people, re-

As to the River Tunnels.

When the tunnels of Chicago are lowered, they should be lowered to being a part of the system for a downtown subway and should not be surrendered to the rallways to enable them to mulct the city a few years hence. The city can afford to lower the tunnels a dozen times over rather than to make them the price or even a part of the price of the betrayal of the people of Chicago, the results of which will be felt for ten or twenty years or even a century to come. The one thing for the people of Chicago to one thing for the people of Chicago to do is to pass upon the franchise question by and of itself upon its own merits, without having it become involved with any other problem or problems whatever. Side/issues of this kind are dragged, in purely for dishonest and fraudulent purposes.

Resp 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 imay in the future be used in the hands in the formal property of the coming week:

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may in the future be used in the hands of the city for the improvement of its, John Collins. of the city for the improvement of its, own service, for the building of a down-town subway, for the paying of cair wages to railroad employes, for the further extension of transportation provileges and for the enrichment of its own treasury, and no longer as a private snap, worth millions in the market, to enrich a few moneyed barons at the expense of the brain and brawn of the citizens of Chicago.

A Review of the Problem.

Seventh-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 seventh-side of carried in the problem of system-that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system-that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system-that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system-that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system-that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the seventh-side of carried in the problem of system that is, the system that is the problem of system that is, the system that is the system that it is the system

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Friday January 25th, 8 p. m. Fifteenth Ward, Scientist Hall, Armitage and Milwaukee avenues, Speaker, A.

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Division street, Speaker, John Colling, Friday, January 25th, 8 p. m. Twenteenth Ward, Garfield Turner Hall, Larabee and Garfield, Speaker, A.

But concomitant with this development in industry and the consequent concentration of population in indus-

trial and commercial centers, new powers have been born to societs. The phenomenal growth of urban life has made transportation. The old lumbering om nibus, often individually owned, has had to give way to our modern and more economical car systems; animal power, likewise, to the cable and elec tricity, operated from a central power

Mecessity for Public Control.

The self-evident social character of the service can no donger be concealed. In the early days of our modern indus. selection by the Schubert String Quartry we delegated this necessary public. Each original member of this service to private corporations or indi-viduals. We vested the rights that be-longed to all the people in the hunds of few, and who have used the power that money commands to intrench. themselves as barens of special privflege to their own immeasurable profit and a corresponding public loss.

The Usurpation of Special Privilege.

By the common law, the bulwark of -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 highway have been enabled by publy 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 utiless they pay me trib-

olden time ever dreamed of possessing the fabulous wealth that today is levied upon the travelers to and fro in Amer-ics. We have Boshsed the tolimen and the Dick Turpins and they now extert It is time the people of Chicago ceased in honor what the ancient robber ex

Importance of Action Now.

By the reversion of the franchises to which to corrupt officials else- vate enterprise should from time

Chicago's Opportunity,

Chicago will then lead the world as a city where the common heritage of all

Minor Details Merely Divert Attention

Taking up any other phase of the operation upon the sleeping people question would tend to distract the atof this great city. The mayor has the tention from the fundamental and only power to prevent the wrong-what will question in which the body of people he do? The aldermen have the power are interested, and we, therefore, deto prevent the wrong-what will they cline to enter upon a discussion of do? And, finally, the people have the them, insisting that the rights of the power to prevent the wrong through 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 Our Opportunity Is Now.

Of public extortion for fifty years, twenty today have an opportunity such ity years, or any other period of time, is will not soon again be presented to it matters naught whether the privilege

We believe that the proposition hereceive' an overwhelming endorsement The referendum is an effective check against abuses of trust on the part of public representatives and an equally effective power for good when the pople by this means are enabled to giv legal expression to their will.

Respectfully submitted, CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR, Addison Blakely, Bernard Berlyn,

Frank Kennedy, - Committee.

Meetings for the Week. The following meetings have been arranged for the coming week:

Thursday, January 24th, 8 p. m., Mill's Night School of Political Economy, Schiller Building, 103 E. Randolph

Saturday, January 19th, 8-p. m., Mill's Night School of Political Economy, 600s S. Halsted street.

The Socialist Chorus

every Sunday, 1963 W. Madison street, corner Western avenue.

Next Sunday, January 20, address by Fred'k, G. Strickland: music by the Schubert Quartette. Last Sunday's meeting was another KTERNATIONAL

Last Supplier's meeting was another enthusiastic and noisy gathering of Socialists. The exercises began with sing ing on the street.

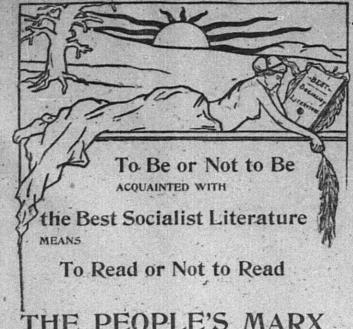
The first number in the half, was a selection by the Schubert String Quartering on the street.

New members, were secured for the Twelfth and Thirteenth Ward branche and a number of subscriptions to the Workers' Call were taken

Comrade Strickland spoke on "Blave ry, Ancient and Modern. He will speak next Sunday on "The New Poli-iles, a Class-conscious novement." Compades, this meeting is held at an

sour when any of you can attend Seats reserved free if you come early and all down on them. All the chairs were taken at the last meeting. We are auxious for the new Socialis

You think we will be taken for the salvation army? Well, no: because we frequently yell, "What do we want



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