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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LOOKING BACKWARD

The Workers Call Completes Two Years of Socialist Activity.

LIVED A "STRENUOUS LIFE"

Retrospect of Events in Its History and the Efforts of Its Founders and Supporters.

Just a little over two years ago this week, several comrades met at my house to arrange for some work in connection with the approaching municipal campaign. As the talk went on it became more and more apparent that we were seriously handicapped by the lack of any means of reaching the voters of this city. More than this there was a general dissatisfaction with the manner in which our national organ, The People, was then conducted. Finally it was suggested that we try to start a paper of our own. This was no small undertaking at that time. There were only a triffe over 200 members in Section Chicago and practically all were manual laborers.

Nevertheless, after much discussion the matter was brought before the Central Committee, and it was found that a paper seemed to be just the thing that all had been waiting for. comrade after another pledged himself to contribute a certain sum toward its maintenance and establish ent, until \$300 had been promised by a little band of less than fifty working-And it might be well to say right here that practically every one of those pledges was redeemed as well as many more made later, and again and

At last a scanty outfit was purchased. the present headquarters rented in partnership with-"The Arbejderen," preparations made to issue our first number. But things kept coming up that had been unforseen, and when day came for publication we were still far from ready. However we worked on until supper time, then con-cluded to stay a little while in the eve-ning, and then worked on almost until daylight was breaking in the East before the proof of the first copy of the Workers' Call was in our hands. And this was not the only time that such work was necessary. More than once has both editor and compositor worked on until the "wee sma' hours," in order that the comrades throughout the country might not be disappointed in receiving their paper.

And right here let me pause to render a well-deserved tribute to one without whose efforts The Call would long ago have ceased to be. To the self-sacrifice and persistent toll of Comrade M. L. Klauber more than any one man do the Chicago comrades owe the fact that they are today in possession of one of the best Socialist papers in this country. With no prospects of seeing his thoughts grow into visible form and assist in spreading the doctrines in which he beliewed, which has always been the one great consolation of an editor or ontributor, he has worked on week after week, enduring all manner of dis-comforts, until at last he has the satisther week, enduring all manner of discomforts, until at last he has the satisfaction of seeing the paper on a foundation, that while it may still call for some sacrifices and much hand work, will never again be in danger of ceasing to exist. And with this number he call picnics." The first one, when the call picnics. The first one, when the call picnics. The first one, when the call picnics. The first one, when the call picnics and the satisfaction of the paper of captures and in gon and poor of captures and provided and them to you concerning for them to dance attendance upon low and grow the capture with the satisfaction of the paper of the call in Mother to you concerning for them to dance attendance upon low "I shall speak to you concerning the capture world. It is an eld subject but the world. It is an eld subject but the world has never been the world. It is an eld subject but the world has never been the world has never been the call of the call in Mother the satisfaction of the world. It is an eld subject but the world has never been the world has never been the world has never been the call of the call in Mother the satisfaction of the world. It is an eld subject but the world has never been the world has never been the call of the call severs his connection with The Call, for the last time all Chica so that it is especially fitting that it should bear some little testimonial to the work he has done,

But If one were to attempt to tell the story of all those who have made per-sonal sacrifices for the sake of The Call the list would soon grow overlong and tiresome. There is Comrade Berlyn who "was never skunked once" for nearly the whole two years, in an imaginary game which he played each week with the general public to secure at least one subscriber. Had we fifty workers like him a Daily Call would be in sight. There was Comrade Peter m, to whom more than any other one man outside the actual staff, was for many weeks led all others in the that since he has found himself ed to the present policy and has We know that his efforts in that line are hopeless and fruitless, and so we can thank him for the good he did and wait the time when he shall be again

ner was The Call established than it became at once apparent that it was destined to "fill a long felt want". Aside from The Tocsin of want." Aside from The Toosin of Minneapolis, which was doing splendid work, there was not a line of clear-out Socialist literature being published be-tween the Alleghenies and the Rockies. The People had become, under DeLeon's guidance a mere string of egolifical personal invectives, as useless a thing for propaganda purposes as could well personal invectives, as useress a thing for propaganda purposes as could wel-be imagined. The result was that the circulation of The Call rose by leaps and bounds. Rochester and Syracuse,

New York, at once realized the exceleagerly. It soon had a circulation of nearly two thousand in each of these The total circulation rose to nearly 25,600 in less than five months.

Then came the trouble of July 19th,

1809, which marked the culmination of long series of abuses. De Leon and DeLegnism were repudiated by the Socialists of America. Then for months the entire energies of the organized Socialists were spent in a fratricidal strife. Then it was that the order went out to "boycott" The Call." At the same time The People, falling into new hands, began to be worthy of the sur port of all Socialists and so naturally the comrades in New York state whe had hitherto done so much for The Call began to work for the paper which was nearer at hand. More significant than all else, the history of the Socialist movement for the last few years has shown beyond the possibility of a doubt that when Socialists begin to fight each other they do little propaganda work. So with hostility on the part of many old friends, the rise of new and strong competitors and the indifference of those who should have wonder that dark days came to The Call. There were times when after each issue there would be a long-drawn breath with an expression of wonder as to whether another would ever ap pear. To make the matter worse "The Arbejderen," at last succumbed to the attacks of those who called themselves Socialists, but have really become the most valued allies of capitalism, and left The Call with a double burden of rent to meet, Still the faithful comrades rallied to its support and finally the light began to dawn and for several weeks the circulation has been increas ing at a rate that reminds one of those palmy days of its early career.

No sooner was the question of De-Leonism settled than it was apparent that the time had come for a union of all Socialists who stood upon the International platform, and The Call was one of the first papers to insist upon that unity-a position from which it has never wavered to the present mohas never wavered to the present mo-ment. In this as on every other ques-higher grades being more expensive, it tion The Call has ever stood for a cleartion The Call has ever stood for a clear-cut, uncompromising policy that would tend to a unification of the forces of the countries of those of capitalism. laber opposed to those of capitalism.

When one stops to think of the tremendous changes that have taken place since that Thursday night two years socialism is advancing. The little of the children is a socialism is advancing. The little of the children is in any sense a "step to movement are at last compelled, out of movement are at last compelled, out of wards socialism," on the contrary it is its growing importance, to active it at the columns. The Record socialism is advancing. The little over have now become over a hundred. On every side, and over and over again, The Call has worked up a strong circu-The Call has worked up a strong circulation in some city only to receive a liftle later "Vol. 1, No. 1." of a new Socialist paper, marked "please Ex." and dated at the place where the large club-had grown up. Then, as was to be expected, and as it should be, all our best workers would transfer their allegiance to the new friend and The Call list would fall off. So more and more The Call has been transforming itself into a local paper, believing that the time has come when every large city and every state at least should have its own Socialist paper. Chicago certainly has reached the point where it can support a Socialist paper, and in The Call it has the paper it needs.

The only manner in which's step towards socialism' can be taken in this divided to the patternost parts of the earth, though I take the wings of the wings of the arth, though I six in hell or make my bed in heaven, there do I had a make my bed in heaven, there do I have to that of the extrement parts of the earth, though I six in hell or make my bed in heaven, there do I have the socialist at the Temple of Socialism dedicated yesterday at 120 south Wesfern avenue. Nearly 800 persons were evowded into the old Calvary church, which has been secured by the Socialists as their temple, and the appear of the weight of the paper. All the stigms of "charity" at without the stigms of "charity" at with can support a Socialist paper, and in The Call it has the paper it needs.

worked shoulder to shoulder, for it was started in New York. Then there was a conspiracy to prevent our getting to on February 22nd, to listen to an adthe grounds, and then there is the next dress from "Mother Jones," the famous one coming this summer at the old location, where we hope all the comrades can get together once more for united

and sacrifices the future promises to be atory told of the rising dawn of so-a time of growth and victory. To one claims, and the passing away of the who has watched the growth and development of the Socialist movement in present the enthusiasm of the audience else, and that Is that increase in membership, growth in activity, and the the study of the life conditions of such building up of Socialist interest, votes a large section of our laboring populaand enthusiasm, follows the circulation tion as the anthroite coal miners, is Chicago and mark upon it those centers outlined the territory, in which the greatest activity is going on today. The moral is so plain that be who runs

The comrades of the Socal Demo eratic party of St. Paul, Minn., will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Paris Commune, on Sunday, March 19th, 3 p. m., at Pfeifer's Hall, corner Eighth and/Wabasha. There will be a program from 2 to 6 p. m., and dancing afterwards. Tickets will be sold at 25 ents each, and a large attendance is

A CONVENIENT LIMIT CAPTURES A CHURCH

Circumscribed.

Schools Are to Be Supplied in the First Four Grades Only.

Under present conditions the question the possibilities of the future.

children to the first four (the primary), undoubtedly be felt at the ballot box grades. They admit that the purchase in April. of text books by the parents of these | The location of the new Temple of whildren is often burdensome, and so Socialism is the old church building at the Chicago School Board, which is the 120 South Western avenue, a few doors instrument they use in controlling public south of Madison street. The seating the south of Madison street, The seating the south of Madison street. FIRST FOUR GRADES ALONE.

property owner, recoiling in horror at the very idea.

It is only the most superficial obago, he cannot deny that the cause of nishing of free text books in the first server who would say that this furdecidedly a capitalistic step, and calculated solely in the interest of the

The only manner in which a step to-

B. Berlyn.

Hear " Mother Jones."

An audience of six thousand gathered in the Grand Central Palace, New York, so that even standing room was hardly eloquent and impassioned burst of ormurderous capitalist civilization of the knew no bounds. The many years which "Mother Jones' has devoted to sufficient guarantee that she knows wheerof she speaks.

But One Week Left.

You will take notice that the signa-

tures necessary to get on the official wards, are not showing up to a very promising manner.

A good deal of hustling MUST BE DONE between now and the week left. Hoping to hear from you with GOOD. SIZED LISTS, we are

The Executive Committee, "
Per A. Kienke, Organizer.

If you are not a regular subscriber to

Education of Future Wage Slaves West Side Socialists Open New Headquarters.

STOPS AT PRIMARY GRADES. DEDICATION OF THE "TEMPLE"

Why Free Text Books in the Public Prof. Geo. D. Herron Makes the Inaugural Address Before a Densely Crewded

Andience.

Last Sunday was a banner day for of "Free Text Books "In the public the Socialists of the West Side. It was have their offspring equipped as far as ist movement in Chicago cannot be possible with the accumulated knowl-edge of the ages, in order that they of a great increase in activity among might be able to meet and understand the comrades of the West Side, and it the possibilities of the foture. has aroused an interest in the cause But the object of the capitalist class among people who have heretofore on this question is entirely different, had only a very incomplete and They desire that the education of the mistaken impression of the Socialist children of the workers shall be limited movement. The splendid campaign of

education, decides that free text capacity is about 600. It has been vaooks shall be furnished to pupils in the cant for several months and when the comrades of the Thirteenth, Fourteen The books necessary for a single pupil and Twentieth wards joined, together in these grades cost about 50 or 60 cents for agitation purposes they were imper year, but when the child of work-ing class parents, whom they admit are agitation. Acordingly it was secured too poor to pay the 50 or 60 cents, completes the course and is ready for the
higher grades, capitalism practically
declares that it is now time for him to go to work, to enter the competitive interested as headquarters for regular

> At the meeting last Sunday Comrade Geo. D. Herron delivered an eloquent artress. The following account of the preeting and the address appeared in last Monday's Record, and will serve our purpose in two ways. Besides being an excellent, though rather highly colored account of the event, it likewise

... Though I take the wings of the

but the process of creation is yet to be. We shall never have a created world until we are able to adjust these raw materials to the everlasting and all-pervading principle of co-operation. The world refuses to be made by a rulling or religious class. It will never be made by a rulling or religious class. It will never be made until all men work together. "There is no sense in the present world in which the majority is working in want for the support of the idle few. There, is enough in the world to give plenty to all. We are slowly learning of nations what is equally true of men that no pistion can prosper at the expense of another nation without taking to itself the elements of its own destruction.

"In my travels throughout the world I have risked my life among wild people, in order to find a place free from the capitalistic system. I found the Standard Oil company everywhere, grinding the people and subverting governments to its purposes. I learn that the late extradition treaty between the United States and Russia, which was rushed through congress, had beneath, it the ownership of the Russian oil fields. I found that the company that corrupts legislatures at home buys, governmental favors abroad. I found the American capitalist everywhere, but building more wisely than he knows.

"This capitalistic system is solidifying the working people of the entire world and eyen the laborers of Japan are awakening to the questions of socialism. It but needs faith in a single city now to fire the world and bring about the regeneration, to make men realize that where one man rises to success millions go down to misery.

"That is what they call the survival of the fittest! Are they the fittest! With all reverence, I say pij Gould against Jesus in this contest of civilization and tell me which will survival of the fittest! Are they the fittest! With all reverence, I say pij Gould against jesus in this contest of civilization and tell me which will survival of the fittest! Are they the fittest!"

"Gould, shouted a man in

"Professor Herron then continued:
"Socialism comes to make actual the dreams of the saints, the prophets and the philosophers. To make a world where there will be the heaven that the priests and he politicians have promised in some far-off millenium. It comes after a winter of sorrow to bring inspiration to labor, to labor which is worship.

bring inspiration to labor, to labor which is worship,
"I call upon you, the Socialists of this city by the inland sea, this city in which the military force of brutal capital has terrorized labor as in almost no other city, to stand firm for the cause of socialism. Stand until you possess the city in a community of rights, until Chicago shall be light to the world."

At the meeting Sunday morning Comrade F. G. Strickland delivered an excellent dedicatory address. grom for next Sunday, and for each succeeding Sunday until further notice, schools is a matter, in which it is not the occasion of the dedication of the is as follows: Secialist Sunday School, to be denied, the working class have new Temple of Socialism at 120 South 9:30 a, m.; lecture and chorus, 10:30 a, considerable interest. There are few Western avenue. The importance of amongst them who do not aspire to this step in the progress of the Social-auspices of the Social Crusade, 8 p. m. auspices of the Social Crusade, 8 p. m. A regular Socialist party agitation meeting will be held every Tuesday night at 8 p. m. There is a free reading room in connection with the temple

which will be open every evening.
In addition to these meetings the va rious ward branches interested in the Socialist Temple hold their regular meetings as follows: Thirteenth ward, of the lowest aspiration. Therefore, is a source of inspiration to those who understanding that 'knowledge is power." they, by indirection, strive to confine the education of the working class every Wednesday at 8 p. m., Socialist Temple: Fourteenth ward, every Friday at 8 p. m., Socialist Temple, southeast Thursdays at 8 p. m., Socialist Temple; Thirty-fifth ward, first and third Fridays, at Liberty Hall, corner Chicago

Vote for labor's candidate for mayor.

Must Distribute Them.

The Campaign Leaflet No. 1, published by the Executive Committee, can be procured at 36 N. Clark street, office being widely distributed, the branche designated having taken the following number: Second ward, 1.000; 4th, 2,000; 8th, 2,000; 6th, 2,000; 11th, 2,000; 12th, 2,000; 12th, 2,000; 12th, 4,000; 12st, 5,000; 22nd, 2,000; 23rd, 1,000; 25th, 5,000; 35th, 2,000; 21st, 2,000; and 38th, 5,600.

A total of nearly \$6,000 have thus been ent branches. Now is the proper time to circulate these leaflets.

The price is 40 cents per thousand. Two thousand circulated in your ward

Let this notice be made a special order of business in your branch meeting. Hoping you will act promptly and quickly, we are

Fraternally.

Pointers

The spring campaign will be what

Has Sampson really slain bimself with his own jawbone?

Mayor Harrison favors municipal wnership-twenty years hence.

Will a "business administration" help

your "business" of hunting a job? Chicago can be the hanner city for ocialism in America by a little extra

If you want to know what the Social-

sts would do if in power, look at France. That strong opposition to the billion-dollar steel trust will probably be found

to be too strong to work,

The least you can do is to let everybody in your neighborhood know that John Collins is a candidate.

We promised to free Cuba, but as the apitalists want to exploit it the proposition becomes quite different.

The enemy has plenty of money. The Socialists must depend on the nickels and dimes of the members. Send them

The Morgan that Admiral Saropson alludes to as having "no social stand-ing" must not be confounded with J. Pierpont of that lik.

The chances are that if you send a Socialist paper to a friend it will make a convert of him, and think how happy that would make you.

The man who cannot make a speech can circulate a petition. The work of the speaker is not effective unless the candidate gets on the ballot.

Enlistments for our new army are slow, The young men are staying at home to watch Prick's 120,000 job if the latter should get tired and quit. In the fight against the Building

Trades Council it looks as if the con-tractors and newspapers had been try-ing to pound class-consciousness into the workingmen.

Democratic politicians are afraid Harrison will lose the "labor" vote but they need not lose sleep over it. The "labor" vote has not grown as wise as

There is no danger of going to sleep if you attend the Socialist church on the West Side. If anyone should chance to get drowsy Comrade Strickland would at once call for the party yell and wake him up.

Being inhabited largely by laboringmen Johany Powers' ward should re-turn a Socialist to the council before many years. Perhaps Powers in retir-ing is wise enough to read the handwriting on the wall.

And All in Twenty-four Hours!

From Chicago Tribune, February 28:-CHICAGO NEVER

Saturday's Presperity.

ance Than Ever in the City's History.

ALL SHARE PROSPERITY.

Big Concerns and Individuals Have Cash, While Few Want to

MANY POOR SEEK AID

SO RICH AS NOW Cold Weather Causes Much Acute

Bank Statements Show Larger Bal- Needy Familles Forced to Apply for Food and Fuel.

> Charity Organizations Hard Pressed to Supply Demand.

> Strikes and Labor Troubles Said to Be Responsible for Poverty,

Larders of Relief Societies Almost

WHAT THE FIGURES REVEAL. Money and Provisions Are Desired to Keep the Relief Work Going.

Chicago WAS NEVER SO RICH AS NOW. The banks are crammed with money and SO GREAT IS THE PUBLIC PROSPERITY that FEW seem to need it easuigh to pay even the low rates of interest that pravail. The surplus wealth belongs not only to the big scenterns which carry their accounts with the national hanks, but to the insulant to the companies of the conterns which carry their accounts with the national hanks, but to the insulant to the companies of the conterns which carry their accounts with the national hanks, but to the insulant time in many winters that there has been such a LARGE AMOUNT OF POVERTY and everything is being men and everything is being done to help the needy and the suffering.

(These headlines and opening paragraphs are taken literally from

THE WORKERS' CALL.

Saturday så 34 M. Clark St., Chi at the postoffice at Chicage, Ill., as mall the second class. There's Gall is published for and mader refer to Local Chicage of the secjaint Chicage, a corporation without mark whole revenue of which must be exalist propagandz. may be made by postemes oney order or bank draft.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

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Contributions and tiens of news concerning the ner movement are requested from our readers. wer contribution must be accompanied by the me of the writer, not accessarily for publication, I as an evidence of good faith.



SOCIALIST PARTY MUNICIPAL

For Mayor-JOHN COLLINS. For City Clerk-F. G. STRICKLAND. For City Attorney-M. H. TAFT. Lor City Tressurer-D. H. DALY.

THE SECOND MILESTONE.

On the front page at the top of the left hand corner of this issue of the do not pretend that this inscription is apitalist journals vaguely designate as the "reading public," but we assume that to the entire body of Call readers It has more or less interest and we as sinall group of comrades in this city is is of more than passing importance.

a theatrical term, making "positively its last appearance." In the next issue its place will be occupied with the legend: THIRD Year-Whole Number 103, from which the intelligent reader will doubtless infer that we are attempting to apprise him of the fact that the Workers' Call has completed Its second year of existence with the

And upon the front page may also aforesaid inscription, a vivid and interesting account of the struggles, trials and tribulations to which this journalistic infant has been subjected since birth, a record of triumph over difficulties beside which Mr. Roosevett's conception of "the strenuous life" apars as easy as rolling off a log.

And in this account there is no er attended at the birth throes of this nded during its first year of infancy Most of the comrades alluded to in the

So far, the growth of the paper has been evidenced only in its increased circulation-in an expanding subscription list. This has been due to our norgetic hustlers in Chicago and elsewhere, and while exceedingly gratifying, cannot be justly considered an outward and visible sign of growth. The physical bulk of the infant is yet the ne as at birth. There is nothing in its outward appearance to denote th fact that it is fully two years old. This must be remedied, and it is up to us to adopt a policy of expansion for that

We therefore take much pleasure in cing to our subscribers, agents and the comrades generally, that it has been determined to overstep the boundary line and benevolently assimilate extra territory to the extent of one on per page. The next issue of the orkers' Call will appear as a SEVEN-COLUMN paper.

of General Lawton's widow to \$50 th, and at the same time appre-\$150,000 for the expenses of ew gun. Lawton, (who died line), may be considered leave behind are reduced to pov-

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

ol of Social Economy in Chicago Valuable Training Ground for Socialist Agitation.

The Workers' Call has given its as proval and support to the work of Wal er Thomas Mills in his Chleago Schoo of Social Economy from the beginning of his work. The school has advanced to a point now where it seems to us something more direct and definit ought to be said concerning this under taking than has yet been said by any of the Socialist papers.

. His course of twenty lessons in his night school in this city is now mor than half finished. Those who hav been following the course thus far ere in a position to judge of its value as training school for Socialist workers The highest words of praise that car be spoken are found in the fact that while the students include those who have made a special study of thes questions for years, together with man; who are making their first attempt at this time, and besides include persons with all degrees of historical and scientific training, there is not a single in stance of disappointment or complaint

The school is made up of busy people and not infrequently night work has compelled an irregular attendance, but ven when taken out of their connection the lessons have been so full of information and the conclusions so evident and of so great value to socialism that these night workers are as enthusiastic as the rest.

We have had an opportunity to ex amine the first two printed lessons to be used in the correspondence work, and we do not hesitate to say that if you are anxious to get the argument for our cause so arranged in your mind as to make evident the logical necessity for socialism from every possible standpoint, if you wish to plainly see that the whole story of civilization is but the story of the development of socialism, and if you wish to get these things so fixed in your mind that you can be them on any and all occasions, then you cannot afford to miss the opportunity to take these lessons by corre

One good feature of the work is the care with which the facts have been esson alone twenty-eight different refgrences given in the foot notes to the ources of information, and all are from the works of those who are widely rec-ognized as the most reliable writers on the subjects concerning which informstion is sought. It is no small matter to use, the conclusions of ripest scholar- for a recognition amongst the worker ship on topics in any way related to of the destined mission of their class socialism. But the real service of Com-rade Mills is in taking these facts of modern scholarship and delivering prepare to cope in the near future with them from the useless chaos in which the investigators have left them, so far as making use of them in the social be found, directly underneath the discussion is concerned. Comrade Mills is marshalling them for real service. He is putting them into a logical order so that the great events of history and the great discoveries of modern science seem to join hands in the defense ocialism as if modern scholarship had done its work for no other purpose.

Comrade J. B. Smiley, who is himsel ne of the best-read men in the Socialist movement, is one of the board of examiners in this course. He is regularly ing finished more than half of the night hool work, and after he had examined the first printed lesson for the correspondence work he wrote to Comrade

Most of the comrades alluded to in the sketch, are still in the city, and they will recognize its truthfulness from memory.

And so the Workers' Call' is still in the field—cill on the firing line—and all the time striving and thriving and growing, and—well, yes, we may as well say it, for there are occasions—blowing. For if there are none to celebrate the auspicious anniversary we have determined to do it ourselves.

We firmly believe in a policy of expansion—for the Workers' Call.

Mills as follows:

Dear Mr. Mills:—When you first out—lined to me your course of lessons in social economy it, impressed me as being an admirable thing. As time has gone on and I have watched the way in which you have carried out the olan I am more and more convinced of its value. I have just been looking over underly out the whole course in this way carry out the whole course in this way contain a perfect mine of information and facts for the use of the Socialization work. Yours sincerely, Yours s

The Workers' Call wishes to say again that it gives its unqualified support to this school and wishes to as sure the Socialist press and the Socialist workers everywhere that they can make no mistake in doing the same each week in study you should send in your application at once and commence this work. If you cannot do so you can render our cause no better service than to look up some comrade who can and persuade him to do so.

Labor Legislation Rejected.

An attempt made last week to have t bill passed in the interest of labor or ingly by the class-conscious tools of capitalism of which congress is compored. The bill sought to limit th neaning of the word "conspiracy" as the use of injunctions as applied to disputes between laborer and capitalist. It is stated that its defeat caused "con4 siderable agitation in labor circles," but this agitation will be as nothing to that which will ensue when the worker earn that Tlaws" are made and en The agitation will then take or

"There is trouble brewing in the So lai-Democratic party in Germany. says the Chicago Dally News. There i undoubtedly. But what the Daily New didn't tell its readers was that the "brew" is intended solely for capitalis consumption.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

A census statistician employed in Cincinnati has been recently engaged in finding out something of the statistics of work and flying amongst the la-boring masses of that city, and has reported that he has discovered families whose daily expenses for food were less than 7 cents per individual. As the average food expenses of convicts are considerably over three times this ple. (who are described as all working hard), might better their condition by omething which would them in the penitentiary, as there doesn't seem to be much virtue in acquiring a reputation as "law abiding citizens" on 7 cents per day.

Long before it was at all certain that Counsul Wildman had been lost in the wreck of the city of Rio Janeiro, a half dozen applicants for his position were filed in Washington. Let's see. Wasn't it said to be a peculiarity of Republican administration that sunder its regime the "job would seek the

Fitzhugh Lee, it is reported, will shortly return to Cuba to look after the interests of a big Cuban-American land syndicate, of which he has been appointed president. Now if we suitably provided for, the Cuban question might be regarded as having reached a satisfactory conclusion.

·Harrison says that it would be madness to bind the city to a longer period than twenty years franchise extension for the street railroads, giving as a reason that improvements in the management are so great in twenty years' Carter H. is correct. There is an "improvement in management" coming along that will easily snap any "bind ing" which Harrison's class may at tempt. It is called socialism, and it will be worse than madness to get in its

The capitalist press of this city gloats over the fact that there are propositions under way for the surrender of There are in the second the Ruilding Trades Council charter at an early date. They may rest assured, however, that even if the charter is surrendered a larger union of the workers Trades Council, with capitalist politics sternly prohibited therein. In forcing the surrender and dispersal of the pres ent body, they are but clearing the way for a recognition amongst the workers the Boulangist Cesarism. treachery will be uselesse

Frederic Harrison, the English philosopher, paid a visit to the Board of Trade in this city recently and was so much amazed by what he saw that he refused to speak. Harrison is said to be a thinker, and the sight of a crowd of men engaged in "making money" of the community was certainly enough to strike him dumb. An article from interesting reading. Possibly though, the folly of those who produce the ma-terial with which these "business" ple," Brussels, men juggle would strike him as the most wonderful part of the perform

If a "just" arrangement is made regarding the extension of franchises, the Chicago City Rallway company inti-mates that it is prepared to invest \$9.-000,600 in improving its road service.

Nine millions, to be invested by capitalists—for what? For the benefit of ing by all young people, containing, as cratic candidate for mayor, is willing to forceful language, and the entire work his probable Republican opponent, is

Can any workingman who has read the statement of the Chicago Federation of Labor on this subject, and pro proves the stand taken, find any justification for voting the ticket of of the capitalist parties? Can be be this? No. There is but one ticket-one working class ticket-the ticket headed by John Collins, the trades unio and Socialist, that he can in justice to himself, vote for. The ticket headed by John Collins endorses and supthe position taken by the Chicago Fed belong to all the people and that what- it as their opinion that George Washever advantages accrue from their ington would be somewhat of a mish peration shall go to all the people, and if that we want no corporations to make that his inability to lie would react adourselves-and own them after they have been made.

Members of a North Side cycling club people, but as most of them are wage | italism having no use for his "unbus ext commercial crash comes, have to hey will feel ashamed of parodying the misery of unfortunate fellow creat.

ONE OF THE OLD GUARD.

Lissagaray, Historian of the Commune, Passes Away at the Age of Sixty-two. Lissagaray has succumbed to largngitis contracted in exile. The disease had been steadily advancing during the ast three months, until the sufferer was almost unable to utter a sound. An operation could not be performed on patient.

Lissagaray died after frightful agones in the arms of his devoted wife and

The old Socialist had all the qualities

He utilized the painful time of the exile for research in the libraries of London, that are so rich in documents of the French revolution. Nobody He was on intimate terms with them. His most hasty work, such as newspaper articles, bear the stamp of inexhaustible learning.

He had inaugurated the gatherings in the Rue de la Paix, where the most eloquent men of letters and politicians could be heard. His essays on "Musset and Youth" brought him renown.

He was imprisoned for several norths in Beauvais with the majority of the sentenced members of the Intercould only be certain that Alger was national, because he published aggreesive articles in the "Reforme," of which he had become editor.

He followed Gambetta into the provnce, established the camp at Toulouse, fought in the army of the Loire up to the time of the cessation of hostilities, protected in Bordeaux against the outrages to which Garibaldi was submitted. Finally he took his place in the ranks of the confederates which he left only on the Pere Lachaise after the last shot had been fired.

He was sentenced to exile. In London, where he was on familiar terms with Marx, he eked out a living by giving lessons and writing. There he wrote the first edition of the "History of the Paris Commune" and "Eight Days behind the Barricades."

Without fire, often without bread, Lissagaray brought this work of justification of the proletarian class to a successful close.

After the amnesty he founded Bataille." His contributors were Jeffrin. John Labusquiere, Victor Marouck and Brousse. Later on came Arsene Crie and Emile Violard: Suppressed in 1887, the "Bataille" made its reappearance two years later and fought its well-known unremitting battle against

Vigorous and well-made, an indefatigable walker, always on the lookout for a fight and taking delight in danger gifted with a superb memory, alert and full of life, this Basque might have aspired to giory. He was endowed with qualities that might have taken him to the highest positions, but a most disa greeable disposition spoiled all his admirable abilities and condemned him to icolation and inactivity.

He should have been one of the workers of the Revolution and he was only

In spite of all this, he served a good without adding a particle to the wealth purpose, and his services may be measured by the hatred he inspired in the ranks of capitalism. He loathed above everything the militarism and the this modern den of thieves would make clergy. His devotion belonged to, the 7 in Baden, 6 in Hesse, etc. There are republic and to the proletariat which he served faithfully.-From 'Le Peu-

BOOK REVIEWS.

THE FOLLY OF BEING GOOD, by Charles H. Kerr. Pocket Ligrary of Socialism: price 5 cents. Chas. H. Kerr & Co., 56 Fifth avenue. Chieago, IU.

the people? No. As an enlarged basis it does, toany instructive and original for increased dividends. Organized ia-bor has declared that there shall be no riage from the Socialist standpoint. The surdicy of the current conception of "goodness" is depicted in simple though extens them for twenty years. Harlan, will be found highly original by those who are as yet unacquainted with Soalso in accord with Harrison, and is cialist habits of thought. It is also also willing to "deal justly" with this bandsomely illustrated with two sets of corporation, from a capitalist point of rictures used as contrasts. A reproduction of Millet's famous picture, the "Man With a Hoe." is matche I against a photogravule of a famous Greek statue, the "Doryphoros," of With a Spear," and a reproduction of portrait of "Madamolyelle Baptistine," one of the characters in Victor Hugo's reverend gentleman held and taught well-known work of "Les Miserables." The pamphlet will be found exceedingly esting and should be widely circutated.

> Washington a Back Number. Police officials, detectives, stock ex-change camblers, mine "promoters,"

he were alive today. They all agree versely upon his-interests in present roctety. As these parties speak from experience their verdict may be taker on the whole as correct. This is preeminently the era of liars and the Hars themselves realize it. If Washing in which the members will appear as could return with his awkward habit "hobos." No doubt it will furnish an of truth-telling, he would find himself could return with his awkward habit mmense fund of amusement for these standing idie in the market place, capness like" peculiarity. Outside of the Socialist movement he would find but.

Keep your eye on your subscription

Socialist Party Platform

In yiew of the fact that the municipal ject. elections in Chicago are to take place 3d. That school facilities be made in April, the Socialist party, in con- adequate for every child of school age vention assembled, once more affirms in the city of Chicago, including free its allegiance to the principles of inter- books, clothing and meals, and that all

national revolutionary socialism. children of school age shall be regis-In calling upon the working class to tered, and that there he a strict enraily to the support of the principles of forcement of the law prohibiting child socialism, the Socialists wish to empha-labor by the nunicipality, the register size the fact so often reiterated, that to be in evidence in all cases of violauntil the complete triumph of the work- tion of the law. That all systems of which our candidates will enforce ac- means of education. of all workingmen who desire to the sick and injured. achieve the emancipation of their class Pending the accomplishment of our by means of the ballot: Ultimate purpose, we picage every ef-

nish support and assistance to all its progressive demands.
workingmen upon strike, and aid them "Workingmen, unite! You have

of Dr. Dupont. He had reached an ing class, which can only find expres- public education, adequate kindergarsion in the overthrow of the capitalist ten and primary instruction be the system, be accomplished, any tempora- first consideration, and that in the essential to a good historian, and his ry palliatives must of necessity be par- higher grades manual training be intial and insufficient. Therefore we pre- troduced wherever possible, not as a sent the following immediate measures means of learning a trade, but as a cording to the amount of power con- 4th. That adequate medical and hos-

ferred upon them, for the consideration pital care be provided free of cost for

lst. The employment of all unem- fort of the Socialist party for the imployed citizens by the municipality. mediate improvement of the condition 2nd. That the municipality shall fur- of labor, and also for the securing of

with every public power which can be nothing to lose but your chains; you used to help them accomplish their ob- have a world to gain!"

FOREIGN NEWS.

Glimpses of the World-wide Struggle of the Proletarian Army for

Hungary. Out of 100 children no less than 38.12 per cent die in Hungary before they are five years of age, and 34.97 per cent in Austria. Infant mortality is great in England, yet here it is only 22.57 per cent; this shows the need for reform.

BELGIUM

Very great efforts are being made carry on a Socialist propaganda in the country districts, and with great difficulty several co-operative societies have been formed. The task is a very hard one, as the Clepical party is very strong in the agricultural districts.

DENMARK.

Both chambers have passed the bill instituting vote by ballot. It is generally thought that this measure will increase the number of votes for Socialist candidates.

Lectures are now being given at one of the institutions in Paris by Socialists on (1) The History of Socialism (2) The Organization of Socialism in France and in Other Countries: Economic Organization; (4) Social Leg-

GERMANY.

Communal elections have been held in Saxony, and the Socialists have been successful in increasing their representation. They have representatives in 145 places, and 279 councillors have been

HOLLAND.

There are 25 states in the German empire, each of which has a local parties in 15 of these assemblies. There are 11 in Bavaria, 5 in Wurtembebrg, none in Prussia, but the system of election there is the most reactionary that ever existed; compared to it that of Austria is democratic,

Great misery exists in the district of Puglia, and the mayors have decided to resign en masse if they do not obtain some help from the government, as they do not feel that they can be responsible for the maintenance of pub-

RUSSIA.

The Russian government has decided that the Finnish recruits shall now be liable to serve in any part of the empire. nant of Finnish home rule is taken away, as the garrisons now will be be sent to all parts of the empire. It is a great shame, but the wonder is that the Russian government has allowed Finland to have home rule so long.

The Jesuits have been occuppying king's confessor being changed, as this A case has also been before the courts recently in which the Jesuits managed who was rich Ster enter a convent; her family have no objection to her becom This is a good object-lesson to the French Republicans.

Closes on March 15th.

and onice at a later date cannot be through with their "consolidation" progether, rolled up and mailed to this the vanishing point office. The supply of constant of the const is rapidly diminishing, only about 40 .-00 remaining. The following branche have not yet secured any: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, secure a supply at once before what re-

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Suggestion for Propaganda

of the Proletarian Army for

Its Liberty.

AUSTRIA.

Statistics have been published relating to infant mortality in Austria and support the content of the c enced by Socialist argument properly brought forward.-[ED.]

Editor Workers' Call.

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During the last few weeks I have been putting in operation a plan that I had hatched out and have found that good results have followed.

Some time ago I began to break the ice in the way of writing my dear old father, one letter every Sunday of from 8 to 20 pages, appealing to him for the future and the welfare of his children in the most forcible and convincing language I could think of.

His reply to me in his first letter was as follows:

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"My Dear Son:—

"Your letter of Sunday, November 18, from Okiahoma City, Okia., to hand, and will say that I have been through the horrors of the late Civil War from 1860 to 1864 and at that time my heart was hardened to the occasion, but year by, year after that I began to see the error of humanity in shooting each other down and leaving wives and children half-fed and half-clothed at home, and yet the politicians and associated press say that when a workingman goes away from his wife and children to shoot down other workingmen and gets killed himself, and his family suffers and waits patiently for his return, they call it "patriotism." I call it cold-blooded murder to satisfy the greed of the moneyed class and their politicians. I will say that your letters to me have been shining stars over the East and will admit that you are more than my equal in political economy. You have pointed out the pathway for me to travel to get out of this misery and worry that I have gone through for over 50 years. You nearly break my poor old heart when you tell me the actual conditions are rapidly growing worse, which shows that your ling is gradually coming downward and lower than chattel slavery. I am a witness to that, as I am in the same condition with one foot in the grave and the other almost there, with not a plece of earth to call my own to buried in.

"But your letters have shown me the way and they make me feel so young and happy that I shall puil off my old har that I have worn for five years, and throw it to the plutocrats soil and show my white head to the word that I am now a Socialist and will work the remainder of my life, and that is not long, for the cause of humanity and socialism.

"Please send me all the literature you can and I will go out amongst the dead

socialism.

"Please send me all the literature you can and I will go out amongst the dead timber around me. Your relieved and happy father,

I have also been corresponding with my brothers and sisters, and they are just beginning to comprehend what so-cialism means.

Let me suggest this plan to Socialists who have relations to work on, and they will readily see its effects to their heart's content.

A Source of "Inspiration." In the career of one Harris, who was recently elected president of the C. B. & Q. railroad, a capitalist daily declares that there is "much inspiration and encouragement for the young men of the country." The much-belauded Harris started as office boy in 1866, and thirty-five years assiduous attention to duty made him president of the road. public attention lately. A little while its all so beautifully simple when you Greek goddess to contrasted with a ago the government insisted on the understand it. Only "hard work, ability and concentration of effort" are needed and the reward is absolutely certain. Yet there are probably thousauds of young men who started at the same time as Harris, who fulfilled all these requirements and are still chained to a desk at shamefully low wages, or else tramping the streets in a hopeless ing a nun, but do not want her to give effort to sell their almost exhausted all her money to the religious order, labor power. But the capitalist press doesn't dwell upon the hard-working failures. Harris is the man just now. If it had not been Harris it would have en Smith, Brown, Jones or Robinson Ward branches are notified that the But it would have been one man at any outside date for filing petitions, is rate. Railroad presidents even now are not particularly numerous, and when Morgan, Rockefeller and Vanderbilt ger latter as a rule remain the same in number, while in the former they constantly tend to diminish. The best that that his ability as a slave driver

Get your neighbor to read the Call. | Are you still hustling for subscribers?

be recognized and rewarded by his

A Lesson From Chicago's Election

Suggestion for Concentrating Forces on Aldermanic Candidates from Selected Wards

since the recent presidential election it than a doubling of our present your is not too late for Chicago Socialists and when it is remembered that we election of April 2.

dates are as follows:

TABLE I.

Bank	- Ward.	8.D.P. Vote.	Total Vote of Ward.	Approxi- imate fraction,
	Thirty-fourth.	631	20,784	1-31
820	Fourteenth	519	14,627	1-20
	Fifteenth	522	15,735	1-31
	Tenth	438	18.001	1-45
屬	Thir ieth	425	21,010	1-54
H	Nmth	300	9,706	1-32
	Sixteenth	927	11,304	1-56
	Eighth	236	7,125	1-35
	Twenty-seve'th	227	7,048	1-29
	Twenty-sixth	210	14,665	1.73
100	Thirty-third	200	9,611	1-48

From this table it appears that the Thirty-fourth ward cast for Debs and Harriman a larger vote by more than one hundred ballots than any other ward in Chicago. The Fourteenth and Fitteenth come next behind, with a difference of but 27 votes in favor of the Fifteenth, while the Thirty-third stands at the foot of this coll of honor, with only 209 votes cast for the Socialist cap-The Tenth and Thirtieth wards deserve special mention with their more than 400 votes each for the election of Debs and Harriman.

When, however, one compares the Socialist vote with the total vote of the wards, this result is somewhat altered. It now appears that the Thirtyfourth ward, with its large voting pop ulation of 20,734, gives to its Socialist voters an approximate fraction of only 1-31 of the whole. The Fourteenth ward to the first place in the list, its Socialist ballots being approximately one-twenty-ninth of the whole. (Figures below hundreds are rejected in obtaining these results.) The Fifteenth ward again follows immediately upon the Fourteenth, while the Thirtieth, with its huge voting poulation of 21,-910, gives to the Socialists but one fiftyfourth of the voting strength of the ward, spite of its 425 votes.

If we now make a more accurate comparison between the Socialist total and the total vote cast in the respective wards, the alteration in rank will be even more startling. Dividing the total vote of each ward by the vote for Debs and Harriman, as shown in the earlie table, the following result is obtainedthe division being carried to but three decimal places:

TABLE II.

Rank.	Ward,	Per Cent of Socialists to Total Vote.
	Fourteenth	
	Fifteenth	.03
	Eighth	. 03
	Ninth	.03
	Thirty-fourth	.03
	Twenty-seventh .	.02
	Tenth	,04
	Thirty-third	103
PROPERTY AND INC.	- Thirtieth	.01

of one per cent. The Fourteenth and place, and the Thirty-third rising to the eighth, in rank. Meanwhile, the Eighth ward, with its comparatively small voting population of little more than 7,000, has risen to the third place in the city in its Socialist percentage falling scarcely behind the Fifteenth both showing somewhat more than three and three-tenths per cent, The Socialist percentage in the Ninth South end of Chicago-the Eighth and afd is midway between that of the Eighth and Thirty-fourth.

ovember rose above three per cent of the whole. But this is a long distance short of a majority.

During the last campaign some Seeught to elect a Socialist mayor in fourth, it has for some years carrie elect at least one Socialist alderman? A single Socialist alderman, sitting and oting in the midst of the common council, would do more to bring the to Chicago workingmen and er propaganda. As in Haverhill, so in Chicago, the election of the first al-

If the system of proportional repre arty platform were in force in Chirago, the present city council retaining present membership, it would be in common but one thirty-lifth of the total voic of the city in order to elect

Although three months have passed | an alderman. This would require less to gain from it a lesson for the city have already trebled it in less than two lection of April 2.

The official canvass of the vote of fluit we could easily win to our ranks Chleago and Cook county shows a total under these conditions enough of those Socialist vote of 6.752, in addition to the who this year voted against us for fear 434 votes cast for Maloney and Remmel. of "throwing away their votes"—to In the nearly 7,000 votes cast for Debs readily give us our own representative. and Harriman, every one of the thirty- As it is, it is plain that we must shange five wards of Chicago is represented, our methods. While the present electhe country towns of the county cast- toral system continues in force,—and it ing 294 Socialist ballots. Yet, spite will plainly so continue till the Socialithe splendid agitation carried on ists get into power-the only means for by our comrades, and the more than a obtaining any representative at all in score of public meetings held weekly the governing body of the city is to during the camplign, there were but concentrate our forces on some one eleven of the thirty-five wards in which ward and from that elect a representanore than two hundred persons veted tive. For practical purposes it is for Debs and Harriman. These cleven probably wisest that the Socialist party wards, ranged in order of their votes should select not less than three of the for the Social Democratic party candi- most nopeful wards, using in each of them, every honorable means at our branch of the Socialist party; holding disposal for bringing the truths of sofrequent public meetings. fallsm home to the voters. Apparent-, were such a plan followed, the three does not however follow that the isest selection would be the first three

Up to this point, the old ward names ave of course been used. As the arey ordinance has now been susalned, it becomes necessary to contruct a new table showing the new thich the Socialist party is most likely to win success;

Fitteenth	New Ward Names.	
Fourteenth	-Corresponding Old Wards	TABLE III
West end, (Redzie to Craw, fortd), cut off. End N. of Diversey Av. and B. E. corner—cut off. Cuts off E side of old Ninth. Cuts off width of 3 blocks. Adds width of 3 blocks. Adds width of 3 blocks. Adds width of 3 blocks. Cuts off. Off. Cuts off east and west ends. N. end, (Tist to 55th Sts.), cut off. N. end, (Tist to 55th Sts.), cut off.	Boundary Changes .	TABLE IIIWARD CHANGES.
Smaller. Smaller. Slightly Slightly Slightly Slightly Slightly Smaller by 2 Sq. Mi. Smaller by 2 Sq. Mi.	Change in Size.	

The new Fifteenth ward is splendidly organized for socialism and has been carrying on an active agitation both did such effective service last fall. before and since its change of name. The change of boundaries will rather aid than hinder the Socialist vote, only cialists of the new Twenty-eighth ward -the old Fifteenth-are also finely organized, public Socialist meetings being held every week. Apparently in this case the change in boundaries will not aid the Socialist vote. The new Tenth and Eleventh wards are both slightly increased in size over the old wards most nearly corresponding. The olumns of the Workers' Call show that here, also, an active propaganda is being conducted for socialism. Twelfth ward is much smaller than under its old name of the Tenth, but still includes Douglas Park and several In each of these hine wards the So-boulevards—boulevards usually mean-cialists cast more than 2 per cent of the socialist territory. Comrades the total vote, with the exception or of this ward will be best able to tell the these of the Thirtieth, who fell below probable effect of the boundary changes this percentage by less than one-tenth upon the Socialist vote of the ward, of one per cent. The Fourteenth and The new Twenty-seventh ward, in the Fifteenth wards head this second list, extreme northwest of the city, retains the Thirty-fourth falling to the fifth lits old pame and its old enthusiasm for socialism. This ward contains more branches of the Socialist party than any other ward in Chicago, . Its only drawback is its thinly settled territory and its distance from Socialis, speakers other than its own. At present it is holding several meetings each week in

the cause of socialism. The two new wards at the extreme the Thirty-third-will probably gain most by the boundary changes, from It appears, then, that in five several the Socialist point of view. In each wards of Chicago the Socialist vote last case, all that portion of the ward north of Seventy-first street as out off, while the southern and manufacturing end of the ward remains. Of these, the new cialist comrades suggested that we hopeful. Under its old name of Thirtythe largest Socialist vote of any ward in Chicago. The comrades of the ward, carried on a constant agisation for socialism, particularly among the em ployes of the Pullman shops, distributing handbills, leatlets, pamphlets and books relating to socialism, gaining subscribers for the Workers Call and other Socialist papers, and holding frequent public meetings. Even the social five case this plan of concentration on entertainments conducted by this certain wards should be adopted by money-making occasions, as was shown in the great concert and built held re-cently at the Kensington Turner Half, when Comrades Vahiteich and Mills led the thoughts of the listeners away from more amusement to the glorious possi-

bilities of the coming Co-operative Commonwealth and do their part in Now that there has been out off from this ward the arge middle class population, formerly at its north end, including the wealthy residence district of South Park and the huge apartment buildings of Woodlawn, it ought to be possible for the So in April, provided only that the entire Socialist forces of the city set them selves to the task. The new ward has before it a great future for socialism, owing to the presence of the Illinois Steel company and other manufacturing plants. Thus far, the conparative youth of the Socialist organi zation in the ward, the weariness o employes after their long twelve-hou day of labor, and the influence of "prosperity" have combined to make particularly difficult. But the ward is waking up; the Socialist vote continue to increase, and public meetings conducted by the branch of the Socialist party in the ward are being held every Saturday night at Sherman Hall in South Chicago. The German comrader of this ward have recently organized on the east side of the Calumet a German

Should the plan of concentrated effor eards relected would fall among the liere suggested be thought a wise one st of nine given in the second table. It will be necessary to bring lo the aid it will be necessary to bring to the aid of selected wards all, and more than all of the methods employed for the fall election. Socialist party headquarters should be secured for the month of March in each of the wards where it is hoped to elect an alderman. Here Socialist literature of all kinds should be constantly on hand, and a delegated comrade present to answer questions at noon, as well as in the early evning During March, also, public Socialist meetings should be held at the ward headquarters on every evening of the week. Programs could be varied by debates with non-Socialists, and livened by Socialist songs. Always there should be the freest discussion at the close of the address, together with questions from the audience. Other public meetings should be held at important points in the ward, especially during the week before election. Less important wards may well spare for these meetings such speakers as Comrades Herron, Walter Thomas Mills and our candidate for mayor, Comrade John Collins.

The matter of advertising is of primary importance. Not only should there be cards containing a program of the principal meetings, and printed on the back with the Socialist party ticket for the city and ward, suitable for sending by mail, but handbills should be distributed at all the stores and public places of the ward, and left on a sinproviously arranged canvass. Huge posters, also, should be pasted on billboards, announcing the principal meetings and the Socialist party candidates. On the day on which an importan meeting is to be held a wagon containing banners and posters announcing the event could be driven about the ward, accompanied by the drum, which one ward, so simple a device as securing the services of five small boys, car that portion of the old ward west of the evening meeting, and marching in Humboldt Park being cut off. The Soof three or four blocks in the neighborhood of the hall-has had astonishing results in increasing the audience. In the house-to-house canvass, not only should bills and announcements be distributed, but copies of the Workers' Call, of Comrade Collins' speech, and of general propaganda leaflets. case the Socialist comrades of the ward cannot afford time for this canvass. small boys and girls will be glad to take part in it after school, for a small consideration, and will do the work thoroughly and well. Would it not be worth while, also; to have the Workers lected list of perhaps five hundred vot ers each in the two or three strategie wards chosen? In this case this tist of names would be furnished by the So ward personally solicit subscriptions from those to whom the paper had been sent. Each number of The Call, during the month before election, might wel Other methods of propaganda will occur to each of the comrades. Nothing has been said of the sale of Socialist literature at the public meetings, ob-Workers' Call and other party organs advertising through newspapers, or of personal conversation. Each of these may be most effective. It is quite probable that an aggressive press comment. Frequently even the capitalist papers of Chicago would be willing to limit when children might be employed print items of news about the Socialvance. Last year one of the local paway an address to the public of the Socialist candidate for alderman, in what was then the Thirty-third ward-a most effective-keply to the addresses

> ocratic candidates. the Socialist party of Chicago, no possi ble jeatousy should be aroused on the part of wards not thus noticed. We are all seeking the same object-the

published by the Republican and Dem-

cialist vote in our own ward then anything else that we could do or that could be done for us. Nor need such special effort hinder the work in other wards. Of course from now till election, at least one public Socialist meeting will be held each week, in each of the wards of Chicago. Meanwhile, each will rejoice in the common work of all which is going forward at the vantage points of the Socialist line of attack, Laura Willard Tati.

Vete for John Gollins, candidate of the Socialist party for mayor.

LABOR ITEMS

And Notes From Trades Union Journals and Exchanges, Throughout the

International Typographical Union ow counts 38,646 members.

"Mother" Jones is assisting the nen and children strikers of Scran-

One column of the Milwaukee Daily News is now-devoted to socialism and is also conducted by Socialists.

It looks funny to see the working

class-"the most powerful because of its numbers"-begging for laws from the weaker class. -The People. The rallway trust is cutting out the free passes for county officers in the

Middle Western states. Now there will be more howls against the trusts. Tobacco trust will clear about \$19,000,-00 additional owing to the removal of war tax on tobacco, which sum will en-

able it to more thoroughly monopolize very branch of the industry. Hon, Emerson Coatsworth, Canadian Conservative statesman, says "the spread of of socialism is more essential to the world's best interests than even

the spread of British Institutions." There is something sublimely childlike in the belief of the trade unionists that their employers will enact, into legislation what the workers are refused in the sheps,-San Diego Chief-

It is said that the name of the new steel trusts of trusts will be the "United States Steel Company." That's all right. We won't have to change the when we take charge,-Southern Socialist.

Brockton, Mass., is the birthplace of still another Socialist paper. The new organ is called "The Vanguard," and will take its place on the Socialist bati tiefront under the editorship of Isaac W. Skinner.

Seed trust has been memorializing congress to cease distributing free seed, and it is probable that the government will stop scabbing it and allow the trust organization complete trade autonomy

Southern planters are kicking. They are receiving only 15 cents a quart for us strawberries that bring as high as a dollar a quart up North. Railways, trusts, jobbers, wholesalers, retailers and other middlemen are getting big profits.

The New York Sun has made a set tlement with the Typographical union and the boycott on the Sun has been The printers are sending notices of settlement to all unions, and asking the members to publish the settlement as widely as they did the boycott.

Carelina report that wages of mechanics in that state increased 44 per cent in the last year, but that the workers receive but slight benefit from the advance in wages because of a proportionate increase in the cost of living. So that the workers really had the pleasure of holding a few dollars more than usual for a little while.

why THE WAGE SYSTEM IS A FRAUD. No workman can part with five-sixths or six-sevenths of the product he creates and still retain enough for decent livelihood and infirm age .-Henry E. Allen, in Galesburg Labor

The farmer as a producer is as much a slave as the wage worker. While he dones wealth, under our commercial system the capitalists fix the price of his labor. He has nothing to say as to the price of what he receives for what he buys. If this is not labor on the suction block what would you call it? -Farmers' Review.

The Bryanistic legislature of Alabama has again turned down a child-labor blil. The former law, fixing the by capitalists at 12 years was surren ists and without adverse comment, if titlously repealed six years ago, and were furnished them vin ad- ever since that time the labor organizations have pleaded for a new law, but and sympathetic into moral monsters spurned them. At present Alabama mill owners can hire infants if they want to. It would be well for someb to point out the difference between the he South and the "full dinner pail" McKinley plutocrats of the North. Democratic papers, please copy.--Cleve land Citizen.

You can't obtain the full product of it can be obtained, until your fellow success of socialism. The section of a workers acquire similar knowledge Socialist alderman in another part of The Workers' Call will help them to

ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION.

Chas. H. Vail. Socialist Candidate for Governor of New Jersey, to His Constituents.

George H. Strobell, Chairman New Jersey Campaign Committee, Social

Democratic Party. Dear Sir and Comrade:-

Your letter of recent date, advising me of my nomination by the Social Democratic party for the office of gov ernor of the state of New Jersey, received. I wish through you to thank the members of the party for the honor thus conferred upon me. It is indeed, an honor to receive such a nomination from the Social Democratic party—the party that stands for the interest of the proletariat class.

The economic development has separ ated society into two antagonistic class es-the capitalist and the proletariat The interest of these two classes being diametrically opposed, a class strug-gle is inevitable—it is the necessary outcome of class distinctions which in volve class interests. The Social Democratic party is distinctively a party of the working class, and is based upor the class struggle. It emphasizes the essity of class-consciousness on the part of the working class, for only as laborers become conscious of their class interests will they unite to secure their While socialism represent the class interests of the proletariat. it also represents the higher interests of every member of society, because it will realize a-higher and nobier civili-

.We thus call upon the working class and all others in sympathy with it historic mission to abolish wage slavery and establish a higher order of society, to unite their efforts to this end. only by the workers' united efforts ligent resentment of wrongs that are along the line of class, interests that their emancipation can be secured. The first step is mastery of the public powers. Political power is necessary to any class which desires to better its economic condition. Political power is the key to economic emancipation, and political action, on class-conscious lines will secure to the working class posession of the key. That the working class is sorely in

need of a betterment in its material condition none will deny. The disgrace of the century just closed, is that with the hundred fold increase in our power of wealth production sufficient to supply many times over the needs of all the people, we have only succeeded in adding chiefly to the individual wealth and luxury of the few. The great mass of the people, when we consider all their circumstances, are no better off today than they were thirty years ago and many are worse off, and this condition will remain until we make the equality of opportunity-a realized present class 'organized 'society Abe great bulk of the people have no opportunity for the full development of all their faculties and powers. We have attained the material basis for the abolition of all poverty, but its realization is prevented by our perverse economic system. Poverty today has no excuse for existence, and would be impossible were the industrial system such as to compel every man to live by the fruit of his own industry. The distinctive feature of every system of social injustice, chattel slavery, of feudalism, and capitalism, is the power of the non-producers to appropriate the wealth of the producers. Slavery is abolished only in name: the fact still exists. No man is free so long as he s dependent upon some other man for an opportunity to earn a livelihood. If It will realize the golden age of p virtually owns me. If he owns my brend or the means by which I get my being. The very fact that all people in common depend upon the resources of than usual for a little while.

If the workingman is only able to dences that they should be owned in standard-bearer of the Social De the own that upon which all depend. I me and again express my gratitude for the facts must be brought to the confidence thus reposed in me, attention of the people in this campaign.

Yours fraternally, attention of the people in this campaign

as never before, also the fact that our economic relations are the foundations of society and of our civilization, while and fruits. It is our material conditions that precede our mental and moral de velopment, just as in a garden the flowers and fruit hre conditioned, as to der ground. We emphasize the material side of life, because we realize that it is impossible for the masses to be moral and intelligent in their present nsccurity, dependence, and expo all kinds of temptations. The law of love and service can never be the fundamental law of either the individual or social life, so long as the present in dustrial system of antagonisms exists -all attempts to regenerate society untall Cormetition brutalizes men and negatives the higher instincts and as pirations. It turns the naturally kind brotherhood grows out of common in could realize the conditions for a noble life by making the interests of all iden The solidarity of mankind would then be realized and with it the lofty The Social Democratic party demands

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voman and child to be well housed, tothed and fed. When industry is scintifically organized this can be acimplished by two or three hours' daily abor, thus giving time and opportunity or mental and moral development. Let us resolve at the beginning of

this new century, that we will more completely consecrate curselves to our beloved cause. It is worthy our enhusiasm and zeal, for it presents to the world the only solution to the vexed problems that confront modern society. Let us who have seen the fight proclaim the gospel of emancipation in ason and out of season. Carry to those of our fellows sitting in darkness the light of Socialist teachings, Point out to them the cause of their servitude and oppression, and fearlessly proclaim the remedy-the collective ownership of the means of production and distribuion. Show them that the old political parties represent the interests of the capitalist class. The petty political isues which the Republican and Demo ratic parties raise are only for the purpose of fleeding the laborers on the one hand and throwing dust in their eyes on the other lest they see the only real issue-Socialism versus Capitalism. The old parties defend the present system of wage slavery and exploitation; the Social Democratic party preperes to abolish it and substitute therefor a social democracy in which the industries will be owned by the people and carried on for use-not for private profit. A vote for either old party is but putting another rivet into the chains of economic sevitude. As Socialists we have a great respon-

sibility resting upon us. Into our hands has been committed the new gospelthe good news for the world's disinherited. A danger confronts the twentieth century-the danger of an unintelnot distinctly understood and awhich could only result in anarchy and disintegration. Socialism, by educating the masses on the economic question, is the only power that can avert such a catastrophe. It is ours to be missionaries of progress and divilization: All over our land, and, in fact, the whole civilized world, the proletariat is organizing under the banner of the Social Democratic party into class-conscious bodies having for their aim the mastery of the public powers, to the end that the present system may be supplanted by the Co-operative Commonwealth.

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LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES.

The comrades of the Thirty-fourth ward have decided to hold Monday eve-ning meetings at the Socialist Temple,

The Pifteenth Ward branch has established headquarters at 534 West North avenue. Notice of dates of business and agitation meetings will be given later.

Comrade Sissman addressed a large reseting last Sunday afternoon at the headquarters of the Socialist Educational Club, 1132 Milwaukee avenue. Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Miss Mary Colson, of Hull House, will deliver an address.

The Thirty-first and Thirty-sec Ward branches will give an enterts ment at Elke's Hall, 1145 W. Sixty-ql

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There will be a mass meeting at For-esters Hail, 6512 Cottage Grove ayenue. Thursday, March 7th, which will be conducted by the new Seventh Ward branch, which was reorganized Wednes-day, February 27th, with fifteen mem-bers. The speakers for this occasion will be John Collins, the Socialist party candidate for mayor, and B, Berlya.

The comrades of the Twenty-sixth Ward branch will soon lose one of their most active workers, Sigfrid Hakanson, who is preparing to make Seattle, wash, his home hereafter. Members of the branch while regretting the necessity of parting with Comrade Hakanson sincerely wish both his wife and himself the prosperity and happiness which they look forward to in their hew home.

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A public meeting will be held in the Twenty-sixth ward at 1663 Lincoln avenue, near Irving Park Houlevard, on Sunday, March 3rd, at 3 p. m. Speakers, John Collins and J. H. Bard. Business meetings will be held at this address every first and third Wednesday at 3 p. m. The election of secretary and two delegates to the Central Committee will form the Important business of the next meeting.

The German comrades of the Twenty-sixth ward organized last Thursday evening with a membership of thirty-two. This branch has arranged for regular agitation meetings every 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at Social Turner Hall, corner Belmont avenue and Paulina street. The first meeting will be held Friday evening, March 8, when Comrade Julius Vahltieth, exmember of the German reichstag, will apeak on "The Necessity of Organization."

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At the headquarters of the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Ward branches at 6628 S. Haisted street, on Sunday zvening, February 24th. Comrade T. J. Morgan spoke to a large and attentive suffience on the "Historical Phase of Socialism." Next Sunday W. H. Wise will iscture in the same hall on "The Workman—the Steeping Hercules." On Wednesday, March 5th, Professor Geod. Herron will Pspeak at the Neighborhood House, 1224 W. Sixty-seventh street, corner May; subject, "The Kingdom of Heaven."

The Twenty-second Ward branch after reorganizing has changed its head-tost from 308 N. Franklin street to \$5 Clybourn avenue. A meeting was held at the new quarters last Sunday, March 3rd, \$ p. m., Twenty-fith ward, \$600 Sheffield avenue, near Beimont avenue. Speaker, R. A. Mortis, and the evening was delivered by Comrade A. Klenke, who talked on the question of the municipal-campaign. There was an interesting discussion when the speaker had concluded. Arrangement have been made for holding meetings every Sunday sternion at their headquarters, Aurora Hall, corner Huron streets and Milwaukee avenue. Almost every successful agitation meeting last Sunday afternoon at their headquarters, Aurora Hall, corner Huron streets and Milwaukee avenue. Almost every sunday afternoon at their headquarters, Aurora Hall, corner Huron streets and Milwaukee avenue. Almost every sunday, March 3rd, \$ p. m., Thirty-first ward, 6008 S. Halsted street. Speaker, Walter Thomas Mills.

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The Seventeenth Ward held another very successful agitation meeting last Sunday afternoon at their headquarters, Aurora Hall, corner Huron street and Milwaukee avenue. Almost every seat in the hall was filled. Walter Thonias Mills delivered an excellent address on "Socialism and the Department Store." The comrades 'of this ward have entered into an active campaign of agitation. There will be another meeting at Aurora Hall next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Comrade Mills will deliver an address.

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The comrades of the Eighteenth ward have arranged for an agitation meeting at Madison Hail, Empire building, on Madison street, opposite union street. Wednesday evening March eth, at a o'clock. Comrade Walter Thomas Mills will speak. It is especially urged that every member of the Eighteenth Ward branch do his best to make this meeting a success, and to get out a good crowd. This branch, while not so strong numerically as most of the other West Side wards, has good material in it for an active campaign. If every comrade will get a hustle one himself for the next few weeks, it is certain that the Eighteenth ward will soon have as large and useful a branch as any in the city.

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Machinists' Local Union No. 124 held a stag party on last Saturday evening at 8 p. m., at the Empire building in W. Madison street, and managed to obtain a general good time. There were three speakers on hand to address the meeting and Brother Broderick opened the proceedings with a most impressive speech on the necessity of organization. He was followed by John Collins, the candidate for mayor on the Socialist thicket, and between six and seven hundred men heard Brother Broderick's upsech, supplemented by an address upon the necessity of political as well as economic organization. The absurding of fighting the boss furing a strike and voting for him on election day was well flustrated. The spe age then exceed the two where the bower out the boss as derived from and showed that this ower was the gift of the workers hemselves, through their votes being ast for the two old capitalist parties, ho were equally their encodes and exceeding the stage of the two old capitalist parties.

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