

THE WORKERS' CALL

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

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FOR THE CANDIDATE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY. FOR MAYOR JOHN COLLINS

ON POLITICAL STAGE

Battle of Capitalist Puppets Waxing Fast and Furious.

QUESTIONS AND "ANSWERS."

Phantom Army Comes to Rescue of Hanecy While Harlan Performs on the Side.

The sham battle now going on between the two wings of capitalism known as the republicans and democratic parties, through their puppets, Harrison and Hanecy, or reaching the point where interest must be stimulated amongst the voting dupes by the pretence that the conflict is nearing a crisis and that a hard fought battle is being waged. The press, which acts as chorus to the political stage performers, advises the audience that the betting upon the contestants is now even money, and that the "Hanecy men are sanguine of victory. To the ordinary observer, who knows the reason why these claims are put forth, their fallacy becomes farcical. Great masses of voters take only the faintest interest in the election, those who are yet satisfied with capitalism still clinging to their peculiar fetish, that while the national administration must remain republican, the local administration shall remain democratic. This is thoroughly in harmony with the interests of the political bosses of both machines, and explains sufficiently why Burke was successful in having the republican machine turn down Harlan and thereby secure to himself for another two years the sinecure which he at present holds, and the election of Harrison as the anti-trust, anti-corporation candidate.

This scheme was too successful. The overwhelming victory of Harrison was regarded as so certain that interest in the counterfeit struggle began to wane. Something had to be done to prevent Hanecy from being hopelessly swamped and so John P. Altgeld and the 47,000 votes which he doesn't control, were trotted out upon the stage as coming to the rescue of the under dog. The assumption that these votes could be thrown to either of the performing fads is a bubble that will burst on election day, and the Socialist party will have a considerable share in puncturing it. Many thousands who voted for Altgeld two years ago under the impression that he in some indistinct, undefinable manner represented socialism, have had their eyes open since then and a goodly number will give proof of the fact by casting their votes for JOHN COLLINS, the candidate of the SOCIALIST PARTY, while those who are yet insufficiently enlightened by the events of the last two years, will most probably, like the dog in the scripture, return to their vomit by voting for Harrison. That Hanecy will get any assistance from that quarter is in the highest degree improbable. These 47,000 "men in buckram" coming to his rescue, is the one thing wanted to complete the lying illusion of a real struggle. The sham remains a sham, and all efforts to make it appear a reality have not only ended in failure, but have served to expose still more clearly its counterfeit nature.

If anything else were wanted to complete the picture, it might readily be found in the method by which the candidates answer the questions of those who take them seriously. It is only necessary to read the reports of the daily press upon this side of the subject to realize that the alleged conflict has a distinctly humorous undertone. Hanecy, for instance, is asked, "How about the street railway franchises?" and he promptly and explicitly calls the attention of his questioner to the very obvious fact that "our streets are dirty." Another inquirer wants to know whether he favors municipal ownership, and is instantly informed in the plainest possible language that the police force is thoroughly corrupt, but that, if he is elected, all these things and many others too numerous to mention will be promptly remedied.

The other fad is equally explicit, though his method of meeting the inquisition is somewhat different, and as he has never committed himself to anything definite, he can take even a wider latitude than his opponent. Mr. Harrison begs to call your attention to the fact that the name Hanecy appears on the city records of 1869 as a grocery clerk; next it shows up in 1872 as a bookkeeper, or something of that sort, and finally appears in 1881 as a lawyer. He doesn't carry his hearse past that

date, but leaves them to draw their own conclusions. Of course, he favors municipal ownership, but to remove false impressions as to the exact nature of what he means by this term, he publishes in the Saturday Evening Post a letter stating that he favors a renewal of the street railway franchises for a period not exceeding twenty years. And the democratic platform upon which he stands is equally explicit. It makes a declaration for municipal ownership and then inserts a plank opposing the extension of franchises for a period of more than twenty years. Thus Harrison and his platform are in perfect accord, and so confident is the latter of his position that he constantly demands from Hanecy that he also should publicly state his position on the expiring franchises. With marvelous nerve Harrison fortifies the righteousness of his demand upon his opponent by declaring that "everybody knows where I stand on the subject." As a political artist, Harrison utterly eclipses Hanecy, who seems merely a novice compared with Compare these political tricksters and their ambiguous platforms with the straightforward declaration of the SOCIALIST PARTY platform, which declares the intentions of its supporters

CALL TO TEACHERS

Workers With Hand and Brain Must Unite in Common Cause.

ARE IN ONE ECONOMIC CLASS.

Capitalism Has No Funds for Educating the Children of the Workers, or Paying Their Instructors.

No taxes no school funds; no school funds, no teachers; no teachers, no tuition; no tuition, no knowledge; no knowledge, no intelligent electors; no intelligent electors, no honest officials; no honest officials, no equitable taxation; no taxes, etc., as before, as many times as you please. This is the endless chain of cause and effect which produces the conditions that confront us in this city. Workingmen! By your toil you create the wealth that makes Chicago the industrial center of the United States. But that wealth is in the hands of your exploiters. By

policemen, special deputies, the militia and the regulars, who will teach you another lesson not contained in the glorious textbooks of American history. There is always plenty of "dust" on hand around election time to pay the toughs who will bully and terrorize you when you try to use your franchise in your own interest.

But they have no money to build sanitary public schools; no money to equip these schools with modern and up to date appliances; no money to furnish textbooks that are in keeping with the scientific and economic development of our time. No money to feed the half starved children of their wage slaves or to clothe or warm the shivering bodies of little pupils eager to enter the fairy castle of modern knowledge. No money to build playgrounds for your little ones, who must play in the gutter instead of gamboling among flowers. No money to educate competent teachers and pay them decent wages.

Teachers! You have supported by your own votes men who now trample on your rights. You have supported a system that pays policemen better than educators; that has money for riot guns, but not for text-books. You have kept aloof from your fellow workers in the mistaken idea that you belong to a "higher class." But the latest expe-

HOW WILL YOU VOTE?

Workingmen Can Elect or Defeat Any or All Candidates.

LESSONS OF THE PAST YEAR.

Laborers of Chicago Can Be Represented Only by the Candidates of the Socialist Party.

Whoever may be the next mayor of Chicago, he will be elected by the ballots of workingmen, just as the present mayor was, just as the one before him, and just as every other officer in city, state or nation have always been and always will be elected. If, then, all officers are elected by the laborers, it naturally follows that the laborers have it in their power to decide how they will be governed, and every worker should consider well before he casts his ballot. For whom, then, should the laborers cast their vote next Tuesday. The first

the building materials you need through that government and its credit and organizing yourselves into the most perfect union possible, build homes as long as there is a homeless head to cover, and all that you build shall belong to you because you, the workers, are alone concerned in that building because you individually supply the labor, and collectively (through your city government) supply the capital, and the contractor may either starve or go to work with you.

This would have been the only logical thing for the government elected by laborers to do. But instead of this Carter Harrison ordered his police to club any strikers who objected too strenuously to being starved to death. When this was not sufficient he threatened them with a galling gun and told the justices of the peace to "give the limit" to any laborer whom the agents of the contractors should haul into court.

By those tactics he drove from the city of Chicago, according to reports of the daily press, 50,000 of the workers whose votes had created the government that now permitted them to be driven from their homes, separated homeless, helpless tramps, wandering up and down the roads of this land of unlimited natural wealth, but monop-

EXPOSING A FRAUD

Socialist Sangerbund Repudiates Press Slander.

POLITICAL TRICK FRUSTRATED

Harrison Intrudes and Audience Files Out Cheering for the Socialist Party Candidate.

Our truthful capitalist daily press, in its eagerness to boom the candidacy of Harrison for mayor, sent out accounts of the "hearty reception" accorded to this political trickster at a meeting at Mueller's hall, North avenue and Sedgewick street, last Sunday. This is the substance of the account given by every morning daily in the city:

"Mayor Harrison was heartily welcomed yesterday at a reception given him at Mueller's hall, Sedgewick street and North avenue, by nineteen Turner and other German societies. Both floors of the building were crowded. The number of people present was estimated at 2,500. The occasion was a flag presentation to the Lasalle Turn Verein, and the mayor had been invited as the guest of honor. His appearance was cheered and he was greeted with considerable enthusiasm by all present. The societies which took part in the affair were: Chicago Turngemeinde, Sennefelder Liederkreis, Chicago Turngemeinde Mauerbach, Liedertafel Freiheit, Sozialistischer Sangerbund, and a number of turnvereins."

This account is a deliberate falsehood from start to finish. Harrison was not invited—no reception whatever was planned. The whole affair was a palpable political trick engineered, presumably, by Police Inspector Heidemeler, who took advantage of the meeting (which really had no political significance whatever) to ring in Harrison on the audience. The "hearty reception" which the latter received consisted mainly of boos, yells and catcalls, interspersed with cries of "Hurrah for John Collins!" "Hurrah for the Socialist Party!" Harrison didn't appear to be delighted with this "hearty welcome," and when the immense majority of the audience got up in disgust and quit the hall, leaving the "man of destiny" facing a beggarly array of empty benches, the expression of his classic countenance was hardly to be mistaken for one of keen enjoyment, while Heidemeler looked across the scene with an eye which flashed clubs in every glance. The socialist singing societies rose in a body and went their way to their own headquarters and concluded their programme, which had been interrupted by the entrance of the capitalist politicians.

The entire incident is a striking illustration of the depth of falsehood to which the organs of the ruling class will descend in their desperate efforts to elect the man whom a few short months ago they pilloried as a criminal. That the socialist singing societies resent the base attempt to connect them with this villainous scheme, is shown by the following resolution passed by the Socialist Sangerbund by an absolutely unanimous vote on Thursday, the 23rd inst., and published at their request in this paper:

"Whereas, it has been widely published in the capitalist press that we, the members of the Socialist Sangerbund, have accorded a reception to, and endorsed the candidacy of Carter Harrison, democratic candidate for mayor of Chicago, and,

"Whereas, we believe that this report has been spread broadcast by the said press for a well-defined purpose, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Socialist Sangerbund, do hereby brand any and all such statements as being unqualifiedly false, as we not only have not endorsed either of the capitalist candidates, but have repudiated both by having already endorsed the candidacy of JOHN COLLINS, the nominee for mayor on the tickets of the SOCIALIST PARTY; and be it further

"Resolved, That we inclose a copy of this resolution to the office of the Workers' Call for publication in the columns in that paper.

OSCAR GRITSCHEK, Secretary Socialist Sangerbund, Chicago, March 25.

Don't forget that the ticket of THE SOCIALIST PARTY, headed by JOHN COLLINS, stands LAST on the ballot.

The elimination of waste has been brought to great perfection nowadays. Even the votes that are "thrown away" on capitalist parties are manufactured into injunctions and policemen's clubs and return in that shape to the original donors.

The "Gray Wolf" Industry and Its Promoters.



THE SUBSERVIENCY OF THE MODERN ALDERMAN TO CORPORATE INTERESTS IS ONLY ONE OF THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE EVOLUTION OF MODERN INDUSTRY. THE REFORMERS WHO ROUDLY DECLAIM AGAINST THE "HUNGRY GRAY WOLVES" CAN FIND THE REASON FOR THEIR EXISTENCE IN THESE PROPHETIC WORDS OF LINCOLN:

"I see in the near future a crisis arising, which unwarms me and makes me tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power will endeavor to prolong its reign, by working on the prejudices of the people, until all wealth is aggregated in the hands of the few, and the republic is lost."—Abraham Lincoln, 1865.

and adherents in language that cannot be misunderstood. The SOCIALIST PARTY platform declares for the collective ownership of ALL the means of production and distribution by ALL the people. If the candidates of the SOCIALIST PARTY are elected, there will be no franchise question, least of all any question of the extension of franchises. The expiring franchises revert to the city, and the control of the city attaches immediately, the companies having no rights in the renewal or extension of franchises that will for a moment be considered. Whatever else may be said regarding this statement, its distinctness cannot be called in question.

As a side show to the big circus the antics of "Reformer" Harlan are worthy of a passing notice. According to the press reports, he is about to "open fire" upon the "gray wolves" in the interest of a "pure" city council. The particular wards on which his batteries are to open are those selected by the Municipal Voters' League and the corporations, and in each of them he will champion the cause of the "respectable" candidate who has received the endorsement of that august body.

your votes you give the political power to those who are the paid tools of your exploiters. And these tools see to it that your children receive only such instruction as will make them easy victims of the exploiter's and the politician's children.

The big capitalists, the men who are interested in the corporations that fatten on your flesh and blood, don't care whether public school keeps or not. Why should they pay taxes to give instruction to the children of the people they want to exploit? Does a robber hand a loaded revolver to the man he intends to plunder?

The capitalists can afford to build their own schools. They can train their own teachers who will educate the rich man's children in such a way that they will understand how to stay on the backs of your children. They always have money to endow colleges, where they can raise men who will tell lies to you in school, on the pulpit and through the press.

They have money to burn, when they want to bribe a judge, like "Hennessy," who will issue injunctions against you, when you strive for "liberty and happiness." Money plays no role with them, when they want galling guns to check you a lesson in American liberty. They can always raise money to pay

rience with your chosen pet, Harrison, has shown you, that he does not thank YOU at all for electing him; he represents the OTHER fellows. Teachers! Realize that we are all workingmen, whether laboring with brains or with brawn. Realize that your interests are identical with those of the manual laborer. Become conscious of the fact that we all belong to the great class of exploited.

If you want to be well paid and live under conditions that will relieve your minds from the harassing cares of the daily struggle for existence; if you want to be trained to the full capacity of your wonderful profession; if you want to teach healthy, bright children in congenial and sanitary surroundings; if you want to find joy and spread joy in your daily work, then learn that you can only accomplish this by studying a line of knowledge that has been withheld from you or at best misapplied to you. Study the economic development of human society, not from the capitalist but from the people's text books. Identify yourself with the labor movement and form a trade union. Join the strongest political party in the world, the SOCIALIST PARTY, and fight shoulder to shoulder with your brother workers in all other

man to ask for your votes is the present mayor, Carter Harrison, who simply tells you that he will give you two years more of the same kind of medicine he has given you for the past four years. Now, remember that you are laborers and must consider this question from our own point of view. What, then, has happened during Harrison's administration that should lead you to want some more of the same kind?

Well, there was the big building strike, when the workers of this city fought for the right to stand together as men in their unions and their federated bodies. Did Harrison come to their assistance, or did he send the police to help the bosses? The contractors who alone could secure the materials of which buildings are made, and who therefore hold the power of life and death over all those who wished to work at any part of the building trade, certainly did not need assistance. They were not the ones whose votes elected Harrison. They were not the ones whose existence is necessary to the well-being of the city of Chicago.

Did the city officials come forward and say to Chicago workers: "Here, you are the ones whose votes elected us to power. This government belongs to you; take it and use it as you wish; buy

olized opportunities, vainly seeking a master who can grind a profit from their toil. Then the bureau of charities comes in and advocates a whipping post or imprisonment for these men who have been transformed into "deserting husbands" by the men who subscribe to the support of that same bureau of charities.

Owing to the support of Carter Harrison, then, we see as a result of but one side of his four years of administration that the resisting power of the unions has been weakened, the central body of the building trades disorganized, and fifty thousand homes disrupted. Does this sound as if the city of Chicago had been managed in the interest of the workers? Do you want two years more of the same kind?

Are the workers, then, interested in the election of Hanecy? They are the ones who are to divide. Whoever is mayor, they will have elected him, and since they are going the electing, let them be careful whom they choose. Judge Hanecy now claims to be a friend of labor and he has been ransacking his history and culling his memory to find one instance where he was good to the producer of wealth. But all he can find is that once when he was selected by the bricklayers to arbitrate

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Association, and we hope that the new central body will profit by that experience to guard against the disruption which must always ensue when interests that are essentially antagonistic are permitted to find lodgement in an organization which avowedly champions the cause of one distinct class.

Some of the contortions of the capitalist candidates on the street railway franchises are distinctly funny. Carter Harrison now comes out in the daily press with a so-called "pledge to the people." This champion of municipal ownership embodies his pledge in six distinct demands for petty reforms, the latter of which states that the "ninety-nine-year clause must be stricken out of FUTURE GRANTS and a plain statement made which will pave the way for ultimate MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP." The pledges are followed by a signed statement which reads as follows: "These are some of the things which will be secured for the people of Chicago under NEW FRANCHISES." The "municipal ownership" which Harrison advocates is evidently a thing to be worshipped from afar off, and those who pursue this phantasm may console themselves by remembering that "distance lends enchantment to the view."

A PARADOXICAL SITUATION.

Anthracite coal miners, it would seem, are at present in unusual luck-owing to the peculiar nature of the situation as it regards their claims. Paradoxical as it may seem, yet for the present the interests of the two hostile camps of capitalist and laborer apparently are coincident. It is not to the interests of the miners to declare a strike when the suffering entailed upon them through such action is taken into consideration, and yet they are often compelled to do so. The question of wages and recognition of their union is pressing to the front just at present, and the capitalists do not want to have anything to do with either question, but it looks as if they must, in spite of themselves. And here is where the paradox appears. At present a strike would be disastrous to many capitalist interests. There is, for instance, the great steel trust, just recently formed, which must market its stock and cannot afford to have a strike upon its hands during the operation—particularly a strike in an industry so closely connected with steel and iron production as coal mining undoubtedly is. So J. Pierpont Morgan is bringing all his influence to bear upon the operators to induce them to come to terms with their men. When Morgan has unloaded, it will be time to attend to the "demands" of the miners in the usual capitalist fashion, but until then the best policy is to carry it fair to the miners' organization and spar for time. Meanwhile the men should take advantage of the situation to get all they possibly can, and if they also understand that whatever success they may obtain is of necessity limited, and resultant only upon the temporary exigencies of their masters, they will make use of such success to prepare for the conflict, which must ensue in the near future with still greater intensity. If their leaders are really sincere, they in turn will not fail to teach the men who have placed confidence in them, the value of the ballot in bringing permanent success to the cause of labor.

NAKED, BUT UNARMED.

The school teachers are to be congratulated on their success in exposing the methods by which the "highly respectable" citizens attempt to shift the public burdens upon the shoulders of their weaker brethren. But it is just as well to allow a large discount upon the anticipated effectiveness of these exposures. It does not require much penetration to understand that those who have practised lying, forgery, bribery and perjury to avoid the drain of taxation upon the wealth which they have plundered from labor are not particularly sensitive to "exposure." They know well that these exposures have been so frequent that they now merely create a momentary sensation which is beginning to be looked for periodically, as a spur to the jaund appetite of the "public" for "news." Consequently they become callous over the "exposures," and treat them as a matter of course.

In uncovering the rascality of the tax dodgers, the Teachers' Association have but exposed an effect instead of a cause. The efforts by which these gentry endeavor to retain their plunder are but venial compared with the gigantic robbery of labor which is the bed rock and foundation of present society, and the source from whence these same tax dodgers spring. A victory which

the association may win in this matter can at best be only temporary and limited. Of course, it is stated that additional property to the amount of \$250,000,000 will be placed on the tax lists as a result of their efforts, but we are still dubious, even if this is done that the teachers will benefit thereby to any considerable extent. The capitalist fox has not exhausted his tricks, and before he is made to disgorge, will manage to convince many of the teachers of their exact position in society to-day—that they are not amongst the shearers, but the horns, that they are wage workers, to be bought like all other workers in the cheapest market.

If the teachers desire to take the best means of securing a just compensation for their services, let them roll up a heavy vote for John Collins, candidate of the Socialist party for mayor. His election would do more to secure for them the object of their efforts than a hundred "exposures," which only serve to show that the capitalist hide is of unusual thickness.

LET HIS OWN CLASS ELECT HIM.

In giving reasons why her son should be returned as alderman in the Twenty-first ward, Mrs. Potter Palmer expresses her distinct recognition of the existence of social and economic classes in this country. The young aspirant for political honors (?) steps into the arena with the following advantages. He has a university education and has seen large cities both in Europe and America, and both advantages (if they are such) he acquired at the expense of the working class, which he now expects to elect him by their votes. This young man, so far as recorded, has never done a stroke of useful work in his life, with a doubtful exception of a period of six weeks, in which he posed as a bank employe and which position he abandoned to make a European tour and "see the large cities," as his maternal parent says. These recommendations for office are, of course, neither better nor worse than those furnished by other capitalist candidates, and even if they are to be considered an exceptional qualification for office, there is certainly nothing in them which should induce any workman of average intelligence to vote for their possessor. Palmer stands above all for the system which deprives the laborers of opportunity for the very education and travel by virtue of which Palmer bases his claim for political recognition. The working class of the Twenty-first ward have nothing to gain by returning this man to office, as he has not the slightest interest in common with them, belonging as he does to a class for whom culture and leisure are only possible through a system which robs the laborer of his product for their benefit. There is a socialist candidate for alderman in the Twenty-first ward, and the amount of votes he will receive will be a precise indication of the number of workers in that ward who are intelligent enough to understand that Palmer cannot possibly represent any interest of theirs.

THE VAIL MEETINGS.

Where the Noted Socialist Writer and Speaker Chas. H. Vail, socialist candidate for governor of New Jersey, will be in Chicago and assist the local comrades during the last four days of the campaign. These four days will be crowded with the best possible socialist agitation. Five large mass meetings have been arranged and have been advertised all over the city. The first of these will be held Friday evening, March 23, at Phoenix hall, on Division street near Sedgewick. Comrade Vail will speak in English and Julius Vahlteich, ex-member of the German reichstag, in German.

Saturday evening Comrades Chas. H. Vail and J. Stitt Wilson will speak at Aurora Hall, corner Huron street and Milwaukee avenue. Great preparations are being made for the meeting by the members of the Seventeenth ward branch and other adjoining wards. The hall is a large one and will hold fully 1,500 people.

Sunday afternoon there will be a grand mass meeting of all socialists in Pullman at Kensington Turner hall. Comrades Vail and Wilson will speak. This meeting has been extensively advertised and will undoubtedly be a great success. The Pullman comrades have been very active during the campaign and are hopeful of a handsome increase in the socialist vote in their district.

The socialists of the west side have made big preparations for a grand rally Sunday evening at the Socialist Temple, 130 S. Western avenue. The speakers will be Comrades Vail and Strickland. The Socialist Temple will hold over 700 people, and it is estimated that it will be taxed to its utmost capacity Sunday evening.

The final grand rally of Chicago socialists will be held Monday evening at the Twelfth street Turner hall, corner Twelfth and Union streets. Comrade Vail and the entire force of local socialist speakers will be present.

THE REAL "SMOKE NUISANCE."

At a meeting of the judiciary committee last week in this city a "prominent citizen" pleaded the cause of the poor in eloquent language. Amongst the many impositions of the "well-to-do" upon their poor brethren he mentioned the smoke nuisance as the most distressing. The wealthy, he declared, could leave the city when the smoke became intolerable, but the poor had to stay right where they were in the thick of it. Something should be done instantly to remove the smoke nuisance, etc., etc. The speech ended, as it began, in smoke.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

The weekly report issued by R. G. Dun & Co. states that satisfactory conditions prevail in nearly every line of trade, and at the conclusion of the report given the failures in the United States as 224, as against 133 for the corresponding week of last year. The figures speak for themselves.

A bill has been introduced in the Illinois legislature by Representative D. E. Sullivan which provides for assisting intoxicated voters at the ballot box. This solicitude for inebriated undoubtably arises from a recognition of the fact that those who need this sort of "State help" are not very likely to cast a socialist vote.

The Chicago Chronicle some time ago published a dispatch from Washington, D. C., to the effect that the trusts had entered into a "conspiracy" to elect McKinley for the third term. The "conspiracy" in question amounted to this, that it was proposed that "prosperity" should be continued for four years more, and that through this McKinley was to be re-elected. The discoveries of modern science are often totally overshadowed by the "discoveries" in modern politics.

The humbags that rave against the trusts in the daily press and who systematically magnify every opposition to these overgrown combinations of capital, have been provided with an peculiar opportunity to exercise their particular talent in this direction. Big type headlines announce the fact that Col. Ellwood is fighting the steel trust, and some unthinking workmen get inspired with the hope that the trust may be "downed" in the struggle. But what is Ellwood fighting for? His suit is simply the result of dissatisfaction with his share of the swag, though the head lines used by the anti-trust press are deliberately calculated to give a different impression.

The czar of Russia, that apostle of peace whom Stead has canonized, has just given an illustration of his humanity by sending mounted Cossacks to trample down a crowd of students and working people who were looking for better material conditions of life. Yet, if some relatives of the victims, maddened by frenzy, were to attempt the life of this royal murderer of the people, the capitalist press would sloop over at once with fulsome eulogies of the endangered tyrant.

Some of the labor news from Europe is particularly instructive to members of trades unions here in showing them the necessity of keeping capitalist politics outside of their organizations. The dockers of Marseilles have been now on strike for some time, and have received assistance and support directly from the city authorities. This state of affairs is not due to politicians of the type we are familiar with here. The city authorities of Marseilles were placed in office by the workmen of Marseilles to do just what they have done. The workmen of that city voted for their own candidate, men of their own class, who were placed there to look after the interests of the workers, and they are doing it. They will win something. Why? Because the dockers of Marseilles are as good union men at the polls as they are when working on the docks. They would no more permit capitalists to represent them in the city council of Marseilles than they would permit non-union men to usurp their places at work. You can elect the same sort of mayor in this city by getting together and voting for John Collins.

According to the editor of the Manchester (England) Guardian, the most alarming feature of the Boer war is that it is becoming a struggle between the proletariat and the property-owning classes. The merest hint of the class struggle is sufficient to send a shiver down the spine of the capitalist, and his appearance in the Transvaal is not conducive to the peaceful "development" of that country in the manner intended by those in whose interests it was "annexed." But, having once made its appearance there, it is going to stay just as it has in every other country on earth.

WOMANHOOD AWAKENS.

Belgian Federation of Socialist Women Make Eloquent Appeal for the Socialist Cause. The Socialist party, believing that all human beings without distinction of sex, have a right to the greatest amount of happiness, has included in its programme the economic, civil and political emancipation of women, and we see to-day the best minds of all countries supporting the demands of woman. It is well to recognize that the woman's movement is not a struggle of the sexes, but before all it is one of the phases of the social evolution most worthy of attention and most affecting it. The interest of the society of to-morrow requires that woman, along with man, should be an independent being, capable of thought, of wishes, and of action.

But if socialism demands for her just conditions of labor, the abolition of the laws that put her out side of the common law, civil equality and the right to vote, woman has in return a duty toward socialism. Here as everywhere right and duty are correlative.

A great many women understand this already; they are inspired by socialist principles. They have organized themselves into professional unions, or have united with the mixed unions of laborers. They have entered the socialist co-operatives. The organization of Brussels consists of twenty groups of women and mixed groups affiliated with the Parti Ouvrier. At Ghent the unions of women laborers have attained a rapid development; in the greater part of the other industrial localities the union movement grows among them from day to day. These are commendable efforts and examples to be imitated. Certainly this is a great deal accomplished already, but it is not yet enough.

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THE "UNHOLY ALLIANCE."

The W. C. T. U. of Cook county have "Resolved that the pastors of Chicago be and are hereby invited to preach a sermon before the spring election on the relation of Christian citizenship to the present conditions in Chicago."

I am not a pastor, and this Temple is not a church, but we are interested in this resolution to this extent: It reveals a tendency in the present evolution of society. Here is the way in which the question of citizenship appeals to one Chicago pastor: "The time is approaching when levelheaded religious people will have to make a bargain with the politician to attend the caucus and the politician will have to promise to attend church, in sheer self-defense of what each holds dear but hitherto have insidiously kept separate."

What is it that each holds dear? What is the citizenship on which "both" politicians and "good" religious people agree? They agree that the present order of society shall be sufficiently "reformed" that it may not collapse. And the politicians, not being of sufficient reputation in the roll of reformers are appealing to the clergy to assist in the job.

With alacrity the dear ministers come to the rescue. According to the papers, in this very ward last week a mass meeting was addressed by two pastors, who are preaching very near us this morning indorsing the republican nominee for alderman of this ward because he is a temperance man, forgetting that the more sober and capable the man in old-fashioned politics, the more harm he can do.

In countries where the church is knowingly a part of the political and governmental machinery, whatever the clergy say is taken as we take the speech of a politician, with a grain of salt. In this country we are laboring under the tradition that our clergy are free and therefore they figure prominently as makers of public opinion. Behold! the ministers are sought, earnestly sought, to cleanse the Augean political stables.

The preachers respond for this reason: They profit by the existing order of things. Business has corrupted politics, and now the religious people propose to unify politics with more BUSINESS (business methods, business men), not because corruption could be cured by more corruption, but because business must be protected, or ministers will go out of business.

I have said before that preachers were helpless victims in society. So they are. But in their helplessness they ought to protest. To be made the spokesmen to preserve the system which dams the poor for whom their master died is to become the chief cowardly conspirators of current history.

It used to be said that it was folly to bring religion into politics, but the politician now brings his cause to the house of religion as his last hope and fortress. And behold, the preachers are indorsing candidates and saving the old political hacks from destruction.

No wonder we have "holiness conventions." Some day the people will arise in a holy protest and proclaim their birthright. Some time they will reject the vinegar of charity and demand the bread of justice.

In that day the preachers who are now indorsing the old worn-out politics will repent by catching the vision of a citizenship which makes possible the free lives of free men, in a co-operative society.

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of women, the laborer's family should become the nucleus of the society which we desire: that the wife associate herself with the laborer, the occupation and the ideas of her husband, that in the hour of pain and struggle she may aid him with all her strength. It is necessary that the wife should be capable of training up her children in such a manner that they may become useful to themselves and to others in life. Remember, the men of to-morrow will be what their mothers make them.

Therefore, we must occupy ourselves not only with all that which helps to change their economic condition as laborers, but, further, with all that which helps them to accomplish their task as wives, mothers and citizens.

Everywhere in our country the awakening has come, but in order to carry the work undertaken to a favorable conclusion, we must make our present appeal to all the desires, all the capacities, all the energies.

To our more favored sisters who have had the privilege of education we say: You have contracted a debt to the collectivity, because all privileges ought to be repayed. Come then into our meetings, bring the best eloquence and the brightest intellect to all those among us who have known up to this time only the labor of the shop and the dreariness of the garret.

To our comrades of the Parti Ouvrier we say: Bring to us your experience and your support, because our woman's cause is throughout the cause of the proletariat.

Of our many friends who met or were represented in the woman's congress at Ghent, January 20th, we ask the union of their efforts that we may soon realize, according to the resolution of the congress, the national federation of woman socialists.

The federation will concentrate, develop and extend all the organizations: Unions, workers groups for propaganda, that in the party have undertaken the task of the economic and social emancipation of woman.

Our friend Beerblock wrote to me recently on this subject: "It is time to break with the prejudice that has believed in the incompetency and inferiority of women. It must be proven that woman as well as man can conduct with energy and wisdom the struggle for justice and right."

The Belgian Federation of Socialist Women will help to destroy this prejudice and to establish this proof. PAUL GILL. (Translated from the French by May Wood Simons.)

A "LAW-ABIDING" CITIZEN.

Convict System in Georgia Permits the Escape of the "Business Man" From Punishment. The Macon, (Ga.), Telegraph states that the convict system of Georgia is rotten from center to circumference and gives the following incident as an illustration:

Some months ago a Bryan county bailiff arrested a negro who was employed at a turpentine still in that county, charged with some trivial offense. The owner of the still was not present when the arrest was made, but soon learned of what had occurred, and arming himself with a shot gun, pursued the bailiff and his prisoner. He overtook the bailiff in the road and attacking the officer, beating him over the head with the gun and taking the negro away from him. The man then carried the negro back to the still and put him to work as usual. Later this man, who is quite wealthy, and who conducts a large business in his line, was arrested, charged with interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty, and for assault and battery, and upon trial was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 or work twelve months on the chain gang. He declined to pay the fine, and was sent to Decatur county, where it seems that the Bryan county misdemeanor convicts are hired out to work for a company of lessees who operate a misdemeanor convict camp in that county. It developed later that the man had not been put to work, but had instead been allowed to return to his home and resume the conduct of his business—that of a turpentine distiller—and that he is there today managing his business affairs, having freed himself of the sentence imposed upon him by the court that tried him. It is understood that the man secured his freedom in this way: The lessee, it seemed, paid the county of Bryan \$100 for the man, and that the man furnished the lessee the money to make the deal with. This being done, the lessee allowed the man to return to his home, and in that transaction the distiller in effect paid a fine of \$1,000 with \$100 and saved \$900 and secured his liberty.

This man has looked out through one of the county officials of Bryan county being paid \$10 as his share of the proceeds of the hire of the man. He thought he was entitled to more than that amount, as he learned that the man had been allowed to return to his business, and presumed it such was the case he had paid the entire amount of the fine, \$1,000. An investigation by him developed the facts in the case.

We are inclined to think that the Telegraph has made its point as to the "rotteness" of the convict system, but the Telegraph evidently is in blissful ignorance of the cause of this rottenness. It deals merely with the fruit of the tree of capitalism, whose roots are private ownership of the means of production and distribution, and the fruit is only rotten because the tree itself is rotting, root and branch.

There is yet time to subscribe to the socialist campaign fund.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An Interesting Letter. Editor Workers' Call. Dear Sirs:—I received the bundle of Workers' Calls you sent me to distribute, for which accept my thanks.

I believe that I can put them into the hands of those who will give to the matter contained in them, an intelligent and respectful hearing, and I shall proceed with the matter at once.

We have a number of thinking men here, who see in socialism the only hope of the future, and I think we are a great many when one sees that things are not as they should be, and cannot be righted by either the Republican or Democratic party, or by any other old-time organization based upon capitalism, then he is in a condition to listen to the truth.

One of the hardest things to overcome, is prejudice, but when a person once yields prejudice to an open and receptive reason, then does he prove his willingness to give truth a hearing. To such the Workers' Call cannot help but prove a blessing, for it, (as do other forms of Socialist literature), gives expression to thoughts which he may have already possessed in part, yet was probably unaware of it until put into form by those more advanced in socialist study. When one is seeking the truth, he will see the truth and use every opportunity to impress it upon him. That is one duty of the Socialist; to impress the truth upon those who are receptive. Another and a harder task is the overcoming of prejudices. In proportion as prejudices melt away, the illumination of the human mind, assuming definite and tangible form.

If you care to read one, I would like to tell you of my first experience in a Socialist meeting. There being an excursion to your city last week, I took the opportunity to visit it, primarily for the purpose of attending the meetings at the Socialist Temple on the West Side, and listening to Prof. Herron at Central Music Hall. I was disappointed in my plans of attending the West Side meetings, but was present at Central Music Hall Sunday afternoon. Although again disappointed in not hearing Prof. Herron, (owing to his sickness), I was well paid in hearing one of his associates, Franklin H. Wentworth, in an earnest and able address upon the present situation; and in feeling the stimulus which comes from a meeting together of kindred spirits working and hoping along the same lines, can arouse.

Although confronted by strange faces and unfamiliar surroundings, I did not feel a stranger among the multitude for the same motives that I should the others there brought me also, and I felt that we held many thoughts in common. "Stranger" is a term used to denote one who does not KNOW that he has thoughts in common with certain other persons, although he may have them. Getting acquainted then consists in discovering our common thoughts. What a vast acquaintance each will have when the new era of socialism is ushered in; for when ALL the means of production are held in common, who will be strangers to us? I was particularly impressed with the intelligent and earnest appearance of those who had assembled, not for the purpose of studying each others' clothes and showing off their own, or of lengthening their faces in "Sunday pioussness." (I venture to say that I suggested to me, with the usual Sunday meetings' over the land, but to reason deeply and consciously concerning the methods of living a truly Christian life here upon earth. Those not conversant with another, were deeply absorbed in some form of literature bearing upon the all-important subject of "socialism." I noticed a considerable number of Workers' Calls among the papers and magazines being perused, also a number of International Socialist Review numbers. How different, thought I, was spent this period of waiting for the appearance of the speaker of the occasion, from that of most assemblies; yet no audience ever gave better attention to what a speaker said when he appeared, than did this assembly. That they were in sympathy, with his address was shown by the way in which they received his statements; no polite conventionalities served as a barrier to restrict their expressions of emotion.

Those who look upon Socialists as wild-eyed, bomb-throwing, with horns and cloven feet, would do well to associate with them at one of their meetings and have the veil lifted from their eyes.

This may not interest those of you who have the patience to follow thus far, as it is but a poor effort at best, but ONE at least shall have had the benefit, always derived, by either a written or a verbal expression of thought. The more one expresses himself of a (to him) self-evident truth, the more is he strengthened in his belief in its ultimate victory. The ONE who thus derives such a benefit from THIS expression, is

Your comrade, —Fairbury, Ill., March 17, 1901. GEO. SPEY.

Challenged to Show Cause.

One Fowler, a capitalist aldermanic candidate for the Fourteenth ward, having sent a letter to Comrade J. A. Brennan requesting the latter to vote for him, Comrade Brennan sent the following reply:

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a circular letter asking me to vote for you on April 2nd. Just why you should ask any wage worker to vote for you, I know not beyond my comprehension. You say that your nomination is endorsed by "members of all political parties." You are mistaken. The members of the Socialist party have not endorsed your candidacy, and will not do so. You say that other capitalist candidates on every other political belief have done so. You are again mistaken. The official organ of the Socialist party, the Workers' Call, has not endorsed you. You say you will look after "my interests." You are once more mistaken. You will do no such thing as I am a wage worker and "my interests" are not yours. Do you think the wage workers have ALL forgotten the stand you took on the resolution from the Federation of Labor last summer? And yet you say that your platform will be "your acts and attitude in the past." If that is so, you must possess an unlimited nerve to ask any wage worker to vote for you. Now, Mr. Fowler, I challenge you to a public debate on the question, "Why should the wage worker vote for you in preference to Theo. Williams, the Socialist party candidate for alderman in the Fourteenth ward?"

Yours truly, J. A. Brennan, 121 N. Western Ave.

AS A BRICKLAYER SEES IT.

Ancient and Modern Building Contrasted. Art of Masonry Degraded by Capitalism. The Contract System and Its Effects. "Rushing" the Bricklayer. Profits Alone Considered Makes Good work Impossible. The Recent Lockout. Limitation of a Day's work. The Glass Struggle. What is to Be Done?

Few people fully realize (and least of all the bricklayers) the innumerable benefits the exponents of this craft confer upon the public. The mason is the forerunner of civilization. If we desire to know the character, habits, and, in brief, the civilization attained by the nations of antiquity, we study their architecture. Anyone who has studied ancient architecture is astonished at the degree of precision which is exhibited. All right angles are absolutely true, and the spacing between the columns is perfectly exact; and the refinement, as well as the accuracy, which resembles the precision, with which scientific instruments are adjusted, is in strong contrast to the rough and ready "get-her-story-high-boys" style of the modern builder. The magnificent and colossal structures of antiquity, the marvelous skill exhibited by the workmen the enduring structures they built, proves indisputably that quality, not quantity, was required. The word "rush" or its equivalent was unknown, men took an interest in their work, their labor represented the highest development of the ancient art of masonry. But economic conditions have changed. Men no longer have the opportunity to embody in their work the same of their skill.

The public, working in the groove of a system as absurd as it is vicious, now permit the construction of their edifices to be auctioned, and we have the spectacle of a Contractor's Association who bid for these jobs and sublet them, by the hour, to the building trades, in such a manner as to insure a goodly profit to themselves. Now, this is the point I wish to bring forward. We are living under an industrial system based on exploitation or profit, and consequently masonry, as well as other occupations, is debased. It has also created a class of men whose interests are hostile to the workers, and who perform no function to add to the wealth of the community, and who are in fact but a part of the parasitical class.

This contract system puts the contractor in possession of the "means of life," to which the bricklayers must have access or starve. Now this possession makes him virtually our master. We have nothing but our labor power, and if we wish to stay on this planet, we must sell ourselves to him. We are thus forced into involuntary servitude, or voluntary starvation. That's logical, for if I own the tool which you must use to earn your bread, I own you; for without my permission to use that tool you cannot live.

Now, the interest of the contractor is diametrically opposed to the welfare of his wage-slaves. Profit, with a capital "P" is the subject of his thought by day, and his dreams by night. Good mechanical work and good profits can not be reconciled. The bricklayer is interested in surrounding his trade with such conditions as will be conducive to the highest development of the craft. He wants shorter hours of labor, time and opportunity to do good and enduring work, and the enactment and enforcement of such laws as will enable him to achieve his object and insure him against loss of life or limb while engaged in the construction of the building. If these conditions were to obtain, it would result in a higher grade of work. Flimsy structures and the frightful mortality from the collapse of these buildings would become ancient history. The terrible massacre of workmen at the Coliseum would not have occurred had the men not been driven and bulldozed in such a manner as to make a southern slave driver blush for shame, and the collapse of the Windsor hotel, with its appalling loss of life might have been averted if the bricklayers had been given more time to do their work.

But right here, with these desirable conditions of labor, comes the ever-present question of profits, which transcends in importance every other consideration. Profits which bear an inverse ratio to the quality of work produced. While the elimination of the many evils to which bricklayers are subject, is a "consummation devoutly to be wished," yet it can never occur while the contract and profit system are in existence. Briefly stated, the contractors want "long hours and short wages," and the men "short hours and long wages."

Bricklayers are very proud of boasting of the absence of machinery to compete with them. But if these shortsighted individuals were but to reflect for a few moments on the evolution of industry, they would see economic forces operating to curtail the market for their labor, with the same efficiency that the machine now operates to displace labor in other occupations. The natural development of industry as exemplified in the trust renders unnecessary the numerous small factories that were essential when industry was disorganized. It is patent to any thinker that one factory can be built to produce as much as 1,000 small factories, with considerably less floor space, and requiring but a fraction of the labor necessary to build and equip 1,000 small factories. Therefore, the bricklayers, in common with other laborers, is displaced by the operation of the trust.

Steel construction has also operated to curtail brickwork. The modern sky "scraper," by its economic function to society, has displaced the little business block, and the modern apartment house, in which people are packed like chickens in a poultry car) has taken the place of the cottage. These modern economic forces have caused "expansion" in the ranks of the unemployed and "anti-expansion" in their stomachs. Every evolution of industry, every turn of the wheel of progress, causes a corresponding diminution of the labor market, and renders more acute the already keen competition for a day's work existing among the bricklayers.

The admitted purpose of the recent lockout was to disrupt the Building Trades Council, which, by its scope and solidarity, was becoming a power in restraining the tyranny of the contractors. During this struggle, the class line was clearly drawn. Capitalism asserted itself in such a manner as to dispel any illusion concerning the alleged brotherhood of capital and labor, and also clearly outlined the duty of the executive and judicial authorities of this city.

The Contractors Association in its infancy begged the labor unions to assist them to strengthen their organization, with the plea that competition among the bosses was so keen that reputable contractors were unable to abide by the union rules and compete with irresponsible contractors, who were hiring bricklayers at less than union wages. The unions, with that brand of astuteness peculiar to labor unions, never delved for the fundamental cause of their members working for less than union wages, but listened with favor to the plea of the bosses and made a whip which scourged them unmercifully afterwards.

This association, now feeling secure, threw off its mask of friendship and fell upon the toilers like wolves on a flock of sheep. They, while maintaining the right to a central organization with power to lessen competition among themselves, denied the right of the laborers to a central body, with power to lessen competition among its members by limiting the day's work. The opposing forces formed themselves for battle. One hundred and fifty contractors, with their allies, the press and mayor, on one side, and 140,000 laborers on the other. Just before hostilities began, the unions gave notice that they as a body would make all the necessary arrangements to construct all buildings, and they argued that the contractors, not being a producing factor in the construction of a building, might with profit to every one be dispensed with. They reckoned without their host, however, and when they started to prove their much vaunted proposition, met with a great surprise. They found owners, architects, real estate men, material men, and all those engaged in riding on the back of labor, united in one solid phalanx. The capitalists all over the country donated money to help disrupt the unions, and in the manner in which all those who preyed on labor, recognized their interests as a class, it must have been an eye-opener to the toilers, whose class-consciousness was conspicuous by its entire absence.

The union men did not realize their political and economic disadvantage, and proudly imagined that by walking the streets of this city with an aching void in their stomach and destitution at home they could bring their wealthy contractors to terms. It took four months of starvation to prove how futile were their efforts, while the contractors, with their allies, were their political and economic masters.

Mayor Harrison was at first inclined to cater to the union vote, but was quickly brought to a sense of his duty by a delegation of real estate men and contractors, and forced to issue an order to arrest and punish to the full extent of the law any union man found anywhere near the affected jobs. As a further proof that the political powers of a city are used to further the interests of the capitalist class they forced Mayor Harrison to suspend operations on all public school houses and all public work affected by the lockout, and this with an utter disregard for the welfare of the public. The council appropriated \$2,000,000 for the erection of new school houses, and, notwithstanding the urgent need of the school houses, and totally ignoring the demands of thousands of workingmen, who, though they paid for school accommodations, were with an aching heart forced to see their children grow up ignorant owing to the shameful and inadequate school facilities provided by the city.

Notwithstanding the school board's report of the thousands of children who were on half time, and the thousands who had no opportunity to get education at all, Mayor Harrison prevented these schools from being erected and by his action helped the contractors starve the "free workingmen" into submission. The commendable desire of the unions

to limit the day's work, and a thorn in the side of the contractor, and was the object of their special vituperation. That adjunct of capitalism, the press, printed columns of matter denouncing as a criminal any action of the unions, that would in any way curtail the time-honored wholesale exploitation of labor. Their columns were filled with letters from "labor skinners," eulogizing the gospel of "hard work," and a peculiar fact apparent was that all this preaching came from men who did no work at all, but who grew wealthy from the legal robbery of the toilers.

The contractors are veritable slave drivers, recognizing no standard for a day's work, but continually urging their slaves to greater exertion, and when a workman, from sheer exhaustion, slackens his pace, he is immediately discharged and his place filled from the ranks of the unemployed, usually found waiting on the job. It logically follows that the economic conditions of the toilers determines the amount of bulldozing they will be subjected to.

A few years ago, before the development of industry curtailed the market, 1,000 brick was considered a good day's work. Now a man who has not strength to lay from 2,000 to 3,000 brick cannot hold his job with many contractors. The new stock yards of this city demanded and received 3,000 bricks per day from each bricklayer. It will be readily seen that the effect of unmercifully driving men to their utmost physical limit has made human wrecks of men comparatively young. One of the most pathetic scenes in a labor organization is the spectacle of a man 50 or 60 years of age, confessing his inability to secure or hold his job and demand union wages, and begging the union to grant him an "exempt card," that he may hire himself to contractors for whatever he can get.

This is one of the social ulcers of the present damnable, rotten wage system. The slave who gave the best years of his life to his master, was cared for in old age, but the "free bricklayer," after wrecking his health to make parasites wealthy, is thrown in the gutter, an outcast when his gray hair appears. And yet, according to the press, any organization that would limit the day's work so as to employ all under conditions that would not make them prematurely old, is classed as "degenerate."

Why should not your day's work be limited? When you buy goods they are limited. When the contractor buys lumber, brick, or anything else, it has a known value, a certain fixed relation to the currency. The only commodity that has no known value, that has no fixed relation to the currency, is labor. There is no limit to the ruthless exploitation of the toiler save the limit of his strength and endurance.

The class who own the "means of life" are consistent when they deny you the right to limit the day's work, because any curtailment of the day's work would result in a corresponding diminution of their profits. The evils from which we workmen suffer cannot be attributed to individuals, but to the economic system. Strikes, lockouts and other labor disturbances are but the manifestations of a CLASS STRUGGLE which is raging between the wage slave and his master. It is absurd to talk of arbitration as a means of abolishing strikes while the cause remains. The struggle will end only with the abolition of the capitalist class or the entire subjugation of the toilers.

Now, while we cannot change the system until the toilers, in united intelligent action, by means of the ballot, capture the government of the country, still we can take a step in the right direction by electing a socialist mayor in Chicago. It is apparent to one who has brains enough to give him a headache once in a while, that no party can serve in the interest of "all the people" while there are two classes in society; they must betray one or the other. Yet Haney and Harrison propose to do this impossible feat.

The records of both men show whose interests they represent. During the lockout Harrison arrested you, and Haney jailed you, and was ever ready with an injunction or a "John Doe" warrant to serve on you. Now, JOHN COLLINS, the Socialist party candidate for mayor, stands for the workmen. He doesn't propose to work in the interest of "all the people." Ultimately he will (when classes are abolished), but at present he is committed to the interests of the wage-slaves.

Now, how can John Collins give our building trades immediate relief? He can use the power vested in him to do away with the contract system in public works, and have all work done in compliance with rules of labor unions; and the election of a socialist mayor will arouse the dormant intellect of the toilers to a sense of their folly in permitting themselves to be the dupes of the old political parties, who are but the twin expressions of capitalism. In their search for the truth they will perceive the absurdity of these so-called issues, and, having by the beacon light of socialism discovered the cause of their slavery, they will proceed to abolish it and inaugurate a new order, in which the opportunity to acquire the necessaries of life will be as free and abundant as the air and sunlight.

The "full stomach," or "full dinner pail," instead of being the highest aspirations of men, will become but a means to an end. Learn socialism! Talk socialism! Vote socialism! Remember you have nothing to lose but your misery. You have a world, with all its possibilities of happiness to

gain, and remembering this, cast your vote for the ONLY WORKINGMEN'S PARTY in the coming election, the SOCIALIST PARTY, whose ticket is headed by a workman, JOHN COLLINS, the workman's candidate for Mayor of Chicago.

A BRICKLAYER.

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LABOR ITEMS

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

Total dividends declared in New York last of March amounted to \$75,408,410. This nice little sum went to—trust magnates, not workmen.

Musical instrument manufacturers are contemplating the formation of a trust. The music of the future will be performed in the trust band wagon.

The big railroad syndicate controlled by Morgan and Harriman is reaching out its tentacles in the direction of the Chicago Great Western Railroad.

A cotton picking machine, which is said to be a success and which will gather eight bales of cotton per day, regardless of the number of bolls, has been patented by a south Texan.—Coming Nation.

Steel manufacturers of Sheffield, England, are about to build a manufactory in the United States for the purpose of "fighting the steel trust," which is another way of saying that they want to get into it and help skin the American wage slave.

Labor unions of Newcastle, Pa., oppose the acceptance of Carnegie's gift of a library to that town, stating that as he robbed the producers all his life, it is an insult to hand back a moiety of the plunder in the name of charity. The Newcastle boys are all right.

The democratic legislature of Missouri has passed an act that deprives the Social Democratic party of using the name Democrat in Missouri. They must be getting afraid, but plain "Socialist" will do just as well. So go ahead, boys, and scare them some more.—Oklahoma Socialist.

Painters who left Chicago in the hope of obtaining work at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo have been compelled to return empty-handed. The rules of the exposition state that only painters who are permanent residents of Buffalo are to be employed on the grounds.

How does it come that any of Carnegie's employes are in need of a dime from that five million dollar charity? If they received all they earned, they wouldn't need it—if they did not receive all they earned, then Andrew is returning only a part of their plundered wages.—Saginaw Exponent.

Socialists of Ann Arbor, Mich., have nominated a full city ticket for the municipal election. Professor Frederick Partridge receiving the nomination for mayor and our energetic comrade D. J. Jeannerette for city clerk. The cause of socialism has been making remarkable progress in Ann Arbor for the last year, showing that a handful of determined socialists can make their presence felt in any community in a short space of time.

Over 100 Italian socialists who formerly affiliated with the De Leon party have seceded and joined the S. D. P. They will start a paper called "L'Avanti" in New York. For further information write F. M. Osborne, 162 W. 3rd street, New York. Dandelion has kicked out several more former dues payers for "treason" or something. He has just issued chapters long ago, and pretty soon only Dan and his whiskers will be left. He's a funny old rooster.

The cowardly democrats of Missouri, fearing the growth of the S. D. P., have enacted a law in the legislature to prohibit any party from using part of some other political name. The S. D. P. will now probably adopt the name of Socialist party and continue the good work. Owing to the activity of the S. D. P. in Washington the effort to disfranchise minority parties in that state was defeated in the legislature by a majority of one vote. The plutocratic hievelings are as active as slave-traders of old.—Cleveland Citizen.

Look on the extreme right of your ballot for the ticket of THE SOCIALIST PARTY, JOHN COLLINS for MAYOR. Make your X at the head of that column.

Chicago Federation of Labor very properly turned down an attempt to endorse one of the capitalist candidates for mayor and condemned the candidacy of both as enemies of organized labor. This policy of keeping capitalist politics out of labor organizations will, if persisted in, be found profitable in the end.

Call to Teachers

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socially useful occupations. Help us to spread the true knowledge and to expose the cause of our slavery. Be what your profession should make you—fighters for Truth, Freedom, Justice, Right! Workers with hand and workers with brain, unite and vote for yourselves!

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES.

The organizer of the Twenty-eighth ward is S. Robbins, 156 Winnebago ave. The La Salle Political and Educational Club held an interesting agitation meeting at their headquarters, Labor Lyceum, 436 S. Halsted street. There was a large crowd present who listened to an eloquent address by Comrade J. R. Smiley.

There was a large meeting last Sunday afternoon at Kensington Turner hall in Pullman. This large hall was comfortably filled with an audience whose enthusiasm was marked. The speakers were Comrades John Collins, P. Sissman and T. J. Morgan.

At the meeting arranged by the Twenty-eighth ward branch last Sunday afternoon at 1523 Lincoln avenue, Comrade C. Caplan filled the place of Comrade Simons as speaker. Comrade A. Olsen also made a short address. There was a good crowd present and the addresses made a good impression.

On April 4 Mrs. A. M. Simons will speak on the subject, "What Can Women Do for Socialism?" at the Socialist People, 128 Western avenue, at 8 p. m. Everybody welcome. All seats free. These lectures will be continued every Thursday, and on the 11th of April Miss Mary Collins will give an address on "The Disfranchisement of Women."

Four new members were admitted to the roll of Seventeenth ward branch at a meeting last Sunday afternoon at Aurora hall, corner Huron street and Milwaukee avenue. The hall was comfortably filled. The address of Comrade Klenke on the issues of the campaign was well received. Comrade John Collins will speak at Aurora hall next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Comrade F. W. Knox gave an address before the Glen Ely local on March 25, and Comrade Evans is to speak there on April 2, while Comrade Charles H. Vail is to visit the Glen Ely community on March 28. More than enough names have been secured to the nomination papers, and still Glen Ely ventures to claim that it will poll ten per cent or more of the total vote in the village.

A large crowd assembled at the headquarters of the Fifteenth ward branch, 354 W. North avenue, last Sunday afternoon to listen to addresses by Comrades Knox and Stangland. The audience was an enthusiastic one and the addresses were well received. After the speechmaking was over there was an interesting discussion participated in by the audience. Three new members were added to the roll of the branch.

Last Saturday evening Comrade John Collins addressed a meeting of Progressive Lodge 128 I. A. of Machinists at Hall 613 Masonic Temple. His subject was, "Which Candidate Should the Union Man Vote For?" After the address a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Socialist Party campaign fund, the sum of \$2.97 being realized. The party hereby acknowledges the receipt of same and expresses its obligations to the lodge members.

The candidate of the Socialist party for mayor, Comrade John Collins, addressed a meeting of Reliable Lodge No. 253 I. A. of Machinists at the hall, northeast corner of Ogden and Western avenues, last Wednesday evening. His subject was the issues of the present campaign from the workingman's standpoint. After the address a collection was taken up for the benefit of the campaign fund, \$4.50 being realized. The Socialist party hereby tenders its thanks to the members of Reliable Lodge.

The debate between Comrade Simons and A. G. Specht, which was advertised for last Sunday afternoon at 55 Clybourn avenue did not take place for the very conclusive reason that Mr. Specht failed to show up. This is not the first time that an old party politician has agreed to appear in debate with a socialist and backed out at the crucial moment. However, the large audience which had assembled to hear the debate, were well repaid for their disappointment by an eloquent address by Comrade Simons.

Last Sunday's meeting of the Twenty-eighth ward branch was one of the most successful ever held in Educational Hall. The entertainment provided was of the highest class and attracted an audience that filled the building to its utmost capacity, fully 400 being present. A plentiful lunch was provided for all comers, and a musical and literary programme of unusual excellence followed, which was appreciated thoroughly by those present. Amongst the many features of the programme the singing of the Swedish Socialist Quartette was especially worthy of mention, while the rendering of "Il Trovatore" by Miss Jeanor Larsen and a recitation by Julius Menck drew unstinted plaudits from the audience. An eloquent address, as given by Miss Mary Collins, and the branch added 16 new members to its list as a result of its painstaking efforts to spread the light of socialism in their locality. And in this success the women of the branch have taken their full share, and the energy and efforts of Mrs. Adam Harvey and Miss Inga Johnson have contributed in no slight degree to the growing importance and strength of the Twenty-eighth ward branch.

THE PARIS COMMUNE.

We seldom read the daily press without becoming more or less in doubt regarding facts. And yet, we blindly read about the last Commune, and scarcely doubt the rabble's fiendish acts.

Could we but know the author's name, from whence his information came, and learn his easy training; the class he represents, and why he'll tell the truth, and then deny the facts, without explaining:

We'd understand, if he offends The class on whom his breed depends, He'd lose his job, and pay, Unpleasant facts must be suppressed, Or else in gilded colors dressed, To take the curse away.

Thus, common people, read and learn, That workingmen will wreck and burn, The home of king or saint; Will murder, ruin, kill, annoy, Debauch and riot, fight, destroy, Whelp free from law's restraint.

But common people, we confess, Who read and trust the daily press, Are dull of comprehension; For editors respect the strong. The wealthy class can do no wrong, Which they will care to mention.

Historians should note the chest, But they the same old tale repeat; And priests, "neath lofty steeple; All lay the blame, the guilt, the shame, The fearful flood of crime and blood, On thieves and working people.

From center out to border; But France redeemed this den of sin, When "loyal" troops marched bravely in.

Restoring "law and order." But, many foreigners were there, Unbiased, honest, just and fair; Unbought, and not for sale; Old men, the middle aged, and youth, Who dare assert and tell the truth; They tell another tale.

They dare proclaim with voice and pen, A government of workmen, Which rank and wealth deplore; Its justice to the heart appeals; 'Twas free from all official steals, A thing unknown before.

Who dares to say the wealth untold, In bankers' vaults—the hoarded gold, They could not take away; No other government on earth, Though ruled by men of "noble" birth, Would leave it there a day.

Five weeks, while the Commune held sway, No crime was known, but bright as day The sun of Justice shone; Brave men and women, side by side, Fought for its maintenance and died Unhonored and unknown.

But, whisper low, in accents hushed: 'Twas not till this Commune was crushed, The flood of death began, 'Twas not the work of men who fight For freedom, harmony and right, The common working man.

Ah, no! 'Twas men who fight for pay; Who ask no questions, but obey The orders of their chief, 'Twas men long trained with fiendish skill, By government to burn and kill, Who wrought this shame and grief.

The soldiers did their "duty" well; And made of earth the darkest hell, As soldiers do to-day. And yet, professor, priest, and press, Still hide the truth—can they do less, And hold their place and pay?

Yet in this lost Commune we see The signs of better things to be, When workmen gain their own, And yet, professor, priest, and press, Still hide the truth—can they do less, And greed be overthrown.

And though at first the world was amazed, Who shall subdue the storm they raised, Or who destroy the heaven, Until it permeate the earth, Remove the stain from toll and birth, And make of earth a heaven.

J. E. NASH.

Comrades are requested to notice that the ticket of the SOCIALIST PARTY occupies the LAST COLUMN on the ballot.

Fell on the Fighting Line.

Socialist comrades throughout the city will be grieved and surprised to learn of the sudden death of one of our best and most faithful workers for socialism in Chicago, Erik J. Pihlaja, organizer for the Sixth ward. Comrade Pihlaja was a man of magnificent physique, and to all outward appearances was in perfect health, yet on last Sunday morning at 4 o'clock he died almost instantly as was afterwards discovered from heart disease. Those who were acquainted with our departed comrade can best judge of the loss which the party has sustained by his death. Cheerful, vigorous and untiring in the propaganda of socialism, Comrade Pihlaja was appreciated and respected by every member of the Socialist party who knew him. The executive committee of the party having been notified of his decease, passed the following resolution of condolence and sympathy with his widow and directed that the same appear in the columns of The Workers' Call:

"Whereas, The hand of death has removed our Comrade Erik J. Pihlaja from our midst, and, "Whereas, we recognize his long and faithful services to the cause of socialism, which we held in common with him, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the committee hereby expresses its heartfelt sympathy and condolence with the widow of our departed comrade in the affliction that has befallen her, and further considers that the highest tribute they can pay to his memory is best expressed through still more vigorous efforts on their part to bring nearer to its realization the cause to which our comrade devoted his life's work."

The body was interred in Oakwoods cemetery on Tuesday, March 25, many old comrades being present at the funeral. Before the deceased was borne to his last resting place, Comrade Walter Thomas Mills delivered an impressive and eloquent address appropriate to the occasion, and a valiant comrade who had fought long and valiantly for socialism passed away forever from the field on which he had well and nobly played his part.

Couldn't Hold Him.

Comrade Walter S. Allen of Palmer, Mass., writes to inform the Chicago comrades that he is once more at liberty, having been released upon a writ of habeas corpus after an incarceration of thirty days. It may be remembered that Comrade Allen was recently sentenced to one year's imprisonment for circulating a leaflet which attacked the church and saloon in a manner that the upholders of those institutions didn't like, although it was admitted by the court that the production was neither blasphemous nor obscene. It was said to be "prejudicial to the morals of the young," and in consequence it was found that no penalty could be enforced. Comrade Allen merely told in vigorous language of evils which "good men" universally condemn in selected phrases, and, judging from his letter, he will continue to provide an uncomfortable time for the local hypocrites who have been talked in their efforts to close his mouth for twelve months.

Socialist Pointers

If you are a workman, why not vote the ticket of your class?

Harrison or Haney? How happy the traction companies can be with either!

Be good to yourself by voting the ticket of the SOCIALIST PARTY, JOHN COLLINS for Mayor.

The "blue laws" bogey was especially constructed for the intimidation of green workingmen in this campaign.

The workingmen have a golden opportunity this spring of showing that they know that their votes are valuable.

The slaughter of workmen in Russia by the Cosmacks proves that capitalist "civilization" is everywhere the same.

That awful stillness is caused by Bryan's efforts to hold his breath while reading Comrade Wilsheir's challenges to debate.

In the near future every reputable corporation will have its own special pack of "gray wolves" as a matter of business.

The Municipal Voters' League evidently do not consider Honore Palmer a "gray wolf," even if he is running with the pack.

The party who says he doesn't believe in revolution, but pins his faith upon evolution, only exposes his ignorance of both terms.

In voting for the "best man," don't overlook yourself and your distinct class interests. Vote for socialism and you can make no mistake.

During the past week the red flag has been hoisted both in France and Russia. Some day we will hear the news that it has gone up to stay.

The law is but the will of the dominant class made into a rule for all. This may cast some light upon the futility of so-called labor legislation.

After the election is over the republican and democratic campaigns will close, but the socialists will keep on doing business at the old stand.

Harrison and Haney may be "friends of labor" all right, but they know how to dissemble their love when occasion requires, just the same.

Nobody appreciates the truth that "the man who owns the machine owns the product of the machine," better than Bobby Burke and Billy Lorimer.

Extension of franchise for the corporations and curtailment of franchise for the working class are equally articles of faith in the creed of capitalism.

It may be a "crime" against capitalism to vote for your interests as a workman, but there are some cases in which a blunder is worse than a crime.

John Collins is neither ashamed of his name nor is he so proud of it as to disgust his hearers by repeatedly referring to his immediate paternal ancestor.

J. Pierpont Morgan has donated \$100,000 to the New York branch of the Y. M. C. A. Donation and investment seem to have become synonymous terms these days.

The "Practical Temperance Workers' League" has condemned the candidacy of both Harrison and Haney, but John Collins doesn't expect to derive any benefit from this action.

As to Harrison's "dead-open-and-shut game" and Lorimer's dose of "Haney," the workingmen may well say, "John Collins is a workman, and is good enough for me."

There are very few capitalists who will deny that socialism may be possible a thousand years hence. The fact that the heat of the sun will be exhausted in 12,000,000 years has no terror for the mass of mankind.

The strikers in Marseilles are not handicapped in their struggle by a mayor of the Carley Harrison stripe, a fact for which they can thank themselves solely. They looked farther than their nose when at the ballot box.

Kaiser Wilhelm expresses regret that the "authority of the crown" has been greatly impaired of late in Germany. There are more than two million socialists there who would like to know what he is going to do about it.

An army officer has just brought home an overcoat belonging to the emperor of China, which he "rescued" from a burning palace in Peking. The "world of graft" is evidently not confined to the North American continent.

Some poet has composed a campaign dirty on "The Ancient Brown Fathers That Our Carter Never Ate." The writer is evidently ignorant of the fact that capitalist politicians don't eat their hats. They talk through them instead.

On Political Stage

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Marx, though sorely disgruntled over the result of the nomination, is prevented by a pledge from repeating his performance of four years ago, and as he has no intention of retiring from the political field, he takes this opportunity of making his peace with the capitalist class, and particularly corporations, by pushing the fight for a "clean" council.

It is only necessary to refer to the daily capitalist press to procure sufficient evidence of the farcical nature of the thing called capitalist politics, no far as it concerns the wage working class. The materials from which the above notes were taken were supplied throughout by the capitalist journals of this city during the last week.

No apology, therefore, is needed in pressing the claims of a political organization whose very existence is rooted in working class interests exclusively. In bringing the claims of the SOCIALIST PARTY to the attention of the wage earners of Chicago and urging a perusal of its platform, upon their notice, we feel certain no comparison is possible between its concise and distinct statements and the shuffling, equivocal and evasive programmes of the capitalist parties—a contrast instead is at once established.

SOCIALIST PARTY TICKET

- For Mayor—JOHN COLLINS.
For Clerk—F. G. STRICKLAND.
For Attorney—M. H. TAFT.
For Treasurer—D. H. DALY.
WEST TOWN.
For Assessor—AUGUST KLENKE.
For Collector—G. J. SINDELAR.
For Supervisor—G. D. EVANS.
For Clerk—B. ENHORN.
NORTH TOWN.
For Collector—WM. LEHNERT.
For Supervisor—A. W. MARTIN.
For Clerk—C. A. JOHNSON.
TOWN OF LAKE VIEW.
For Collector—CHAS. J. ERICKSON.
For Supervisor—A. F. JOHNSON.
For Clerk—B. A. WEBSTER.
TOWN OF HYDE PARK.
For Assessor—DR. RUDCINSKI.
For Collector—A. G. NIELSEN.
For Supervisor—H. DEBOER.
For Clerk—CHAS. KNUDSEN.
SOUTH TOWN.
For Collector—L. C. LARSEN.
For Supervisor—M. BECKER.
For Clerk—H. A. WILLIAMSON.
TOWN OF JEFFERSON.
For Collector—W. H. LEFFINGWELL.
For Supervisor—JOHN P. GOESEL.
For Clerk—ALBERT EISEMAN.
FOR ALDERMEN.
Second—RICE WASHBROUGH.
Third—LOUIS DARLGAARD.
Fourth—JOE THEINTZ.
Fifth—WM. WALL.
Sixth—GRANT DEPEW.
Eighth—CHAS. J. PETERSON.
Ninth—LOUIS HECHTMAN.
Tenth—JOE STONE.
Eleventh—JOHN M'GILL.
Twelfth—SVAN SANDELIN.
Thirteenth—JAMES LAMBERT.
Fourteenth—THEO. WILLIAMS.
Fifteenth—LAURITZ OLSEN.
Sixteenth—DR. H. L. FRANKEL.
Seventeenth—A. JASINSKI.
Eighteenth—J. L. ALLEN.
Nineteenth—E. GURNEY.
Twentieth—J. H. MEYER.
Twenty-first—G. E. LIND.
Twenty-second—J. LANGENBERG.
Twenty-third—AUG. PETERSON.
Twenty-fourth—J. H. BARD.
Twenty-fifth—J. W. BAITELS.
Twenty-sixth—ALFRED BROWN.
Twenty-seventh—JOHN E. FORBERG.
Twenty-eighth—N. ANDERSON.
Twenty-ninth—WALTER HUGGINS.

Send in a club of ten this week.
he found their case so strong that he was compelled to decide in their favor. He does not claim anything more than that in a society whose laws and customs are fixed by employers he found that this particular body of masters were demanding more of their wage slaves than the whole class of masters thought was desirable to demand.

How Will You Vote?

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In view of the fact that the municipal elections in Chicago are to take place in April, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, once more affirms its allegiance to the principles of international revolutionary socialism.

In calling upon the working class to rally to the support of the principles of socialism, the Socialists wish to emphasize the fact so often reiterated, that until the complete triumph of the working class, which can only find expression in the overthrow of the capitalist system, be accomplished, any temporary palliatives must of necessity be partial and insufficient.

Meetings for the Week.
The following meetings have been arranged for the coming week:
SUNDAY—3 p. m., Fifteenth ward, 624 W. North avenue; speakers, John Collins and J. Kaplan.
SUNDAY—3 p. m., Twenty-fifth ward, 369 Sheffield, near Belmont avenues; speaker, John Collins.

Socialist Party Platform

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GRAND MASS MEETING

At Phoenix Hall
Division St. near Sedgwick St.
FRIDAY MARCH 29, 8 P. M.
REV. CHAS. H. VAIL,
Socialist Candidate for Governor of New Jersey—Will tell the Wage Workers why they should vote the ticket of THE SOCIALIST PARTY with JOHN COLLINS as Candidate for Mayor.

DIFFERENCES IN WAGES.

How One Man Who Produces Nothing Can Earn as Much as 13,000 Others Who Do Produce.
Many remarkable discoveries have been made by investigators from the Chicago university, but none more wonderful than the one published in last Sunday's papers. It seems almost incredible that, in spite of the "prosperity" that everybody is enjoying, the report of a student of that institution, regarding conditions of life in the sweatshops of Chicago should be true.

Socialist Temple Notes.
Tuesday evening, March 19, a goodly number addressed in spite of the rain. The address of Comrade A. M. Simons was packed full of facts bearing directly on the present campaign. The audience responded with hearty applause.

SOCIALIST PARTY

OF CHICAGO.

Branch Directory.

Secretaries will please send notice of any omissions, changes or corrections in the following list and notify the editor of The Workers' Call, 26 N. Clark street.

COMMITTEES.

GENERAL COMMITTEE meets first Saturday of every month at Koch's hall, 104 E. Randolph street; A. W. Lindgren, secretary, 1477 Roscoe st.

BRANCHES.

- The following directory announces only the business meetings of the various branches. All agitation meetings will be announced in the "List of Meetings" which will be found on the first page of every issue of The Workers' Call.
FIRST WARD—Every Tuesday night, Atlantic Hotel, southwest corner Van Buren and Sherman streets; secretary, Leo Maremont, 497 Wabash ave.
SECOND WARD—Every Friday night, 2212 Wabash avenue; secretary, Alice Washbrough, 175 E. 22d street.
THIRD WARD—Headquarters, 355 S. State street; meets every Monday at 8 p. m.; secretary, S. E. Yeomans, 3560 State street.
FOURTH WARD—Meets every first and third Monday night at 310 South Halsted street; secretary, Joe Trentz, 253 E. Twenty-fourth street.
FIFTH WARD—Every second and fourth Tuesday at 274 S. Halsted st.; Sec. George Mitchell, 1523 25th st.
SIXTH WARD—Meets Friday nights; secretary, M. Kleininger.
SEVENTH WARD—Meets at Foresters' hall, 6312 Cottage Grove ave., every Thursday at 8 p. m.; Sec., Peyton Boswell, 6037 Washington ave.
EIGHTH WARD—Every Saturday 3 p. m., at Sherman Hall, 9140 Commercial ave.; Sec. M. H. Taft, 2926 Commercial avenue.
NINTH AND TENTH WARDS—Meet every Monday night at 496 S. Halsted street; Sec., L. Hechtman, 254 W. Fourteenth street.
ELEVENTH WARD—Every Friday night at 234 W. Hastings; secretary, Robert Plotter, 400 Washburne ave.
TWELFTH WARD—Every Friday 8 p. m., at 124 Twenty-fourth street, near Cakay avenue; secretary, G. J. Sindelar, 1193 S. Albany av.
THIRTEENTH WARD—Every Wednesday at Socialist Temple, 129 S. Western avenue; secretary, James Lambert, 1312 Washington Blvd.
FOURTEENTH WARD—Every Friday at Miles' Hall, southwest corner Grand and Western avenues; secretary, E. Cope, 153 Emerson avenue.
FIFTEENTH WARD—Headquarters at 54 W. North avenue; secretary, M. Hull, 54 Thomas street.
SIXTEENTH WARD—Every Monday at 1122 Milwaukee avenue, second floor; secretary, O. Beselack, 846 N. Wood street.
SEVENTEENTH WARD—Every Sunday at 3 p. m., Aurora Hall, Huron street and Milwaukee avenue; secretary, Sol Siegel, 199 W. Huron street.
EIGHTEENTH WARD—Second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 223 Washington Blvd.; secretary, B. Rayfield, 15 N. Carpenter street.
NINETEENTH WARD—Every Tuesday evening at Hull House; secretary, Miss Mary Colston, Hull House, corner Polk and Halsted streets.
TWENTIETH WARD—Every Thursday at Socialist Temple, 129 S. Western avenue; secretary, James S. Smith, 412 W. Madison street.
TWENTY-FIRST WARD—Every Wednesday at 151 Wells street; secretary, R. A. Morris, 55 N. Clark street.
TWENTY-SECOND WARD—Every Tuesday in the month at 83 Clybourn avenue; secretary, P. F. Eckenberg, 323 N. Franklin street.
TWENTY-THIRD WARD—Every Friday at Garfield Turner Hall, Garfield and Larabee streets; secretary, A. H. Schuler, 143 Dayton street.
TWENTY-FOURTH—Every first and third Friday at N. W. corner Southport avenue and Diversey Blvd.; secretary L. N. Wagner, 625 Southport avenue.
TWENTY-FIFTH WARD—Every first and third Sunday, 3 p. m., and every second and fourth Tuesday, 8 p. m., at headquarters, Protestant Hall, 939 Sheffield avenue; secretary August Peterson, 821 Sheffield avenue.
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