

THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

"Workers of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains: You have a world to gain."

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A BOLD HOLDUP GAME.

How Oleomargarine Dealers Use the Law to Make Sales for Their Product—How the Trick Is Turned.

TRAP INNOCENT GROCERY DEALERS.

Fine Suspended If License Is Taken Out—In League with City Officials—Consumers the Real Victims.

Modern capitalism laughs at laws and locksmen. The manufacturers of oleomargarine know how to get their product on the market. The plan is brief as follows:

A salesman for a clover leaf brand of PURE Elgin creamery butter makes contracts with a number of small grocery stores on the South Side. He tells them of the supreme merit of his brand of pure butter. He names a price that makes it possible to handle this genuine (?) article at a nice profit. The order is placed and several firkins of butter duly arrive. They are placed in the grocery store's ice chest and he proceeds to sell his customers PURE COUNTRY BUTTER.

All goes well for a couple of days. Suddenly an officious looking stranger enters the door. Without a word of explanation or by your leave he walks direct to the ice chest and places in his mouth a pinch of your clover leaf butter. In great indignation he turns to the proprietor and forcibly informs him in loud tones that he is caught red-handed selling oleomargarine without a license. He is very fierce and officious. He refuses to hear any explanations whatever. The dealer is informed to forthwith appear at the City Hall. In fear and trembling he hastens to the city. Without any ceremony he is there convicted on direct testimony of having violated the sacred law.

He is forthwith fined the limit. He is dazed and stupefied. With glimpses of the penitentiary in front of him and bankruptcy behind him, his agony of countenance brings an official to his rescue. This official quietly informs him that this being his first offense he will be let off if he will take out a year's license. He jumps at the bait. How much will it cost? he asks. Forty-two dollars. He digs and leaves the city with a licensed dealer in oleomargarine. He has put his hard cash into the game, he must NOW handle oleomargarine regularly, and he orders more clover leaf PURE butter, otherwise oleo.

The groceryman had never wanted

to deal in this product. He said he wouldn't. But the oleo men have oleo, to sell, and they knew a way to force the groceries of the city to handle their goods.

They lie to the man to get him to become a customer. Once a customer they get him convicted for selling oleo, that the oleo dealers had sold to him as PURE butter. It is no crime for the big liars to lie. They violate no oleo law in selling oleo, as pure butter.

The suburb of Englewood has hundreds of small dealers in a tremble. The big oleo men are happy. They have trapped their enemy into handling their product.

Some city officer, sworn to the sanctity of the law lends a willing hand to help the big fellows swallow the little fellows.

How much does the city hall get out of the game? What commission are they paid for going into the oleo business?

Great is capitalism. Many are its suckers. They are not all in the proletarian class. A large bunch of them are in the bourgeoisie class.

They have been given another evidence of the evolutionary development of to-day.

When big capitalism has produced to sell it knows how to make the little capitalist sell it.

When there is profit in selling oleo, and adulterated goods to the consumers the powers that be know how to MAKE these consumers buy their goods.

This may be good business under 20th century commercial ethics, but it is not honest.

It is criminal, but the innocent man suffers, the guilty goes free.

No act is too mean, no law too sacred, no character too pure to be sacrificed on the altar of capitalist greed.

Vote the Socialist ticket, put the workers in power, and stop this humbug and hold-up, cut-throat, anarchy system of commercialism called "business," but which rightly named is hell.

Private profit takes thousands and thousands of healthy human hearts to satisfy its greed. Stop this terrible murder. The workers only can do it. The workers must do it if it is done.

Collins in Pennsylvania.
"I am having good success now," says John Collins in getting the locals straightened up and on a dues paying basis. Spoke to small crowd at Nashthany Thursday, April 9 got a few of them together and they were to hold a meeting Tuesday, April 14 and try and organize.

Expect the same results from Summit Hill where I spoke on same date.

Spoke at "Hauto" Friday night, April 10. Organized them and they sent for \$3.00 worth of stamps.

Saturday night, April 11th, spoke at Lansford for the second time and they are going to have a ball Friday, April 24th and expect to be able to pay off a small debt which was contracted during last campaign, and have a surplus over and above all their expenses.

Spoke in Coal Dale Sunday, April 12. Organized the mass they sent for \$2.50 worth of stamps.

Went to Hazelton Tuesday, April 24 and as the weather was very bad, the crowd was small and no results except arranging for another meeting. Sunday, April 19 I expect to start a strong local at this place, will be around here until April 22. Have made arrangements for a meeting in March Chunk Thursday, April 23.

The outlook now is that the Socialist movement is going to grow fast in Pennsylvania. Great dissatisfaction here over the so-called "settlement."

Here is my congratulations to the Chicago comrades over their great battle and noble work. I hope you will elect two councilmen next time.

Comrade Miss Virna McCombs, of Toledo, Ohio, made a fraternal call last week at headquarters, and took a peep into the editorial sanctum. Comrade McCombs is a valiant worker for the cause in local Toledo, and proves by her energetic spirit what a woman can accomplish in this movement.

You have criticized society so fiercely you have grown sour. Straighten up your face. The flowers are as sweet and fresh as ever.

LABOR UNIONS VS. "BUSINESS".

Alderman Johnson's Debut.
Alderman Johnson, of the 33rd ward, was duly installed as a member of the city council at its session last Monday evening.

The Socialist alderman is given place on the following committees: Police, wharving privileges, street nomenclature, markets, police stations and bridewell.

The motion to issue water certificates to the amounts of \$3,500,000 was voted against by Comrade Johnson, the only dissenting voice in the council chamber against the proposition.

The council adjourned to meet on May 11.

This, in brief, is the record of the first council meeting in Chicago in which a member of the Socialist Party had a legal seat. The public will watch with great interest to learn what a Socialist will do in the city council, and Comrade Johnson will show them.

Some surprise was occasioned by my voting against issuing of certificates to the amount of \$3,500,000 for extending the sewerage system and water service. These things need extension and while a Socialist wants no interest bearing indebtedness of any kind he realizes that under present conditions money must be raised somehow, but the rate of interest, 5 per cent is higher than the city of Chicago needs to pay.

I hereby express my thanks and appreciation to the comrades who brought floral tributes insurrection night and especially to the members of my union, who happened to just strike my taste.

WM. JOHNSON,
The Socialist alderman Chicago.

Jos. Wanhope Goes to Erie.

The following is taken from the issue of the Erie People of April 18:

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evening Telegram Publishing Company final steps were taken to take over the plant of The Erie People, and Jos. Wanhope of Chicago was elected editor. The transfer will be made on May 1st. Comrade Wanhope is a painter by trade and belongs to the painters' union. He has edited the Chicago Socialist, a leading party paper, for the last three years. He is an able writer and speaker and no doubt will make many friends. Now that the final steps have been taken, it is up to stockholders to see that their stock is paid up and begin to work to give the weekly the circulation it ought to have with such an able writer, and it will only be a question of a few months before the daily will appear.

The board has arranged for a mass meeting for April 20th at C. L. Hall, where Comrade Wanhope will speak. After the meeting there will be a social session. The admission will be 25 cents, to go for the benefit of the paper.

Comrades of the 13th Ward Branch.

For years we have been agitating and agitating, increasing the vote and membership of our party, yet little or nothing has been done towards educating these new members to our ranks in the fundamental principles of socialism.

It is not sufficient that we encourage the people to vote our ticket, and add new members to our organization, but it is very necessary these new voters and new members should know WHY THEY VOTE and the NEED OF JOINING THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

We need a more intelligent organization, more speakers. These speakers should come mainly from the WORKING CLASS. With this end in view a SCHOOL OF SOCIALISM for the discussion of these subjects has been started. It meets at the Socialist Temple, 120 So. Western avenue, every Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. This mainly for the members of the party, but all others are invited to come. Part of the time will be allowed for public discussion. Now comrades, come and help in this work. Bring all your friends. Meeting starts promptly at 7:30 P. M. Comrade N. S. Dalton will be the critic for Tuesday, April 22.—J. W. SAUNDERS, Manager.

Death of Comrade Edmund Hunt.

Comrade Edmund Hunt, living in Grand Crossing and a member of that branch, was killed last Saturday, April 18. He was run over by a switch engine, which he had attempted to board to save a long walk. In missing his footing he was run over, losing both legs and one arm. In fifteen minutes death relieved his sufferings. The funeral occurred on Monday, the 21st, from the M. E. church, and was very largely attended. The comrade leaves a wife and five children, most of them quite young. He was a hard worker for the cause of Socialism and was a charter member of the branch.

Look pleasant and ask your neighbor to subscribe for the Chicago Socialist. It will pay him fifty-two cents a year. You couldn't do that. Then if he reads the paper he will join the party and give aid to the great proletarian movement. Do you see the point. Well, go now, and do your duty.

Were you one of the foolish who tried to save the city to the capitalists. Say, but they have an easy job with such blind sheep to lead.

LABOR UNIONS VS. "BUSINESS".

Last Sunday the City Federation of Labor had a long drawn battle over a resolution to bar the young union (under a year) going on strike. The resolution was written by Harry McCormack, a carpenter, and among other reasons advanced for the passage of same was the following:

"It is not to the best interests of the labor movement or the WELFARE OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS INTERESTS of Chicago."

One would naturally ask: Are the unions legislating in the interests of the working class or are they organized to advance the interests of the capitalist class.

At this very point is where the trade union leader leads the blind into the ditch. The interests of the capitalist and laborer are diametrically opposed, and when a body of union men forget THEIR interests they go wrong. This is where Gompers leads.

A young member was right when he said: "If this resolution is passed the business men of the country would rejoice."

Why not. It would prove again that labor was organized to advance the interest of the parasite. To take care of the bosses' business and let the producers interest go to the demitition wows.

An unprejudiced observer might conclude and be clearly within the facts, that the only unionist who has any class consciousness is the young member. The old fossils have grown stale, and the new blood is pressing on to action. It sees when it is wronged and proceeds to apply the only remedy in sight to strike for better wages and shorter hours.

This same young member above quoted declared the passing of this resolution "would assure the business interests safety should they wish to crush a new union."

But the resolution failed of passage as the following will show:

Mr. McCormack of the carpenters was recognized, and opened his remarks by saying that he wrote the resolution. For several minutes the meeting was in turmoil, many of the delegates trying to force McCormack to take his seat. This he refused to do, saying he would wait for quiet.

"The object of the Chicago Federation of Labor," he said, "is to FURTHER THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH LABOR AND BUSINESS. Why should Chicago be the butt of abuse from all sections of the country? Why should its unions be denounced and its industries injured? It is because of premature outbreaks."

"Men organize in one week, come here the next, and we endorse a strike, and away they go on a movement we know nothing about. I believe in strikes, but I do not believe that it is wise for this body to become a forerunner of strikes and discord. We would rather be a well developed and intelligent body and prevent them. Men should have money and experience before they enter into strikes."

McCormack then cited two recent instances when unions struck unwisely, and when he tried to comment on them the disapproval of the crowd again broke out. This roused George W. Geary of the bridge and structural iron workers, who shouted:

"I tell you that every tried, true, and old union man on this floor is in favor of the resolution. The men who are hissing here are those who have not been in the movement but overnight. They are the kind of men who hold one meeting, think they are union men, and go out as such, although that meeting was probably bad. I say to you that the wise heads should rule, which would mean an end to the disgraceful course which has been followed of late."

The arguments of the conservatives proved of no avail, however, as the argument that if the resolution were passed "D. M. Parry would rest quiet at night" caught the crowd and the resolution was defeated.

The "tried and true" men are appealed to by the mover of the resolution. He declared they all favored it. No doubt. They have become fossilized and married to some cheap job. Very few of the old timers would engage in a real, live energetic strike. They have lost their manhood.

It is the "old men" in the union movement that is selling out to the "business interests." The unions' only hope is in the new young blood that is now making itself felt.

When the workers of the world unite at the ballot box and go on one determined strike in which they utterly forget the "business interests" and confine themselves to voting and striking in the interest of their homes—their wives and babies, then we will have unionists in reality, not in name only as we have them now.

Chicago has thousands of old fossils in her union ranks who have crawled so long on their bellies for a job that they would not recognize themselves if they stood upright and gave the world evidence that they were "men," real men.

Come, men wake up. Your interest lies in getting control of the powers of

government that you may receive the full product of your labor.

This procedure will not be on the side of the business interests, but it will be on the side of your interest.

Considering the "business interests" of his boss in Chicago is costing the workers of this industrial center not less than \$10 a day.

Get a move on yourself. Go after that "tender."

Advertising Socialism.

The Chicago Chronicle last Sunday gave the four candidates on city ticket and the Socialist alderman from the 33rd ward a page write up. But for the fact that the make-up man mixed a couple of galleys and that the writer did not know enough about Socialism to write an account, the article might have been called good. However, any advertisement of our cause adds to our propaganda. The fact remains that capitalist writers soon flounder when they attempt to write on Socialism.

Still they feel they must learn something of it and if they keep hammering away they will accomplish this end. The Chronicle certainly deserves some praise in that it treated our auditorium meeting fairly and has given a few boosts along with its many kicks.

Campaign Fund Receipts to April 20.
Previously reported \$1584.90
List No. 3616 2.00
List No. 269750
P. Katchke list 2335 3.25
Geo. Koop, list Chgo American \$13.50, less 25 per cent 10.12
Com. Dewezka \$1.45, 25 per cent off 1.10
Cash list 1.00
A. P. Kattler, list 3708 1.00
Chas. Berg, list 3113 1.00
H. Lomke, list 311950
25th ward ptg acct 11.75
D. Zatzky, list 514 1/2 5.00
Geo. D. Evans, Aud. Note 2.00
Herman Burgund, list 147935
Total \$1629.37
CHAS. L. BRECKON, Bus. Mgr.

BRANCHES, ATTENTION!

DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION must be in good standing (dues must have been paid for February), and be members of the party for at least six (6) months.

Take your dues cards with you to both—the ward and the county convention as you may need it.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES should send the financial report for April to this office not later than May 1st.

Where dues have been received from members and such members have not received dues stamps therefore, then the Financial Secretary must rectify this blunder at once, by giving such members as many stamps as they have paid for.

Fraternally,
THEO. MEYER,
Secy., Local Chicago.

City Central Committee

will convene in regular session on May 2, 8 P. M. sharp. Communications, credentials, financial reports, etc., should be sent before May 2. By so doing you will assist in having the session opened at 8 o'clock sharp.

THEO. MEYER, Secretary.

Strike Is Felt Over Sea.

The coal strike in British Columbia is responsible for the non-arrival of a shipment of 1,500 tons of coal for the use of British warships stationed at Honolulu, H. M. S. Amphitrite has appealed to the local naval station to give her 2,000 tons to enable her to make the return trip to Hongkong.

This is a fine system. Unrest and uncertainty everywhere. The laborer insecure in his job and the individual capitalist uncertain as to his holdings. Strikes break out that are felt around the globe. The anarchy of capitalism has pretty nearly run its limit. It is quite time for the science of Socialism to take hold of the affairs of society and run them sanely. You had better study up and get in line.

Injunction Null and Void.

"The injunction restraining the election board is null and void; the contempt proceedings are void; the Circuit court has no jurisdiction in this case."—Gist of Supreme court decision.

Capitalism laughs at injunctions. It owns the powers of government that make injunctions. Your votes give this splendid power to them. You must be a chump. Indeed, you are very foolish. When are you going to wake up and put you class in power, ye workers of the world? When do you can get an important supreme court decision in a few days, and need not go to jail in the meantime.

Notice to Subscribers.

In giving change of address be sure to give OLD address as well as the new. You will save much time. Any subscriber failing to receive his paper regularly should notify this office at once. Capitalism would cheat you of your Socialist paper. This is the way to beat it.

Put the hitherto oppressed class—the workers—in charge of the affairs of government—that will be a social revolution.

BALLOTS CAST IN STATE.

Evanston Does Herself Proud—Lacon Makes a Fine Showing—Bloomington Loses in Hot Campaign—News Notes.

Evanston Makes Great Showing.

Election returns for April 21, 1903:

Ward.	Precinct.	Mayor.	Aldermen.	Vote last fall.
1		17	16	6
2		8	6	2
3		15	15	9
4		25	30	17
5		13 (no can)	7	7
6		53	29	40
7		39	55	42
8		7	19	24
9		14	—	12
10		4	—	—
11		13	—	8
12		10	—	7
Total		220	167	174

The total vote cast was 3746.

Total last fall was 2382.

The Socialist vote is not as large in proportion to the total as it was last fall but IT HAS INCREASED IN NUMBERS actually.

The above are only the police returns. IF THE OFFICIAL RETURNS ARE THE SAME, THEN SOME OF OUR VOTES HAVE BEEN COUNTED OUT.

Comrade Miller votes in 1st precinct of 7th ward and voted for Socialist alderman. No votes for Socialist alderman are reported from this precinct in above returns. We think we can produce affidavits from other Socialist voters in other precincts where no Socialist alderman votes are reported and will make it very warm for the election boards if there has been any fraud.

As in all the other city elections, every possible means was used to sidetrack our votes and we feel enthusiastic over our gains.

Now comrades—get these fellows into our local. Get their subscriptions to the Chicago Socialist.

Help yourselves—boost Socialism.

The Evanston comrades made a clean revolutionary campaign. They did not make a bid for votes, but labored hard to increase the army of class conscious Socialist voters in that city. They made a clean gain of 27 per cent in their vote over last fall.

The police returns in the 6th and 7th wards gave no votes for alderman, though the head of the ticket polled 40 votes in these two wards. Several known Socialists live in these wards, and unless the official count shows a different result, the comrades in Evanston will have a splendid opportunity to prove fraud.

The second precinct of the 5th ward is a purely workingman's precinct, and there the vote dropped from 24 to 7 for mayor and 10 for alderman. The enslaved condition of the mind of the workers is again proven.

Socialism in Evanston may now be said to be a fully established fact, and the noble band of 220 who could vote their interests in spite of old party tactics and boodles, bid great things for the future of Socialism in Chicago's classic suburb.

Chicago comrades extend hearty congratulations.

Freeport's Vote.

The Socialist vote in Freeport, Ill., last Tuesday was 43; vote last fall 36 in the city.—F. C. W.

The Vote in Bloomington.

The Socialist vote at city election on Tuesday was 90; last spring 125. The intense excitement between the old parties carried off some of our weak-kneed comrades.—J. F. S.

The Vote in Rockford.

The head of the Socialist Party ticket in Rockford, Ill., received some 2,100 votes. Little or no definite news has come to this paper up to the hour of going to press.

The Vote in Lacon.

Twelve straight votes for Socialism were cast in Lacon, Ill., and two split fourteen in all. Last fall but 3 votes were cast. This shows a gain of 300 per cent since last fall. This election was the second time the Socialists have had a ticket in Lacon. The comrades in Lacon are jubilant.

Chicago Heights.

At the hour of going to press no word had been received from Chicago Heights. No one thinks the comrades carried the town, but—

P. S.—Related returns give Chicago Heights 100 straight votes—64 per cent of total vote cast.

Mt. Olive, Ill., Vote.

The following is the vote cast for the Socialist party April 21st at Mt. Olive, Ill. Straight votes 90. The Democrats received 79 straight and the Republicans 167. The total vote for Socialist party was as follows: For mayor—Thos. Schmittson 119; for Village Clerk—D. F. Jackson 127; Board of trustees—Hy. Buskohl, Fred Schrader and Emil Jubsit received 100, 96 and

98 respectively. The Democrats' vote ranged from 110 to 153. The Republicans vote ranged from 258 to 297.

The vote cast for Socialist party last fall was 80. Total vote cast to day was 541.—A. I. G.

Pana's (Ill.) Vote Shows a Gain.

After a hot campaign the Socialists of Pana, Ill., made a gain over the vote of last fall. In state election our vote was 46. Two weeks ago township vote was 70. The city ticket ranged from 62 to 72, and the aldermanic vote in city totaled 76. The two old parties spent over \$500 a vote, and beer flowed like water.—H. F.

Ohio Socialist Notes.

The official call for the Ohio State Convention has been issued and all preparations are being made to have a large and enthusiastic meeting. It will convene at Columbus on May 30, at 10 A. M.

Arrangements for the summer agitation tours in Ohio are being made more perfect in their details. This will be the most systematic attempt ever tried in this state and we feel from the results so far that it will be a decided success. If comrades in other states desire to secure the plans they can do so by enclosing stamped envelope.

Bound Volumes Chicago Socialist.

A limited number of bound volumes of Chicago Socialist for two years, from March 1901 to March 1903, will be ready for delivery on or about May 15. Comrades wishing to secure these volumes, bound in half leather, and thus preserve the record of the party for the past two years, can do so by leaving their orders NOW. The price will be \$2.50 for the two years—one volume. The number is limited, so place your order early. You can order by mail and book will be saved for you, address—

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The Socialist S. S. Convention.

The Socialist Sunday School Convention was held on Tuesday evening at 181 Washington street. Reports and personal testimony were eagerly listened to from the organizer and corps of teachers. Many facts concerning this movement, original with Chicago, were brought out. It has ever been a great problem in these schools just what lessons to teach. The instructors each gave an outline of what was being done. The chief thing sought for was to find a way to interest the pupils and teach the mind how to think. The lessons thus far used might be duly described as along the line of liberal education, centering chiefly around economic questions.

One teacher made plain how by a series of questions and answers the class struggle was taught, and clear definitions of some of the terminology of the science of Socialism.

The convention organized by electing Miss Redfern secretary and Walter Higgins, organizer.

A committee of six on Sunday School lessons was elected. This committee will prepare and outline each week for publication in the Chicago Socialist, and this paper may then become the lesson leaflet for the following Sunday. The following is the committee: Manag. Harrook, Wiggins, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Stokes and Miss Swanson.

New Thought and Socialism.

"The thicker you find churches the thicker you find policemen and soldiers," declared Dr. Paul Edwards before the Chicago Society of Anthropology, which met at the Masonic Temple building last Sunday afternoon. When I was in Rome I counted within two blocks all the non-productive people I met, within that distance coming across seventy-eight priests, soldiers and policemen."

The subject of the lecture was "The Value and Progress of the New Thought." "There is not an advocate of new thought in the world that requires a priest, a soldier or a policeman, to tell him what is wrong," the speaker said. "I do not know much about Socialism, but I have begun to investigate it. So far as my investigation goes I have found Socialism is all love. The Socialist believes in equality in all things. Join Socialism and the new thought and combined the two will sweep away all the barnacles of churchism. If all government could be destroyed and then reorganized under the auspices of the new thought the world would advance 3,000 years in ten minutes."

Many are the reports that have come to the editor of this paper from voters who on Tuesday, April 2, voted an old party ticket, and live to regret it. Throw your vote away when you vote for a principle? Well, guess not

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The birds of the air may have nests of their own, but not so the producers of all wealth. Why? Because they vote their nests and their bedding away.

How long would it take the workers of the world to gain possession of the powers of government if they ceased spending their time and money on useless strikes?

Remember, you don't know it all. Neither does the other fellow. It will require the combined wisdom of all the workers to gain the powers of government and put a workingman in the white house as chief executive.

The International Socialist Party has a following of nearly 50,000,000 people. It is time you joined so respectable a number of men and women who know what they want, how to get it, and what to do with it after they get it.

The old religious lady once sang: "Sweet prospects, sweet birds and sweet flowers, have all lost their sweetness BUT me." There are many Socialists to-day who could sing that same refrain. Sweeten up, your own wife won't know you, its true, but it will make the sunshine brighter—to you.

Are you a subscriber to the Chicago Socialist? You ought to be. It is the only English paper published in Chicago that is owned and edited by the working class, for the working class, and will tell the truth in the interest of the working class. Pass up a half, please, and be lively. Give the next man room.

Christ and the capitalist factory owner are alike in at least one respect. Both say "suffer little children to come unto me." But, in spite of the fact that the likeness ends right there, some preachers and priests are just as loud in their defense of capitalism as in their professions of Christianity. —American Labor Union Journal.

Mrs. George F. Baer, wife of the special agent of the Almighty, is visibly interested in the problem of child labor and is deeply concerned because "children, mere babies, some of them, pass your door daily on their way to work, when they should be going to school." This is unfortunate, and we hope the lady will speak to George about it and see that the pernicious habit is stopped. —Labor Gazette.

What an easy thing the capitalists have—any old issue will divide the workers and set them fighting each other in a most desperate battle to elect one man and defeat another. While this sham battle goes on the producer is fleeced out of four-fifths of his product. He doesn't know of his loss. He is so perfectly enslaved. Poor fellow. If he wasn't such a good producer he would be sent to a detention hospital or asylum for feeble-minded.

The 2,500 members of the party in Chicago can put 25,000 new subscribers on the list of the Chicago Socialist in ten days. It is easy. One new subscriber a day. Come, comrades, gather them in—the paper is just what they want and the workers must read the paper of their class.

A prominent editor of a Chicago city paper told the writer of this paragraph last week that the Socialist Party was surely right. Capitalists fight Socialists because they know their class interests. You may stumble at the demand that the workers of the world become class conscious, but the capitalists have no trouble in being thoroughly class conscious. You be as wise as your boss. He votes and works in his interest, and then gets you to help him out—by voting for him against your interest. Ain't you easy?

Panics always come with full warehouses. Why, because labor receives only a part of its product. The balance is in the warehouse. When the granaries are full the panic comes. What you need you can't get, and what the capitalist must sell you can't buy. You starve—he bankrupts. Your vote only can save it. You must own the tool of production in order to get your full product. The machine of production is costly—too costly for the individual. It will have to be owned collectively. That's why you need to vote for the co-operative commonwealth. Read up, it will give your mind some healthy exercise.

THE PRODUCER vs. STEEL TRUST.

The Scientific American in its last issue gives the figures of the past year in the earnings of the U. S. steel corporation. This great combination employs 163,127 men, and paid them for services for the year \$120,523,343, or an average \$718.20 each. The total production of each man averaged \$3339.25; nearly \$5.00 for every \$1.00 paid in wages. These 163,127 men produced a value amounting to \$561,000,000, and the combination finds \$133,000,000 net dividends. This average \$751 for each employee—which he did not get. The net dividend was divided out to 58,629 stockholders, giving each one \$2,292, or \$3.00 for every \$1.00 paid in wages to the men who produced the whole amount—\$561 million dollars.

Under Socialism—the workers, owning the tool of production and getting their full product—each one of these men could have received nearly \$5,000 a year instead of a beggarly \$718.20. Or they could have worked only two hours a day and received the \$718.20—then donated to the capitalists \$3 hours' product a day.

When they worked two hours they had produced their wages. These same men if asked to join the Socialist Party and vote its ticket would fit in a rage.

It is because they are so foolish that the capitalists have such an easy time. It is because these and millions of other producers get only a part of their product in wages that we have panics.

The capitalists call it overproduction—surplus. It is nothing of the kind. It is underconsumption.

A community can buy no more products than the wages of its producers make possible.

To-day the American wage earner gets 17 cents on the dollar of his product. This is all the community can consume. The other 83 cents if sold at all must be sold in outside market. When our commerce goes across the sea to find a market the same industrial conditions largely prevail there that is in existence here.

The result a panic. Millions of people are turned out into the already large army of the unemployed. Their purchasing power is almost annihilated. Starvation stares them in the face.

Bankruptcy confronts the former employer of these same millions. If they could only sell the things to these men the men are starving for want of it, they could unlock the factory door and proceed to business.

But the producers have no money to buy.

Chaos, ruin, starvation, damnation, hell reigns supreme. Then this is called a Christian nation.

It is insane.

In its insanity it multiplies anti-trust laws, but it will not put itself in harmony with economic law.

There is only one way to settle the matter. The producer must get the full product of his labor. Be able to buy back all he produces.

This can only be done when the producer—the working class—owns and controls the tool of production.

This can only be made possible by organizing the working class into a political party that will take over the powers of government. A party that will place the hitherto oppressed working class in power.

This the Socialist Party will do.

Then join the party now—vote its ticket at every opportunity, and stop the fallacy of the U. S. Steel corporation and every other employer of labor.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

The Geneva, (N. Y.) "Daily Times" of March 4 contains the following significant account of the military preparations which are being made by the servants of the capitalist class to quell strikes and meet any possible uprising against industrial tyranny.

"A military map of the city was completed last evening by H. De Forest Patterson, under the direction of Capt. J. George Stacy for the headquarters of the Fourth Brigade in Buffalo. The original map was sent to Buffalo to-day. Capt. Patterson has been working on the map for several months. "It is in detail and shows the factories, shops, and railroads where there is a possibility of an industrial uprising. Within close proximity to

each factory and railroad there is designated an open space or sheds that could be used as camping places for troops. The map locates all of the stone and brick public buildings in the city which could possibly be used as a basis of military operations. Stone structures are designated in blue and brick in red markings. These buildings include the college buildings, experiment station, schools, churches, hotels, postoffice, the city buildings, site of the federal building and all other places that could be used as military headquarters or strongholds. In addition to these all open pieces of ground such as public parks, the college campus and the driving park which could be used for military maneuvers are located on the map.

"Trinity Church is designated as the place for the location of a signal corps. It is considered that from the top of the tower the widest view of Geneva and vicinity can be secured of any place within the limits of the city. From this point the wig-wags of the signal corps could be seen at the experiment station, at the driving park, at the Shears factory, and at the junction of the Snell and the Lochland roads.

"The making of this map is in compliance with a special order sent out from the headquarters of the Fourth Brigade last April which directed all of the separate companies included in the command of the brigade to secure as large a wall map as the cities in which the various companies were located afforded. On this map it was directed that the above data be designated. The purpose of such a collection of maps at the brigade headquarters is to enable the brigadier general to issue specific orders in the time of uprising or the movement of troops. These maps will make it possible for brigade officers to locate in time of strikes the exact place where the seat of trouble is and where the nearest place where the troops can be housed and to direct movements accordingly."

Of course labor and capital can be reconciled, but not the wage laborer and the capitalist. Their interests lie in opposite directions.

What the capitalist wants is to engage the unarmed in a battle with the armed.

To get those OUT of possession of the powers of government in quarrel with those having these powers.

The workers have the voting power to take over the entire machinery of government whenever they want to.

If the workers are wise they will get in a scrap with the capitalists when they (the workers) are behind the galling guns.

Get the powers of government—own the guns and ammunition of war—then if the present bosses want a scrap, give them a good one—with your precious body at the breach of the gun, not at the muzzle as now.

SCIENTIFIC AGITATORS.

The Chicago Tribune of a recent date contained an editorial in which comment was made on the use of the \$2,000,000 estate left by Prof. Moise Loria of Milan for the relief of the working people of his city. In commenting on the plan of expenditure the paper speaks as follows:

"... How different is the plan which has actually been adopted by the radicals and Socialists, who are administering the Loria fund! Instead of spending money on the poor, and SO MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS TO LOWER THEIR WAGES, the radicals and Socialists, concluding that nothing can be done to improve the condition of the working class until we clearly know what that condition is, HAVE SUSPENDED ALL RELIEF MEASURES and have begun to devote the annual Loria income to a scientific, statistical, sociological study of the workers of Milan."

They think, MUST PRECEDE REFORM. Why spend money year after year in RELIEVING POVERTY, when NO PERMANENT ABATEMENT OF POVERTY IS THEREBY EFFECTED?

Why not spend a little money trying to discover the causes which bring poverty into existence? IT MAY TURN OUT TO BE BETTER TO CHECK THE CAUSES THEN TO MITIGATE THE THING ITSELF."

No more exhaustive inquiry into the facts of economic life has ever been undertaken. The radicals of Milan are proving themselves to be scientists as well as agitators."

There are 300,000 Socialists in America that are working along the lines of the above. They have no great Loria fund to administer, but they go down into their well high empty pockets continually to make up a fund to carry on a propaganda to teach the causes of poverty and a scientific way to cure it.

Like Patrick Henry, who wanted millions for defense but not one cent for tribute. So the class conscious Socialist will dig up millions to teach his fellow workers the cause of poverty and its scientific cure. For organized capitalist charity he has most supreme contempt. If the workers of the world were not cheated of five-sixths of their product under the wage system they would not be needing free soup and all the cant and religious hypocrisy that is so plentiful on every hand.

What the Tribune says in praise of the Milan comrades can as truly be said of all the comrades of the International Socialist Party—they are scientists as well as agitators.

It is because of this one great fact—this revolutionary fact—that Socialism is so much feared by the capitalists of America. Not because Socialism is to be feared, but because present methods are unsound, and the Socialist propose to place the hitherto oppressed class in possession of the power of government in order that laws may be enacted by which the causes that produce poverty and all its ills shall be utterly abolished.

This is the mission of Socialism.

The election commissioners can violate injunctions with impunity. So could you if you were in control of the powers of government. You are dead easy.

DARROW'S DESTINY.

'Tis hinted round that C. S. Darrow finds this small town of ours too narrow.

It does not give his talents scope—A mayor's neither king nor pope. While some there are who charge, of late.

He's even now outgrown the state And deems it quite to condescension To give old Springfield his attention.

No "pent-up Utica" for him! In visions dazzling, tho' yet dim, He views the presidential chair, Himself in triumph seated there; And still in that half-conscious trance, Sees England, Germany and France, With other nations, as 'tis met, All doing homage at his feet.

"On what meat," it may well be said, "Hath this (Chicago) Caesar fed, That he's attained to such a size Who did from small beginnings rise? That cuts no figure—well we know Great oaks from tiny acorns grow; Who gauged 'the little corporal's' worth, Or dreamed he'd conquer half the earth?"

Then why should C. S. D. despair? Nihil desperandum—he'll get there; He knows the game called politics, And all the cards can deftly mix; For he's at times a Democrat, Next Independent (a word that), Next Union Labor's friend and guide, And—well, the Lord knows what beside.

A somewhat devious course, 'tis true, But he who has great ends in view And deems himself the "coming man" Must work his way as best he can. Our luminary of the bar Hath "hitched his wagon to a star," And swearth "by the great horn spoon" That in it he will land there soon.

Perhaps he may—'tis hard to tell—The devil doth all things well, And lawyers he delights to aid, So why should Darrow be afraid? Just now the workmen fight shy Of Clarence as he passes by; He turns his coat so often that They don't know where the deuce he's "AT."

"One hundred dollars, too per day, Is rather steep," they're heard to say, "To pay a man to air our woes To fight his hair and blow his nose. His love for us is deep and strong—We've heard him say so right along, But as to its commercial rate, We've only chanced to learn of late."

Some think our friend here made a slip, Will jeopardize his stellar trip, His stack of miffo's gold and notes May cost him many thousand votes When he for office next would run; They say he's all for "number one"—Tho' love for labor he's professed, He loves himself, first, last and best.

But, with the will one finds a way, And "every dog must have his day," And once, at least secure the bone He covets most to make his own. So it may be that C. S. Darrow May "swipe" his bone and scoop the marrow.

Unless some ill-bred cur that day SHOULD SNATCH THE PRIZE AND RUN AWAY.

QUO VADIS.

"The Root of all Kinds of Evil."

The above is the title of a booklet from the C. H. Kerr & Co. press, and the author is Rev. Stewart Sheldon, father of the Topeka, Kan., pastor. To the Socialist mind the book will at once appear as a peculiar presentation of the propaganda of Socialism. The author admits that the creator made a world amply rich in resources to insure each inhabitant plenty of food, clothing and shelter. He also declares that the control of the mutual interests of the people should not be delegated to any "party or clique, to a king, a queen," etc., but should be and remain in the hands of the people.

The author declares that to control the food supply, etc., is impossible without money, and then proceeds to show that the beginning, middle and end of all our present economic ills lies in "money." He seems not to have any knowledge of private profit, or to realize that "money" simply represents private profit.

Rev. Stewart Sheldon says in conclusion: "Let work, not money, be the standard of measurement in the civic world." "Yes remove the false standard (money) and erect in its place the true and proper standard LABOR." The reverend gentleman seems to have some conception of Socialist philosophy and admits, though darkly, some of its facts. As an orthodox churchman he admits the truth of the powers environment and its effect upon society, and in this may be said to have taken a forward step.

The closing paragraphs of this booklet make some specific declarations, but they seem forced. However, the book may have a large place in the propaganda of Socialism. The Chicago Socialist believes that strong meat and clear cut declarations are always the best, but many minds make many needs.

Paper, 30 pages, 10 cents.

Printers Study Socialism.

Last Sunday afternoon a meeting was held in Jung's hall, 103 Randolph street, and addressed by Com. Simons and Com. Breckon. The meeting was arranged for by a couple of printers with the expectation of holding a series of Sunday afternoon discussions for printers. At the meeting last Sunday it was decided to hold a meeting once a month, and a committee of arrangements was elected. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3, and will be addressed by Com. Morgan, who will use his chart and expound Socialism to the disciples of Franklin. The purpose is to stimulate interest in Socialism and induce the printers to join the ward organizations of the party.

Study Socialism, think Socialism, breathe Socialism, vote Socialism.

WOMEN AND SOCIALISM.

THE BALLOT ALONE WILL NOT DO THE WORK TO BE DONE.

By MRS. R. F. ORR.

Is it best, after all, for human life to become a stone that is never turned and feels neither the sun nor the rain or frost. Sometimes, one would feel that to be a stone is better than to look upon human suffering caused by ignorance on the side of the masses of the workers, than to be an educated being (that is educated by experience) and feeling, knowing that suffering through this same cause, poverty all one's life. And, as one knows or feels that they know there is no need of all this suffering, there is no need of this life of crime and misery, because simply that the ignorant sufferers will not learn that they alone are to blame for all only increase the aggravation. I sometimes think that woman is the "innocent who suffer for the guilty." As it is an unanswerable fact that man alone can vote, that their vote used wisely, used justly, CAN ABOLISH all this terrible life of tortured existence with the ills of poverty.

Is it not also a fact that woman is doomed to live that intolerable life because she cannot help herself? I know many are so utterly unconscious a slave to the political-economic conditions that they never try to reason why they are so, but merely say, with a sigh, "It is one of the mysterious ways of Providence."

But how about the way of Providence that fills the coffers of the brutal wretches who seem to live only to torment some woman, while she has to battle with the destroying war of poverty to escape his worse and more cruel companionship? Is there a Providence that pets and pampers the beastly rich man, and at the same time, gives to the poor woman, who is his victim, the degradation of poverty? Many and many a time such seems to be the conditions, and then we know that the rich man has it in his power to control and keep such a condition by voting for the money power of the country, while the woman cannot vote or get release.

We are told the workers are going to change many things by voting for a revolutionary and radical change of power to control the government. But we know that there are as many workers and wage slaves among the women and children as among the men. Are they to await the pleasure or convenience of the voters for their liberty? It would seem so, and yet the cry of the child wage-slave and the woman wage-slave must and will be heard louder and louder in the land until their clamorings shall be listened to, shall be answered. And they will be answered by themselves taking a part in the revolution which is sure to come, and as they are not voters, the ballot alone cannot bring to pass the change we must and surely will have.

The greedy corporations and owners of machines will be forced to yield to the demands of the human beings they are using up with those same machines, and as their monopolies and wage slaves "increase in number and concentration, at the same ratio will increase the cries of those slaves until they reach even the ears of the parasites who are now deaf and blind to ought but their greed of gold.

The vote of the men will doubtless cause the change in the government which will make it possible for the women and children's voices to be heard, but a change for their betterment will only be brought to bear fruit through altruistic principles of justice applied by the laws of the nation.

There are a million married women working in our mills and factories, says the census, and we know not how many millions who are single, but their coming forward to be organized in unions is a warning they are preparing for that great revolution which many comrades declare is to be made peaceful by the ballot. And yet we must know that it is perfectly useless to ignore the half of the wage slaves in this fight we are making to destroy the system of profit on the lives of millions of women and children.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

I herewith submit to you my second report as National Secretary, which has been somewhat delayed through press of other business:

STATE ORGANIZATIONS.

Comrade John C. Chase is now in Arkansas, and will give ten days to bringing about an agreement with the locals in that state. I learn that several of the locals that endorsed one of the applications for a charter voted to suspend paying dues to the national organization, when the charter was not granted by former Secretary Greenbaum. Only four of the locals in Arkansas responded, therefore, to the referendum for a state convention.

AGITATION AND ORGANIZATION.

Chase's work in Alabama, Miss., and La., has been most successful, and requests have come in for a return visit to the former state. Chase will enter Texas when through in Arkansas. Slattery's tour will begin at Erie, Pa., on April 7th. The Ohio and Wisconsin state committees have signified their willingness to co-operate on his tour.

I have closed arrangements with Comrade M. W. Wilkins of San Francisco, whereby he can tour the northwestern states, beginning in California, next month.

By arrangements with the State Secretary of Idaho, Comrade Boomer, national committeeman from Washington, spent two weeks in Idaho for the purpose of reviving delinquent locals. Comrade Boomer was on his way home from National Committee meeting, and his additional traveling expenses were guaranteed him for the Idaho trip. This, so far, has cost us \$25.

This office pledged \$30, toward the first month's expenses of State Secretary Morgan as organizer in Nebraska. The state committee was unable to bear the entire expense, and the state

organization was suffering for lack of attention. After being in the field two weeks, Comrade Morgan withdrew to accept a position with the Appeal to Reason.

I am trying to make arrangements whereby an organizer can make a trip through Vermont and Rhode Island to form state organizations. If the services of Secretary and Organizer, Dan A. White, of Massachusetts, can be secured for this work, he could hold meetings that would help to reduce the expenses to a minimum.

SUPPLIES.

The new edition of the National Platform is ready and nearly 20,000 of the 100,000 printed, have gone out already. The new due cards and applications, ordered by the National Committee, are being printed and will soon be ready.

With the assistance of Comrade Clark, I have devised a new system of books for financial secretaries and treasurers of locals, which I believe will be a great improvement over previous ones. I shall have these prepared as soon as possible.

I have reduced prices on all supplies and now send out "Why Socialists Pay Dues," and "How to Organize" free of charge.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In reply to a request from Comrade Ricker, of the Appeal to Reason, for organizing cards to be sent out from this office, I suggested that all applications regarding organization be referred to this office. When applications from organized states are received here, they are referred to the respective state committees, and those from unorganized states are handled directly from this office. I believe the National Organization should have the prior right to enter unorganized states, for organizing purposes, otherwise there would be anarchy and confusion. I also suggested to Com. Ricker that the Appeal to Reason turn over the organizing fund now being raised through its columns, to the National Organization for the benefit of the party at large.

I have advanced the salary of Com. Clark, my assistant, from \$12 to \$15 weekly in view of services rendered and the cost of living. Approved by Local Quorum.

The Quorum will probably not meet until May 15, when the referendum vote on location of headquarters will close.

Ontario Comrades Active.

We are striving hard for a public reading room in St. Thomas, Ont., where we will have all the leading Socialist publications in the English language on file. We have a membership now of 46 but we are not going to take any rest or vacation until we have a 100 or more. We are watching the movement in the United States very closely. You win no point of vantage, but we are ready to burrah. I am ordering six subscriptions for the League, voluntary subs from the members. "Wilshire Magazine," "The Comrade," "Seattle Socialist," "The Worker," "Coming Nation" and "Chicago Socialist" and other members stand ready to subscribe for other publications as soon as we can use them. If you have any back numbers you would like to send us for distribution we will take care they are placed.

A. W. SEELY, St. Thomas, Ont.

Help the "Daily Globe" Fund.

Send for a copy of the Globe Fair Journal just published by the Globe Conference of New York, which organization is raising money for the establishment of a Daily Socialist Newspaper. At Fair just held for that purpose has added about \$10,000 to the fund. The journal contains a great many excellent articles and is finely illustrated. It will be sent postpaid to any address on receipt of 15c, 2 copies for 25c, 10 copies \$1.00. Send orders to the Comrade Pub. Co., 11 Cooper Square, New York, who is acting as agent for the Globe Conference.

Do You Need Flour?

The big flouring mills at Minneapolis have closed down. The papers say because of overproduction—a glut in the market. Say, there, you wage worker, how's your flour barrel? There are 500,000 homes in this city that will bury's best in the next six months. That will relieve the warehouses of one million barrels and enable the mills to go ahead with business. The editor of this paper has a rousing family who demand much flour. There is no glut of flour in his home. As soon as this issue of the paper is out we expect to hear that a line of freight cars are being loaded for Chicago. That "glut" and "overproduction" story will soon end.

But we forgot. Flour costs money. The glut comes from the fact that the wages paid the men is only a part of the product. That's why the 500,000 can't take the two barrels above indicated. Say vote right, then we'll own the works.

The mouse in your house may leave your pantry with a tear in his eye because of your empty flour barrel. They have closed down the big mills at Minneapolis because they have too many full barrels of flour in the warehouse. Isn't it too bad that you can't help them out and equalize this thing. We would have no trouble in this line if YOU and YOUR CLASS had voted right. You think the matter over and get your mind whirling a few. There are going to be plenty of object lessons like the above in the near future. You figure out why.

All the laws on earth cannot save us from panics while labor is paid a wage—part of the product. Underconsumption must follow. To the worker his full product and then, and then only, no more panics.

Organized labor will always be divided so long as it debates how to obtain part of the product of labor. The only thing that can bring about the solidarity of labor is to go after the full product. There is only one way to do that—the way of Socialism.

CHRISTIANITY VS. SOCIALISM.

S. L. Hoover, of Knoxville, Tenn., writing in a recent number of the Christian Advocate (methodist) says: "The aim and object of Socialism are, and ought to be, to make Christianity in its true sense possible, which (it may as well be said without further parleying) is not the case to-day."

The writer also sums up the Socialist philosophy fairly accurately as follows:

1. The public ownership of all the means of production and distribution.
2. The making of things for use rather than profit.
3. The abolition of private (productive) property.
4. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor, thus enabling all to have some time for intellectual and spiritual improvement.
5. Universal education.
6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

The author of this article then sums up the above principles in the following language:

"The far-reaching influence and effect of these principles for good can hardly be imagined. In fact, if studied by an honest mind they make marvelous revelations. They are consistent with the Gospel of Christ, and the church is confronted with the greatest opportunity that has ever presented itself, in that it may be the leader in the movement that has begun. Let the church reject this opportunity, and it puts itself on record for inconsistency and selfishness."

"The trouble now is that men think nothing can give them joy and pleasure except money. They have not learned that the friendship of thousands of intelligent, congenial human beings is a possession which is not to be compared with the possession of money or any such base thing; they have no conception of the joy it will be to live when all have the opportunity to become educated, and are properly fed and clothed; and when all will be willing to help to beautify the earth, and to make it a fit dwelling place for man."

RACIAL SUICIDE (a la mode.)

The time was nearing to the first of May.

Our rent was higher than we well could pay.

So wife and I resolved after a chat To hunt around to find a cheaper flat.

As down the street we go with this intent,

Quite numerous are the signs we see—

To Rent.

Here and there one to suit us as we make

Inquiries, but alas there's one mistake

That we in

ONE HUNDRED QUESTIONS.

By GOTTFRIED SAFSTROM.

1. Why don't you wear diamonds and look successful?
2. You dig and grind diamonds, why don't you wear them?
3. You make automobiles, why don't you ride in them?
4. You build colleges, why don't you send your children there?
5. You make palace railroad cars, why don't you take a trip?
6. You make all kinds of pleasure boats, why don't you own one?
7. You got all kinds of public schools, why did your child leave so soon?
8. You got some parks, why must you keep off the grass?
9. In court, why do you most always lose the case?
10. There are all kinds of work, why are so many out of employment?
11. The mines are full of coal, why don't you burn hard coal?
12. You cut ice all winter, why don't you have ice in the house all summer?
13. Why don't you have fruit trees in the parks instead of evergreens?
14. And why don't you have fruit trees on the streets instead of willow trees?
15. You make electric fans, why don't you have one on the kitchen table?
16. Why don't you take a vacation during the months of July and August?
17. There are a few men allowed to hunt in Yellowstone Park, why are you not allowed to hunt there?
18. When you can't get work in the cities, why don't you buy a farm?
19. Why don't your horse, cat or dog win a prize at the animal shows?
20. When you go to see a show, why don't you buy a reserved seat?
21. When a man comes from a bloody war, why do you call him a hero?
22. But when the doctor cures your sick child, why don't you pay him for his work?
23. Why is your house so close to your neighbors?
24. Why do they call your home a cottage or flat? on the other street they call them mansions.
25. How many bathrooms have you got in your house?
26. Why do leaders of churches tell you to be content with your lot?
27. What would become of the capitalist tramp if the Socialist party were elected?
28. On election day the leaders look upon you as a king, but after that, what do they think you are?
29. There are only two parties in this world, the capitalist and the Socialist. Which one did you vote for?
30. Why didn't you swap horses on election day, the water was then at very low tide?
31. What are you an anarchist, capitalist or a Socialist? You are one of these three and you can't get out of it.
32. The smart set will soon be going to the sea-shore, why don't you go along?
33. Why don't you belong to the swell society?
34. Why are so many working 10 hours a day?
35. Why are capitalists and preachers against the Socialist Party?
36. What is Socialism?
37. How much are you getting to-day for your work?
38. Why don't your boss pay you for what you can produce?
39. Why are the governments increasing the armies?
40. Who fills the armies?
41. And who feeds the men in the army?
42. Why don't the government send the soldiers out west to plow and plant on the great plains?
43. Whose interests are you going to vote for next time?
44. Why is that big army of tramps and beggars increasing every year?
45. Why don't you read the Chicago Socialist?
46. Isn't knowledge power?
47. When you vote why don't you vote for yourself?
48. Have you got a full dinner pail to-day, if so what have you got in it and what does it cost to fill it?
49. Why do anarchists hate Socialists?
50. Why didn't the Socialist Party come around before?
51. Why will your boss lay you off after you are 45 years old?
52. Why are there so many children in the factories to-day?
53. Why are so many women doing men's work to-day?
54. Are you not glad you are living?
55. Why do farmers and preachers live the longest?
56. During war don't the working-men of one country shoot the working-men of another country?
57. Why don't the other class shoot one another?
58. What makes most men lazy?
59. Why do most all rich successful men say that poverty is a sin?
60. What has the republican party done for you?
61. What has the democratic party done for you?
62. Did you ever notice that when the wages went up, the price of clothes, food and rent went up too?
63. Did you ever take notice that in all civilized countries where there are capitalists there are tramps? And in all civilized countries they have none of these two to food and cloth.
64. Did you ever take notice that the real rich and educated have small families and the poor and ignorant have such large families?
65. Why didn't you vote for the Socialist Party?
66. Are you going to Yellowstone Park next summer?
67. If every man and woman got one million dollars apiece, who would do the work?
68. Is the man that works with a pen or his brains a workman?
69. Are we not all workmen and workwomen?
70. Is it the children's fault that they work in the cotton mills?
71. Is child bearing a crime when they live in a tenement?

72. Under Socialism, if you owned a chicken and she laid 5 eggs, who would the eggs belong to?

73. Why are most all old working-men stooped and bent?

74. Why are some working people against the Socialist Party?

75. Is a workman a man that votes for the capitalist parties a hypocrite?

76. Would we need unions under Socialism?

77. Why can't the women vote to-day?

78. Wouldn't you like to see your mothers vote?

79. Why do most poor people harrah for a man that tells them a lie, and throw stones at the one that tells them the truth?

80. Why do the same working people say that Socialists are anarchists?

81. Why have we not got electric lights on every corner of every street?

82. Why do they call some high ways, streets and some boulevards?

83. Why is that army of prostitutes increasing every year?

84. Why don't all the church people vote for the prohibition party?

85. How many church people have we in Chicago?

86. How many votes did the prohibition party get?

87. Why are the rich getting richer and the poor poorer?

88. Why did the Pork Trust in United States have everything to gain by a war between Spain and United States and the Sugar Trust everything to lose?

89. Which trust was and is to blame for the blowing up of the Maine?

90. Why are the Silver Ring, the Steel Trust, the Cotton Trust and the Pork Trust—the true American powers to-day?

91. Why are Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Illinois merely names for school children?

92. Why was the Sugar and Tobacco Trusts represented in Paris by agents whose object it was to avert an annexation of Cuba? 1898.

93. Why do they call the blowing up of the Maine—"Underground History"?

94. What is the salvation army doing for the poor?

95. What will Socialism do for the poor?

96. Why do so many people look forward but go backward?

97. Why do they keep telling you the rich have no pleasure?

98. And why do they tell you the poor should be happy and that they have nothing to think about?

99. Can you answer these questions? If not, read the Chicago Socialist.

Old Men to the Poorhouse.

The following was taken from a long controversy appearing in the daily papers, in which much discussion was given to the "old" man in the unions: "Invalids and crippled old men," said Chairman Downey, "are not worth \$4 a day to employers, and the men would welcome a chance to work for less. The union is consigning these old men to the poorhouse."

Is it the union that is consigning these old men to the poorhouse? No! The union is powerless to stay the onward march of the old union patriots to the poorhouse, workmen to-day are merely measured as a commodity. They are counted like potatoes are counted—what will the old man be a discount is because his powers are failing. This is the reward he gets for voting for 50 years for capitalism. Socialism would put him on the pension role of the honorables and give him ample opportunity to enjoy life and his declining days. Capitalism turns him out to die or charitably sends him to the poorhouse to do the act, Labor gets what it votes for. At present it is very busy voting for the poorhouse and must needs even have political influence to get into that institution. Great is capitalism but greater is the stupidity of the workman.

He likes to work during all his active years for one-sixth of his produce so that he may become an object of charity in his old days.

The fellow unionist of the old man is not man out. Hunger impels him. The need of the large family behind him presses him on.

The powerful workings of the economic law ignore all young and old, strong and feeble.

What is needed is a large number of class-conscious revolutionary heroes that know how to vote when they are in their prime, and then the poorhouse will be put out of commission.

Vote for Socialism and be a MAN—not a beggar.

Resolutions.

Arlington, Wash., April 12, 1903.

Whereas: The National Committee having received a call for a referendum pertaining to a change of Nat'l Headquarters of the party, a change in the Local Quorum and other matters, which call having been indorsed by a sufficient number of locals, instead of putting said referendum to a vote without hesitation or comment, called for a vote among themselves to decide whether the party at large should vote on these questions or not; and

Whereas: The Nat'l Committee by that act showed themselves to be autocrats and masters instead of servants of the party elected to execute its wishes and commands therefore be it

Resolved: That we, the members of Local Arlington, Wash., S. P., do hereby give the Nat'l Com. a vote of reproof and strongly deprecate their impetuous action and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Nat'l Secretary and a copy each to three or four REAL Socialist papers.

The foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted at a recent meeting of Local Arlington and this copy submitted to you for publication.

ELENORA MAURER.

Secretary Local Arlington.

Hunt out the branch secretary of your ward and send in an application for membership. It is time you quit quibbling with yourself. Henceforth be man. See the branch directory in other columns.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Comrade John C. Chase succeeded in getting both sides to the dispute in Arkansas to agree that a state convention be held on May 23rd, and acting upon recommendations in his report, I have instituted a new referendum upon the question as to where the convention shall be held, and who shall be the temporary chairman.

Charters have been granted since last report as follows: Rock Springs, Wyo., 18 members, organized March 29; Patton, Ala., 7 members, organized March 24; Coals, Ark., 11 members, organized March 26; Safford, Ariz., 10 members, organized April 7; Spring Dale, Ark., 9 members, organized April 7; Springfield, Ark., 12 members, organized April 11; and Damascus, Ga., 9 members, organized April 13.

SUPPLIES.
The new dues cards and application blanks, ordered by the National Committee, are now ready; the new edition of "Why Socialists Pay Dues" is ready, and "How to Organize" will soon be ready for distribution. The demand was so great that the old supply has been exhausted.

REFERENDUM.
The report of the action of National Committee upon the proposed Harrison referendum was forwarded to the Committee, the local demanding same and the Socialist press.

The enclosed special notice about referendum on location of headquarters is self explanatory. Errors made in various quarters and in the Socialist press caused me to issue same. Also called attention of Ohio and Colorado State Secretaries to error in closing vote of locals in those states on April 24th and 25th respectively. Instead of May 1st, as decided by the National Committee. Also impressed Ohio State Secretary with the necessity of keeping National Referendum separate and distinct from that of any being taken concerning state of Ohio alone. I did this in order to avoid possible complications that may arise if National Constitution was not strictly followed in matter of referendums.

MISCELLANEOUS.
The Appeal for contributions to a Special Organizing Fund has been issued, and many State Secretaries have replied that they will co-operate in raising the fund.
Comrade Swentland has resigned as National Committeeman from Conn., and his resignation is now being voted on by the party membership of that state.

The Local Quorum has refused a request from the Central Socialist Club of New Orleans, La., that the National Committee guarantee to make good any deficit that may result from holding three meetings, to be addressed by Comrade McGrady, during the Confederate Veteran's Reunion, to be held soon in that city.

The amount of work in the office is increasing. In fact the outlook is most gratifying.

Weekly press bulletins are widely published and quoted. Attitude of all Socialist papers towards headquarters is friendly.

Henceforth, all reports to the National Committee shall be sent simultaneously to the State Secretaries and the Socialist press.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
Only seven members of the National Committee, not including the members of the Local Quorum, acknowledged or reported their action or opinions upon my second report. These were: Comrades Healy, Fla.; Mills, Kan.; Dobbs, Ky.; Fox, Me.; Hilquit, N. Y.; Critchlow, Ohio and Berger, Wis.

I again request that Committeemen, act upon my reports. In as much as I am directly responsible to the Committee for my actions, I would prefer to have its opinions upon my reports, even though these be adverse, rather than receive no acknowledgement whatever. I would then know whether the Committee approved of my work or not. As it is now, I am almost completely in the dark as to the stand of the Committee upon the various matters I have submitted to them.

WILLIAM MAILLY.
National Secretary.

Concerning National Referendum on location of Headquarters. To the Locals and State Secretaries of the Socialist Party.

Comrades: Apparent misunderstanding in different quarters as to the provisions under which the referendum on the location of national headquarters, shall be conducted, make it imperative that your attention be again called to the following instructions:

INSTRUCTIONS TO SECRETARIES.
THE VOTE CLOSES ON MAY 1ST, 1903, and local secretaries shall not count votes cast after that date.

Local secretaries in organized states must file the vote of their locals, signed by the chairman and secretary, with the state secretary in the respective states, before May 5, 1903. Secretaries of branches where Central Committees exist, should make returns to the secretary of the Central Committee. Local secretaries in unorganized states, must file the vote of their locals, signed by the chairman and secretary, with the National Secretary before May 15, 1903.

State Secretaries shall compile and file with the National Secretary a complete tabulated statement of the vote of the locals in the respective states before May 15, 1903.

The national office is sending out a circular letter to all state secretaries requesting a list of officials elected by the party in the respective states at last elections. It is intended that these lists shall be compiled into one and issued to the press. The increases and victories in the elections last week make this list imperative, both for the purpose of reference and propaganda.

Twenty thousand mill workers are on strike for higher wages at Lowell, Mass., and the whole state is aroused. On Monday, April 13, the strikers held the largest parade seen for years, also holding enormous mass meetings. The principal speakers at the meetings were Representatives James F. Carey, and Frederick O. McCartney, Father

McGrady and Louis B. Talbot, Socialists. In the report of the speeches given, McCartney is quoted as saying "I do not think God intended men and women to work for bread alone. The average wages of mill operatives in Lowell are said to be \$6.32 a week. That is not enough for men and women of your intelligence. On the basis of four years ago, owing to the increased cost of living, you operatives were receiving in value only \$3.50 a week. Under those circumstances you have a right to strike and you would be cowards not to do so."

"Your strike means that you desire to participate in the benefits of the higher civilization of your times. You desire to educate your children, and that cannot be done at the prevailing rate of wages."

"The present system is destroying the family life. I saw to-day in the parade children who undoubtedly when the mills are open, work in sons of the rooms."

Father McGrady said in part: "Labor will live if all capitalists die or leave the country, but capitalists cannot live without laborers being willing to work. To-day in the United States, taking into account the cost of living, the laborer is receiving less pay than in any country in the world. Considering the purchasing power of money, laborers receive to-day 400 per cent less than 50 years ago."

"I do not agree with all the remarks of a previous speaker. From my observation the union man has to bear the burden in every way of securing shorter hours and higher pay, and the selfish non-union man comes in and reaps the benefit. Non-union men by refusing to join the union and the capitalists in keeping down wages. By so doing they are aiding in taking the bread from the mouths of children and preventing union men and women from getting the full benefit of their labor and skill."

"The development of the soul should be considered in connection with the labor movement. God never intended that men should forever labor in the ditch. He did not intend that millions of operatives should remain forever working in factories assisting to create millionaires and billionaires."

"Operatives as well as other people should have time and money to aid in their mental development. This struggle to-day in Lowell is only one of many against those who believe they are the ruling class. I beg of you in this struggle to remember that your success means better conditions for your wives and children. I say again that in the effort to win you should resist until you are almost starved by the ditch side. If you win you are bettering the condition of your country and advancing civilization."

Contributions to the Special Organizing Fund are beginning to arrive at headquarters. Up to date, the following have been received in the order given:

J. LaVigne, 20 cents; Leonard D. Abbott, \$5.00; D. Jenkins, 50 cents; M. Hilquit, \$10.00; Clarence Smith, \$5.00. That is a pretty good start, and the comrades want to keep it up. No amount is too small or too large to be received.

The result of the spring elections furnish fresh evidence that the Socialist Party is not confined to any section, but that it is truly a national movement. It is a national movement that will soon have to fight, and it is essential that every Socialist get down to business and advance the work of organization during the coming year.

Local Charters have been granted during the week to as follows: Safford, Ariz., Spring Dale, Ark., Damascus, Ga., and Springfield, Ark.

State Secretary Willitt of Montana asks us to "Keep your eyes on Montana and you will be surprised at the way we tally up in 1904."

Organizer C. J. Lamb, of Michigan, reports that the system of stations being organized for summer agitation in that state, promises to be very successful and effective, and great good is expected from it.

X Rays

By JOHN M. WOOD.

The labor giant is awakening. The capitalist pygmy will please take warning.

More subscribers always wanted.

To us fellow who want things to happen fast it has seemed as if the motto of the workmen was: Never do today that which you can put off till tomorrow. But the news from Montana and Wisconsin and Missouri and Pennsylvania, and other places which are fast becoming too numerous to mention, indicates that they are beginning to transpire the motto: Poor old Mark Hanna and Parry and Willie Hearst will get cold comfort out of the election returns. With the Socialist vote steadily and surely creeping upward, ever upward, it is no wonder that the cold chills run over them and they talk incoherently in their sleep. We have still more thunder-manned and glaring eye-balled nightmares fattening in our stables which we will trot out in the near future, to the still greater consternation of these already badly frightened capitalist leaders.

The giant is awakening none too soon. The cords that can be easily snapped by political action, but which without political action are a serious menace to life and liberty, and are ever being drawn tighter and tighter by the capitalist class. The spirit of the Taft Vale case has been imported to America. Already in the now celebrated Vermont case a trades union has been sued for damages and the damages awarded. It seems that a trades union can be sued if a capitalist wills it so. And the members of the union can be covered up with judgments, so that the constable and the sheriff will dog their footsteps and pounce upon any tiny savings they may be able to make from their meager wages. I thought that all this can be done even though the union be not incorporated. This is a most far reaching menace. It is at least equal if not superior to the injunction as a

club with which to pound labor over the head. It will scare many a timid workman out of the idea of making a stand for his rights. When a strike is proposed he will begin to think that perhaps it is better to bear the ill he has than to fly to others he knows not of. If he braves the dangers he is liable to have to spend in lawsuits more than he gains. It doubles the difficulties of winning victories on the industrial field.

But, all fingers point to Socialism. It really seems impossible for the enemy to do anything that does not drive the workmen into the Socialist camp. These suits for damages have convinced and will convince hundreds and thousands of toilers that they must attack the system which perpetrates these and all the other outrages against the working class. There is simply no other way out. Look where you will, there is no other door through the stone wall you are up against. The workers must strike at the ballot box. They must out the exploiters and take charge of government and industry themselves. And they are going to do so. The recent elections show that this is the irresistible tendency.

I used to keep a record of all the Socialist victories at the polls. Whenever we elected an alderman or a mayor or a constable, I made a note of it, just for the sake of being able to smother the fellow who says that we will not be able to elect a justice of the peace in the United States in the next ten thousand years. When he sang his song it was easy to call him down by glibly running over a string of officers whom we had already elected.

But the reports of new Socialist officials have been coming in so fast during the past six months that I have been unable to keep track of them, and even if I could, it is fast becoming impossible to name them all. Hereafter, instead of naming them, I shall have to give the number of Socialist officials by telling them how many times these officials would reach around the earth if they were all laid out in a row.

The effect of confidence and suggestion on one's self and others can scarcely be overestimated. A religious sect once figured out that the world was to come to an end on a certain day. The adherents of the cult put on their white raiment on that day and waited for the ascent to glory. One ambitious member, thinking to be a little nearer heaven than the rest and thereby arrive in paradise first climbed up on a haystack. As the sun was warm and the air balmy, he fell asleep. Some secular-minded boys set fire to the haystack. When the flames came curling up around him he woke, sprang to his feet and shouted, "In hell, just as I expected!" Now, if there is any man who will be able by personal experience to write up the impressions of an Imp, it will be a man like that. He had no confidence. A man who has a theoretical belief in Socialism, but doubts the possibility of realizing it is worse than no Socialist at all. He is a positive detriment to the movement. It is a genuine fact that you can substantially aid the Socialist movement by thinking good and enthusiastic thoughts about it. You can still further aid it by communicating these thoughts. Believe and say that capitalism is doomed to die a speedy death. Believe and say that the Socialist Party will continue harmonious and united until it has firmly planted the co-operative commonwealth that it is beyond the reach of factions and splits. Believe and say that the Hearst democracy is doomed to ignominious failure in its attempt to head off the Socialist movement by forming fake labor parties. Believe and say that we will be able to accomplish the transition from capitalism to Socialism without a war. Believe and say that we are going to sweep the country and inaugurate the Socialist commonwealth within the present decade. I know one comrade who positively believes and says that we are going to carry the United States in 1904. If we were all positive of it as he, I believe it would come to pass. These subtle aids are of immense service. Men of advanced views are the most likely to make use of them. They are therefore of great and constantly increasing service to us. When it comes to a single-handed combat between the forces of Socialism and the combined forces of capitalism, a battle between two intensities, they will insure us the victory.

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SOCIALISM IS COMING

And when it gets here you will not have to pay \$10 to \$15 for a watch movement that your brother workman in the large factories get \$1.89 for producing.

However until such time, we have to stay in the rut of capitalism, and while in that rut, we need watches and kindred articles, and my business is to try and persuade you to buy such goods of me, on which I claim I can save you money, and give you reliable goods, as I have made this business a close study for the last twelve years.

NOTE this in particular!

I will positively guarantee to meet any bona fide price quoted by any legitimate concern in this city at any time on watches, clocks or jewelry, that is advertised in a manner that can be understood, as you will note the majority of watch advertisements are very indefinite with these department stores, and several meanings can sometimes be construed from the same advertisement. However I will meet any flat price that they make, and give you new fresh goods, not a job lot of shop worn stuff, that is not worth 50 cents on the dollar.

I refer to "leaders" thrown out by these big advertisers to catch suckers on something else.

Be aware of the Pawn shops, as you get beat nine times out of ten, when you buy a watch or piece of jewelry of them, as I often see second hand watches priced in their windows at a higher figure than I sell a new one of same grade.

Will be glad to give you any information or advice, relative to my line, that I am able to, at any time. No matter where you buy.

Call and see me, or drop me a card for my Catalogue.



COMRADES:

In order to avoid any misunderstanding will say I DO NOT carry a stock of goods, as over nine tenths of my business is done by mail out side of Chicago, and the expenses in conducting the average retail jewelry store in Chicago is about 25 cents on every dollar's worth of goods sold, I simply cut out the 25 per cent expense, and give my customers the benefit of the saving.

My office is only a couple of blocks from the wholesale jewelry district, and when I have a city customer, we go direct to the wholesale house, and pick out any article desired, and the price is about 25 per cent lower than the average jeweler's for reasons given above.

In the way of reliability will say, if you are a Socialist, and read Socialist periodicals, you no doubt have seen my ad, many times, I furnish Comrade Wayland, editor of the Appeal to Reason, his special watches given as premiums, with his paper. On request I can give you names of comrades in this city who are prominent in the Socialist movement in Chicago and elsewhere with whom I am personally acquainted, and have done business with. See letter of recommendation in another column in this ad.

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However I do not appeal for your patronage because you and I are Socialists, but I do appeal to your pocket book, and I know you would rather deal with a comrade than the average dealer if by so doing you can get as good or better values for your HARD EARNED CASH.



The case is engraved by union labor.

Waltham, gilt, 15 jewel, Breguet hairspring, patent center pinion, and perfectly reliable, fitted in 20-year gold filled, Duesber, screw back and bezel case, hand engraved, plain or engine turned, \$10.00.
Hunting case, same as above, 12.00.
3 or 4 oz. silverine, screw case, 7.00.

With every one of the above watches, I will give free of charge a high grade gold filled chain, guaranteed by one of the largest chain factories in the United States for five years, with my personal guarantee back of it, also gold filled charm.

If you can buy the chain and charm alone for less than \$2.00 in the average jewelry store in this city, I will make you a present of the entire outfit. Everybody knows what a 15 jewel Waltham movement is. Also a Duesber case. Call and see this watch at my office. It will surprise you.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Last September, when Comrade Conklin was located at Varna, Ill., I ordered a watch of him, and found it very satisfactory, in fact so much so that a fellow workman had me order him one.

After Conklin located in Chicago, I called on him and found a pretty decent sort of a case, and while at his office, procured his prices on five ladies high grade gold watches, as a relative of mine wanted to purchase that amount, and had the inside prices of the largest wholesale and retail dealer in Chicago and intended buying there, but I had her wait until I got Conklin's prices, as I had found him square in his dealings, and prices very low.

To make a long story short, she purchased of Conklin at one time six watches, six chains, a fine solid gold emblem charm and a locket, and was highly elated over her purchase.

Altogether, my relatives, friends and my self have bought of Conklin, 10 watches, 10 chains, 2 charms, a clock, a fountain pen, and had some repairing done, and found each and every article first class, and exactly as represented, and the prices the lowest I ever saw quoted on same quality of goods. And I cheerfully recommend him to any one wishing to purchase anything in his line.

Respectfully,

6634 Lowe Ave., Chicago.

W. H. EARL.

Let me add a word of explanation to the above: Under our present commercial system, your first thought may be, what did Earl get for writing it? Will say he never received a cent, or any compensation or commission what ever.

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SCATTERING PARAGRAPHS.

In Lowertown, near Wilkesbarre, 19 men, all Democrats, who had been arrested in connection with a murder case, were kept in jail until after the recent election there. It is a small place and the Republicans carried the two by a majority of 10 votes. And yet the politicians attempt to tell the unwise that the Socialists do not believe in law and order. Perhaps the Republicans and Democrats do but they don't always practice what they preach. It is according to which plan they will benefit them whether they believe in law and order.

Near Stanford, W. Va., the coal operators have erected on a hill overlooking the colliery a modern Gatling gun. The sacred rights of property under capitalism shall not be interfered with. The rights of humanity sink into insignificance when property is endangered which may have been accumulated through fraud, deception and even murder. Under Socialism the mines would be owned and operated by and for the public. Open demonstrations inviting warfare would then cease to exist. One or two individuals could not then tell 80 million people to pay a hold-up price for coal or freeze.

The fruit growers of California have announced a raise in prices of 25 per cent. Cannot blame them. They are in business for the money there is in it. How much would the wage slaves be benefited in Chicago with 25. fare, or a universal transfer, or even so-called municipal ownership, when they are at the mercy of private corporate greed? Better listen to the argument of the Socialists a little. They will prove to you that it is the system of capitalism that is filling this land with paupers and millionaires and billionaires.

Without "knocking the individual" let us Socialists point out how well Mr. Darrow loves his fellow workmen which may be demonstrated by the story that he received FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for his four months' services in the miners' behalf. Who wouldn't be a "friend" for that amount of money for that period of time, even though you happened to be acting truly according to the dictates of your conscience?

Mr. Darrow a love for the wage slave was again shown when he so gracefully turned down those labor leaders who wanted to build up a good machine for themselves although for this act there is no criticism. Mention is made simply to make ends meet. Possibly it was because Mr. Darrow was thinking of the future for himself, when he decided to support Harrison. He could not have received Hearst's support had he allowed his name to go on the Independent Labor ticket because that wily schemer could not have consistently supported the labor ticket in opposition to the Democrats. Without

that support Darrow would have been a very much "also ran." Hearst is looking and wire pulling for the next presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket. To have supported Darrow on any other ticket would have made his "con" game too plain. Mr. Darrow may also expect Hearst's support at some future date so he got into line and boosted Harrison.

Perhaps Mr. Mitchell also thought he was best serving his (own) interests when he took occasion to publicly denounce and repudiate the doctrines of Socialism after the Socialist Party had sent TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (within two-thirds of what Mr. Darrow received) to aid of the striking miners. The Socialists denied themselves of that hard earned money to see it swell the coffers of Mr. Darrow. But after all, these "labor leaders" and politicians seldom fail to "paddle their own canoe" in a test where personal interests are at stake. Maybe Mr. Mitchell thinks he would make a good second fiddle to the strenuous Teddy in recognition of his being able to carry a part of the wage-slaves' votes to the party of the trusts.

Cardinal Gibbons devoted the larger part of an editorial page in a local paper last week telling the young men how to succeed. He says "towards the close of the last century the atheists of France made an attempt to establish a government on the ruins of religion and it is well known how signally it failed."

Cardinal Gibbons, as well as every other person well read in history, knows that the French revolution was brought about by economic conditions, it was the passing of the feudal lords into oblivion which is no improvement over the old. That struggle was a struggle on the part of the working class groping blindly for their industrial freedom, and it was not the work of the atheists any more than the foundation of this republic by Washington, Jefferson, Thomas Paine and others was the work of the atheists. While Mr. Gibbons was on that subject he might have explained the reasons for state interference in France at the present time with the religious orders. It is well known that they are responsible for their own expulsion, and still the republic stands, no anarchy, no rapine, no bloodshed. The broad-minded Frenchmen have profited by former experience.

Cardinal Gibbons further advises the young men as follows:
"The Christian religion influences the master and the servant, the rich and the poor. It admonishes the master to be kind and human toward his servant by reminding him that he, also, has a Master in heaven who has no respect to persons."
If that is the case then why is there master and servant on this globe? One man is as good as another; all have equal rights; therefore there should exist no such caste as master and servant.
Mr. Gibbons says:
"The Christian religion admonishes the servant to be docile and obedient to his master," etc., etc.

Can any person be free and at the same time "docile and obedient" to another? Emphatically, NO! Religion is something like the two-edged sword. It cuts both ways. There has been more pillage, murder and strife committed in the name of religion than in any other known cause. Yet its representatives tell the working class to be humble; and obedient, etc. No! The working class wants its rights; the full social value of the product of its toil. No masters; no servants. A free people; all with equal rights and special privileges to none. Socialism. That is what that word means. The right of all to the fulness of the earth. The brotherhood of man on earth. Vz.

17th Ward, Attention!
The Sunday school begins at 1:30 P. M. and our regular public meeting Sunday afternoon begins at 3 P. M. at 17th ward headquarters, 256 W. Chicago avenue. Everybody welcome. Free floor.

North Side Headquarters.
363 Sedgwick street.
Last Sunday evening Comrade Phelan was the speaker. He spoke on the importance of the coming judiciary election. Next Sunday Comrade J. W. Bartels will speak. You are asked to be present. The committee is planning for a May Festival to be held in some hall on the north side next month. Notice will be given in the Chicago Socialist.

The Sunday school had its first entertainment last Sunday morning. Refreshments were served, and the children all had an enjoyable time.

Temple Notes.
Sunday, April 26--10 A. M., County Judicial Convention.
Sunday, April 26, 8 P. M.--R. A. Morris and Wm. Johnson--our 33rd ward alderman are the speakers.
Tuesday, April 27--School of Soap Box Oratory. This meeting is held every week and all are invited, but those who are just commencing on the soap box should make a special effort to take in this school. Comrade J. W. Saunders has charge of it.
Thursday, April 30--Women's Alliance meeting.
Saturday, May 2--A grand entertainment, supper and Dance will be given by the Booster club. Admission 25 cents.
Last Thursday about thirty of the regular attendants of the Temple met to consider best means for propaganda and best arrangements for socialables, etc., also to guarantee the Temple expenses. They are formed into a committee naming themselves--The Boosters. They intend to boost everything that will hasten the Co-operative Commonwealth.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26.
No meetings on account of county judicial convention at Socialist Temple, 120 S. Western avenue, 10 A. M. will be held Sunday afternoon.
Socialist Temple, 8 P. M. R. A. Morris and Alderman Wm. Johnson.
3521 State street, 8 P. M. N. S. Dalton.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28.
Ohio and Clark streets, 8 P. M. R. A. Morris and Harrack.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29.
Albany and Armistage aves., 8 P. M. Geo. Koop and W. J. Goodspeed.
Milwaukee and Pawnee aves., 2 P. M. Walter Huggins.
North and California aves., 3 P. M. Walter Huggins.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30.
Walton Square and North Clark st., 8 P. M. Jas. B. Smiley and J. W. Saunders.

FRIDAY, MAY 1.
Rhine street and Milwaukee ave., 8 P. M. John E. Phelan, H. W. Spears, Alb. Ogus.

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