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THE COLORADO STRIKE AND ITS LESSON.

BY GUY E. MILLER.

The lesson of the Colorado strike should be burned on the heart and brain of the workers of the world. No mere record of its incidents, vivid as they are, no mere portrayal of the struggle, Titanic though it is, can give adequate form and expression to the mighty truth it has taken from the realms of abstract theory and graven deep on the tablets of human experience. It has taken yet another theory out from the hope of the American workingman and left but a pallid ghost in history's sanctuary, sitting disconsolate among the mighty memories of a nation's youth, viewing a ribald solitary throttle free speech and press and send men away from wife and home because it was their masters' will, under the same flag that waved above the divine right of kings at Yorktown, above the broken shackles of the slave—the divine right of property—at Appomattox.

will; he knew that behind the lying legend of free institutions and equal opportunities lay the ugly fact that the worker's lot was the dependence of a slave without a slave's economic security; he knew that man's right to do as he pleased with his own, the interests of property, was the right which constitutions and laws were made to subserve and that when they no longer serve the interests that called them into being, the same interests decree their annulment. Peabody is a perfect specimen of capitalism, the concrete embodiment of its spirit, its ideal executive.

To recapitulate, the Colorado strike has furnished the following facts for interpretation:

The governor and Legislature took an oath to support the constitution of the State which had been amended by a majority of 40,000, making the passage of an eight-hour law mandatory. No law was passed. What the conclusion? That neither the will of the people nor the sanction of an oath is respected by the servants of capitalism.

Telluride and San Miguel county were declared to be in a state of insurrection, though no violence had occurred. A strike is an insurrection against the employer—Peabody says it is against the State. This doctrine assumes the identity of the interests of the employer and the State and eliminates the employes from consideration.

The writ of habeas corpus was suspended, men deported, the right to keep and bear arms denied, free speech and assembly abolished, and the press, telegraph and telephone censored—not merely the constitutional rights of the citizens abrogated, but traditional liberties of the Anglo-Saxon people that have had an historical existence of 800 years—destroyed. Why? The mere presence of some men is a menace to tyranny. I have heard that in Russia men are sent to Siberia when their presence becomes distasteful to the Czar—the same thing happens in Telluride. The writ of habeas corpus was suspended that men who had committed no crime might be thrown in a bull-pen and kept there during the pleasure of the authorities. (Refusal to work on the employer's terms is not yet a statutory offense.) France once had a similar prison—it was called the Bastille. It fell one day. Men breathed free then.

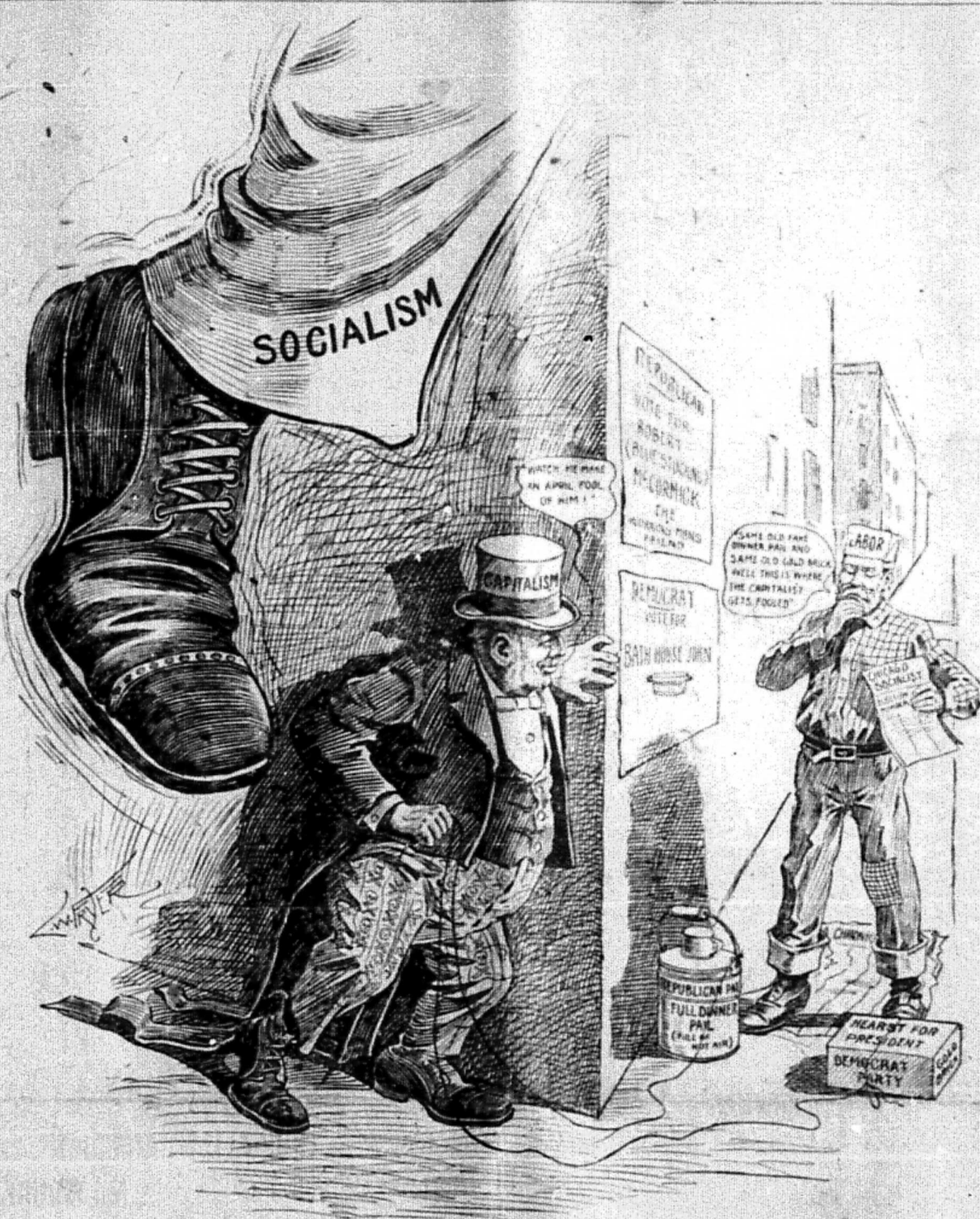
During a strike, when strikers cannot be provoked into violence nor driven into crime, our enterprising, progressive, public-spirited capitalists are equal to the emergency—they have a crime committed. Upon this basis the Mine Owners' Association of Cripple Creek employed detectives who pulled spikes on a railroad and swore the attempted wrecking on prominent union men. The evidence cleared the union men and implicated the detectives. The prosecution then dismissed the cases against the men in the Vindicator explosion in which two men were killed and which had been procured by similar means.

When the commission of such crimes is prosecuted and directed by large capitalists in the advancement of their business interests, it causes no stir of protest nor banishing bees. It occasions no surprise. The world knows the ethical nature of capitalism and the means it employs. Why should we feel hurt or indignant because the operators attempted to cover our organization with obliquy and fasten a heinous crime upon our leading members? The lives of our class is an unending sacrifice. The hardships brought upon a few are as nothing compared with the conditions under which, too often, the worker's derelict, too often, the worker's mind is underdeveloped, his body dwarfed, hope, love and ambition unknown, and if he dies it is so slowly that the world does not call it homicide.

We have seen that the private ownership of the revenues of society corrupt the State and reduce it to a vassal in the service of corporate wealth. Does the Republican or Democratic party propose anything that will alter these conditions? Are its members interested in their continuance? Is any class except the workers interested in changing them? They suffer great hardships in attempting to remedy them. Are they ready to vote to end them?

It is necessary to name the party which stands for the emancipation of the worker? Are you a member? Fraternally,

GUY E. MILLER.



ALL FOOLS' DAY.

Voters of Chicago, we again call your attention to the fact that there is a Socialist candidate nominated for Alderman in every ward in the city. If you are desirous of doing what the limited opportunity of a municipal election makes possible toward bettering the condition of the working class, then vote for the candidates who stand on this platform and pledge.

Socialist Party Pledge—We pledge our candidates if elected to use the power so obtained through the class conscious votes of the working class in the interest of the entire working class and to examine all legislation by this one rule—*is this in the interest of the working class? If so, we are for it; if not we are against it.*

The names of the Socialist candidates will be found on the fourth place on the official ballot under the word Socialist.

INJUNCTION RECORD IS BROKEN.

Judge Kavanaugh Issues Most Sweeping Injunctions to Date—Four Injunctions Issued in a Day—Effects Seven Different Unions.

That the full powers of the courts, backed by the powers of the police force, are to be used to the limit in the war between capital and labor in Chicago this spring none will doubt who read the labor news items Wednesday morning.

Four injunctions issued in one day in the interest of the different employers who are having trouble with their employes, forbidding them from doing anything and everything from walking on the street to going on a sympathetic strike is the record of one day. The report of Chief of Police O'Neil the same day is an eloquent commentary on the injunction record.

While the city is infested with thieves, hold-up men, second-story workers and all kinds of crooks, so that the lives of people are unsafe on the streets at night from this product of capitalism, Chief O'Neil reports that over ten per cent of the entire police force of the city are continually on "duty" around some factory where there is a strike or one is expected. However, under capitalism and a capitalist administration that is what courts and police forces are for.

Whenever the workers grow tired of being injunctioned and clubbed by the authorities their votes have elected them the remedy.

On the 5th of April, next Tuesday, union men, don't forget the date, any time between six o'clock in the morning and four in the afternoon you will have an opportunity to say at least that you no longer desire to be injunctioned and clubbed off the earth

by voting for the Socialist candidates for Aldermen in the various wards in the city. Do not let this opportunity go by without taking advantage of it.

COLLECTED FOR THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.

Previously acknowledged	\$14.54
Edward Guard, list 0430	95
North Town, Sunday school children	1.00
Seventh ward	5.00
A. Segal, lists 0672 and 0674	1.25
L. Skoda for 35d ward German branch	20.40
Gus Schreyer, list 0403	1.00
Fred Faxa, list 0608	1.00
List 0415	1.25
R. Pusch, lists 0317 and 0316	6.25
A. Segal, list 0630	2.25
John Tobiasz, list 0311	3.15
H. Van Middlesworth, list 0695	2.00

Comrades and branches that have campaign list will please make returns on them as soon as possible, as the campaign committee has financial obligations to meet at once.

The campaign committee has 200,000 campaign leaflets on hand for distribution—one a four-page folder with a cartoon on the front page. Wards or individuals can secure this leaflet for 40c per 1,000. The other is a 6x9 circular printed only on one side.

This leaflet sold to individuals and branches for 25c per 1,000. The campaign committee wish to state, however, that any ward or branch which is unable to pay for leaflets may have them free.

By the decision of the central committee last Sunday wards are permitted to print and circulate any other campaign literature that in their judgment they may decide on.

It behooves every militant Socialist to do his utmost to get our literature into the hands of the voters at once.

Send all money to A. W. Mance, secretary campaign committee, 181 Washington street, and it will be acknowledged in the Chicago Socialist.

NOTICE.

Ward captains are requested to bring the election returns down to party headquarters, 181 Washington street, as early as possible, on the night of the election.

The working men cannot be accused of selfishness. They produce wealth amounting to an average of \$2,451 per year, of which they receive \$437. This is what the Republicans call prosperity. And a lot of working people are satisfied with it. They seem to think more of some other fellow's family than all they produce under Socialism.

"The wage system will pass away," says Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor. "That is what we have claimed these many years, and you would not believe it. The system which produces master and servant cannot last. Economic liberty is as necessary as political liberty."

Don't blame the Republican or Democratic candidates when they vote in favor of the corporations and against you, Mr. Workman. They are simply favoring the class to which they belong.

Remember, Mr. Workman, the law allows you two hours for voting, provided you speak to your "Boss" about it. You are "free" you know. Take your two hours and do some good work for our ticket. We need every working man's vote.

The old party politicians will probably offer you a free ride on election day, but they will ride on free passes while you walk the rest of the year.

THE COMPETITIVE PLAN.

By J. L. McCreery.

An employer inserted a note in the Post. That he needed some workmen—a couple at most—And found himself soon in the midst of a host.

"My friends," he said, "in hiring a man, "Of course I must get him as cheap as I can—For that's the approved, competitive plan."

Said one, "I've a wife and children three; My aged mother is living with me; I need twelve dollars a week," said he. "I've a wife and a child," the next one said; "My mother, thank God, is long ago dead; Ten dollars a week will buy our bread."

"I've only a wife," said the third, "and hence Our living involves a smaller expense; I'll take nine dollars as my recompense."

"My wife each week earns a dollar or two," Said the next; "If I were to work for you About eight dollars a week would do."

"I have no wife," said the next; "I stay With my parents, who board me without any pay; So I will work for a dollar a day."

Said the next, in a tone most meek and subdued; "For twenty-four hours I've tasted no food; I'll take four dollars with gratitude."

The next one said, "I'm a Heathen Chinese; I learned to live cheaply, far over the sea; Three dollars a week is sufficient for me."

Thereupon to the crowd the employer spoke; "The lower wages you're willing to take, The larger, of course, are profits I make."

"Two workmen are all I at present require; The two that spoke last are the men I will hire— So the rest of the crowd may as well retire."

The unhired men began to entreat; "We've nothing to do, and nothing to eat; Must we and our families die in the street?"

"Aye, some of you must, if the rest would thrive; Too many of you are at present alive, And only the fittest can survive."

"And he is the fittest, beyond dispute, The present competitive system to suit, Whose life comes nearest to that of a brute."

"You ought to remember, you only exist For the purpose of grinding some other man's grist, And swelling the gains of the capitalist."

"The coarsest of food to nourish you while Your master is daily increasing his pile, That he may revel in royal style—"

"Some wretched hovel in which to dwell— If you get those you are doing well, For a worker, in this competitive Hell!"

The praising of city nemes and calling them "heroes" by the capitalist press should not so cloud the vision of the free laddies as to make them believe that "heroism" buys shoes for their babies. "Beware of the Greek with gifts." Gradually but surely the entire working class is learning that these praises of "heroism" and "patriotism" are only for the purpose of obscuring the bread and butter question, which is the real issue. Socialism would give not only the freemen, but all workers shorter hours and all the luxuries of life.

To vote for public ownership and then to vote for a Republican alderman to put it into effect is like hiring a wolf to tend the sheep.

You don't see anything in the Chicago American about the Republican anarchistic actions in Colorado. Why? Because Mr. Hearst is getting his millions from these western mines.

OUR STRIKE.

The Ballot is the Weapon—Class-Consciousness the Force.

Submission of the working class is the guiding star of capitalism.

Capital and labor will get together when labor takes the capital.

Capitalism works you for all you are worth until you are worthless.

There can be no security for any one until there is absolute security for all.

When the common people find their common interest there will be common sense.

The great power labor has on election day render them powerless the day after.

Some of those brotherly fellows seem to be closely related to Brother Cain.

Those who labor under delusions will have no trouble getting them capitalized.

Not until those who produce, control what they produce, will classes be abolished.

Workmen who vote for friends are on the road to the home of the friendless.

The incentive to work under capitalism is private profit, which is nothing but public theft.

If there will be no one to do the dirty work under Socialism that is good evidence there will be none.

The individual who believes in going it alone may believe in help before he gets to his destination.

So long as the working class is constantly at war with itself capitalism will take care of the heroes.

Material interest is the guiding star of the working class to emancipation from wage slavery.

When workmen place confidence in their class, Republican and Democratic politicians will be outclassed.

Capitalists direct to get a fortune, while labor misdirects and gets misfortune.

Now that Bryan says Hearst has the biggest following, keep your eye on the cross of gold and the crown of thorns.

Capital will once more be secure when the free American voting king stamps his seal of approval on capitalism.

After shooting themselves out of an existence with the ballot, some men take a shot at themselves with a gun.

Wonder what a government of, for and by the people, means to those who are nursed and coerced by capitalism?

Labor is the preferred stock on election day and the common stock all the rest of the year.

Capitalism invites you to kill each other to protect a flag and flag to protect yourself from starvation.

Friends of labor are working their workers overtime until Socialism says that time shall be over.

Capitalism goes to war for the markets of the world with the very men who have been robbed of the goods.

Another fess-up at the ballot box will give the capitalists the lies and the workmen the outs.

Now that opportunities are somewhat scarce, big handouts will be looked for by the little fellows on election day.

In the crusade against crime don't forget to keep your eye on the legalized robbers, A. D. 1904.

Labor must fight its own battle. It is useless to expect the robber to tell you to protect yourself.

Strike at the iron as long as the iron is hot, which is as long as capitalism can fire you out of a job.

E. H. L.

Let the working people control the city affairs. They are in the majority.

\$2.00 CURNERY HATS. \$2.00

Spring styles now in. Comrades should go to this store for their new-ware. 97 Madison street, northwest corner Dearborn. Union made.

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THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.

The following comrades have been nominated as Socialist candidates for Aldermen from the various wards throughout the city:

- 1—C. W. Goldman, 4 Hubbard court. 2—Holt Kurth, 2923 Cottage Grove avenue. 3—Frank Bohman, 3352 State street.

COOK COUNTY PLATFORM.

The Socialist party of America is the American expression of the International movement of the modern wage workers to liberate themselves from wage slavery through the collective ownership and democratic administration of all the means of production and distribution and the abolition of the capitalists' competitive system.

The founders of this republic declared for political freedom, but since the birth of this nation a revolution in industry has taken place. Formerly hand labor and individual effort produced the necessities of mankind.

Thus it develops that the battle for human rights has become a battle to determine which form of government we shall have in the future—capitalism or industrial democracy.

We hold that by the natural development of society this nation has outgrown the old system of class government and must throw it off.

opportunities for the execution of our program and the realization of our ideals. In the modern state the conquest of public power by the dispossessed class must be the result of persistent and conscious effort and the work of a working class organization on the economic and political field.

We call attention to the fact that the agitation for municipal ownership by the Republican, Democratic and Reform parties is for the purpose of dividing the working class on the political field.

We pledge our candidates if elected to use the power so obtained through the class conscious votes of the working class in the interest of the entire working class and to examine all legislation by this one rule "is this in the interest of the working class? If so, we are for it, if not we are against it."

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The one particular reason that the capitalist press, from the Outlook down to the hysterical Chicago Chronicle, shoot their great editorial broadsides against the sympathetic strike, is because it makes the strike more effective; because it extends the power and solidarity of the working class.

When the whole working class become sufficiently conscious of their class interest, then they will bring on the final and perfect sympathetic strike, not by leaving their jobs, not by boycotting individuals or firms of capitalists, but at the ballot box.

COMRADE HERRON AT TATTERSALLS.

Those who attended the Commune festival at Tattersall's last Saturday night and listened to Comrade Herron's address on the Paris Commune will not soon forget it.

As the years go by and the mists of calumny and misrepresentation are clearing away, this first real attempt of the Proletariat to take possession of the powers of government, to use them in the interest of the producing masses, has become an eternal well-spring of inspiration to the ever-growing, class-conscious workers of the world.

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JUSTICE BREWER AT THE AUDITORIUM.

Justice David J. Brewer, who lectured at the Auditorium Wednesday night under the auspices of the Municipal Lecture Association, offers some peculiar suggestions as a remedy for the "lawlessness." Of course the only lawlessness the Judge is able to conceive of is the so-called lawlessness of the workers during strikes and other labor troubles.

The specific he offers is to make the tenure of political offices of such duration that the holder will not fear to turn the police and military force to club and shoot any worker or union of workers who make any effort to secure a larger portion of the product of their toil or better working conditions.

The learned Judge held up his hands in holy horror at the idea of hackmen and undertakers' drivers going on a strike and thus inconveniencing the "dear public." When the Judge reached this point he became really eloquent. He played on the natural feeling of humanity and appealed with all

his power to the prejudice of his audience to incite their passions against labor unions. Notice his methods. Why did he take the back and hearse drivers' strike as his illustration of the workings of labor unions? Was it not that he wished to befog and hide the real point at issue, viz., whether this class of workers had any right to make an effective effort to improve their working conditions?

Here is one of Justice Brewer's most eloquent periods. His motive in selecting this particular strike incident is too apparent for even the dullist mind to miss.

It appears to us that the learned Judge descended about as low in his effort to make out his case against the workers' before his aristocratic (jury) audience as we ever knew a police court lawyer to resort to to win his case. However, he represents the capitalist class and is looked upon as one of the bulwarks which the capitalists are looking to, to perpetuate the present system of exploitation of the workers.

Socialism, with a sane system of distributing the vast accumulation of labor's products, is the only message that offers the worker the slightest ray of hope of bettering his condition.

WORKERS USE YOUR VOTE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

If we are to believe the dispatches in the daily press the early part of this week, a state of affairs exists in Colorado which might result in bloodshed by the time this paper comes from the press. The story has been told time and again in these columns, but in view of the latest declaration of Governor Peabody, in which he lays great stress upon the "law," and would have the public at large believe that he, the courts and the Citizens' Alliances are as free from sin as a nursing babe, a brief synopsis is not out of order.

The Legislature of Colorado in 1898 passed an eight-hour law, and, as might have been expected, it was promptly declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

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ALL ABOARD FOR PEORIA.

One of the most important State conventions in the whole history of the Socialist movement of this State will be held in the city of Peoria on Sunday, April 17, beginning at 9 a. m.

These striking miners are citizens of the United States. They have equally as many rights as any member of the Citizens' Alliance, and on last Monday and Tuesday, according to the press dispatches, were congregating for the purpose of marching back into Teasdale, but if not granted protection, they would defend themselves to the best of their ability.

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SPECIAL NOTICE—NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Any comrades who are willing to entertain one or more of the delegates to the Socialist National Convention, to be held in Chicago June 1, will please send their name and address, together with the number of delegates they are willing to entertain, to James S. Smith, State Secretary S. P., 181 Washington street.

mitted to arm themselves, mobilize and march on Telluride or any other place in the State. Laws will be maintained in Colorado. If these men have any grievance, let them go to the courts, get an injunction, and do as other citizens.

"Law will be maintained in Colorado." Ah! the hypocrisy in the man. Law! If it were not for the seriousness of the matter, Peabody's talk about law is really laughable.

These arguments might be extended indefinitely, yet it would be impossible to properly picture the sufferings of these brave men and their families at the hands of the brutal militia and a gang of bloodthirsty villains parading under the name of the Citizens' Alliance—these respectable gentlemen, travelling in sheep's clothing and prating over "law and order."

The slave had to submit to those atrocities. The Jews in Russia have to submit to the atrocities perpetrated on them. For neither the slave nor the Jew are sovereigns, masters. The government in ancient Greece and in Russia are the masters. Masters have the right to do as and what they please. Masters command; slaves and subjects must obey.

In Telluride, Colo., March 14th, at midnight, members of the Citizens' Alliance, respectable citizens, not workmen, broke in the doors of the dwellings of about 100 union men and sympathizers, dragged them from their beds, with their wives and children, beat them, marched them naked and barefooted in the cold and on frozen ground, and drove them out of their homes, separated them from wives and children, "without objection or remonstrance from sheriff or local authorities."

In Chicago the police are instructed to arrest every striking picket as a common tramp.

In the anthracite regions men, women and children have been evicted in the cold of winter. In Latimer, Homestead, Hazleton men have been killed by the soldiery, commanded by respect-

able, God-fearing, civilized gentlemen, called colonels, generals and governors. Do our politicians and capitalists speak of it with contempt? Do our capitalist papers condemn this?

Is family life and the fireside sacred in the eyes of our capitalist class and their politicians? Is there any difference between now and ancient times, between this glorious republic and tyrannical Russia? Are you master or slave? Are you a sovereign or a subject?

Can't you see that you are not the master? That the capitalist is the ruler and your chiefs, sheriffs, governors and presidents are masters over you; that you must submit and obey as the slave in ancient Greece, as the Jew in Russia?

Did you ever hear a master protest to or petition his servant? Don't you know that petitions imply impotency in the petitioners and recognition and admission that the petitioned is superior to the petitioner—is master over the petitioner?

How many thousands have the unions spent in petitions? Have your unions gained anything? Have the Jews in Russia, the slaves in Greece, the Thirteen Colonies in America gained anything by petitions?

As their petitions found their way into the waste basket, so will yours; as your protests fell on deaf ears, so do yours; as they were treated with contempt, so are you.

You will be treated with contempt as long as you act as a slave. You will be dragged from your bed, wife and child as long as you submit to it; as long as you use your sovereign right to elect masters over you. Republican chiefs of police or Democratic chiefs of police, Republican council or Democratic council; Republican governor or Democratic governor your masters, because they stand for all the atrocities perpetrated on you as a union man.

You are told you are master—then be one. Stop your protests and petitions to your capitalist tools. Act as it becomes a master, a sovereign. Vote for your mastership; elect men that will be your servants—no, not servants, but your co-workers, your comrades. Vote the Socialist ticket, and you will have to protest no more—to petition no longer!

DR. S. A. KNOPFENAGEL.

A WORD WITH THE UNION MEN.

You are a union man, I am a Socialist. What you need I want you to have. What I want you to have you do not care to get. Why? Because your politicians misled you.

Our Morgans, Baers, Markies, Carnegies, Fricks, Harrisons, Chief O'Nells, Hearsts, our public press scribblers speak to you with a shudder and disgust and contempt of the times in ancient Greece, when at a certain night in the year the slaves were caught unaware and massacred for the sole purpose to educate this youth to get used to seeing blood and become insensible to the groans and cries of agony of the wounded and massacred.

Our capitalist press, our church, our politicians, our politicians found no words strong and bitter enough to condemn the massacres in Russia, and made your heart swell and your face beam with joy, that you are a citizen of a civilized nation in a free democratic republic; and you gave three cheers for your glorious country.

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SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN IN MILWAUKEE.

Campaign of Milwaukee Socialists Carried on with Energy and Decency.

No Free Beer, No Carriages, No American Beauties—] Conversion Is Made by Preaching.

The Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin gives its readers the following description of the campaign now being carried on by the Socialists of Milwaukee:

"The political campaign being carried on in Milwaukee by the Social Democratic party varies so from those of the old parties that it may almost suggest a religious movement, the preaching of the modern Crusaders. The cause is holy, its advocates believe, the party is new and therefore the sacrifice of time and effort to its service and furtherance.

NO PHOTOGRAPHS OF MOSES. "There are no pictures in saloons of the various Mosses who are to lead the people out of bondage, no free beer, no carriages, no American beauties, only words, words, words. Reason is what is relied on, and that is poured into the people by the hour and by the ton. This week an average of five meetings were held in the city nightly. Next week it will be the same. During the campaign over 200,000 leaflets and 100,000 copies of The Social Democratic Herald will have been distributed in home and factory, to say nothing of the meeting handbills with suggestive cartoons on the reverse side.

THREE DOLLARS A DAY. The Peter the Hermits have come from their own work in their several homes to preach the millennium for their expenses and \$3 a day. They are lawyers, ministers, labor leaders and editors working for a cause. Many local speakers donate their services. All ride from meeting to meeting in street cars, instead of the closed carriage which the wealth of the "capitalistic parties," as the Socialists call them, provides for their candidates. If there be music it is volunteered and costs nothing.

AN ALLURING DOCTRINE. The doctrine carried from ward to ward by the Socialist speakers is one calculated to awaken the sleeping aspirations of the worker, to fill the future with more comfort, more rest,

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How many thousands have the unions spent in petitions? Have your unions gained anything? Have the Jews in Russia, the slaves in Greece, the Thirteen Colonies in America gained anything by petitions?

As their petitions found their way into the waste basket, so will yours; as your protests fell on deaf ears, so do yours; as they were treated with contempt, so are you.

You will be treated with contempt as long as you act as a slave. You will be dragged from your bed, wife and child as long as you submit to it; as long as you use your sovereign right to elect masters over you. Republican chiefs of police or Democratic chiefs of police, Republican council or Democratic council; Republican governor or Democratic governor your masters, because they stand for all the atrocities perpetrated on you as a union man.

You are told you are master—then be one. Stop your protests and petitions to your capitalist tools. Act as it becomes a master, a sovereign. Vote for your mastership; elect men that will be your servants—no, not servants, but your co-workers, your comrades. Vote the Socialist ticket, and you will have to protest no more—to petition no longer!

SPECIAL NOTICE!

To Delegates to State Convention: Arrangements have been made with the railroad for a fare and one third for the round trip for all delegates and members who wish to attend the Socialist State Convention at Peoria on Sunday, April 17th.

To secure this special rate it will be necessary for every person, when purchasing the ticket, to apply for a certificate which will entitle the holder to a one third fare on the return trip. This is very important, Comrades, and if not attended to will mean the payment of a full fare both ways.

All delegates who will leave from Chicago will please assemble at Headquarters at 10 p. m. on Saturday, April 16th, secure their tickets and march in a body to the depot. A special train has been secured for the Cook County Delegation which will leave the Polk Street Depot at that time.

The fare from Chicago will be \$5.65 for the round trip. On the return, the Chicago train will leave Peoria 11:30 p. m., Sunday, April 17. All aboard for Peoria!

Fraternally, JAS. S. SMITH, State Sec'y.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Charles H. Kerr & Company have just issued a volume written by Charles Kendall Franklin. The title is "The Socialization of Humanity." It has nineteen chapters and 481 pages. It is neatly bound in cloth and printed in clear type on good paper.

That the author has attempted a Herculean task, the following statement on the fly leaf of what the author has set out to accomplish gives ample testimony: The Socialization of Humanity. An analysis and synthesis of the phenomena of Nature, Life, Mind and Society through the law of repetition.

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

The approaching spring air is filled with the usual rumblings of labor troubles. In the news dispatches of the daily press we learn that the experience of the spring of 1904 is likely to eclipse that of preceding years in strikes, lockouts, boycotts and black lists.

And all this after the Civic Federation and many kindred conciliating and mediating societies have been "harmonizing" the interests of labor and capital. In Colorado the war between capital and labor becomes fiercer and fiercer every day, and the field of operation enlarges. This week another county has been placed under martial law at the command of the coal mine operators.

This Colorado situation should be carefully studied by every working man in the United States, because in the situation there we see and are able to know about what the condition of the workers all over the country will be when the final struggle between capital and labor comes.

This Colorado object lesson and experience will not be lost on the minds and future actions of the workers. It reveals capitalism in all its horrors and tears the mask from its face. The worker will not understand just how much his rights under the constitution are likely to be respected by a capitalist government when it becomes necessary for the capitalists to draw on their reserve force (the powers of government) to defeat him in his effort to better his condition.

The following poster sent out by the Western Federation of Miners is giving the capitalists considerable mental anxiety.

The poster is a fine simile of the American flag, in red, white and blue, on each of the thirteen stripes is printed in large letter a declaration intended to show up the hypocrisy of the capitalists authorities in their frothings about "patriotism and the flag."

"IS COLORADO IN AMERICA?" Then follow on the red and white stripes of the banner these statements: "Martial Law Declared in Colorado! "Habeas Corpus Suspended in Colorado!"

"Wholesale Arrests Without Warrant in Colorado!" "Union Men Exiled From Homes and Families in Colorado!" "Constitutional Right to Bear Arms Questioned in Colorado!"

"Corporations Corrupt and Control Administration in Colorado!" "Right of Fair, Impartial and Speedy Trial Abolished in Colorado!" "Citizens' Alliance Resorts to Mob Law and Violence in Colorado!" "Militia Hired to Corporations to Break the Strike in Colorado!"

This poster is being circulated broad cast among union men throughout the country. That it is having the desired effect the expressions of the capitalist press gives ample testimony. With one accord they are calling upon the authorities to stop its distribution and to prosecute the authors for "desecrating the American flag" but Gov. Peabody seems to have scooped the desecrating business and has forever disgraced the Stars and Stripes which all Americans were once so proud of.

The painters have won their strike for an increase of pay of 5 cents per hour and a closed shop, after being out for ten days.

The bindery girls have been out on strike the last ten days for an increase of pay and better working conditions. The employers have refused to treat with the girls' union and have succeeded in securing quite a number of strike breakers, but when the work turned out by the non-unionists reached the department where it had to be handled by union bookbinders they refused to touch it, and at the present writing it appears as though the whole printing trade may become involved.

The can workers and brass workers' strike still continues and threatens to spread still further.

There is but one remedy for all this labor trouble. The workers must own all the tools of production. They can secure this only by and through the class conscious action of working class through the political organization of the Socialist party.

Vote for the Socialist candidates for aldermen on April 5th. This is the only opportunity within the reach of the workers at present. Will they take advantage of it?

WILLING SUBJECTION.

The direct aspect of the tragedy of woman is that her efforts at emancipation find their bitterest opposition from their own enslaved sex. Modern woman in the mass does not yet want the ballot. She does not want her rights. She wants to be let alone so long as she can find a man to keep her, and she looks sullenly at the woman who has risen to the light as one, not who would help her, but who would rob her of her slave privileges and give her nothing in return.—Franklin H. Wentworth.

PLAIN TALK

From a Woman (Who Cannot Vote) to Workingmen Who Can.

By S. Woodman. Do you derive pleasure from the thought that you "live, breathe, move and have your being" on sufferance? Does it afford you so much gratification to know that if you should be discharged or laid off, or if "the works" should be shut down, your bread and butter would be stopped and that not only yourself but your wife and children, or any who may be dependent upon you, would be made to suffer? Would you not prefer to be your own boss? Wouldn't it be much better to work for yourself instead of being another man's slave? For that is what you, free and independent American citizen, as you call yourself, are today. And you are not the slave of a "union," as the editors of the big journals try to make you believe, but the slave of the men for whom you labor. He cannot flag you to death; he may not put you on the auction block and sell you to the highest bidder, but he holds over you the lash of starvation and you do his bidding for fear of that lash. He regulates the hours you must labor, the conditions under which you must work and heizes you about with a thousand and one rules and regulations which you must rigidly observe or suffer the penalty, which means discharge. Moreover, if you and your fellow wage slaves get together and make a united stand against some particularly glaring act of injustice your boss, under the present capitalistic form of government, has the power to call on the police, the militia or the standing army of the United States to imprison you, to shoot you down like a dog, or to drive you from your home and fireside.

Why is it that the "boss" has the power to do all this? Why is it that you do not work for yourself instead of for him, or why do you not collectively work for yourselves instead of for these tyrannical masters? What hinders you? Why? You do not own the tools—the tools with which modern industry is carried on are great machines, tremendous "plants," costing thousands of dollars, and you have not the means to purchase such tools and hence must work for the man who has them, who graciously allows you (sometimes) to have access to them in order to create wealth for him, giving you in return a little bread and some kind of a place to sleep in.

But these tools, owned by one man, or a syndicate of men, are operated collectively, are they not? You and Tom and Dick and Harry and five hundred more of you co-operate together in producing the commodities you turn out? Yes? Well, why, then, should you not own them together? "What?" you say. "How shall we, together, get them out of the hands of the present owners and into our own?" You have just admitted that when we even strike for some slight grievance we are imprisoned, shot or expropriated. What would be done to us if we tried to take these men's property away from them? We should be shown no mercy. We would be annihilated.

Certainly you would, and serve you right, too, if you had no better sense than to attempt to take them by physical force. "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword," but how if you commence by capturing the powers of government? How if you make the militiaman's rifle, the policeman's club and all the other instruments of oppression your weapons instead of theirs? The reason that you cannot take possession of the tools, the instruments of production and distribution (the only step which can

make you masters of the industrial situation, is that between you and these necessary instruments stand these bulwarks behind which capital is so firmly entrenched. But why are these publicly-operated and privately owned instruments protected by the state with its armed forces? Why? Because your votes placed in the crevices of capital who have made and are administering all the laws in regard to property. Every railroad, every mine, every factory and workshop in the land, now in the hands of private capital, have been voted there by you workingmen. The commercialism, the industrial enterprise of this country rest on a foundation of manhood-suffrage. The plutocracy which is now running this government has been built up by you—by you who have voted into every office in the land, from postmaster to president, men who favored and legalized the various schemes which have brought you and your wives and children under plutocracy's yoke, and you now "kick against the pricks" which your own hands planted instead of going to work to undo what you have done by uprooting the pricks.

TITAT WHICH VOTES HAVE DONE VOTES CAN UNDO.

Your votes can enable you to take possession of the standing army, of the state militia, of the police forces of the various cities and make them your servants instead of the servants of your capitalistic masters. Deprived of these bulwarks, for which they are so ready to howl on the slightest pretext, what, then, shall capitalism do, now protect itself when you march on to take possession of the tools which will make you men instead of slaves, which will render it unnecessary for you to go around, but in hand, begging for a job, prostrating yourselves in the dust for the glorious privilege of drudging for some capitalist? Shame on you, you men who have votes and have made no better use of them? Out of your ballots you have woven halibuts for your own necks, forged fetters for your own limbs, have built scaffolds on which some of you have already (and more are likely to be) executed!

Are you going to continue this suicidal policy? Will you persist in voting into office men who you know do not oppose the holding of the instruments of production and distribution as private property? Only the ownership of the tools can make you industrially free, can bring you out of this prison house of bondage your votes have built.

There is only one party that stands for the ownership of the tools, remember this! Mr. Hearst does not dream of it, He would not dare stand for it, He is a capitalist, and no capitalist or friend of capitalism will ever advocate it. No labor leader, no Mitchell, no Gompers will come out and demand, on behalf of the men who trust them, that the mines and the machinery of the country be turned over to be owned collectively by those who operate them for their own profit. No Gompers tells you that it is "economically unsound" for you to claim the tools with which you labor. It is "economically" sound—yes, and nothing but "sound"—that these tools should be owned by a parasite class and used by them to exploit and enslave you.

Socialism alone demands that which you need. Socialism alone can make you, in deed and in truth, independent American citizens. Will you vote, then, for Socialism and industrial freedom, or for republicanism (or democracy) and industrial serfdom?

"HOT! HOT! HOT!" Mr. Workingman, Just Read This, Will You?

How much longer will our "good" but stupid citizens defend our present foolish competitive system of industry? Among its many evils here, is one to think about:

Inadequate school accommodation (in Chicago, at least). Then, in the rush for profits, children are put to work when they should be at school. Thus their education is neglected and partial. Later in life, when these children are grown and they try to get a government job, they find that they cannot pass the civil service test. Their lack of education debars them. To such unfortunates it must seem that an UN-civil service has been given them by a government that "catches them going and coming," skins and stunts them for private profits and starves them when they are old, taunting them with their ignorance.

Great is private profit! Capitalism is the great international home-buster. Socialism is out to bust capitalism, not capitalists.

Mr. Workingman, I suppose you have noticed that the militia and army men shoot as they vote—against the workers and for the labor-skinners. Look at Pennsylvania—Idaho—Colorado! How much longer will it take you to wake up? You may keep on fooling away your vote for the "best man" and for the "half dead" man, your rich owners decide to deprive you

of your vote by making a property-ownership qualification for voters. Vote the Socialist ticket! Don't let priests, preachers or politicians fool you. Look it up! I tell you solemnly and positively that Socialism means industrial righteousness. I used to vote the old party tickets, but I wouldn't do it now, no matter who is on the tickets! If you study Socialism carefully you will do the same thing that we do. Don't throw your vote away any longer. And, by the way, there is only one genuine labor party, and that is the Socialist party.

JACK POTTS.

RACINE NOTES.

Editor Chicago Socialist—Last night we held our city convention. Forty-four Delegates were present. We nominated a full city ticket:

Hans Jensen for Treasurer, John Cerney for Assessor, N. P. Nielson for Marshal, John Bowman, Justice of Peace. In eight out of eleven wards we have ward nominees. Our vote last year was 670. We will double it, or may do better yet.

Loring ward is boosting the Chicago Socialist. Fraternally, J. W. BORN.

ROCK ISLAND NOTES.

Rock Island, Ill., March 29, '04. Dear Comrade—We are having a lively campaign here and from present prospects the Socialists will be about the only ones to have any thing to crow about when it is over. We are sure to have a big increase in our vote

and may possibly elect one or two Aldermen.

We will have a big meeting at Turner Hall Sunday afternoon. We will have local talent and speakers from Davenport. Everybody is invited and any person of any political faith who chooses will be permitted to air his views. Several persons not Socialists have promised to speak. Speaking begins promptly at 2:30. I enclose list of candidates. Yours fraternally, J. C. GIBSON.

CITY TICKET OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

For Supervisor—Henry G. Glom, Secretary of Carpenters' Union, 2733 9th avenue.

Assistant Supervisors—Paul H. Hemberger, Secretary Arsenal Lodge No. 2515 8 1/2 avenue, Anthony Fixaris, Stationary Engineer, 2715 5th avenue, Arthur Vanfraque, Wheel-maker, 4335 14th avenue.

Assessor—Nels, E. L. Bohman, printer at Augustana Book Concern, 1448 45th street.

Collector—Everett L. Thompson, Machinists' Union, 909 2d avenue.

Aldermen—First ward: Alfred Coyne, painter and paperhanger, 217 6th street.

Second Ward: Eglebert J. Schmitt, President Journeymen Tailors' Union No. 34, 1130 10th avenue.

Third Ward: Fred E. Gavin, member Harness Makers' Union, 1422 6th avenue.

Fourth Ward: Homer L. Darby, Secretary Harness Makers' Union and Secretary and Treasurer of T.V. City Labor Congress, 1611 2d avenue.

Fifth Ward: Eugene H. Johnson, Inspector Arsenal Foundry, 619 23d street.

Sixth Ward: Henry A. Lohse, member Carpenters' Union, 1317 25th street.

Seventh Ward: Modest A. Verhale, member Carpenters' Union, 1426 45th street.

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FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Theo. Schmitt, Hans Hansen, Emil Jubert.

FOR VILLAGE CLERK.

A. F. Germer.

At the last village election we beat the Democrats eleven (11) straight votes. We will try to do better this time. Fraternally, A. F. GERMER, Secy.

EVANSTON NOTES.

In Evanston, class distinction, class antagonism is more evident than in any city of its size in the United States. There are the richest of the rich and the poorest of the poor; the educated and the ignorant. There the extreme arrogance of the capitalist class and the utter subservience of the laborer is shown in a magnified degree. There, on one hand, are the sons and daughters of the rich, who "and it extremely hard to while away the time," and, on the other, the children of the poor who must labor from twelve to sixteen hours a day to provide for their comfort.

A prominent Chicago broker, who said that he lived in Evanston because of its atmosphere of culture, recently deplored the existence of the workers in the suburb, declaring that they were a damper to its "exclusiveness." He said, however, that they were there to do the bidding of such as he, and that he did not see how he could well do without them. His last statement is a truth to which the working class of Evanston has not yet awakened.

ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES.

Second Ward—Charles Haut, Fourth Ward—August Friedrichs, Fifth Ward—Gus Strom, Seventh Ward—Peter Miller.

We need not be ashamed of one of our candidates. Any one of them would make a good Alderman.

But we don't ask you to vote for them unless you want to vote for Socialism.

Wouldn't it jar you if Big Gus Friedrichs should be elected? He may, and the majority of voters in his ward ought to be Socialists.

PAT'S LOGIC.

Sure, the fightin' in the East's begun. They're at it tooth an' nails. An' whalebone's tuk a mighty rise. Wid the scarcity of whales. And there's changes in the weather—We've had rain and snow and frosts. And now we hear Ould Roberts. He has given up his post. "But what matters all this larin'?" Says I to Ould McGurk. "When no money is a-earnin', An' a man is out of work."

Some say the Liberal's got in. All the Tory's coming out. And some have caught the f10 men. As they walked along en route. An' we may have old age pensions. An' a new Bill for Home Rule. An' Ould Carlyle said long ago. "That each man was a fool." "But what matters all this larin'?" Says I to Ould McGurk. "When money's not a-earnin', An' a man is out of work?" "Peter Parves, in Dundee Weekly News.

The competitive systems can foster nothing but a disturbance of equilibrium in the progress of civilization. Instead of taking a hold of the weaker portion of the race, those who are strong rush proudly ahead and trample under foot all who cannot stand the pressure.—St. Anne Record.

ARE WE SAVAGES?

BY F. H. RICHARDSON.

When Cortez invaded Mexico he found a people, the Aztec, whom he called heathen and savages principally because they offered human sacrifice to their god. They have fallen and been exterminated before the onward march of "civilization" and the land is now occupied by those who are not supposed to offer human life in sacrifice. When our forefathers landed on the shores of North America they found the country in possession of a race of simple people, who were perfectly honest and who held out, to the strangers, the olive branch of peace, but who were not initiated into the wisdoms of "civilization" and who must then, therefore, be savages. The Indian was so perfectly honest that he was condemned to death all that was necessary was to turn him loose, telling him to appear at a certain time and place for execution and he would be there if he was alive. He knew nothing of the beauties of drunkenness, but then he was only a poor savage and what could you expect. His women were perfectly virtuous, and physically he was a God. But he was a savage, and as our forefathers needed his land in their business, he had to go. At first what land they wanted that the Indian would not give they "bought," giving a ten cent string of beads for a hundred acres or so, but beads were expensive and most of it was "taken" (gold for stolen by our God fearing ancestors, who also found that there was good money in debauching poor Loo with whiskey. Naturally, the Indian, after he "got next" to what a big thief his white brother was, resisted and started in to do a little killing himself in defense of his country and his home, just as you or I would do, call it patriotism and then the cry was raised to "exterminate the brutal savage" and the dance of death went on until the Indians were well nigh all dead and we had his land. It might be interesting to compare the aforesaid savages with ourselves and see just wherein lies the difference between them and us, who claim to be highly civilized. In the first place the Aztec offered human sacrifice to their God. Bad—very, very bad; but—hold on—wait a minute. Maybe it is all right after all, for, come to think of it, blessed if I don't believe we do the same thing. No one will deny that with us money is God and it strikes me that 600 men, women and even little children were offered on our God's altar right here in Chicago last December, in one bunch. Shocking, can it be that we are savages? For years the papers told us that hundreds of railroad men were killed annually, because it cost too much to properly protect them. Altar of the money God again; is it possible that we are savages offering human sacrifice on an altar? Then, too, there are many thousands of little children, almost babies, in the workshops of the country. We are offering them on the altar of our God. Surely it is not possible that we are heathen. Want and privation every year takes thousands into the portals of death and over the dark and silent river to the land where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest—offered on the altar of our God; but after all I guess we cannot be classed as heathen, for neither the Aztec or the Indians did any of these things, so it cannot be classed savagery, for they were savages. We may be brigands, robbers and pirates and our system may be one of commercial murder, but savage—never. Our competitive system may murder children, make drunkards, prostitute women, make criminals and debauch humanity, but we cannot be savages, for the savages did not do any of these things—they being exclusively to civilization under the beneficent regime of the competitive system—which is "the life of trade" (and death to everything that is good).

Below is a clipping from one of our daily papers: Gallipolis, O., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Lillie Beridge, a widow and the mother of five children, became deranged through her hard struggle against poverty and with a sharpened comb attempted to kill her children. She was just about to plunge the weapon into the throat of her two-year-old daughter when she was arrested. No. We cannot be savages or heathen, for among them such things do not occur so long as anyone has anything to eat. But then, you know, they are not enlightened as to the beauties and beneficence of "competition" in their commercial affairs, and they would doubtless kill the one of their number who hoarded in the necessities of life and let the rest starve—poor benighted people. They ought to have a Carnegie to establish libraries to educate them as to the necessities of having a few Rockefellers, Morgans, Rothschilds and Carnegies laying around loose to take care of their wealth and enjoy it for them. They ought to be under the beautiful competitive system and have saloons, jails, houses of prostitution, almshouses, officials—with-a-halt-out, injunctions, opium joints, cocaine, pawn shops, sweat shops, strikes, slum philanthropists, lawyers, preachers, gambling houses and all the rest of the trills that go with civilization and the competitive system.

If a two-by-four shanty is a "home" it is highly probable that Socialism will destroy a few. And if a palace where the never enters is a "home," it may also play havoc with a few of that kind.—Iowa Socialist.

COOK COUNTY, ATTENTION!

To the Members and Sympathizers of the Socialist Party of Cook County: Comrades—The national convention of the Socialist Party will be held in Chicago, commencing with May 1.

Realizing the hardships with which our national organization is now burdened in trying to extend the organization over the whole country and strengthening it everywhere in preparation for the coming great presidential campaign and knowing the limited amount of funds available by the national office, we have undertaken to assume all expenses of the national convention.

The amount necessary will be about \$500. Not having this sum at hand, however, we have decided to issue this call asking you for your financial support, trusting you will promptly respond with whatever sum you will be able to spare for this purpose.

We intend to have all arrangements ready by the time the national convention will convene and make every delegate in attendance feel that they are welcome guests of our local and give them an opportunity to long remember the Chicago convention of 1904.

Send all contributions to Jas. S. Smith, 181 Washington street, Chicago, who will acknowledge same through the columns of the Chicago Socialist.

Hoping for a prompt and liberal response, we remain, fraternally, The Cook County Entertainment Committee,

Per T. O. LEWIS, Secretary.

The following donations are hereby acknowledged: Previously reported \$47.25. Seventh Ward: Mrs. Bigas \$1.00, Mrs. L. Steffen \$1.00, P. G. Scherck \$1.00, N. Plone \$1.00, P. Roe \$1.00, Leo S. Osborn, on list \$7.25. Total \$49.50. JAS. S. SMITH.

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For Town Clerk—A. B. Groat.

For Supervisor—Joseph Rechohl.

For Highway Commissioner—Frank Boersman.

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VOTERS, 12th WARD, ATTENTION!

There will be a Mass Meeting Sunday, April 3rd, 3 p. m., at Portz's Hall, N. E. corner of Ogden and Western Aves. Speaker John E. Phelan, who will tell why you should vote the Socialist Ticket.

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If the candidates on the Social Democratic ticket are not elected this spring, it will not be the fault of the women who are taking an active personal interest in the campaign...

Circulars and pamphlets, even of a political nature, are much more readable if handed out by a sweet-voiced woman with appealing eyes...

WOMEN GO FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE.

While it is not the first time that women have played a part in elections, it has been a unique experience for this city to see the literary of petticoated enthusiasts making a house to house canvass...

They hire halls, distribute the printed cards containing the announcements and attend meetings. In addition to these activities the office force at the party's headquarters is increased whenever necessary...

MINNESOTA NOTES.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 17, 1904. To the Comrades of Minnesota: Being about to retire from the office of State Secretary, it seems proper at this time to call attention to the growing necessities of our organization...

The work outlined by the State convention for the coming campaign will require a greater outlay than has heretofore been possible, but can easily be met if the comrades will do their share...

Six candidates on the State ticket, and eleven presidential electors have been nominated. It requires \$500 each to place these names on the ballot...

On leaving the office of State Secretary I wish to thank the comrades for their earnest and faithful co-operation, and ask that the same be extended to Comrade Nash...

In the future kindly address all communications to J. E. Nash, State Secretary, 45 South Fourth street, Minneapolis, Minn.

The prophet who predicts the coming of Socialism will have no honor in his own country. There are too many such voices crying in the capitalist wilderness...

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NOTICE.

The Spring Campaign Committee meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at party headquarters, 181 Washington street...

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WORK IN THE STATE

On Monday, March 21st, Comrade John Collins arrived at Peoria, but owing to a heavy rain storm no meeting was held.

The following are the further dates: Kankakee, April 3; Vermilion county, April 4; Paris, April 5; Mattoon, April 10; Pana, April 11; Springfield, April 13; Havana, April 14; Peoria, April 16.

Seattle, Wash., March 10, 1904. Editor Chicago Socialist: Comrade—The following resolution was passed by Central Branch Local, Seattle Socialist party and ordered sent to the Socialist press:

Resolved, By Central Branch Local Seattle Socialist party, that the most imperative need of the hour is an official National Socialist weekly newspaper; that said newspaper be owned, edited and controlled by the Socialist party of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That a National referendum be called (at once), to read as follows: "Shall the delegates to the National convention, meeting in Chicago May 1, 1904, take such action then and there as will bring said paper into existence without delay?"

A. HUTCHINSON Organizer C. B. J. H. HILGERT, Secretary C. B. Ninth ward mass meeting Saturday, April 2, 8 p. m., corner Canalport avenue and Jefferson street.

State Organizer John Collins will speak at Melrose Park on Sunday afternoon, April 3.

Kindly rush in the money at headquarters, at once for all tickets sold.

Letters to the Editor. Rockford, Ill., den Mars, 29, 1904. Meester Redactor:—Ay cente write you for longsum cause Ay wante mak spriss on you.

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Party Announcements.

The County Central Committee meets the second Sunday of each month, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Officers: Secretary—Harold Lindgren. Treasurer—J. C. Ahlerson. Sergeant-at-Arms—A. L. Lazo.

Branches are requested to send in list of street corners for which they wish to secure permits for open air meetings.

Will the comrades who have signed their names on the pledge list for hall rent please come in and pay up the business manager, so that we can keep the hall in good shape.

The 23d Ward, No. 2, German, meets every Sunday forenoon at 10 o'clock at 148 Willow st.

Every comrade who is interested in the Socialist party should take notice of the article published in Chicago Socialist, Feb. 27, entitled, "The Unemployed," by A. M. Simon.

All communications referring to party matters should be addressed to the County Secretary. Communications referring to the paper should be addressed to the Editor or Business Manager.

All Branches wanting Polish speakers should notify the County Secretary. All Polish speakers are invited to meet at the office of the County Secretary on Monday, April 10th, 2 p. m.

Secretaries of ward capitals can secure the list of polling places, registered voters and ward maps by applying to the County Secretary.

Branch Secretaries and Hall Committees, TAKE NOTICE. If you have not received the circulars announced in the Chicago Socialist a notice, stating when and where such meeting is to be held, also who the speaker is, must be in the office of the County Secretary by Monday, April 10th, 2 p. m.

Twenty-sixth Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3d Sunday night, 7:30 p. m., at Social Turner Hall, Belmont and Paulina avenues.

THIRD WARD BRANCH. Every Saturday evening, a social and dance, serving light refreshments. All South Side comrades invited.

SEVENTH WARD BRANCH. All comrades and sympathizers of the Socialist Party are cordially invited to attend the Great Mass Meeting in Parkside at Price's Hall, 70th street and Stony Island avenue, Sunday, March 27, 2:30 p. m.

NINTH WARD. Saturday, April 2, 8 p. m., Eliot's Hall, Jefferson street and Canalport avenue. Speakers, Phil Engel and A. Henry.

ELEVENTH WARD. Mass meeting Monday, April 4, 8 p. m., at 23rd Street's Hall, Parkside at Price's Hall, 70th street and Stony Island avenue. Speaker, M. Parisola.

TWELFTH WARD. Mass meeting Sunday, April 3, 3 p. m., at Port Hall, Ordway and Western avenues. Speaker, John E. Phelan.

SEVENTEENTH WARD. Sunday, April 3, 2:30 p. m., at Scandia Hall, corner Ohio street and Milwaukee avenue. Speaker, A. Egan.

TWENTY-SIXTH WARD. Notice of mass meeting to be held at Social Turner Hall, Belmont and Paulina streets, Sunday, April 3, 8 p. m.

27TH WARD. Sunday, April 3, 8 p. m., at Whipple Hall, corner Whipple street and Belmont street. Speakers, M. H. Traff and Thos. J. Morgan.

28TH WARD. Saturday, April 2, 8 p. m., at 27th Ward Branch Headquarters, 215 West Irving Park boulevard. Speaker, Walter Higgins.

30TH WARD. Those who have volunteered or those who wish to volunteer to teach on Saturday will meet at the 28th Ward Headquarters, 215 West Irving Park boulevard, Sunday, April 3, 8 p. m.

31ST WARD. Sunday, April 3, 8 p. m., at Wendell's Hall, 121 Milwaukee avenue. Speaker, J. E. Phelan.

32ND WARD. On Sunday, April 3, 2:30 p. m., at Kensington Turner Hall, Kensington. Speakers, Mrs. Lillian Forberg, Mrs. Gertrude Bressan Haut, A. W. Mance, A. B. Grant.

33RD WARD. Meeting Sunday, April 3, 2:30 p. m., at Hartendorfer's Hall, northwest corner 47th and Halsted streets. Speaker, A. Harbach.

34TH WARD. The Thirty-fifth Ward Branch has established its headquarters at 46 North 48th avenue, near Kinzie street.

NORTH TOWN NOTES.

Special to North Town Comrades: On Friday night, March 26, we will open a school of Socialism at 2631 Sedgwick street, for the purpose of discussing Socialism and developing Socialist speakers.

On Saturday evening, April 2, Remember the Hate. The next grand social and entertainment given by the North Town Socialists will be held at their headquarters, 363 Sedgwick street.

On Sunday night, April 3, Thos. J. Morgan will deliver his interesting chart lecture. Comrades should make a special note of this and bring their friends and strong supporters.

OUTSIDE NOTICES. Any locals or branches, where the Chicago Socialist circulates sufficient to make it of service to them, may insert notices of meetings under this head.

Memphis Socialists. Local meets Tuesday night at Cochran Hall, C. Simon, Secretary.

NORTH TOWN NOTES. Saturday evening, April 2, the regular monthly social gathering of the North Town comrades and their friends will take place.

All the children of the North Town Sunday School are requested to be present Sunday morning, April 10th, as the teachers have planned to give them an Easter treat that morning.

Notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the stockholders of the corporation Charles H. Kerr & Company held on February 4, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., at its office, No. 36 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the authorized capital stock of the corporation, Charles H. Kerr & Company, be increased from \$10,000, its present amount, to \$200,000, by the issue of four thousand additional shares of stock at \$50.00 each.

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