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HEARST AND THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT.

By A. M. Simons, in Wilsbire's Magazine.

On the social, political and military field this class but reflects its economic character. It is always parasitic; never cre-

Early recognizing the tremendous social truth is just being proven by events. The victory of the workers is the i determined to make it grind his grist. he determined to make it grind his grist. He seeks to tap the stream of social dis-content at a point where it still runs broad over the fields of general opposi-tion to things as they are, and before it narrows and deepens within the walls definite Socialist revolt. Here he thinks his water-wheel stands waiting. his water-wheel stands waiting. He pro-poses to do what members of his class have so often done in the past—direct the revolutionary energy of the workers into channels where it can be used to fight battles between their oppressors.

He uses just enough of the Socialist edge of Socialism is confined to phrases. When we come to examine the grist that is to be ground, the work to be done, the hattles to be fought, the objects to be attained, we find little trace of Social-Municipalization and nationaliza-is to procure "better service," greatefficiency, to "open opportunity, sometimes to crush monopoly, but al-ways to gain a better footing for the

orthodox of the orthodox, as witness the whole spirit of his news columns reflects.

a sort of Utopian Socialism which is a sort of Utopian Socialism which is all too common in the American Sociality to the fact that, in spite of himself, ist movement. To such Utopians the Social movement is only for the attainment which he cannot control, and some of come impossibilists, or "Hearstites," formation take place over night, or be the result of a long "step-at-a-time" policy.

A goodly number of stock subscriptions

were taken the past week for shares in the Commonwealth Publishing Society. Every day brings some additional sub-scriber, and by the time this is in print the application for charter will have been forwarded to Springfield.

The stock subscriptions to the daily

project of a year ago numbered nearly 160 individuals, and it has been decided to ask each of these to transfer same to

the Commonwealth Publishing Society. The following letter has been drafted and will be mailed to each of these subscrib-

READY FOR INCORPORATION.

Dear Comrade: You were one of the subscribers to the stock of the Western Socialist Publishing Company. The cash paid in
on the stock was used in preliminary expenses of printing, postage, etc., until exlausted, and until the effort to establish.

A number of firms having large annual
job printing bills have declared their enthusiastic readiness to give every doilar of this work to the corporation once

ort to establish a lits plant is ready for action

Karl Kautsky, who is perhaps the fore-most living writer on Socialism, recent-ly said that the capitalist class never makes a revolution but always exploits it. ment, however, is the organization of a compact body of class-conscious, revolucontrol. The fact that these words have been worn out by phrase mongers does not make them any less true. It is a bad time for Socialists to drop their philosophy of the class struggle, when its

mary object; collectivism is but a method of administering industry after the vic-tory has been attained. Whatever tends tory has been attained. to exaggerate Utopian collectivism above the necessity of working-class organiza-tion is a menace to the Socialist move ment. This is just what Hearst does. He belittles, ignores or lies about the Socialist party, the only revolutionary ation of Socialists in the United At the same time he exaggerates the Utopian collectivist phase, by making the immediate municipalization or nation-ization of insignificant industries of paramount importance.

If we but grant the possibility of his to the extent that they would adopt his program, it is easy to imagine that a dozen generations hence we would still find campaigns being waged for the municipalization of mouth-organs, or national ownership of pop-guns. Fortuthe conclusions drawn. Industrial conas to gain a better footing for the differes are making such a program as lass of despairing little capitalists.

Meanwhile he uses all tha "blessed being taught by experience that even cords" of capitalism. He is a parriot of the patriots. In religion he is the sufferings of the workers are in no degree n all mirigated. We do not see Hearst re-The publishing extracts from Russell's articles whole spirit of his news columns reflects on the municipalization movement in the worst of capital'sm, and is sminently England, which show that where all for fitted to develop just the sort of reactionary capitalist minds which present there the working class have reached a the greatest obstacles to Socialist educations. unknown in any of the cities he would

of collectivism, and their standard of which will ultimately reach the Socialist Socialist orthodoxy is belief that every garden, pen, book, bell and pencil shall become collective property. Those who so understand Socialism and approve of general "literature of exposure," much of which is more effective than anything needed, to disrupt where solidarity is es Extremes have met once more, which accounts for the fact of impossibilist boltaccounts for the Socialist party so often turning up in some reform movement.

The condition disrupt where solidarity is essential, divert energy which is urgently needed to directions where it is useless if not harmful, I shall consider Hurst turning up in some reform movement.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLES L. BRECKON,
Secy-Treas, Com. Pub. Society

An active campaign will now be en-tered upon to close up the stock sub-

scriptions in the shortest possible time Comrade Dalgaard will aid the secretary

treasurer in this matter, and official legal receipts will be issued for all sums for

its plant is ready for action.

The natices now on file in the head-quarters would seem to indicate that nearly one-half of the total shares of stock will be taken up within the next two weeks, and very soon will real business

CHICAGO, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1906.—FOUR PAGES.

I see no one for them to talk to. es, there is one boy's red head of

floor, half hidden by the clattering machines—for one bright boy can

machine makes one cheap, stout sock in five minutes, without seam, complete from toe to ankle, cutting ning another on its own accord.

the spools of yarn;

do as much as the fastest— Working at high tension for ten hours a day in the close greasy air and

the fields or taking a swim in the river this fine summer afternoon! And in these "good times" the machines go all night and other shifts of boys are kept from their beds to

young girls in the mending and finishing room downstairs are not so strong as the boys.

noise and smell, and they are of no use for the rest of the day.

new disease.

of the land;

knitters to do what these small

and girls.

Only one boy to twenty of us and we are nearly famished !

subscriptions to the daily may have same transferred for stock by so stating.

Hoping for an immediate and favorable response, and feeling assured that in the very near future a strong publishing society shall be built up by the Socialists that shall be the entering wedge toward a brilliant future, I am, will feed a thousand machines.

the kind stockholders and feast on them (how fat and toothsome and tender they will be) until at last we are left clattering and chatter-ing alone in the land!" growled the

BOURGEOIS NEWS AND

What are the machines saying, a hundred of them in one long room? They must be talking to themselves, for

But yes, there is one boys and hair bending over one of them, and hair bending over one of them, and

manage twenty-five of them.

The boys have nothing to do but to clean and oil the steel rods and replace

But how rapidly and nervousis they do it, the slower hands straining to

have an unaccountable way of faint-

ploy a doctor, who finds it expedient not to understand this strange

Yet this factory is one of the triumphs

machines in all the rooms it pro-duces 5,000 dozen pairs of socks in twenty-four hours for the toilers It would take an army of 50,000 hand

We have eaten up the men and women

We have eaten up the men, and women

low and thin and care worn, and then call for more! B-r-r-r-r-r-r, how good they taste, but

side will starve, and soon we shall be left almost alone in the world

we are plling up millions of socks a day for the tollers and there are no tollers left to buy them and

SOCIALIST VIEWS.

Armour & Co., in an artistic adver-Sylvan toilet soap-"the soap with sentiment." This brings to thind an item which appeared not long ago which helps to explain the sentiment. Carey, ever alert to the interests of his constituency, discovered an obstruction in the south branch of the river, which grease which floats on the river. The Commissioner of Public Works was noti-fied and the obstruction promptly remo-ed. It was then discovered that other firms, among them Armour & Co., had similar and much larger skimmers in operation. Investigation showed that the grease so skimmed was largely used in the manufacture of soap, and as it cost nothing but the skimming, was an impor-tant factor in the economy of production of that useful article, So, instead of removing the remaining skimmers, the Commissioner, being properly imbued with the utilitarian spirit of the age, recommended that inasureh as the contents of the sewers are public properly the city is entitled to compensation for the grease they empty into the river. A permit was issued for the rebuilding of the first skimmer and steps taken to find what the city should charge for the private consumption of the public sewage, and the city should charge for the private consumption of the public sewage, and Legislative halls yearn for him. To fall the skimming of the river goes merrily to elect him were no less than crime. Oh, on. We can now reflect, as we drain the dripping pan over the sink that the grease east upon the waters will return and with united front trumpet to an awe-to us after not too many days. Sylvan soap is to be obtained in many odors. "Marry early in life," so the message and our dainty lady at her toilet may marvel at the wonders of modern sci-ence which turns the scourings of that chee which turns the scourings of that means; no platifudinous worries over imcloses maxima, the Chicago river, into meture judgment and leisurely repenttible delicate perfume of her favorite and,
flower." We Socialists are apt to complain of the wastes of controller. plain of the wastes of capitalism, but here is an economy which our analysts here is an economy which our analysts tocracy needs them and God will provide should preserve that future generations! Truly, our Edmond is owner of a glass may know the art of performing the ma-turinal ablutions with the post-prandial in a cotton mill. In our dreams we see

a handsome sum paid in excessive sal-aries to officials and other expenses in-cident to the waste of capitalism, deduct liberal allowance for depreciation, reder by 165,000, which is the number of the result worn by the least of his descendants, but worn by the least of his descendants, but does not make a sum which would be a that all shall be of the master class, as descended to your income. If this represents the surplus value taken from the workers in an industry where the processes of manufacture are comparatively simple, where the product enters into world competition and where, it is into world competition and where, it is boasted, the workers are the "best paid artisans in all the world," think what the

A billion dollar copper combine is the latest achievement of high finance. Let the good work go on. It simplifies the future problem of expropriation.

while the boys went on anxiously, hurriedly rubbing and polishing and
the girls went on collapsing.
"B-r-r-r-r-r," growled the machines.

ERNEST CROSBY:

The \$33,000,000 American Locomotive
Company has decided to manufacture automobiles because "the time is coming
when all the railroads will be supplied
with enough locomotives." The automo-

bile industry has already reached a fairorced on the labor market to seab on their brothers. Don't you care, you work-ingmen. Maybe "prosperity" will last your time, anyway the unpardonable sin political action against the sacred sys-

> The Supreme Court of Wisconsin holds that railroads, do not need a franchise to use city streets, that any railroad may enter the city and appropriate streets, streets or build along or upon highways What a poor thing is the people's rights nt domain as compared with the mminent right of corporate gain!

Edmond Beall, some time "stork's ambition's dizzy height and seeks congres sional honors, his platform being: "Marry It is the best way to serve your

vel of succinctness, how it shames the wordy declarations of less worthy aspir-ants. No base Malthusian have we here. Oh! noble candidate! Oh, gallant words! That, with the simplicity of greatness, point the way to solve the multifarious problems of the age. Oh, happy, happy man after Turbulent Teddy's own heart, glorious country! when, under Edmond's

"Marry early in life," so the message ads. No wild alarmist have we here; no foolish quibbling over ways

Never mind quality, quantity counts, Pluin a cotton mill. In our dreams we see our sons a mighty army of adolescent ben-The grand jury returned twenty-five in-dictments against John A. Linn, clerk of the Circuit Court. The man appears to be suffering from a form of megalomania, which leads him to believe he common grandeur. The shifting sur-plus of the memployed shall grow so great that once rampant makes Socialist agitators shall stand appalled. abandon hope, and the sated peace of the profit-just shall brood o'er the world.

'It is the best way to serve your co y." Oh! puissant thought! Ser serve, forever serve. Add to this exce sive sale.

The poor ye have always with you. Eternal the vision of master and slave.

The uncertainties of life are many, but

the bourgeois paradise to this poor earth, where they so generously spawned, let us hope he will see no badge of servitude worn by the least of his descendants, but

Rev. G. A. Campbell of the Austin Christian church, criticises church publications of every sect for publishing advertisements of men and corporations who are not making their profits honestly. Why split hairs, brother? If you accept why split hairs, brother? If you accept the system, why not take it in its entire-ty? If you can reconcile the contradic-tions in the phrase, "honest profits," mil-ions of Socialists throughout the world will rise up and call you blessed.—W.

Possibly the Czar might dissent from about it. It is at best a theory the truth of which is dependent largely on time, place and circumstances.—Ex.

MILWAUKEE SOCIALIST PLATFORM.

The following is the platform adopted by the Milwaukee Socialists on which they will appeal to the voters of that city.

The Socialist party, while a class organization of the proletariat, is to-day also the city.

The sire wlatform adopted by our Milway of high moral ideas, because it is in accord with the trend of civilization and with the recessitifies of the day.

waukee comrades will be of special interest to our readers, for the reason that has entered a political contest with a good prospect of victory on a large scale. It is conceded by Milwaukee papers that nothing but a solid combination of ali the capitalist forces can defeat the So-cialists at the coming spring election in that city.

cialists at the coming spring election in that city.

The Socialist party is the American expression of the international movement of modern wage-workers for better food, batter houses, sufficient sleep, more leisure, more education, and more culture.

Under present conditions the wage-worker is always dependent upon the main with means for an opportunity to work for a livelihood, and therefore is not free.

Political liberty afone has become isade quate: we must have both political and economic liberty. To secure this by the collective ow sership of the means of production and distribution is the aim of the Socialist party.

For the Public Weal.

In municipal affairs also the Socialist party stands for every radical change that will briffig the means of production or transportation into the hands of the people. It believes in self-government for the city, in a just and equitable taxation where the corporations bear their full share, is a list and equitable taxation where the consordation of our city and county active and in the highest development of k reasonable public service. At the proper time if will introduce and carry out these and other measures. Socialists are well awarch however, that Milwaukee does not enjoy self-government, and that as a rule an steps can be taken in that direction without an appeal to the State Legislature at Madison, To secure self-government for this city and the right to acquirs and manage public service at the proper time in the right to acquire and manage public services are well awarch however, that Milwaukee does not enjoy self-government, and that as a rule an steps can be taken in that direction without an appeal to the State Legislature at Madison, To secure self-government for this city and the right to acquire and manage public service at the proper time in the company in the operation of all lines, and to be such lines and to be always the company of the franchise while it is in operation.

(6) That the city secure the townership and management of all public service a

Municipal Government and "Business" Principles.

The "Good Men" Superstition.

And first of all things, it would mean a tremendous cleaning up of the municipal af-fairs of Milwaukee, such as no American city has ever seen before. The Program Adopted.

chiry Council or County Board must have the endorsement of a public referendum before it shall go into effect.

2. That the city shall regulate the price of gast. The city shall abolish the contract system as far as possible in all public work. Onle organized labor shall be employed by the city, and that at an eighthour day. Whenever contract work as unavoidable, the contractors shall be completed for employ only organized labor.

2. That the clustomer contract work as unavoidable, the contractors shall be compelled for employ only organized labor.

3. That the Common Council shall take steps necessary to make the big curporations pay their rightful share of municipal taxes, so that the money necessary to carry out the following reforms can be raised.

4. That the city shall provide work for its un unplayed citizens. Besides the Improvement of the streets, the city shall malitain a public coal and wood yard and public is house; the coal, wood and ice to be sold to the citizens at cost—to provide asgainst a coal famine and to profect the health of the people from impure ice.

5. That the city shall employ a number of attorneys to conduct just cases for the poor. The number of alterness and supervisors shall be reduced, but they shall receive an adequate sainty, so that they may be enabled to give their full time to the work.

6. That the city shall erect a public labor that the provide a system of street closets, such as are found in modern European cities. Plumbing and sewerage to be done in all dwellings by the city at cost the same to be paid for in yearly installments.

8. That the city shall condems all slum be bitations, maintain public playgroupts, open air gymnaticins and parks who, ver possible, and furnish and plant and care

"The problem of the relation of the church to the working man has not yet been solved," said Rev. Charles Steizle of the Presbyterian church at a meeting of Methodist ministers. "Socialism has become to theusands of workers a substitute for Christianity. They assert that it embodies more of the teachings of Christ than does the church. The church must recognize the good in Socialism and also the fact that a man has a right to be a Socialist." "Lo, a Daniel come to judgment." A minister with the wit to see and the courage to say a fruth. But have a care, most reverend sir. In these days one may serve both God and Manmon, but if you would hold your place, as retainer to the middle classer, you cannot serve both Plutus and Demos. Bourgeois theology will not tolerate such radicalism as the admission that a workingman has "rights" of any kind in this life, though you may load him with riches in the shuge of "drafts on eter."

Wence of Uters can do both.—Wilshire's har she is leader.

Under Socialism, great men like McCurdy, McCall and Depew would never a chance to develop their individuality, and just think what a misfortune to society that would be.—Wilshire's Mag-zine.

If William Randolph Hearst keeps running so persistently he will catch up with Socialism without knowing it, and then discover that he can neither half hor turn back.—Wilshire's Magazine.

The working men of America are protesting against the importation of cheap Americanium has "rights" of any kind in this life, though you may load him with riches in the shuge of "drafts on eter." life, though you may load him with riches in the shape of "drafts on eter-

"Still, it would be well to remember that your meter can make the bill just as large at 85 cents a thousand as at \$1." —Evening Post.

-Evening Post.

How justly the apologists for capitalism stimate the ethics of the system.

The suit of Cleveland, Ohio, to eject various railroads from stolen land on the lake front, valued at \$15,000,000, has been decided against the city by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. This short-circuits the city's claims and appeals to the well-grounded current of our belief that our courts may ever be depended upon to dynamically conserve the people's interests.

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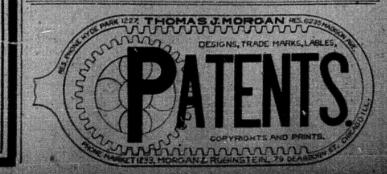
CARS CLOVES AND

It may be admitted that it is quite as asy to expose the fallacies of Socialism as it is to bust the trusts. The man

Women of ill-fame, assisted by policemen, stole \$1,000,000 during the world's fair, says Circuit Attorney Sager. But what are you going to do about it? By the way, who own the houses where those women live? And who pockets the rents paid out of these unfortunate creatures' "wages of sin?"—St. Louis Labor.

CAPS, GLOVES AND

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5th	Suit of Clothes, value,	-1	25.00
6th	Gold Watch, value,		- 20.00
7th	Scholarship in Simon's School, value,	•	10.00

as Consolation Prizes in Books, Dishes, Furniture and Jewelry will be given to those coming next to the leading seven.

RULES FOR CONTEST:

The above prizes will be given to persons sending in the most money for subscriptions during the period named. Subscriptions will be accepted at the rate of five yearlies for \$2.00. Subscription cards will be sold at the rate of five yearlies or ten half yearlies for \$2.00

on the stock was used in prelimitary exhausted, and until the effort to establish a daily was abandoqued.

Although the way seemed open to establish a socialist daily in the Middle West, as events proved the move was somewhat premature. It seems now the best way would have been to start on a small scale with weekly plant and let it grow fito a daily with the growth of the party.

It has been decided by the Cook County Central Committee to organize a stock company under the name of the Commonwealth Publishing Society for the purpose of establishing a plant to print the Chicago Socialist and also to do a general line of commercial business and cupitalization of \$10,000 ft is considered to be suited by the society for its purpose it is proposed to a social cupitalization of \$10,000 ft is established and same to be added to form time to time as the volume of commercial business shall warrant. There seems every reason why this should be a success from the start and put the party in line to build up a permanent publishing house that shall be able to meet the ever-increasing demands of the growing militant Sociality party and its vikorous propaganda.

Will you consent to the transfer of your stock from the delity to the new Society it you feel that you can add to the number of shares you subscribed for, please so state.

You will do so you will be credited with whatever portion of cash payment you may choose, as upon your quick action. In this matter will depend the time for the first meeting of the stockholders to elect a board of directors, and to be able to respect to the Secretary of State that all stock has been analytically and plan for the building of permanent publishing house that shall be a stockholder, and thus a shall be able to meet the ever-increasing demands of the growing militant sociality party and its vikorous propaganda.

You will do so you will be credited with whatever portion of cash payment you may choose, as upon your quick action. In this matter will depend the time for the first meeting of t

I, the undersigned hereby subscribe to the number of shares set opposite my name, to the capital stock of the Commonwealth Publishing Society, and agree to pay the said society for each of said shares the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars.

SHARES. .

CHAS. L. BRECKON. R. 15, 163 Randolph St.

AMOUNT.

(From the Whim.)
B-r-r-r-r-r-r!

beyond I see a pele face fringed by brown curly locks. There are only five boys in all on this

endless whirr-who ought to be out playing ball in

and stockholders have had to provide a room for collapsed girls and em-

Perhaps their children will be more stal-wart in the next generation!

of our civilization.
With only twenty boys at a time at the

saying? They are saying: "We are hungry. (There is no longer a market for

and girls.
good they taste as we suck the blood
from their rounded cheeks and
forms, and cast them aside, sal-

they give us so few boys and girls to eat nowadays, although there are so many begging to come in

B-r-r-r-r-r-r, what shall we do then for

Then perhaps we shall have to turn upon

The \$50,000,000 American Locomotive

which leads him to believe he can prac-tice, in his own person, all the forms of graft the last forty years of anarchist supremacy have been able to develop. It is unnecessary to say be will hold his political position till the charges are leterwards, if he has any of the loot left. The net profits of the steel trust for

THE PEOPLE.

All there is of divinity inheres in the common people. Pure are the fountains of their love; simple their trusting faith, and lofty and noble their virgin aspira-

Victor Hugo wrote:

"We know of nothing too high for the people. The soul of the people is great. Have you ever gone, of a holiday, to a theater, open gratuitously to all? What do you think of that audience? Do you know of any other more spontaneous and intelligent? Do you know, even in the forest, a vibration more profound? The court of Versailles admires like a well-drilled regiment; the people throw themselves passionately into the beautiful. They pack together, crowd, amalgamate, combine, and knead themselves in the theater—a living paste, which the poet is about to mould. The powerful thumb of Moliere will presently make its mark on it; the nail of Cornelle will acratch this shapeless mass. Whence does that mass come? From the Courtille from the Toy. The see brilliant flashes of Hugo's genius could have been inspired only by such a lowly subject—such a lofty theme. His wondrous words are but the heart.

it; the nail of Corneille will scratch this shapeless mass. Whence does that mass come? From the Courtille, from the Porcherons, from the Cinette; it is harefoot, barearmed, ragged. Silence! This is the raw material of humanity.

"The house is crowded; the vast multimed looks, listens, loves; all consciences, deeply moved, throw out their internal fire; all eyes glisten; the huge, thousand-headed beast is there, the Mob of Burke, the Plebes of Titus Livius, the Fer Urbis of Cicero. It caresses the beautiful, smilling at it with the grace of a woman. It is literary in the most of a woman. It is literary in the most refined sense of the word; nothing equals refined sense of the word; nothing equals the delicacy of this monster. The tumul-tuous crowd trembies, blushes, palpirates; ture is no fool. It is wanting in no tunning into mountains of might. Whind of sympathy: it has in itself the whole keyboard, from passion to irony, from sarcasm to the sob. Its pity is Debs in "The Socialist."

ate Secretary, and W. W. Blackford, 40 N. 36th street, Omaha, Neb., has en ejected national committeeman of

A. K. Gifford, 1119 Iown street, Daven-

port, Ia., has been elected a member of the national committee, and Comrade John W. Work has been re-elected to the

R. A. Miller, 510 Overton street, New-

port, Ky., Las been elected a member of the national committee. Frank H. Streine has been re-elected State Secre-

The People! There is no grander theme. There is magic in its very touch. The demagague conjures with it; the poet is inspired by it.

The People! Not the crowned empty heads of ruiers. Not the snobbish, insipid, bloodless aristocracy.

Not that, nor all of it, nor any diseased part of it.

Simply the people! The common life, rooted in the common soil.

All there is of divinity inheres in the common people. Pure are the fountains of their love; simple their trusting fulth, and lofty and noble their virgin aspiraly the surface of multitudes—a sure sign that the deeps are sounded. A rustling

These brilliant flashes of Hugo's getius could have been inspired only by such a lowly subject—such a lofty theme. His wondrous words are but the heart-throbs of the people, without which they would be co.i. and meaningless.

The people! Not the classes. Not masters and slaves. But the dreamers, the darers and doers—the workers in all the myriad useful activities—the great masses straining, struggling, striving; alternately despairing, hoping and aspiring ternately despairing, hoping and aspiring from their joins, to real their pure real blood surging in one's veins, is to rejoice in true nobility and yearn with passion to serve humanity. Happy is the outlook for the people.

Clearer grows the vision of the workers. Hope is in the ascendant. Solidarity is shaping. Darkness is dispelling. The light is breaking. Mists of ignorance are I am not borrowing trouble The constitution is plain. I am adding inevitable effects from sufficient causes. The present amended constitution of the Socialist party is going to set the Socialist party is going

NATIONAL PARTY NGTES.

A charter has been granted by the Chas. H. Kerr, A. H. Sinons, and Chas. Marting officers to Local Tonopals, C. Towner. Vote will close February national officers to Local Tonopals, Nevada, 25 charter members.

National Organizer Teofilo Petriella (Italian) organized a local at Clinton, Indiana, with 32 charter members.

A referendum is being taken in the State of Idaho on the question of raising a State campaign fund by monthly assessments upon the members. Two propositions are submitted: one for 5 cents and one for 10 cents per month.

Upon the second ballot for members of the National Executive Committee, the vote of M J. K.omedy, national committeemah from Washington, was averied for were Comrades Lemon, Towner, Untermann, Kerr and Ufert. It did not affect the result of the election.

Adolph Guter, Room 506, Paxtor Block, Omaha, Neb., has been elected State Secretary, and W. W. Blackford,

torical value and for future reference.

The Monthly Official Bulletin for Jan

nary, containing the National Secretary's annual report has been shipped to State

The State and Municipal Program will be submitted as a national party refer-endum under date of February 20, 1908, in accord with the national committee motion adopted September 11, 1905.

Dates for national lectures and or

ganizers for the coming week are:
James H. Brower-Feb. 18. Spring
Valley, Ill.: 19. La Salle: 20. Peoria:

21, 22, 23, Fulton; 24, Havana. John Collins—Feb. 18, 19, Taylorville, Ill.; 20, 21, Litchfield; 22, 23, 24, Madi-

on County.
Guy E. Miller-Feb. 18, Bessemer,

Ala.: then a few weeks in South Caro-lina with Comrade Mother Jones without assignment, with headquarters at Colum-bia. Communications addressed general delivery, Columbia, S. C., will reach

J. MAHLON BARNES,

secretaries and locals.

Upon the suggestion of Comrade Sted-man, national committeeman of Illinois, the State and local organizations are re-quested to collect and forward to the national office drafts of all ordinances or bills presented by Socialists who have oc-cupied representative political positions. All such documents should be on file in the national office both for their his-terical values and for future references. The National Executive Committee can-

The National Executive Committee cannot operate because it has no warrant in
the constitution.

There is positively no use in holding
a meeting of the National Committee
which would be powerless; make an effective move in any direction.

A national convention might be able
training or the below and

cialist party is going to get the Socialist party all tangled up soon after the recent

ments, the entire national membership will proceed to elect a National Secre-

tary, who will supersede our present sec-retary, who was only elected by the few members composing the National Com-mittee. Result—a National Secretary

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CORRESPONDENCE.

straighten out some of the kinks and the party organization into shape for 1908 campaign. As it stands now, the present S. P. organization bids fair campaign. There is no way to straighten things out except by a national conven-

Socialists are too much blind worship ers of "constitutions." They try to regu-late the forces of social evolution by the ipse dixit of quack doctors. They do this from mere force of habit, for if they will only stop to think there never yet was a constitution made strong erough to bind the dominant force in any society. And the Socialist party, splendid as it is, is no exception.
. Nor do I deny the soundness of Com-

rade Simons' statements. The member-ship should not be interfered with if it choose to wind itself all up with red tape choose to wind itself all up with red tape and to spend all its funds on mere forms. Democracy is cheap at any price. The serio-comic character is given the situa-tion by the frantic attempts of earnest Socialists to couple evolution and Dem-ocracy by use of man made constitutions. Very sincerely.

we should be justified to expect would use facts and not oction for the base at the upper left hand corner of the same page on which appears Comrade Debs' assertion, and we find the following. "The Chicago Socialist is published under the centrol of Local Chicago of the Socialist Parry of Chicago." Debs may claim that the Chicago Socialist is not opposing the I. W. W. and consequently does not come into consideration in connection with his "explanation why the press of the Socialist Parry is so bitterly opposed to the I. W. W." I will wave this case in point and cite the ownership of "Labor." of St. Louis, which has pointed out and opposed the tactical blunders, not only of the Socialists supporting the I. W. W., but also its forerunners, the American Labor Union and the S. T. & L. A. The editorial page of "Labor" is headed by Dryden, Mich., Feb. 4, 1906.
Editor Chicage Socialist:
Liefore deciding upon holding a national
convention or a meeting of the National
Committee, it might be well to consider
the results of the recent amendments to the results of the recent amendments to our national constitution.

Heretofore national committeemen have been elected by the membership of the several States. This method and the duties and functions of the national committee are nominally unchanged.

Heretofore the National Executive Committee has been elected by the National Committee, and was responsible to it. The recent amendments have changed this. Quite soon the entire membership will proceed to elect a National Executive Committee, upon which the National Executive Committee, upon which the National Executive Committee now being elected by the National Committee will become defunct. bor Union and the S. T. & L. A. The editorial page of "Labor" is headed by the following, "Published every Saturday by the Socialist Party of St. Louis." What can Comrade Debs say in justifi-cation of his unfounded assertion that

cation of his unfounded assertion that the party has no press?

But this is not the most serious jumble of facts made in the Debs letter. It is really a trivial matter compared to the cruelly-unjust and criminally-careless accusation covertly contained in the following words: "The papers in question oppose the Industrial Workers because a majority of their union labor subscribers belong to the American Federation of Labor;" and—"'Socialist' must have beard of the law of economic determinism.

Socialists are no more exempt from it than was Newton from the law of gravitation." I repeat The new National Executive Committee, being chosen by direct vot of the national membership, cannot be an executive committee of the National Committee which is elected by State membership. Result—clash of authority and the ghoat of State autonomy arises. Sad contemplation! Exhibitrating prospect!

Heretofore the National Secretary has been elected by the National Committee. Quits soon, in accordance with the amendments, the entire national membership terminism. . . . Socialists are no more exempt from it than was Newton from the law of gravitation." I repeat this is a most cruel and unwarranted statement. Comrade Debs intends to be understood apparently to exempt "partyowned" papers and as such our St. Louis local press should require no defense against this deliberate charge of corruption. While I do not pretend to speak for the local yet I believe the majority of the St. Louis conrades will waive this exemption and resent the insinuation made against the several groups of associated comrades in different cities who are publishing the Socialist paper of those localities. I believe Comrade Debs really means, all the Socialist papers which oppose the I. W. W. are corrupted by the subscriptions which come from A. F. of L. members, and all papers which accord the I. W. W. cordial support are doing so from the purest motives. I leave it to his more reflective mood to contemplate where this logic leads. Bewhole. But the entire membership cannot transact the necessary business of a
political party of national magnitude.
Further result—confusion and the entire
business of the national party placed in
the hands of one man, to wit, the National Secretary. And he, if he be "smart,"
can direct influences that will perpetuate
his control almost indefinitely.

I am not borrowing trouble—The constitution is plain. I am adding inestitacontemplate where this logic leads. Before leaving the subject let us examine the meaning of the above comparison of the law of economic determinism to the law of gravitation. If this application mendments become operative.

The National Committee will not be ble to straighten things out because it is to light our steps to the realization of our ideal, could save us from the awful abyss of "economic determinism;" with the certainty of the inexocable law of gravitation would we be dragged down into corruption. What a nightmare is this Comrade Debs has conjured up. The first trouble is with his comparisons, in that he compares an absolute sons, in that he compares an absolute law (gravitation) with an economic law—a law which is modified by conditions of government, society, etc. The most unfortunate blunder made in Comrade Debs' reasoning, by which he arrives at the charge of corruption against the most self-sacrificing band of men and women the Socialist movement of any country has known, is his failure to recognize that at at least for Socialists there exists a MORAL LAW.

Yours fraternally,

Yours fraternally. L. E. HILDEBRAND. St. Louis, Feb. 4, 1906.

EDUCATIONAL. Editor Chicago Socialist :

A comrade said to me a few week ago, "Why are you studying the his tory of two or three thousand year ago? That will not help you any i

the history of the "empty stomach" uprisings of the down-trodden classes of past ages, we see whole nations of people precipitated into running rivers of blood.

The "Revolution" which we espouse is here, now, and can we say that the more than four hundred thousand citizen voters, who in 1904 proclaimed their position as comrades in this mighty army, were actuated by the "empty stomach" argument? Let us rather say that this mighty protest against the blundering, idiotic, anarchic rule of the bourgeoisie, is due to the fact that the proletariat of to-day is learning to read and interpret history from its own economic position in all ages.

Our crying need to-day, aside from rore thorough organization, is "more in-tall ages."

Iows: For Mayor, Wm. A. Arnold (Comrade Berger having declined to run again): for Compare leaving declined to run again): for City Attorney, Wm. F. There are strong indications that this ticket will be elected.

It is not alone in Milwaukes that the prospects are bright for Social Democratic success. In Racine, although no city ticket is to be chosen this year, the compared will be a prospects are bright for Social Democratic success. In Racine, although no city ticket is to be chosen this year, the compared will be a prospects are bright for Social Democratic success. In Racine, although no city ticket is to be chosen this year, the compared

Our crying need to-day, aside from store thorough organization, is "more intelligent dissemination of historical truths which bear upon the origin and development of present day social and industrial institutions." This sort of teaching, supplemented by the recitation of a few such examples of bourgeois insufficiency and mismanagement as shown by our comrade, "Jack London," at the West Side Auditorium recently, will soon awaken the spirit of protest which is lying dormant in the breasts of the masses and is only awaiting the "ray of light." and is only awaiting the "ray of light," the "breath of truth" which will stir it into an overwhelming "revolutionary"

into an overwhelming "revolutionary" torrent.

I would like very much to hear from a few Chicago comrades who would be into ested in the formation of a "Soc. Literary Club" for the purpose of meeting at regular intervals to read and discuss literature, also to give the mambers. members a chance to practice ing."

The "London" meeting on the West Side demonstrated the size and character of the audiences that a Socialist speaker of shillty may reasonably expect to address in the future. There is great need of such "speakers" and it is just possible that there is much latent talent among the Chicago comrades which would certainly be drawn out and developed by such a "literart" organization as oped by such a "literary" organization as

A dozen comrades are already in line. Thing it over and let me hear from you right away. Yours for the Revolution, MAURICE E. ELDRIDGE.

287 W. Monroe street.

WISCONSIN NOTES.

The Milwaukee City Council has taken a decided stand against trades unions. Two interurban electric railways, the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric and the Milwaukee and Northern Electric, are seeking an entrance to Milwaukee. The Council has voted to grant them franchises on terms very favorable to the railways. The Social Democratic Aldermen introduced four amendments to these franchises, providing that the railways should be bound to give their employes within the city limits an eight-hour working day, to recognize the trades unions, to pay 5 per cent of their gross income to the city of Milwaukee, and that the franchises should be submitted to a referen-dum vote of the people of Milwaukee These four amendments were voted down, every one of the Aldermen, except the Social Democrats, voting against them. One Democratic Alderman concisely expressed his whole argument against or-ganized labor in the words, "To —— with the unions." This expression is likely to become historic in Milwaukee. The Federated Trades Council at its meeting last erated Trades Council at its meeting last night passed stinging resolutions of censure against the City Council. The resolutions "call upon all the workingmen affiliated with the unions represented in the Federated Trades Council to remember on election day every one of the Alermen who wated against the recognition ing day, against the eight-hour working day, against putting the franchise to
a referendum, and for giving away valuable franchises for nothing as far as the
city is concerned," and declare that "by
guch action the members of the Common
Council, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, have

didates for city officers. The primary election takes place April 3d. The gent class place April 3d. The city class place April 3d. The gent application is required to application in the gent application in the gent application is find at a gent application in the progress of evaluation and place April 3d. The gent application is find at a gent application in the gent application is find at a gent application in the progress of the progress

WILL OPEN THE CAMPAIGN.

The First Shot in This Spring Campaign Will Be Fired on Monday, Feb. 19-German Massmeeting and Entertainment at Social Turner Hall, Belmont and Paulina Streets. There will be a German Socialist mass-ecting at Social Turner Hall, Monday.

Feb. 19, 1906, 8 p. m., arranged by the Socialist party branch of the Twenty-fourth Ward and the German Central fourth Ward and the German Central Committee, Socialist party. Admission free. No collection. An entertainment with an elaborate program is provided for. Good German speakers, the Com-rades Salewsky. Dreifness and Robt. Sal-tiel, will explain the principles of Social-

ism and the necessity of organization.

Comrades Kirsch, Strohmeyer, Frieda
Voges, Leopold Saltiel and others will
give recitations, vocal concert and a general good time promised. Expense borne by the party.

All the readers of the Chicago Socialist, residing in Lake View should not fail

to interest their German friends in this meeting.

IF NERO LIVED NOW.

Nero lived at the wrong time. He had to do his own fiddling when Rome burned. If he had lived to-day he would

have had a certain rercentage of preachers to do his fiddling for him.

We have to-day a capitalist holocaust of human lives. Dante's Inferno, Tantalus' cup, Barmecide's feast, Damocles talus' cup, Barmecide's feast, Damocles' sword, Sisyphus' task, were all prophecies, in effect, of the modern capitalistic civilization now upon us, under which the common man strives to the point of despair, tolis to the point of break-down, lives in perpetual, haunting debt. sees his loved ones the victims of bad health and bad social conditions, and has constantly before him to mock him in biss stantly before him to mock him in biss princes of the fore who sucstantly before him to mock him in his misery the palaces of the few who suc-ceed. He is in a conflagration that burns with the propensities of Hellfire, that is, deathless torment. And meantime the editorial and clerical lackeys for capitalism fiddle.
Such a fiddler is the Rev. James C.

Such a fidaler is the Rev. James C. Hodgins of the First Unitarian church in Milwaukre. He preached a sermon last Sunday on the "fallacies of Social-ism." If he had first submitted his manuscript to Rockefeller or Morgan Chauncey Depew, those worthies we have unhesitatingly placed their O. K. to every line.

He said that the Social Democrats

wanted to replace the men of business capacity with political demagogues. That when one thinks of the "billion on billion of ways which requires the most skillful management," the whole theory falls like a house of cards. That the problem of the time was to simply get rid of the burden of the superfluous, that is, of incapacity in business lack of technical skill, indolence, etc. That capital lives by dying, "that the vast bulk of the world's wealth actually goes to the whole people in wages." And so on!

It never occurred to him that therewas

"Without reinvestment by capable brains society would come to an end." says Hodgins. Some idea of the mental status of this clerical chatterer for the

right of the rich to fleece society may be had from this remarkable sentence. Reinvestment means in the last analysis legalized commercial plundering. It means getting increase out of somebody. Making money, said Ruskin, consists in getting the dollar out of the other fellow's pocket into your own. Getting increase under modern society implies loss somewhere in the process. And it isn't hard to locate the losing strata in society. It is the sorking class. It is the industrious class that loses, thinh of it! And Hodgins says it's all right and that, in effect, they ought to lose, not having the "unerring skill" or the capacity to do the "reinvesting," which is the thing that, he says, "lifts society higher and higher." right of the rich to fleece society may

You may fiddle your discords till you You may fiddle your discords till you are blue in the face, Hodgins, but a plundered people will not be luiled to sleep. They are coming to see that the system is wrong and that they are its victims. Some of these days you'll have to really serve Jesus, instead of Mammon, or quit.—Social Democratic Herald.

LABOR NOTES.

cured an increase of 5c per hour, to be-gin the first of April. This increase will bring the wages of the carpenters up to 50c per hour, and was secured without

From all present appearances there will be a prolonged struggle between the mine owners and the miners' union this spring and summer. The talk of another great coal strike is showing clearly the class lines in our society. The labor press throughout the country invariably is lining up on the side of the miners and justifies their demand for an increase of justifies their demand for an increase of wages and shorter hours. And, on the other hand, the subsidized capitalist press is denouncing the miners' union and praising and eulogizing the labor Judas, Patrick Dolan, who has thrown his influence with the bosses in this struggle.

The coal mine owners have vast quanticular the coal mine owners have the coal mine owners have a coal mine owners have the coal mine

The coal mine owners have vast quan-tities of coal accumulated and a strike will enable them to dispose of it at an enormous profit. The one thing that is likely to be gained by the working class at large by the threatened strike will be to have their eyes opened to the necessity of the people collectively owning the coal mines. If it has this effect the strike

The Baptist preachers have worked themselves into a furious rage over Prof. Foster's heterodoxy, but the torturing of women and helpless children in sweat-shops and mills don't appear to worry them in the least. In fact, women and child slavery have come to be looked upon as A erican institutions, which only wicked Socialists and anarchists are vul-

I. W. W. NOTES. The "Industrial Worker" for Febru-

ary reports substantial gains in new lo-cals organized during January. Up to Jan. 20 there were issued thirteen char-ters, making a grand total at that time of 281 since the convention adjourned in July last. Since Jan. 20 and up to Feb. nineteen charters were issued, making the total on the date last named 300.
 The circulation of the "Industrial" The circulation of the Industriat Worker" is booming. The paper already has a large list of subscribers, extending into every State, and every day brings a substantial increase.

A plano workers' union is one of the latest additions to the organizations. It is located in New York

latest additions to the organizations. It is located in New York.

President C. O. Sherman left Chicago Feb. 10 for an eastern trip. He will visit Washington, D. C., Baltimore and New York, and be absent about a month. Sunday, Feb. 18, Secretary Trautmann lectures in Cincinnati, at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Industrial Unionism. The movement at Cincinnati is characterized by great enthusiasm and lots of hard work.

ment at Cincinnati is characterized by great enthusiasm and lots of hard work, and a series of Sunday meetings during. January and February have been among the most notable ever held in the city. A three days' debate between representatives of the I. W. W. and A. F. of L. has been arranged for Feb. 15, 16 and 17, at Pittsburg. Pa.

Italian garment workers who had been engaged to break the strike of I. W. W. garment workers in New York, upon learning that the I. W. W. stood for the organization of all workers and the soli-

organization of all workers and the soli-darity of the working class, refused to go to work and abandoned their padrones,

After all, it is because labor organiza-tion has a tendency to shorten hours and increase wages, thus making better citi-zens of the workers, that the unions are so cordially hated in certain quarters.— S. D. H.

The papers are telling about our fight on the new primary law.

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peld last Sunday, Feb. 11:

"That all organisations be called upon at once to contribute from \$3 to \$5 each toward immediate funds legal contest on new primary

The following extracts from the legal committee report, made by Carl Strover, will explain the status of the case and

will explain the status of the case and the volume of work involved;

The work has involved quite a series of lengthy, tedious and climing the asserted of authorities along special lines quite outside the ordinary practice of the law. This work has consumed most of the time given to the case thus far, amounting to about one month's solid work on my part up to Peb. 1, and quite a liftle since them.

Thus far matters have progressed favorably. The Supreme Court has not only permitted the filing of our petition, but has made the summons returnable at the earliest possible date, Peb. 12, in accordance with my motion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Receipts—Due stamps, \$73.75; delegate dues, \$2; emergency fund, \$8.95; literature seles, 65 cents; vouchers cash-

ed, \$115; balance on hand last week, \$105.31; total, \$305.66. \$105.31; total, \$305.66.

Expenses—Due stamps, \$60; Kerwin, printing, \$200; postage, \$1; legal work, \$50; hall rent, \$2; office rent, \$13; secretary salary, \$20; office expense, \$2; total, \$348; deficit, \$42.34.

Stamp account—On hand last week, 26; purchased, 700; total, 726. Sold, 525. Balance on hand, 201.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ACTION.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ACTION.

Wards 4—9—14—19 were unrepresented.

Metty-five applications for membership were fravorably passed upon.

Resolution passed calling on National Secretary to secure services of August Bebel for a tour of America. A second resolution concurred in calling on all Socialists in Chicago to vote affirmatively on proposition for municipal ownership of street car lines.

Entertainment committee report regarding the celebration of May hay was referred to Executive Committee to issue a call for a delegate conference of all unions and organizations to arrange plans and confer on general reastibility of project.

Beport was made on incorporation undername of the Commonwealth Publishing Society, and a recommendation for the election of a board of trustees to hold stock in trust for party. Same was referred to Executive Committee to meet legal requirements and to send same out to referendum.

A call for the election of a general campaign committee of two delegates from each ward was ordered sent out by County Secretary.

Legal Committee made report on progress of case in court on new primary law. Motion prevalled tupon to contribute from \$3 to \$5

chas. & Breckon, Secy.

SUNDAY DIVISION MEETINGS. Each of the seven divisions will meet on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p. m., unless

otherwise noted;
Div. No. 1—C. E. Kirkland, organizer;
Lincoln Turner Second Hall, Sheffield
and Diversey avenues.
Div. No. 2—Otto Beselack, organizer;

265 Chicago avenue, near Center. This division will meet sharp at 10 a. m. All

Div. No. 3—Jas. S. Smith, organizer; 1003 West Madison street, Gazzolo Hall,

930 West 20th street, corner of Hoyne avenne, Gunther's Hall.

Div. No. 5—Louis Dalgaard, organ-izer; 3517 State street, Third Ward

Headquarters.

Div. No. 6.—Harry Van Middlesworth, organizer; 7076 Cottage Grove avenue, Reddey's Hall; meets Sunday, Feb. 25.

Div. No. 7.—J. A. Prout, organizer; 111th place and Michigan avenue, Brunzel's Hall.

The next meeting of the organization committee will occur on Thursday, Feb. 22, 8 p. m., at headquarters. Reports will be then heard from the several divis-

regarding their meetings of the day The following is a report of the last setting of the organization committee, and will throw light on the general status

meeting of the organisation committee, and will throw light on the general status of the work:

Headquarters, Feb. 9, 1906.—C. E. Kirkland was elected to the chair. Roll call showed ten members present. Minutes of previous seasion were read and approved.

Report from the various divisions were made, as follows:

Div. No. 1—C. E. Kirkland—About 15 were present. Wards all stand about the same as at last meting. Very little progress on account of many changes. The 22d Ward has accomplished nothing specially.

23d, no representation. 24th, doing well.

25th, about the same. 26th, doing well.

Div. No. 2—Otto Beselack—Poorly attended Nine present. 28th, dom man; 15th, one; 16th, three; 27th, two. Maine and Leyden not represented. 15th, come districts ready to crawass. 27th Ward making good progress. 28th, no report. But one district organized. Are getting precinct captains. Change of meeting time discussed on account of need of Sunday morning for canvassing. 17th making slow progress. 1st district somewhat organized.

Div. No. 3—Jaz. 8. Smith—Good meeting last Sunday. Wards that were present learly all foil. 35th Ward dead. None of their officers present. M. E. Eddridge was elected secretary and John Warson financial secretary of division. Matter of finding former financial secretary pet yet settled. Leoks like we loot some \$4. Frogress is of a allow nature. 19th, no needings. 20th worse off than ft ever has been. 15th on the burn until the middle of December, when the work stirred them up. Looks like we will have to build from the ground up. 14th making good progress. 34th will get into line, but the 20th and 35th are still staring us is the face. Have set apart the early up Committed from the ground up. 14th making good progress. Province of resember, when the sweet present meeting for a rousing stiring. The first speaker in this series will be Committed Breckon. Province in this series will be committed by the committed province of the speaker in this series will be committed.

************************ The following motion prevailed at the The following is the standing of the sision of the County Central Committee, emergency fund and explains itself:

> Henry Lynch
> G. N. Linday, Evanston
> J. C. Watson
> J. T. Hammersmarck
> Sist Ward, L. Rivet
> H. Schumacher

has been paid, leaving a balance of \$180. The balance of \$49.30 above noted has been used for other emergency expenses. This means that there is needed to com possible date, the my motion.

The attorney for Election Commissioners court, \$180. Besides this the secretary's court, \$180. Besides this the secretary's office shows a deficit this week of \$42.30. If each ward will contribute \$5 this the demurrer, thereby putting the case at would make a total of \$175. A few of these wards have already done splendidly plete the amount of our costs in case in court, \$180. Besides this the secretary's these wards have already done splendidly in this direction. If these should not in this direction. If these should not feel able to give more, then the balance only could be made up by an appeal to individuals. It is thus pretty evident that at least \$50 would have to be so made up. Will not fifty comrades volun-teer to give \$1 each toward making up this amount?

the law will be invalidated by the decision of the court.

In either event considerable benefit will result to our party. Not only will our opponents be discouraged in further attempts at partisan legislation—which without resistance on our part to such measures as this would soon become the regular thing-but we shall have actually conferred a great benefit on the community and achieved a victory for popular government which will reflect credit on our party throughout the State, and which will result in an immease amount of free advertising by reason of the fact that the whole State, politically considered, just now is in a turmoil over the new primary law.

In any event, with the most excellent opening that we have got, it will pay us to push the attack home with all the energy at our command.

22 precinct men are now at work, and find plenty of Socialists. We are now planning to organize a band. Will elect new officers next meeting.

Div. No. 5—1. Daigaard—Good meeting. Notified all and they showed up pretty well.

2d Ward all present. Most of our wards are badly organized. The 4th and 6th are bucking, working wrong end to—want to organize without any material for same.

Comrade Breckon gave us a talk and did good. Part of the 3d is hard to organize. Have lost many members by removal. 20th Ward doing well.

Div. No. 6—A. B. Hyale—Held no meeting hast Sunday. List of precinct captains is being completed; 22 precincts in 7th Ward are being canvassed. 31st Ward is doing well.

Div. No. 7—No delegate present. Good work is being done in Thornton, Bloom and 33d Ward.

Report was made on Jack London meeting, showing total receipts of \$315.43, expenses \$61.83, leaving a balance of \$318.60, leaving a division of \$156.80 each for county and State organization work. Report was accepted.

Discussion followed on the payment of 25 cents are sizes.

Financial secretary a report accepted.

Discussion followed on the payment of 25 cents per primary district and payment of same by wards for each district.

After general discussion of needs and plans, committee on motion adjourned.

CHAS. I. BRECKON, Secy.

ciety, and a recommendation for the election of a board of to steek in trust for party. Same was referred to Executive Committee to meet legal requirements and to send same out to referendum.

A call for the election of a general campaign committee of two delegates from each ward was ordered sent out by County Secretary.

Legal Committee made report on progress of case in court on new primary law. Motion prevailed that all party organizations be called upon to contribute from \$1 to \$5 each toward raising balance of emergency fund. (See letter in another column). The following were elected members of the following were elected members of Scholl, Harry Whitemilier, M. Marcus, Louis Dalgaard, A. A. Wigsnes and John Lewin. The National Secretary was called on to be ack thereof with their names, scaled on the back thereof with their names, scale same will be forwarded to them. If they desire to leave any part of same in the campaign fund, then if they will be mailed them for a total amount less such sum so donated. This is suggested because of the difficulty of the comrades of coming into the downtown district within business hours, This applies to comrades living out of the rity who served in the various heal.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET-ING.

There will be a special meeting of the executive committee on Monday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p. m. All members urged to be present. May Day and trustee matters up for settlement.

MEETINGS.

Seymour Stedman will speak at 3517 state street on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 8

Geo. Koop will speak at 265 W. Chi-cago avenue on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2:30

p. m. T. J. Morgan will speak at Neighbor-hood House, 67th and May, on Monday, Feb. 26, at 8 p. m.

NINTH WARD JEWISH.

The Minth Ward Jewish branch of the Socialist party and the Workingmen's Circle Branch 32, will give a series of lectures at Pritikin's hall, Maxwell, corner Halsted street, every Friday at 8 p. m. Friday evening. Feb. 16, Morris Seskind will speak. Subject, "Socialism and Ponley-Zion." Friday, Feb. 23, at 8 p. m. William E. Trautman. Subject, "Industrial Unionism." Free discussion. Admission free.
Regular meeting of branch every first and third Thursday at Pritikin's hall, Maxwell and Halsted streets.

TWENTY FIFTH WARD.

The regular meeting of the Twenty-fifth Ward will take place next Sunday, Feb. 18. at Lincoin Turner field, Deerlog and Sheffield, at 10:30 a. m. All members and friends urged to be present. Debate on a live topic. Free discussion.

TWENTY-THIRD WARD PARTY MEM

CAUCUS MEETING, SIXTEENTH WARD. A cancus meeting for the purpose of deciding on a candidate for Alderman of the Sixteenth Ward So laint party will be held Feb. 19 at 192 West North avenue. All party members upped to attend. Otto Reselack, Chairman; Chos. Hallbeck, Secretary.

respecting the weekings of the low point any law seem to viemand an explanation. The petition and fee so much talked of in the papers applies only to candidates names upon primary ballot. No fee or petition attaches to regular party nominations for names upon official election ballot. The status of the Socialist party this apring is this: If the State Supreme Court declares the new law unconstitutional their own party will hold primaries under the old law. If a favorable decision is not given then our candidates will be named in caucus and go direct upon the official election ballot. It is expected a decision will be given in time to enable us to act in either of the above ways as the outcome may demand.

Comrades Collins and Brower are now in the field, and below are their dates Members are requested to make all arrangements necessary so as to ins good meetings at each place: JOHN COLLINS.

Feb. 22—Collinsville. Feb. 23—Glen Carbon. Feb. 24—Edwardsville. Feb. 25—Altan.
Feb. 25—Upper Altan.
Feb. 26—Upper Altan.
Feb. 27—Granite City.
Feb. 28—Belleville.
March 1—Marissa.

Feb. 17—Pana. Feb. 18, 19—Taylorville. Feb. 20, 21—Litchfield.

March 2—Caseyville. March 3—Shiloh. March 4-East St. Louis.

March 5—Springfield.
March 6—Springfield.
March 7—Galesburg.
March 8—Monmouth.
March 9—Kewanee. March 10, 11-Moline. JAS. H. BROWER. Feb. 17—Ladd.

Feb. 18—Spring Valley. Feb. 19—LaSalle. Feb. 20—Peoria. Feb. 21-23—Fulton county. Feb. 24—Havans. Feb. 25—Springfield. Feb. 26—Decatur. Feb. 27—Mattoon.

Feb. 28-Olney. March 1-Noble. March 2-Salem. March 3, 4—Marion. March 5—Murphysboro, March 6—Cairo. March 7—Duquoin. March 8—Centralia.

March 9-Nashville.

March 11-Caseyville.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY FOR MONTH OF

JANUARY, 1906.
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ROCK ISLAND NOTES.

Socialist Call for Caucus-Ward Meetings February 7 and Convention February 20.

The following call has been issued by the Socialists for caucuses and conven-

The Socialists of Roce Island, It., are hereby called upon to assemble in their respective wards on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1900, at 8 o'clock p. m. at places hereinafter designated for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Alderman to be elected Tuesday, April 3, 1900.

To elect a ward committeeman for the ensuing year, and to elect delegates to a city and township convention of the Socialist party, to be held at Industrial Hall, Rock Island, Ill., Feb. 20, 1906, the following of

supervisor, three assistant supervisors, one collector, one assessor. The places for holding the ward causes are as follows: First Ward at No. 217 Sixth street.

Second Ward at Krause's shoe shop. Third Ward at Beselin's cigar store, 503 Second avenue. Fourth Ward at S. Marschall's tailor

pop. Fifth Ward at Industrial Hall. Sixth Ward at Fink's Hall, Fifth ave

ue and Twenty-sixth street. Seventh Ward at 522 Fortieth street. The ward caucuses are entitled to elect delegates from their respective wards to the city convention at places above nam-ed, as follows:

1. as follows:
From First Ward. 2 delegates.
From Second Ward, 2 delegates.
From Third Ward, 3 delegates.
From Fourth Ward, 2 delegates.
From Fifth Ward, 2 delegates.
From Sixth Ward, 2 delegates. From Sixth Ward, 2 delegates.
From Seventh Ward, 3 delegates.
Done this 5th day of February, 1906,
y order of city central committee of the
ocialist party of Rock Island, Ill.
S. MARSCHALL, Chairman.

MILWAUKEE SOCIALIST FAIR

OPENS.

Over 1,500 people attended the opening of the Socialist bazaar in Milwaukee last Monday night. The Milwaukee Sentinel says that many unique and new entertaining devices add quarters, dimenant of the socialist city campaign fund, and that the labor uniona were well represented by large official delegations. The fair will continue for one week.

one week.

Even the capitalist papers admit that nothing but a union of all the capitalist forces can succeed in defeating the Socialists in the approaching spring election. There appears to be no room for a Hearst or independent labor party in Milwankee. The Socialists of that city appear to have the workers educated to the point where they know the real thing from the shum reform fakes of the little capitalists.

THIRD WARD.

There will be a meeting of the Third Ward Branch Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 3517 State street, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for Alderman. Members please attend.

Have you begun the canvass of your recinct yet?

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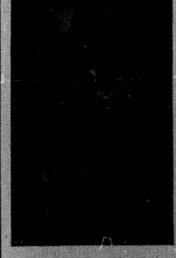
The first meeting of the new grievance committee will be held Monday, Feb. 19, S p. m., at Room 15 163 Randolph street. FRED SCHOLL, Chairman.

Entertainment and Ball

Given by the 23rd Ward Clubs at Springsguth and Haenel's Hall, Halsted and Willow Sts., on Saturday, February 24, 1906. Entree at 8 p. m. Admission free. Refreshments.

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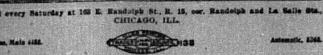
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EVERY ATTACK A BOOST.

with Socialists the world over, pay-masters. The "Daily Times" of that city took the occasion and incident as a text to enlighten its readers about Socialism, and what it stood for in general. The editorial comments of the "Times-Journal" was based upon the newspaper reports of the Chicago demonstration, and of course were very misrepresenting as to what really took place. However, the Times' editor was generous enough to print a reeply, to its editorial, made by our Oklahoms comrades, which was in part as

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Your editorial sader the above hesding in the Saturday issue of the Times-fournal fries to faiter the Seclalists we have in this resolution by stating that they belong to are needfour by stating that they belong to are section by stating that they belong to are section by stating that they belong to are section in a first as a cur views, actions and ideas colucide with those of our Chiengo Socialists. We wish to take exception to fink, as cur views, actions and ideas colucide with those of our Chiengo comrades; and we tried in every way to commenorate "Bloody Sunday" in Osia home City in as good a way as our tibicace comrades, and our Hossian contrades.

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President Rosseveit claims to represent an the people of the United States, and spon the killing of the Grand Duke Sergius—ene of the ruling class—the President sends a message of condolence but when workingmen. Women and children were alited by the most anticerable and unreason the power ever-placed in the hands of man did the President sheep over ever-placed in the hands of man did the President sheep over ever-placed in the hands of man did the President sheep over ever-placed in the hands of man did the President sheep over ever-placed in the hands of man did the President sheep over ever-placed in the hands of man did the President sheep over ever-placed in the hands of man did the President sheep over-placed in the hands of man did the President's office as such, nor for Mr. Hoosevell as a prizate individual, but as a disappearal of sending a message of condelence upon the killing of one of his own class, the Grand luke Sergius, one of the most isoothicitizing men even despoit Russia has seen if we are to rely on the words of the American ex-ambassador to Russia; and t-en failing to send a similar message upon the unwarranted slaughter of hundreds of innocent workingmen and their finallies for doing nothing more than presenting a petition for redrass of greeven.

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pendent, because they do not own them, nor the product of their toll. The govarnesses by the wideawake local commandes. There is hardly a day passes but me receive a large number of newspaper clippings from local papers with attack on Socialism, and replies by local Social.

Now, Mr. Working Man, just see if the control of their toll. The governments of England, Germany and Prance are fiercely struggling to get some little advantage of the other in securing foreign markets.

Now, Mr. Working Man, just see if ists. Every attack by our enemy seems

THE CHURCH AND THE WORK- profit system lasts.

Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, and and Cardinal Gibbons have both been giving the working here of America some granutous, advice as to their duties to their employers. The bishop says labor unions are thieves schools and the cardinal admonished the workers to "obey cheerfully those whom. Providence had placed over them."

Here are some extracts from the sermon delivered by Cardinal Gibbons in which he warns the workers to be awars of Socialist agitators:

"The most mischisvous and dangerous in flividual to be note with in the consumity is the definingous who is habitanily sowdon threadcast the seeds of discounted granught and the destroy all besides competition. The domagnetic is hamiling for the stabilished by an overraling Providence, "Let me new address a few works of exhibited by an overraling Providence."
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hat? Here is a bishop calling trade one thieves' schools, because they want reduce the hours of work and get pay for the quantity of work they o. Then we have the great cardinal since of the church exhering the work-ng men who still cling to the church Here that it was really God who in infinite wisdom and mercy placed and his fellow exploiters in charge

Above in this age and country. And yet there are a lot of "good" and well-meaning people there are a lot of "good" and well-meaning people the working the trusts there is not a day people then't go to church. The church as it is controlled to-day is nothing more nor less than an infellectual police force completed by the capitalist class to keep the workers in ignorance and in a meaning condition that will cender them an easy prop for their vulture masters.

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ERY ATTACK A BOOST.
Socialists out in Oklahoma City faithful lackies they deliver the kind of "Bloody Surday" demonstration in goods that they know will please their

comrades, which was in part as shaken themselves free from the super stition of ages.

We wish every working man and wo

comes more acute as the capitalist sys-tem nears completion. That the produc-ing class will eventually succeed in "And we therefore call on all the workers of America who have the right of franches to push the hartle with the hallot had this country as the strongest and most potent weapon in the hands of the pusies that now reign supreme, we do not for a moment doubt. If the church potent weapon in the hands of the pusies that respectively. The permitted of the pusies that the second of the system that endalves men, drives women to the brothel and murdent Regarding the hissing incident any thing but consistent out the part of Socialism, then the the church will go down in the ruin of the exploiting class with the impominy that belongs rightly to

of the most encouraging signs that Socialist propaganda is getting its on the increase. But as the tools become is the able way in which every arrack pendent, because they do not own them.

> you can figure out how your condition of the condition of your family or class can be improved while the competitive

While the preachers and anti-crime While the preachers and antisyime longues are doing a lot of talking and protesting, the holding men and the burgiars are out after the goods, and judging from the messespaper reports, they are get time them. Of course, it will be all changed when it costs a thousand dollars to get a saloun license.

The product of three-diffus of all the votes cast in order to become effective.)

2.—Shall the ordinance passed by the line of them on the list day of January, 1906, entitled "An ordinance authorizing the city of Chicago to construct, acquire to get a saloun license.

Raer and his tends of the coal mines." Just imagine an American preaching such nonzense as the above in this age and country. And yet there are a lot of 'good' and well-meaning people who wonder why the working recorded. It is about time we give up the people don't go to church. The church saily reactionary cry of 'bust the trusts' and take up the progressive slogar. The

The Chicago American has been throw-ing some hot shot into Gong-rs. Mitchell and other labor lenders for their servility to the Civic Federation and the Belmont outfit and their lagging, pleading political merics. There is not much hope that even the pointed editorials of Brisbane will have any effect in shaming Jahn and Sammy, but there is every evidence that the rank and file of the union men are table to demand. This they are likely to do through an organized working class political party, and they are beginning to realize that the Socialist party is the only one that really represents their interests and realizes the essential thing to be done—capture all the public powers, from President to Constable, U. S. Sentate to the Village Council; the U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the Suppose I have worked ten hours on President to Constable, U. S. Supreme Court to the Justice of the Suppose I have worked ten hours on profit, owing to the railway charges for tactics. There is not much hope that even the pointed editorials of Brishane will have any effect in shaming John and The American suggests that the send a few labor leaders to Con-Wouldn't they cut a fine figure f they were not backed up with a thoroughly class-conscious national parthat understands that it is just as essary to capture the executive and necessary to capture the executive and the gold in the \$5 required a cer-judicial powers as it is to capture the naw-making powers?

The gold in the \$5 required a cer-tain amount of labor in its production, and the general, but quite erroneous, as-

It is amusing to hear the newspapers and preachers proclaiming that a \$1,000 license fee would close up the disreputable saloons and stop crime. About the only saloons that a \$1,000 license would close up would be the ones out in the residence districts, where a few working people gather in the evening and play a few games of cards, drink a few glasses of beer and go home. These kinds of sa-loons just barely afford an existence to some man and his wife and will have to close. But it is a huge joke to think for a moment that any saloon that is in the business of harboring burglars and holdup men will close its doors when the license costs a few hundred dollars more.

hardest work get but a bare existence. Any one who has any reasoning power must know that is not just. But it is just what the workers will get until they get to thinking, that is, reasoning from cause to effect. It is the mission of the Socialist to get his fellow worker to think; there are many good ways to do One is to get them to subscribe for the Chicago Socialist.

The business of Marshall Field & Co moving along just the same as when Marshall himself was here to draw the dividends and profits. The same people who did the work when Mr. Field was alive are doing it now. Still there are a lot of working men who as yet cannot understand how we could get along withont a lot of Fields' heirs to draw the

The coal trust claims that they have where they don't even need the scab. They say that if the miners strike they will simply let the mines remain idle and starve the union to terms. In the mean time they will make millions by the rise in the price they will get for the 30,000,-000 tons of coal they have on hand.

The grip of Socialism is tightening on the world. The blood-red banner will oon be waving wildly in all winds. This is not a vague oprising. The propa-ganda is based on intelligence and on con-nomic necessity. The workers es a closs are fighting the capitalists as a class.-

The press dispatches announce that like Roosevelt has ordered twelve new hats from her milliner and dresses with We often wonder how a working man or woman can read one of our capitalist newspapers for even one

Mr. Working Man, you have been reading a lot about all the wonderful things that Princess Alice is getting and is going to have when she gets married. Now stop and think of what your daughter, sister or sweetheart will have when they

Resolution Adopted by C. C. C.

The following resolutions were unani-mously adopted by the Cook County Cen-tral Committee of the Socialist party at the regular monthly meeting held last Sunday at 55 N. Clark street. The resc

or the same kind to make its monopoly complete.

Ten years ago, when the trolley was in its infancy, hopeful people, who believed that it was possible to have true competition in the railroad business, indied electric traction as the solution of the problem. They pointed to the electric roads, paralleling the truth lines all over the United States, and declared that soon the railroad companies would be deprived of local traffic or compelled to rur down their rates. Nothing of the sort has happened, but on the contrary in all closely populated sections the steam roads are buying up the electric roads and competition is killed.

Just at the present time there are hun-Whereas, Jan. 18, 1906, the Chicago Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, and They are making some wonderful distances are a local transportation and Cardinal Gibbons have both been coveries out at the University of Chigging the working uses of America some error and the Cardinal Gibbons have both been coveries out at the University of Chigging the working uses of America some error and the Cardinal Gibbons have both been coveries out at the University of Chigging the working uses of America some error and the Cardinal City Council adopted the minority report

Whereas, The Council the same night passed an ordinance providing for the operation of the street cars by the city when purchased, and

ereas. Both these ordinaffies will appear on the ballots to be voted on next

Whereas, The international and national program of the Socialists of the world, including the United States, declares for the ownership by the people of all means transportation and communication and the sholition of the private ownership of disuppointed there is no doubt. Until the people are destined to be disuppointed there is no doubt. Until the people collectively own the trusts

Whereas. Every rote east for the own-ership of the street car lines by the city next election is a vote in accord with that there is no reasonable hope for relief. It will probably take a few years more for the great mass of the people to learn this truth, but there is no doubt that in the end they will learn it. Such news items as the above should go far to open

part of the Socialist program, and
Whereas, the voting in favor of the
abelition of the private ownership and abelition of the private ownership and management of the street railways of this city is on a distinct bullot, separate from the names of all party candidates, and can in no way be construed as an indorseof any party or candidate; there-

Resolved. That it is the oninion of this branch of the Socialist party that every Socialist should mark YES on the ballot for these ordinances, and therefore we hereby instruct our delegate to county central committee to present this state-ment and resolution to the C. C. C. for its approval and party action in accordance therewith.

The following are the propositions that will be submitted to the voters of Chi-cago at the coming spring election on the little ballot:

1—Shall the city of Chicago proceed to operate street railways? (This must receive an affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the votes cast in order to become effective.)

of the Democratic and Republican par-ties. It is the motte of the capitalist class, who realize that an intelligent working class cannot be enslaved and

viding the means ther full force and effect?

MONEY UNDER SOCIALISM

(By Gaylord Wilshire, in Wilshire's Magazine)

Suppose I have worked ten hours on the train and I want some sugar, some cloth, some potatoes. The railway com-pany gives me a \$5 gold piece for my time, and with this money I buy the sugar, cloth and poratoes wanted.

sumption is that the labor time involved in getting the gold out of the ground and refining it, is about equivalent to the labor time involved in producing the sugar, cloth and potatoes which I get for the gold piece, or the time I worked on the train, viz., ten bours.

In other words, it is assumed that the In other words, it is assumed that the gold piece merely enables me to get a fair equivalent in goods that I want, exiculating the value by the labor of others, in exchange for the time I spend as conductor upon the passenger train.

If this exchange of labor for labor were really made, as is assumed, then there would be no complaint made about the equity of our present competitive system; but as a matter of fact, the exchange is not made in that manner at all. It is assumed that if instead of spent ten hours working in a gold mine, that the time so spent would on an aver-age produce about \$5 worth of gold, age produce about which I would get.

As a matter of fact, if I should leave the railway train and go to the gold diggings, I would find that all the good gold mines were owned by private indigold mines were owned by private indi-viduals, and that I would not be free to dig where I wanted. Besides, even if there were good ground open, I would re-quire a great outlay of capital in the tunnels, hoisting machinery, etc., before I would be able to use the ground. To work on rich ground with proper tools I must hire myself out to a mining company.

However, I might be able to go to work on ground which was not taken up and which could be used without ma-chinery, and the result of my labor there ould probably be about the per day as if I had taken wages and worked for one of the mining companies

In many of the mining camps in Cali capital than a pick and a pan, upon the poorer ground and tailings already once worked, and the average amount they get out per day is about what they would get if they hired out for wages. If they worked for one of the big companies, worked for one of the big companies, naturally, they might produce from three to fifty times as much as if they worked individually, but the large production would do them no good, as it would go to the mining company owning the mines. Wares are just the same whether Wages are just the same whether the mine pays big profits or pays no profits at all.

So it is true that the indivdual miner, with no machinery, on poor land, working on his own book in the production of gold, gets about what his wages would have been if he had worked for a mining company, yet it is not true of ot by any means that the average production.

The absurdity of attempting to destroy,

"hust" or regulate the trusts is well illustrated in the following bit of news

in regard to competition between steam and trolley lines:

and trolley times:

The New York Central Railroad has finally picked up the last trolley line necessary to complete its control of electric traction between Schenectady and Niagara Falls. Ultimately it will control trolleys all the way from Albany to Buffalo.

The Long Island Railroad, controlling what is destined to be a densely populated section of this state, has also taken steps of the same kind to make its monopoly com-

Just at the present time there are hun-

Areds of thousands of people expectantly looking for some kind of relief from

trust domination by laws "regulating the

trusts" or joining in the Hearst middle class reactionary cry to "bust" them.

the eyes of the people to understand what it is really necessary to do, i. e., own the trusts and all the means of pro-

duction and distribution of wealth and to intelligently administer them for the

benefit of all instead of for the profits

Mr. Lengworth will pay \$100 for a bouquet for his bride. Tim Murphy, a useful worker in South Chicago, buys stale bread to teed himrelf and family because he can get it for '2½ cents per loaf. How long will working people stand for conditions that breed such luxury for

parasites who produce nothing and poverty and misery for those whose toll pro-

chained perpetually .- St. Louis Labor.

of the few.

duces everything?

exchanges his gold for articles he wishes.

With his \$5 in gold he buys so much cloth, sugar and potatoes. Upon every one of those articles he pays a monopoly profit, owing to the railway charges for freight. He must reimburse the producers for all the tribute that they have paid to the railways for the carriage of the to the railways for the carriage of the goods. The railway has robbed the wool grower in excessive charges upon the wool it carried from the farmer to the manufacturer. It has robbed the manumanufacturer. It has robbed the manufacturer when it carried the cloth from him to the retail dealer, and it again has robbed the retail dealer when he shipped his goods to the miner. The poor miner must pay back to the various producers all these amounts, otherwise he cannot get his cloth.

If there has been any machinery manufactured by a Trust used in the production of any of the articles he buys, of course an excessive charge has been made for it, and he must reimburse the retailer in the mining camp who sells the goods. He must reimburse the farm-er for the excessive price the farmer has paid for the use of the mowing machine made by the Agricultural Machine Trust. made by the Agricultural Machine 17ust.
Indirectly it pays tribute to the Steel
Trust, which has held up the railway
when it bought its steel rails; the railway, in turn, must hold up the farmer in order to pay for those dearly bought rails, and then the farmer must hold up the dealers that buy the potatoes, in

order for him to get even.

The Sugar Trust puts up its price far beyond the labor cost of manufacturing sugar, and when the miner gives up his gold for sugar, he must pay an extra price that the Sugar Trust may pay its dividends on watered stock.

Hence we say that the miner is not robbed in the beginning by being forced to take only \$5 worth of gold. when he may have produced \$50 worth, but he is robbed again when he spends his \$5, inasmuch as he has to pay trib-

his \$0, inasmuch as he has to pay trib-ute to every Trust in the country.

He must also pay tribute to the va-rious landloros. Not only does he pay the landlord for the ground upon which the potatoes are raised, but he pays the rent of the commission agent's store in the great city, and he pays the rent of the commission agent's house; he also pays a monopoly price for not only his own gas, but he pays for the gas used by all the people whe are engaged in selling and producing his cloth.

However, the amount of gold the min-er gets as wages determines what the conductor gets as his wages. If the con-ductor were not satisfied with his pay-ment and felt that he could get fairer treatment by going to the mines, he would immediately leave the train and go to the mines; but when he knows the miner is robbed just as much as he train.

So that, under our present system daily wage, while nominally to the wage-carner the equivalent to must find some better method of pay-ment if we expect to establish equity. Socialists say that when a man works

he should get the equivalent of his work either in goods of his own production or of other people's production at his op-

SOCIAL NOTES.

The masquerade ball given by the Socialist Saengerbund last Saturds/ night was a grard success from every stand-point. The tancing commenced early in the evening and before 11 o'clock the large floor of Brand's Hall was too small to accommodate the large number of cos-tumed dancers that had come to enjoy the

hospitality of our German comrades Our German comrades realize that cialists as well as other people have so-cial natures, and that if Socialists do not provide entertainment and social recrea-tion for their members they will find it

The Socialists of the Fifteenth Ward will give an entertainment and dance at Aurora Turner Hall, corner Division and Ashland avenue, Sunday, Feb. 25. The admission will be 25c a person. Fifteenth Ward comrades are r every effort to give their friends an en-joyable time that evening. All who en-joy a social evening should attend.

If you live on the South Side don't fail to attend the masquerade ball at the Third Ward hezdquarters, 3517 State

Miss Alice Roosevelt is receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of presents. Alice, by the way, does not be long to the working class portion of so-ciety. Miss Jennie Thompson, after a vain search for a job where she could make a decent living, committed suicide.

Jennie belonged to the working class.

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mission free. Refreshments. Your friends are cordially invited. "ECONOMIC DETERMINISM."

"It Is a Boy and a Fine Big One." Another scientific Socialist fact came into existence on Feb. 7, 1006. It was in the shape of a fine boy born to Comrades D. G. and Grace Eccles. Feb. 4. It is declared that the lusty lad is decidedly class conscious and has created a real revolution in the home of his parents. He is destined to become a great orator and already has reached several climares in voice culture.

climaxes in voice culture. If Judge Holdom should put all the respite of Chicago in jail who hold him and his injunction in contempt, the judge and his capitalist friends would be com-pelled to do a little useful work. In every historical epoch the pre-

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We have often felt called upon to crititoadying attitude toward the bosses and the Civic Federation, but judging from the way the capitalist newspapers are attacking him and praising and lauding attacking him and praising and lauding Patrick Dolan, the president of the Pitts-burg local of the miners' union, who has gone over to the bosses and thinks the miners should be content with their pres-ent condition, would make it appear that there are worse union officials than Mitchell.

been "smashing." "busting." "regulating" and "controlling" the trusts for the pas fifteen years, but still they grow stronger and stronger every day. The nation most own the trusts before it can regulate them and then it will not want to bust or

CAPITALISTIC JUSTICE.

Says the Michigan Union Advocate: "A hungry man held up a letter carrier and took two cents from him in Omaha, and was sentenced to prison for life. Mr. Richards, who confessed to "taking" 212,000 acres of government land in the same Omaha federal court, was fined \$500 and imprisoned for six hours. That's the way even-handed justice is meted out."—Ex.

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