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MEETING AT UHLICH'S HALL.

Magnificent Audience Shouts Loud and Long for Political Action.

When the meeting at Uhllich's Hall last Sunday afternoon was called to order at 2:45 p. m. every chair was occupied and standing room was at a premium. The meeting was called to protest against the meeting attempt to illegally railroad the W. F. of M. officials to the gallows. Ringing resolutions were presented and adopted expressing confidence in the innocence of Moyer, Heywood and associates in respect to the heinous crime with which they are charged.

That we emphatically resent the reflection cast upon the masses by sundry capitalist papers in associating their names with those of slingers and outlaws. That we demand for these men respectful and considerate treatment, such as should be accorded to every decent and respected citizen, not proved guilty of crime, in an impartial trial.

That we resent and call upon all liberty-loving citizens to resent, and protest against the methods employed in the arrest of these men and in their deportation from their State.

That we denounce an unjust, partial and cowardly method adopted by Governor McDonald in this matter, and as highly suspicious of the attitude of Governor Gooding of Idaho.

That we call upon all those who depend for their living upon their labor, rather than upon their ownership of property, to rouse themselves to a clear recognition of the drift of events; and to an appreciation of the danger which is threatening this nation from the ever increasing concentration of wealth in the hands of the few, and from the growing domination and control of these few over the government and the courts.

That we extend the hand of brotherhood to the men of the Western Federation of Miners, and to their officers in jail, bidding them to take courage, in the full confidence that justice shall triumph; bidding them our support, financial as well as moral, in the present crisis; and joining ourselves together in the hour of their need more firmly than ever in the grand and noble cause that the defense of our rights, and the maintenance of justice cannot safely be entrusted to the law in the hands of unscrupulous masters and tools, but that the law itself must be controlled by the organized might of the enlightened masses who do best to maintain the control of the government, and justly control the government, the law and the means of their own life.

That we demand that the Western Federation of Miners, and the Socialist Party of the United States, Illinois, on March 4th, 1906.

G. F. Frankel was then introduced, who in part spoke as follows: Capitalism is only striving to maintain itself. They cry law and order, but are the last to obey law and order.

The condition in the Western States is but an arrow mark in the progress of capitalism. As long as the working class has no victorious, revolution must follow revolution.

Capitalism can no longer exist by right. It has fulfilled its mission. It is fighting for its life. It will not do to raise an occasional protest. It must be abolished. The great men are only great because the others are strong. When we have a strong man like Roosevelt as President we have a weak government.

Seymour Stedman was introduced. He declared the purpose of this meeting was: 1. To secure funds for the trial. 2. The understanding of the trade union movement there and here. 3. The action that can best be taken. We may also consider the fact of revolution—it is a fundamental change in society.

You cannot put capitalism where it must acquit through fright. Our attack must be along legal lines. The speaker then reviewed in detail the history of trades unionism in the West. Is the class that believes in private property in existence for any other purpose than to conserve the interests of capital? By the same logic the working class must take over the law.

We are told the country is growing better—that is, the working class is growing intellectually richer every day. No class under heaven is so forging as the working class; no class so ready to take a new promise as the working class. This is proven every election day. The greatest place to recruit the army of the revolution is at the ballot box. We accept their rules—we must use our method.

The thing the capitalist fears most of all is an intellectual change—the fact that we accept their rules of election to work a change. Carry Chicago for Socialism and it would do more than all the protest meetings in the world to solve the problem of the working class. There can be no reform; there must be no co-operation with any party.

Chairman Barnes declared that Comrade Breckon would dismiss the meeting with the benediction. The latter stepped to the front and called for three cheers for Socialism and the election of thirty-five aldermen in the city of Chicago on Tuesday, April 3.

The cheers were long and loud, and the meeting closed with a wave of enthusiasm that means the proletariat of Chicago is awakening.

Everybody does not buy watches of Cookin'. Most of the Socialists do, though. That shows wisdom in economics. See ad. in another column.

BOURGEOIS NEWS AND SOCIALIST VIEWS.

The citizens of Bath, England, have refused to accept from Andrew Carnegie \$65,000 for a public library. They are doubtless actuated by a desire to keep the cleanliness of their town up to the standard of its name, though it is recorded that things have happened there which...

MEETING AT APOLLO HALL.

In response to the call by the officials of the I. W. W. for a mass protest meeting at Apollo Hall last Sunday, an audience of 1,500 workmen and women gathered and filled every inch of that large auditorium.

The meeting was called to order by Comrade A. S. Edwards, who acted as chairman of the meeting. The chairman in a brief speech explained the object of the meeting and reviewed the history of capitalist outrages in the mining States of the West during the past ten years, culminating with the illegal deportation of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners from Colorado to Idaho, where they were thrown into the penitentiary and held on a charge of murder.

The audience into whose faces the speakers looked from the platform was a typical Chicago working class audience. In that vast throng were men and women with revolutionary blood running hot in their veins from all nations of Europe and America. They were men and women who had felt the sting and goad of tyranny and oppression under every form of government and realized that capitalism is the same in "free" America as it is in Germany, Russia, France and other countries of Europe.

The first speaker introduced was Mrs. Lillian M. Forburg, one of the organizers of the I. W. W. The chairman stated it was most appropriate that the first speech at this protest meeting should be made by a woman, since the wife of William Haywood, who is an invalid, is at present enduring all the agony of suspense incidental to the arrest and imprisonment of her husband.

Mrs. Forburg succeeded in arousing her audience to a white heat of indignation by the rehearsal of the outrages perpetrated by the millions of the Standard Oil trust against men, women and children in Colorado, Montana and Idaho. She pleaded with the vast audience of wage-workers to do everything within their power to save the lives of the men in the hands of the Standard Oil minions as a mother would plead for the life of her child.

Only once did she show real bitterness. That was when she looked at the twelve policemen lined up in the rear end of the room. But before she had finished her denunciation of the policemen as a part of the capitalist system of exploitation her woman's heart melted and she saw the policemen present as brothers and fellow victims of wage slavery and capitalism. Then she told them that Socialism and working class rule would give them a decent job.

The next speaker was Wm. E. Trautman, National Secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World. Comrade Trautman pointed out the real reason that the capitalists of the mining States were attempting to hound the officers of the W. F. of M. to the gallows was because they were the only thing standing in the way of the complete triumph of the Standard Oil freebooters, since Heinze had got his...

The following resolution was adopted unanimously: "As working men and working women of Chicago, in mass meeting assembled, we denounce the murderous conspiracy of the Mine Owners' Association against our brothers of the Western Federation of Miners. We see in this plot but one step in an attempt to crush all revolutionary organization of the working class. We call upon the laborers throughout the country to rise up in protest with all the forces at their command to prevent the murder of our brothers. To their support and in support of the cause of the revolutionary movement we pledge our moral and financial aid at once and every other assistance within our power that may be required to prevent the carrying out of this murderous plot."

The meeting closed with three rousing cheers for the Social Revolution.

—but that is another story. One would think if a good place to renovate tainted dollars, and, after all, one does not become legally a fence in receiving this kind of stolen goods.

J. Oden Armour says A. B. Stickney, president of the Chicago Great Western railroad, is a "loose-tongued talker." The railroad magnate gracefully owns up, which is more than the billions beside dares to do for some of the things he is charged with.

The genteel cut-purses, receipt captains

of industry, have now organized the copper trust, which is to rival in size the steel trust. This is thoughtful of them and will save us trouble in the day of expropriation. We wonder if it ever occurs to them that they will be in need of life-preservers when we squeeze the water out of these concerns.

Senator Dolliver thinks the existing law regulating interstate commerce has not been treated with the reverence and sanctity it deserves. The honorable gentleman must be seeking a reputation as a humorist.

John D. Rockefeller has offered \$125,000 to the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. Let's see! Isn't this about one-eighth of one per cent of the sum he is reported to have accumulated in establishing the condition of the poor?

"Over half the flour mills of Minneapolis have shut down and thousands of men are idle. There is no demand for flour." So runs a press dispatch in the daily papers. The aforesaid thousands will not have leisure to reflect on the beauties of the anarchist government under which they live and for which they vote.

Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte says the Catholic church is at home in the American republic and will strengthen the country's political liberties. As our political liberties consist largely of the right to vote for the man the bosses select and the right to work if anyone will hire us, our knowledge of the history of the Roman church leads us to believe the Secretary is right.

Wm. E. Curtis is a writer of repute and when he restricts himself to matters descriptive, historic or even statistical, he is certainly interesting, if not always accurate; but when he lapses into economic deductions the reader gently dares while the once-familiar warble of the Rocky Mountain canary floats softly through his dreams.

Those who take an interest in psychic phenomena, the cause of the aftermath of disease and death among those insurance officials whose knavery has been exposed, offers an interesting theme for discussion. Is it mere chance? Is it the retributive justice of the unknown God? Is it chargin at being found out? Is it regret for lost opportunity? Is it remorse for manifold crimes? Or is it true that "thoughts are things" and the exhortations of hosts of their fellow men have wrought these physical ills?

Mrs. J. Alden Gaylord, head of a New York bond investment firm, says she has gained financial success by good business methods and spiritual guidance, and that others can do the same. We are unable to state at this distance just what brand of anthropomorphic deity the lady has made for herself. Judging by the company which is commended to him we presume his patronymic is the same as hers. He is evidently a stranger in New York and if he values his reputation some one ought really to advise him to keep away from Wall street.

We are told that 1905 was a fine year in leather. The profits of the United States Leather Company were something over \$6,000,000. This company elected its board of directors, whose names are: Reading the list is almost as good as a square meal. It has such a very beefy flavor. The directorate of the Central Leather Company contains seventeen names, eight new ones and the nine referred to above, arranged in different order. Central Leather owns \$2,000,000 of U. S. Leather stock. One stockholder wanted to know if there was danger of the two companies becoming competitors. The nine directors of U. S. Leather conferred with themselves as directors of Central Leather and in a wonderfully short time were able to report that it was not likely. The world must stand aghast in the presence of the deep and intricate reasoning of these great financiers.

The secretaries of the boards of foreign missions, in conference assembled, became highly inflamed over Secretary Root's statement that the United States can take no action to stop the atrocities committed in the Congo Free State. What do these missionaries take our State Department for, anyway? An altruistic kindergarten? In China, where there are dollars at stake, we can, of course, interfere. But to intrude when it is merely a question of human suffering is preposterous. Now that the foreign mission societies are balked in this direction, we would modestly suggest that if they would turn an introspective eye on their own glorious country, they would find almost as many horrors going on under the benign rule of the G. O. P. as are practiced under the protectorate of the unspeakable Leopold.

The Jingo politicians were eloquent over the dangers of race suicide, while the men of science are warning us that the population of the world is increasing so fast that the supply of wheat will shortly be insufficient to feed it. Queer world. It really looks as though the system ought to lighten up some of these loose screws. Not a bit of it. We know a trick worth two of that. First instill into the minds of the people that their highest duty to the country is to breed. Then work up a nice little war with China. No two or three little war with China. But a hundred thousand men for a starter, and more to follow. Pick out the best young blood for the army. Turn loose the transportation graft and the contract clothing graft and the food graft and the bond issue graft and give a chance to all the vampires of trade. Get your army in the field and begin operations. The business interests will stay at home and prosper and the surplus population will find death with glory. And some will die by bullet, and some will die by blade; and more will go out by the chokers route and the deadly drugs of trade. But most of all, will be those who fall—and their value will soften our grief—in assaulting the works where women turn in Packingtown's best canned beef.

Give this matter your immediate personal attention. There is no good reason why the wheels of the Socialist printing plant should not speedily be turning and giving out their product for the education of the masses in their class interests and for the organizing of the working class into a class-conscious political party. Fill out the attached blank and mail same to headquarters at once:

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FOR OUR OWN PRINTING PLANT.

The progress made in the securing of the sale of shares of stock for the Commonwealth Publishing Society is very encouraging. The comrades of Chicago and of the State are determined to install their own printing plant. They see in this an opportunity to do away with perpetual deficits and to enable the party to apply the funds raised at picnics, balls, excursions, etc., to the splendid purpose of the propaganda and of organization. Not only that, but the prospects of building up a big publishing house, in keeping with the growing demands of the party, are indeed excellent by thus incorporating and putting the party paper on a sound business footing. This, logically, is the one way to get a daily. The only difference between a weekly and daily plant is one of size. Once the machinery of the weekly is set in motion, all the essentials of organization are at hand for a daily. Should the time arrive when a daily was deemed advisable, the experience gained in the weekly would be invaluable. Not only that, but the business that could be built up would be an asset of no mean proportions.

About one-third of the entire list of shares of stock have now been legally subscribed for. No systematic effort has been put forth, other than that of announcement through the columns of the Chicago Socialist. What is needed now is simply your declaration of the number of shares of stock that you will take. No cash whatever is asked for at this time.

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COMMISSIONER PATTERSON RE-SIGNS.

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And the sincere resistance accorded us has been amazing. One would suppose that a set of incendiaries, anarchists, communists and all the other lists which are the terms of greatest reproach in our language had sought constantly to destroy the interests of our community.

Again and again we ran up against the injunction business. A particular collection of capital (a firm, corporation or individual) would steal something from the community—for instance, valuable land.

The whole body of our laws as at present framed are ridiculous and obsolete. They are designed always to uphold capital at the expense of the community.

Money is so strong nowadays that, given time, delay, it can in some form or other corrupt most men, or if it cannot do that, it can get the crank out of the way.

I realized soon after I took office that to fight privilege under the present laws would be a lost. The cards were stacked in its favor from the start; the dice were loaded and are loaded against the community.

Hence of the insignificant little bit that I accomplished against privilege, not one tithe of a tithing could have been accomplished through the law.

Money is power and dominion. It is wine and women and song. It is art and poetry and music. It is idleness and activity. It is warmth in winter and coolness in summer. It is clothing and food.

No one possesses it, but it possesses everybody. In life, money means everything, and therefore, anybody will do anything to get it. It enslaves those whom it possesses, and it likewise enslaves in a more sordid way those who have none of it.

In the Civil War an eminent Philadelphia financier by the name of Jay Cook lent a considerable sum of money at a low rate of interest (perhaps an interest at all; I have forgotten) to the government.

During the same time over a million men enlisted and went to the front. They offered not their money but their lives, their blood and their families to the cause in which they believed, and no one has denied them extraordinary. They have been called brave, heroic men, and so they were, but not extraordinary; whereas Jay Cook was extraordinary because he did not wring out every cent he could from the necessities of the nation.

This example, I believe, shows how much stronger money is than man. A man is expected to risk his life, but he is hardly expected to risk his fortune. He would give away money before he would give away life, because if he were to be wealthy he would have no money anyway.

By distributing money evenly, I do not mean to say that all the money in the country should be cut up into equal bits and that everybody should get a bit of it.

But, on the contrary, I believe that the ownership from which money springs should be vested in the whole community. In other words, as I understand it, I am a Socialist. I have hardly read a book on Socialism but that which I have just unlearned I believe in general to be their theory.

It is sometimes amusing to know what the other side thinks of us. The Milwaukee "Voters League" (a sort of "good citizens" association of the would-be reform stripe) in a lengthy report on the records of the Milwaukee Aldermen, which was published in all the Milwaukee papers, has this to say of the Socialists in the City Council.

It is precisely because the Ten Commandments are already abolished that Socialism is here, by that inscrutable principle of Nature which insures that for every evil there shall be the remedy.

Why do millions hunger in a world dripping fatness if nobody robs them? Why do millions die of preventable accidents and diseases in a world that is a sanatorium of health, if nobody slays them?

There are other ways of stealing from a man than picking his pocket, and other ways of killing him than slitting his throat. It seems to me that the present social system exhausts the possible in all directions.

After the proverbial manner of the foolish everywhere, I delight in asking questions that philosophers find it hard to answer. Here is another, put forward with one eye turned inquiringly in the direction of Ipswich.

Why do we need persons, to distribute tickets for charity to the destitute, in a world that produces abundance for all? Why this sordid necessity to mingle soul with salvation?

And lest the philosophers should be dumfounded, I trot out my own answer. It is because the Eighth Commandment has been abolished as a rule of social conduct in all but such minor offenses as burglary and embezzlement.

Indeed, to carry the analysis a bit further, it is largely for the reason that so many are robbed and have empty bellies, while the robbers strut around with glutted paunches, that the churches are required at all of a man's food implies the theft of decent surroundings, the theft of mental culture.

Man's food must be secured to him before he can rise a step above the brute animal. The absence of that security is responsible, I hold, for the greater part of the vice, crime and sin that keep the churches going, and justify their existence.

Give everybody good food to eat, good clothes to wear, good houses to live in; give them good books, good pictures, and good music to enjoy with good friends, and more than half the churches could be closed up, and the newspapers would have a new social problem to spread themselves in leading articles upon—"What shall we do with our unemployed clergymen?"

In the language of political economy, goodness would become such a glut in the market that there would be no demand for the labor of goodness-makers.

Have you ever thrown yourself forward in imagination, and contemplated what the simple institution of economic security would do for us?

It would make this old earth the Paradise it is so well fitted to be. I like to think it was with this end in view that a benevolent Providence made the soil so prolific, and the forces of nature so amenable.

People starve now because of bad laws and a rotten social system. Poverty is a social crime, and one that foul sources flow evils that pollute the state, and infect the breathing space of every man and woman in it.

SOCIALISM AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

"Socialism is a political theory that must abolish the Ten Commandments before it can come into operation."—Rev. T. J. Malony (Ipswich).

I have heard it said somewhere—or did it come floating down like a foul odor on the breeze from Ipswich?—that Socialism is a system "necessitating the abolition of the Ten Commandments."

It struck me as a queer saying, for Socialism is out to do things not yet dreamed of, and the Ten Commandments were abolished long ago.

To be sure one hears them sometimes recited melodiously in the church; and there are individuals no doubt who sincerely try to practice one or two of them in a limited and lax sort of way.

But the whole fabric of society is based upon a contempt for the Decalog. It can only exist on the tacit assumption that the Ten Commandments are a pious fiction; an interesting piece of ancient literature of course, but as a moral code old-fashioned to the point of obsolescence, and of no practical value at the present day.

If the Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," were put in force to-morrow in all its significance, it would overturn society, tear up some of our most venerable institutions by the roots, and brand as thieves without honor many of the godliest among the congregations of the righteous. It is questionable, whether even Holy Ipswich would escape a catastrophic visitation.

If the Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," were carried out in its entirety it would dislocate trade and industry, and paralyze all enterprise. The factory chimneys would cease to smoke; the churches would fall into neglect and ruin; Ipswich itself would become a deserted village, with weeds growing in its classic thoroughfares, and the hindooes frisking in its town hall.

Society as we know it must either relegate the Tablets of the Law to their logical destination, or order its own funeral and give up the ghost.

It is precisely because the Ten Commandments are already abolished that Socialism is here, by that inscrutable principle of Nature which insures that for every evil there shall be the remedy.

Why do millions hunger in a world dripping fatness if nobody robs them? Why do millions die of preventable accidents and diseases in a world that is a sanatorium of health, if nobody slays them?

There are other ways of stealing from a man than picking his pocket, and other ways of killing him than slitting his throat. It seems to me that the present social system exhausts the possible in all directions.

After the proverbial manner of the foolish everywhere, I delight in asking questions that philosophers find it hard to answer. Here is another, put forward with one eye turned inquiringly in the direction of Ipswich.

Why do we need persons, to distribute tickets for charity to the destitute, in a world that produces abundance for all? Why this sordid necessity to mingle soul with salvation?

And lest the philosophers should be dumfounded, I trot out my own answer. It is because the Eighth Commandment has been abolished as a rule of social conduct in all but such minor offenses as burglary and embezzlement.

Indeed, to carry the analysis a bit further, it is largely for the reason that so many are robbed and have empty bellies, while the robbers strut around with glutted paunches, that the churches are required at all of a man's food implies the theft of decent surroundings, the theft of mental culture.

NOTICE.

The committee on arrangements for a series of Sunday morning lectures in a downtown opera house, not having received a sufficient response in orders for reserve seats, has decided that they are not justified in proceeding further in the matter.

There will therefore be no further effort made to hold these meetings. Wm. Cross Lloyd, Chairman; L. Dagaard, Secretary, Committee on Social Problem Lecture Course.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CASE OF MOSES HARMAN.

Prison for Aged Man.—Moses Harman, 75 years old, for the third time in his life was taken to the Joliet prison yesterday. He had been arrested by the postal authorities because of matters contained in a paper he published, "Lucifer the Light-Bearer."

It has been printed in fine type, is all the notices his case got from the Chicago Record-Herald. The Tribune printed a short notice in the city edition and nothing in the country circulation. The other papers paid little or no attention to it.

Moses Harman, 75 years old, was taken to the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1906, to serve a sentence of one year for violating the laws of the land which prohibit the sending of obscene literature through the mails.

He has done this from the highest motives—the improvement of the human race. Burbank improves potatoes, other vegetables and flowers. Others devote themselves to the breeding of fine stock, and the world applauds.

Harman wants to have the human race improved, and the world says, "Sh-sh!" Are not human beings of as much consequence as pigs and potatoes? Is parrotism an incontestable subject? Is the question of woman's rights and wrongs, of her freedom or her slavery, of no importance? I appeal to every woman who has a spark of independence in her make-up and to do something! Think, talk, act! Join the Socialist party which is organized to fight against such tyranny.

Have these obnoxious laws repealed. It isn't Moses Harman alone, nor the cause of women's freedom, but the rights of humanity, that are at stake. Free speech, freedom, the rights of labor—all are involved. This is not a struggle alone between Anthony Comstock and Moses Harman, but it is a struggle of the oppressed class against the ruling class for the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Material interests are at stake and the ruling class is wise enough to understand this and to act accordingly. Let the ruled class also understand and act, or sink into greater slavery.

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Receipts—Due stamps, \$71.55; campaign, emergency fund and collection, \$132.24; literature sales, \$8.85; deficit, \$27.27; total, \$237.91.

Expenses—Due stamps, \$73.00; Karwin, printing, \$120.87; postage, \$2,955; legal expense, \$20.00; hall rent, \$10.00; telephone and cigars, \$2.75; Secretary's salary, \$200.01; office expense, \$2.00; deficit last week, \$2.34; total, \$237.91.

Stamp Account—On hand last week, 100; purchased, 500; total, 600. Sold, 473. Balance on hand, 127.

### EMERGENCY FUND.

The following are the contributions for the past week, both to the campaign and the emergency fund:

P. J. Riordan	1.00
E. N. Phillips	2.00
R. J. down the State	20.00
P. V. O'Reilly	1.00
John Thomson	2.00
27th Ward, collection	50
11th Ward, 1st Dist.	50
1st Island County	3.00
W. R. Ames	.75
W. T. Meredith	1.00
Henry Peterson	1.00
Joe P. Buckley	1.00
A. Friend	30.00
R. Hellenbach	5.00
G. H. Meredith	.50
Chas. Escher	1.50
Gus Preburg	1.50
C. H. Lutzman	1.50
253d Ward	5.00
J. H. Grundahl	.75
John Mettill	1.00
J. H. (voucher)	1.00
Collection at Ebllich's Hall	48.72
Total	\$132.24

### COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Regular meeting of the County Central Committee Sunday, March 11, at 2 p. m., at 55 North Clark street. Every delegate urged to be present and on time.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meets regularly every Monday at 6:30 p. m. at headquarters. All members urged to be promptly on time.

### CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

The Campaign Committee will meet regularly every Sunday morning at 155 East Randolph street, third floor. Every delegate urged to be promptly on time, 10 o'clock. Many very important matters are to be decided upon by this committee.

### THE CAMPAIGN.

The Campaign Committee is wrestling with the copy for a leaflet. The campaign will be crowded from this on. Campaign lists were mailed out this week. Many meetings are being planned and renewed activities are manifest all along the line. Get the voters registered. See that every proletarian is aroused and that the last one of them votes for his material interests.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

Seymour Stedman at University Settlement Hall, 4630 Gross avenue. "Socialism Pure and Simple," on Friday, March 9, at 8 p. m.

Geo. E. Bigelow, Harry, Ill., in City Hall, at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, March 10.

B. Beryn and R. Saltiel, 155 Randolph street, 8 p. m. Sunday, March 11.

Seymour Stedman and A. H. Henry, Columbia Hall, 6142 Halsted street, 2:30 p. m. Sunday, March 11.

B. Beryn, Neighborhood House, 67th and May, 8 p. m. Monday, March 12.

M. H. Toft, Maxwell and Halsted streets, Portegan's Hall, Friday, March 16, 8 p. m.

J. A. Prout, Oak Glen, Ill., 7:30 p. m. Saturday, March 17; Dolton, Ill., 7:30 p. m. Sunday, March 18.

A. W. Mance, 746 South Halsted street, Saturday, March 10, 8 p. m.

Sunday, March 11, 2:30 p. m.—265 W. Chicago avenue. Speaker, Geo. Koop.

Monday, March 12, 8 p. m., Horan's Hall, 255 S. Halsted street. Speakers, Sam Block, M. Kaplan and Robt. Daniel.

### SIXTH WARD MASS MEETING.

There will be a mass meeting at Oakland Music Hall Sunday evening, March 18. The speaker will be Walter Thomas Mills. Subject, "The Suicide of Capitalism." Every one invited. Admission free.

### TWENTY-SECOND WARD MEETINGS.

Sunday, March 11, at 2:30 p. m., at I. O. O. F. Hall, 120 E. Chicago avenue. Speakers, A. Lavin and Sam Block.

Tuesday, March 13, at 8 p. m., at T. Shanna Hall, Milton avenue and Oak street. Speakers, A. Lavin and Fred Foster.

Friday, March 16, at 8 p. m., at Norden's Sons Hall, 212 Oak street, near Wells. Speakers, A. Lavin and Comrade Edgstrom. Comrade Engstrom will speak in Swedish.

### TWENTY-FOURTH AND TWENTY-SIXTH WARDS.

On Sunday, April 1, at 2:30 p. m., at Social Turner Hall will be held a joint meeting of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth wards. The speakers will be A. M. Simons and a German speaker, and the two candidates of the wards, Fredin Marsh and L. W. Hardy. It is proposed to make this a ringing campaign meeting. The Socialist vote in each of these wards is large, and a very good chance of gaining large ground is within the possibilities.

### CANVASSING FOR SOCIALISTS.

Reports coming to headquarters tend to emphasize the supreme importance of making a thorough and systematic canvass to uncover the Socialists in the various precincts. To the degree that this work has been done amazing results have followed. When every precinct shall have been thoroughly canvassed and the forty-five Socialist voters of the city uncovered, then, and then only, shall we have fair prospect of electing our candidates. Getting political power is only another name for proper and practical political business methods in propaganda.

Product captains are urged to see that every Socialist who has moved since last fall shall register on Tuesday, March 13. Unless you are registered you cannot vote. Unless you vote our candidates cannot be elected.

### NEVER SOUGHT TO ESCAPE.

Moyer and Haywood have been charged with innumerable offenses, from murder to vagrancy, and have never sought to escape trial. The charges have always proven to be unfounded and mere pretexts.—Hocky Mountain News, Feb. 23.

### Batte Smeltermen's Union No. 74 of Butte, Mont., has appropriated \$5,000 for the defense of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. The smeltermen of Butte recognize the magnitude of the conspiracy and propose to be in the van in furnishing the means of war in vanquishing the blood-thirsty enemy that yearns for the lives of innocent men.

### I am giving the advocates of our competitive system a dose of their own medicine by selling watches and jewelry below living prices of the high rent and fancy fixture fellows.

### NATIONAL PARTY NOTES.

The following nominations have been received for auditors: B. Beryn, H. W. Bismarck, A. H. Floater, Seymour Stedman and Charles G. Towson.

The National Committee is now voting upon motion No. 1, which provides for the sending of national organizers into the strike districts in the event of a general coal strike. Vote will close March 20.

Dates for national lecturers and organizers for the coming week are:

James H. Brown—March 11, St. Clair county, Ill.; 12, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; 13, Taylor Bluff, 14, Little Rock, Ark.; 15, Toxarkana; 16, 17, Grand Saline, Texas.

E. E. Carr—March 11, Ashabula, O.; 12, South Sharon, Pa.; 13, 14, 15, Warren, Ohio; 16, 17, Allegheny county, Pa., under the direction of the County Committee.

John Collins—March 11, Rock Island, Ill.; 12, en route; 13, Keokuk, Iowa; 14, Muscatine, 15, Dubuque, 16, 17, Osage.

George H. Goebel—Under the direction of the Pennsylvania State Committee.

Gay E. Miller—March 12, 13, Raleigh, N. C.; 14, 15, Greensboro, 16, 17, Winston-Salem.

John W. Clayton—March 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, Safford, Ark.; 17, en route.

M. W. Williams—New Hampshire, under the direction of the State Committee.

Newport News, Va., reorganized; 13 members.

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### MONTANA NOTES.

Murray E. King has finished a successful tour of Ravalli County, which lasted over two weeks. He reports successful meetings with good attendance at Cono, Darby, Corvallis, Grantsdale, Hamilton, Stevensville and Victor, and considerable literature sold. Comrade King also filed four dates at Missoula and two at Bozeman.

Ira Crouch Hazlett has just closed a successful agitation tour. Glasgow, March 1 and 2; Chinook, March 3 and 4; Hardy, March 5; Great Falls, March 6 and 7.

Locals throughout the State report great activity in preparing for the municipal campaign.

Efforts are being made to have four speakers in the field as soon as the weather will permit open air meetings.

### ROCK ISLAND SOCIALISTS NAME TICKET.

The city convention of the Socialist party was held on the 20th and the following nominations made:

Supervisor—W. W. Duffin.  
Assistant Supervisors—Nels E. L. Holman, Emil Nary, Wm. H. Oart, Jr., Assessor—Henry Stajman.  
Collector—Alfred Carno.  
Constables—W. J. Kroyling, William Olson.

Following are the nominations for Aldermen at primaries held Feb. 7, 1906:

First Ward—Frank Singleton.  
Second Ward—E. L. Thompson.  
Third Ward—Fred Gavin.  
Fourth Ward—C. H. J. Lange.  
Fifth Ward—W. J. Schumling.  
Sixth Ward—Paul L. Hennedberg.  
Seventh Ward—L. E. Sewers.

The following resolutions were passed:

The Socialist party of Rock Island in convention assembled reaffirms its allegiance to the national platform, and to the program of the international Socialist movement. We declare our object to be the establishment of a system of industry under which the people will own the means of production and distribution and operate them for the benefit of all.

Realizing that in this election the Socialist party cannot hope to achieve more than the capture of the municipal powers of government, we present the following municipal platform:

First—We pledge ourselves to promote every movement which will provide healthier surroundings, increase the comfort, enhance the safeguards and insure more recreation and leisure for the working class.

Second—in this direction we favor the establishment of free medical dispensaries, and placing public drinking fountains or sanitary water barrels, both rooms and toilet facilities at places easily accessible to the public free of charge.

### QUINCY CITY AND TOWN TICKET

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ALDERMANIC NOMINATIONS.

- List of aldermanic nominations including names like Fred Schell, Robert Daniel, W. A. Benson, etc.

THE WORKERS PROTEST.

The meetings held in Chicago last Sunday to protest against the attempt to railroad Meyer and Haywood to the gallows were largely attended by men and women who are awake to the enormity of the crime that the malicious of capitalism have already committed and are attempting to carry out under the guise of law in Idaho.

If there is any one thing more than another that demonstrates beyond a shadow of doubt that there is a deep conspiracy among the big capitalists of this country to judicially commit murder in Idaho it was the lying reports of these meetings printed in the capitalist papers Monday morning.

At the Apollo Hall meeting the capitalists had eighteen policemen in attendance, armed with guns and clubs and commanded by a lieutenant with instructions to permit no unlawful act. At no time during the meeting did these willing servants of the exploiting class hear or see anything that could give them an excuse to interfere.

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These were the sentiments and expressions that the capitalist press condensed into threats of physical force and violence.

The speakers at the Sunday protest mass meetings did not say what the capitalists expected they would say, or what they wanted them to say. They told the workers if they would prevent the capitalists from judicially murdering the officers of the Western Federation of Miners they, for the present, must fight in the capitalist courts with lawyers and money.

The capitalists know that the Socialists are not fools enough to throw an unarmed mob against their machine guns and automatic rifles, and that is why they fear and hate Socialism so much and misrepresent it at all times.

The Socialist points the workers to the method by which they may be in possession of the guns and the power to direct those who stand behind them and shoot in the name of the law.

Working men of Chicago, if you want to offer a protest against the outrages of the capitalist class against the workers now being perpetrated in Colorado and Idaho that the Chicago Socialists will listen to, just send thirty-six Socialist Aldermen to the City Council next month.

If you had signed John Collins, a union man, in the Mayor's chair last spring instead of Dunne, a capitalist lawyer, he would have used the police for some better purpose than hanging around workmen's meetings where there was absolutely no call for them.

Remember by the use of your ballot you can possess your class of all the legal machinery and the guns. When the workers see this point it will be the capitalists who will be holding the protest meetings, if any protesting is necessary.

There are some of our very class conscious I. W. W. comrades who seem to have forgotten that it is just as necessary that the workers use their political power in a class conscious political organization as it is that they perfect their economic solidarity.

"I AM A SOCIALIST."

The past week has been a record breaker in the line of Socialist propaganda. The resignation of Joseph M. Patterson from the position of Commissioner of Public Works in Chicago, and the statements accompanying that resignation, announcing that his experience during the past year had convinced him that Socialism offered the only effective methods of accomplishing anything worth while, started the capitalist world.

The great daily newspapers that make it a rule to suppress, garble or misrepresent all news that has a tendency to place Socialism in its true light before the public were for once compelled to print a plain, commonsense conclusion about it by one who had started out to be of service to his fellow man as a public servant, and what was standing in the path of progress, and where the only power existed that could remove the obstruction.

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investigate on his own account and to accept nothing that was the custom merely because it was the custom. There was never a man in the office who struck at Dunne as an individual, never one, as we should say, who was not a thoroughgoing Socialist.

Well, Patterson gave them the straight goods in that letter, anyway.

When you have read this paper, pass it on to some non-Socialist.

Everybody is talking about Socialism just now. It is a good opportunity to get a lot of subscribers for the Chicago Socialist.

Socialism is in the air these days; all are discussing it. Take advantage of this fact and bag a bunch of subscribers for the Chicago Socialist.

How many subscribers have you secured for the Chicago Socialist during the past week? Remember, all you have to do these days is to go after them.

For a man who has read nothing about Socialism, Mr. Patterson has given the capitalists in Chicago an awful job, and that by merely mentioning the fact that he is under the thumb of a Socialist.

Dunne has been declared an honorable man. So are they all, all honorable men. Mr. Anthony's speech concluded with "Mischief, mischief, mischief!"

The agitation caused by the announcement by Joseph Patterson that he is a Socialist has set thousands of people to investigating what Socialism is and what it stands for.

The dynamite that the workers of Chicago were urged to use against the capitalist class in the past week was not only a political and political solidarity of the workers, working class intelligence and solidarity frightens the capitalist much more than any other kind of a bomb would.

Socialism is the specter that is haunting the class that lives by the sweat of other men's brows. But while it is the specter that frightens and haunts the vampire class, it is the star of hope to the toiling millions whose work produces all wealth.

The capitalists had had very little to say editorially about Mr. Patterson's indictment of the capitalist class in Chicago. Not one of them has attempted to deny the truth of his statements.

Why should the capitalists get so excited because one of their class has declared that he, in future, will work with the working class political party? Is it any stranger that here and there a man from the capitalist class should unite with the exploited class than it is that millions of intelligent workers should vote and fight to perpetuate the slavery of themselves and their class?

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MUNICIPAL STREET RAILWAYS.

Should a Socialist Vote for Them While Capitalism Lasts?

The question, "Resolved, That Socialists should vote for municipal ownership of street railways while capitalism prevails," was debated at the Nineteenth Ward headquarters last week.

The affirmative was championed by Charles H. Kerr and the negative by M. Kaplan. In a former issue of the Chicago Socialist we published the principal arguments set forth by Comrade Kerr for the affirmative.

Should Socialists advocate municipal ownership of street railways under capitalism? I answer No. As it is not my purpose to belabor the issue, I shall therefore endeavor to keep out matter non-essential and come right down to bedrock.

I will start out by admitting that municipal ownership under capitalism will tend to:

- 1. Reduce taxation. 2. Improve service. 3. Reduce fares. 4. Raise wages of employees. 5. Shorten hours of labor of employees.

Yet observe I want all of the above, which is more even than many advocates of municipal ownership dare to claim for it.

I am against the advocacy by Socialists and the Socialist party of municipal ownership because experience, wherever and whenever tried—whether in European countries or in these United States—have conclusively demonstrated that the condition of the working class remains about the same. It may not retard, but neither does it benefit the proletariat as a class.

Again, under capitalist conditions where the supply of labor power greatly exceeds the demand, we find that man the individual, particularly the wage worker, moved by his immediate material interest (very few men will risk certainty for uncertainty) will accept "favours" that capitalist bosses at his feet, and the consequent result has been that, however honest and well intentioned originally, our labor leader started out, the environment within which he gravitates invariably corrupts him.

What is true of the individual is likewise true of the craft. This is not intended as an insult. I am merely pointing out the facts as they exist in present day society. We are all what the conditions compel us to be.

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Some months ago two active postal clerks were summarily discharged by President Roosevelt in spite of civil service because of their fealty to unionism. Did this open the eyes of their brother workers? Perhaps. What results? They regarded it as a "blow" to their backs.

Socialism, as I understand it, does not mean political spoils to the few whom we may, under capitalism, obtain jobs for. It does and should mean economic emancipation and equal opportunity for the many. To drink water out of the capitalist pitcher is a very poor method of quenching a working man's thirst.

The hardest and most sincere fighters for a cause are those who find their bread and butter interests directly involved. The contention that there are more Socialists among the better paid workers is not borne out by facts.

You may improve your city, your parks, your schools, build libraries, etc., etc., but we know that though this is very nice and worth having, yet it does not feed the hungry, shelter the homeless or clothe the ragged. For fifty years we Socialists have been shouting municipal ownership. It exists in many places. What improvement in the condition of the working class has been made? None.

Government is exclusively the weapon of the property owner. Ownership by the State, when the State is owned by the capitalist class, is no different than ownership by the private individual.

Reform means patching up the present system. Revolution means tearing it down.

His Logic Was Correct. Polesian—Are you drunk? Reclining Inebriate—You bet!

In an essay on the Japanese, an English schoolboy recently wrote the following remarkable sentences: "Until recently the Japanese used to fight with bows and arrows, but now they are equipped with the complete arms of a Christian."

The following, under a heading in big black type last Tuesday, is a sample of the methods the capitalist press is using to deceive the public mind as to the facts in the case of the men in prison in Idaho charged with the murder of ex-Governor Streunberger.

Boise, Idaho, March 5.—Taking advantage of the strain brought on by Charles H. Meyer's solitary confinement of the past two weeks, the officials for the prosecution are directing their efforts toward the president of the Western Federation of Miners in an endeavor to induce him to make a confession in connection with the assassination of ex-Governor Streunberger at Caldwell, Dec. 31 and murders committed in Colorado.

James McFarland, the superintendent of the Western Division of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, who succeeded in wringing confessions from Harry Orchard and Steven Adams, is spending most of his time in the penitentiary talking to Meyer. He is using the same tactics as in the case of the Federation men who have already confessed in the hopes of breaking down the president of the Federation.

It is reported that the following are the men that indictments charging direct murder will be returned against: Charles H. Meyer, William D. Haywood, George A. Pettibone, Vincent St. John, Steven Adams, Harry Orchard, L. J. Simpkins.

The Iron Trade Review editorially proclaims its pride in "our immense production, our tremendous tonnages and the princely sums accumulated as profits," and admits that "the natural resources of the United States have rendered it possible to build up an industry and to amass fortunes unparalleled in the world's history."

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How long would it take you to earn it? How many men, working for your wages would it take to earn the increase this year, or ten years hence? How many such fortunes will it take to absorb the entire annual production of the whole country? How many papers will each such fortune represent? What have you and your kind done to deserve such inequality? How long are you going to stand it? How many more votes are you going to give the parties which harp on race-suicide and bid you breed?

Church—What is your opinion of "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table?" Gotham—Never tried it, but I guess I've sampled every other kind of breakfast food.—Yonkers Statesman.

The King of Denmark, we are told, died poor, having left a fortune of not more than \$250,000. King Christian was a very decent sort of man as royalties go, and American workmen, serene in the consciousness of their superior affluence, will remember him with kindly sympathy as they think of the hardships he must have undergone to have such a pittance to leave behind.

"Willie," said his father as he proceeded with the laying out of hands, "I am sorry to have to do this; it hurts me more than it does you." "Willie," returned the precocious youngster, resignedly, "I never did believe in these here sympathetic strikes, anyhow. They always do more harm than good."—Central Christian Advocate.

OXYGEN.

Yet another scientific discovery which promises an early revolution in general industry is announced. M. George Claude, a famous French experimentalist, has, it is stated, succeeded in separating oxygen and nitrogen from liquid air in such a way that both these elements are obtained pure and free from each other. This is done by transforming liquid air (Prof. Dewar's discovery) back into the gaseous state, in the process of which the oxygen and nitrogen evaporate at different stages and may be captured. It is declared that by this means abundant oxygen may be cheaply obtained, and by its use temperatures of a degree hitherto impossible in manufacturing processes may be made available.

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