

SEATTLE SOCIALIST HAS THE CITY JAIL CLOSED

(Mail Correspondence.) Seattle, Oct. 18.—As a result of the attempt of the Socialists to speak upon the streets of Seattle, a jail that rivaled the Black Hole of Calcutta has been closed, and thereby a bigger progress made in criminal sanitation than a dozen reform parties would have accomplished in a generation.

STATE ARMY TO "GUARD" THE LOCAL ELECTION

(Mail Correspondence.) Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 17.—In the effort to secure an honest ballot when citizens of Hanover township vote upon annexation to this city in November, it was decided by the board of trade of this city and citizens of the township today to employ members of troop B of the state constabulary. They will be stationed at the election booths.

RISE OF THE PEANUT—GUBERS AND VEGETARIANS TO THE FORE

Washington, Oct. 18.—Consul D. I. Murphy, at Bordeaux, France, taking his cue from the manufacture of class substitute for olive oil—says he is confident a very profitable business may be built up in the United States.

WOMEN TO HAVE SKYSCRAPER HAT

New York, Oct. 17.—All the girls in Mrs. Kennedy's hattery, at 15 West Thirty-ninth street, Mamma-zelles Felice Brennan and Renee Sperber and Yvonne Schmalz and Eva Bernad and Heloise McBride and the others simply gushed with information this afternoon in the tea room of the works.

STREET STEALERS ARE APPEALING TO ALDERMEN

Foiled in its attempt to get through a franchise deal, the Chicago City Railway Company has retaliated with the claim that it is being "held up" by property owners in the vicinity of Thirty-eighth street and Langley avenue.

CRIME FEST HITS CHICAGO AGAIN

The Town in the Grasp of Gun Men—Desperadoes Run Amuck

A wave of crime swept over Chicago last night and several sensational holdup and robbery cases occurred. Richard G. Stolle, 1331 North Whipple street, was attacked by two masked men in front of 615 Madison street.

COL. GREENE TO HIT A TRUST

(Mail Correspondence.) El Paso, Tex., Oct. 18.—Newspaper publishers expect that when Colonel W. C. Greene returns from New York he will start work on his paper manufacturing plant in the timber regions of Mexico.

NEW PLANS AT THE GARRICK

All patrons of the Garrick theater lectures are informed that several changes have been made for their convenience. For the benefit of the big crowd jostling in the entrance before the doors open, arrangements have been made with the management to open the doors at 10:15 instead of 10:30 as heretofore.

PENNSY BEGINS TO RETRENCH

No money will be spent by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company next year for improvements and extensions, except in cases of acute necessity. All departments of the road from the Atlantic to Chicago are affected by the new orders.

WALL STREET IN FIERCE BATTLE

New York, Oct. 18.—Wall street rushed to early rescue of itself today and succeeded in forcing fractional advances of leading stocks, but at the same time the loss in the present slump will reach billions.

IT WILL BE OVER TUESDAY, GOODY!

Seattle, Oct. 18.—Next Tuesday an earthquake will utterly destroy the United States, after which a disastrous fire will rage thirteen days in order to purify the atmosphere.

1,000 FARMERS MEET

Oklahoma City, O. T., Oct. 18.—President John N. Stahl of Chicago, in his address before the opening business session of the Farmers' National congress here today, congratulated the 1,000 delegates on the great material progress of the year.

NEW MANAGEMENT FOR WIRE STRIKE

S. J. Small, deposed president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, now admits the authority of the general executive board in suspending him, and says he will retire without trying to regain the office.

MAGILLS FREE, COURT ACTS

Decatur, Ill., Oct. 19.—After the introduction of all evidence, and after the completion of arguments of both sides, the case of Fred Magill and his wife, Faye Graham Magill, accused of the murder of Magill's first wife, Mrs. E. P. Magill, the court ordered a verdict of not guilty.

PLOT TO KILL BIG BILL TAFT

Manila, Oct. 18.—United States secret service men are investigating today a reported attempt to assassinate William H. Taft, secretary of war. Their inquiry was instituted by the report of a priest of the Jesuit college, who notified the local police that a man tried to throw a bomb at Taft while he was attending a reception at the college.

DOCK STRIKE TO BE PROLONGED

New Men from Harvest Fields of the North Are Being Brought in by Roads

(Mail Correspondence.) New Orleans, La., Oct. 18.—The dock strike is developing new features. It is stated that strike breakers will be brought in as often as possible.

MOSQUITOS KILL 250,000

New York, Oct. 18.—There are 250,000 deaths annually as the result of mosquito bites, said Dr. Edward A. Ayres, a member of the faculty of the New York Academy of Medicine.

ARMY AND NAVY EXPECTS WAR ON PACIFIC OCEAN

(Mail Correspondence.) Washington, Oct. 17.—Preparation for a hostile emergency in the Pacific is occupying the time and attention of the military and the naval authorities to such an extent that all other work has been suspended in some branches of the two services.

PLEASE "MR. COOPER" COME TO CAPTAIN O'BRIEN, THE FAMOUS SLEUTH

This is a personal letter to "Mr. Cooper," wanted in connection with the downtown "white slave" traffic. Since the Chicago Daily Socialist exposed "Mr. Cooper," and no other Chicago newspaper has had the grace to take up the fight on the open buying and selling of young girls and women in the city, it is pretty certain that "Mr. Cooper" reads this paper.

U. S. WORKERS GIVE TO OXFORD

(European Mail Correspondence.) London, Oct. 10.—William Waldorf Astor, who has already donated \$50,000 to Oxford university in response to the appeal made by Chancellor Lord Curzon some time ago, has offered to contribute another \$50,000 as soon as \$50,000 is subscribed by other persons.

MAGNATES IN JURY BRIBERY

New York, Oct. 18.—During the examination of talemens in the trial of Dr. Walter R. Gillette, former vice president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, charged with perjury, which is on here, it developed that some of the members of the special panel had been approached by a stranger after they received their jury notices.

ACTED ON APPEAL IN SOCIALIST

"Seeing your appeal in the Chicago Daily Socialist of Wednesday, we herewith enclose \$5 for your fund."

SPAIN'S MAN IS EXPELLED

Paris, Oct. 10.—Pablo Iglesias, the founder and leader of the Socialist party of Spain, was deported from France when he attempted to come to Paris to attend a meeting to protest against the Moroccan expedition.

On Easy Terms. Room 905, 153 La Salle St.
THOMAS & CO

Illinois Federation of Labor

Much is being made by the capitalist press of Chicago of the alleged defeat of the Socialists at the Rockford meeting of the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

Laying aside the question of how far the vote on any one question was a test of strength, it must be remembered that the Socialists never had possession of the Illinois Federation of Labor. Up until very recently that body was largely the private property of a few capitalist politicians who had attached themselves to the labor movement.

It was never a trades union body in any sense of the word in the past, but simply a gathering of politicians who were seeking to trade in the labor vote among the capitalist parties.

That a sufficient number of Socialists have been sent to the body this year to make it impossible to carry through the old schemes without exposure is a decided VICTORY for Socialism and the cause of Labor.

Those who are really interested in the cause of the working class, in furthering the battles of organized Labor, might gain a lesson by noticing which of the Chicago newspapers are rejoicing most heartily over the imaginary "defeat of Socialism."

THEY ARE THE SAME PAPERS THAT HAVE HELPED TO BREAK EVERY STRIKE IN CHICAGO FOR YEARS.

These are the papers that call the scab a hero, that joined in the chorus against Haywood, that at all times and in all places are on the side of capitalism and against the workers.

A mere indorsement of the Socialist Party would mean nothing. The adoption of a resolution indorsing Socialism might be equally meaningless. It takes more than resolutions to make Socialists. It takes an intelligent knowledge of the wider phases of the labor problem, and a fidelity to the cause of the working class that is willing to place that cause above immediate personal advantage when the two shall clash.

But just because the Socialist does place the cause of the workers above personal political advantage, because he objects to the use of the organized workers as political trading stock to be hawked about in the markets of their enemies, therefore he insists that steps shall be taken to deprive those who would so dicker their corrupt stock in trade.

NO ONE EVER TRADES IN THE LABOR VOTE OF GERMANY, BELGIUM, DENMARK OR AUSTRIA. NO ONE EVER HEARD OF A SOCIALIST TRADING IN THE LABOR VOTE.

This is not necessarily because the Socialists are all honest, although it is a strange fact that every faker that has been kicked out of the Labor movement of America for the last five years has been a vicious antagonist of Socialism. IT IS BECAUSE THE MEN WHO VOTE FOR SOCIALISM THINK FOR THEMSELVES AND CANNOT BE SOLD OUT.

Once a man has learned to vote for himself and his class he can no longer be used as trading stock. It is just because the trade unionists who have entered into the Socialist Party can no longer be used to betray labor and elect its enemies that that Party is fought so viciously by the labor politician.

The union man who is voting the Republican or Democratic or Independence League, or any other ticket that is financed and controlled by the exploiting class, is doing so ignorantly, and therefore can be used by the demagogic politician inside or outside the ranks of union labor.

When he has come to know that these parties are opposed to the interests of Labor, when he realizes that only by demanding control of the government and the things by which he lives can there be any hope of progress, he is lost forever to the trader in labor votes.

These are a few plain, simple facts that have been proven a thousand times. An understanding of them may help to explain some things that took place at Rockford this week.

Battling for Plunder

The Standard Oil System is just in the process of swallowing another would-be competitor—this time in the field of copper. The victim made some objections to being devoured and as a result the entire financial system of the country is in an uproar. Thousands of men are thrown out of work in the copper mines. Hundreds of little capitalists and would-be capitalists will be crushed under foot as the financial giants struggle, and in a hundred ways the working of the whole social system will be disturbed.

Harriman and Fish are engaged in another spectacular battle having the same end in view and accomplishing the same results on a somewhat smaller scale.

When the smoke of battle has cleared away enough wealth will have been wasted in the fight to finance the public schools for a year and concentration will have progressed further than a million years of trust busting could counteract.

It would be very easy to preach a long sermon and point out numerous morals. But perhaps these are so obvious that even the most casual reader can supply them. Try it.

JOIN YOUR UNION

Some time ago I read an editorial in the Chicago Socialist urging Socialists to join the Socialist Party. It was a very good editorial and pointed out clearly the necessity of joining the party.

I would like to see an editorial urging the Socialists to join their respective unions—not for the purpose of capturing the unions for Socialism and if that cannot be accomplished, to destroy them, but to join the unions for the purpose of helping the union man in his struggle against capitalist oppression.

Every victory won by organized labor is a victory for the entire working class, the union man has no confidence in Socialists that preach to him continually and call him a political scab, and they are not willing to join the union. Let them join the union. Fight with the union man. Show him that his fight is your fight. Then he will have respect for you, and will listen to what you have to say.

NO WHISKERS ON THIS JOKE.

"Mamma," said little Elsie, "do men ever go to heaven?"
"Why, of course, my dear. What makes you ask?"
"Because I never see any pictures of angels with whiskers."

"Well," said the mother, thoughtfully, "some men do go to heaven, but they get there by a close shave."—San Francisco Monitor.
A deaf old gentleman dined with a family where grace was always said. When the guests were seated the host bowed his head and began to repeat the accustomed verse in a subdued, reverent tone.
"Hush! What's that?" demanded the deaf old gentleman, who sat beside him.
The host smiled patiently and began again, in a louder, more deprecating voice.
"Speak a little louder. I don't catch what you say," the old gentleman persisted.
A low ripple of laughter went round the table. The host, his face crimson with embarrassment, raised his voice and repeated the verse. The deaf gentleman did his best to hear, but failed. He placed one hand upon his boss's arm.
"What did you say?" he demanded abruptly.
The host cast him an angry glance.
"D—n it, I'm saying grace," he snapped.—June Lippincott.

What Socialism Means

What is Socialism? What would Socialism accomplish?

These and a score of similar questions are being constantly raised by the non-socialist.

The following platform, just adopted by the Socialists of Columbus, Ohio, will answer a few of these queries:
Once more a municipal campaign is upon us. Once more you are to be asked to work yourselves into a fine frenzy over men who are no part of you and who have no interest in you except to keep you divided and harrassed and to get your votes on election day.

Once more you are to be urged, caajoled, bullied, and yes, and some of you paid a paltry pittance for shouting for artificial and unreal issues which do not concern you in the least.

Once more you are to be promised, but only promised, a crumb, while the politicians and their masters, the capitalists, take the loaf.

Once more you are going to be jollied and led to and electrified and duped. You are going to be asked to accept words in place of deeds, and a band of music and fireworks in place of argument.

And now, once more, the Socialist Party—your party and the party of working men everywhere, a party of the working class, the working class and for the working class—comes forward and tells you that the wealth of the world properly belongs to those who made it and not to those who stole it or inherited it.

Once more the Socialist party, the strongest political party in the world and the third strongest in the United States, comes forward and says, not that you are noble, intelligent, free-born American citizens, but that you are ignorant dupes and petty slaves of the wages and profit system, a system far more overbearing, far more relentless and heartless than any other system the world has ever known.

Once more the Socialist party comes forward and urges you to stand together as a class, voting for yourselves and not for your masters.

We ask you to vote the Socialist ticket on account of yourselves. That is the purpose of this document, which is more of a manifesto than a political platform. The platform of the Socialist party is always the same. It always stands for the collective ownership of the tools of industry by those who use them. It always stands for giving the working man all he produces, and is opposed to dividing up with a lot of Thawes and Rockefellers and Carnegie and Count Castellanos and other arrogant idlers. It always stands for the abolition of rent, interest, and profit, the three artificial devices by which the laboring man is robbed of four-fifths of his product. The present system gives the most pay to the most accomplished loafer. The Socialist demands a system which will give to the worker the full product of his toil.

The old parties know that their only salvation is in keeping the labor vote divided, as they have always succeeded in doing, with their labor fakers and civic federations. The Socialist party knows that the only salvation of laboring men lies in their voting together. The old parties, when they can think of no other argument, ask you to choose the lesser of two evils. The Socialist party tells you to cease choosing evils and to choose the good. There is only one way to keep from losing your vote. If you vote for something which you do not want and which will do you only harm if you get it, your vote is irrevocably lost. But if you vote for something that you do want, whether you get it or not, your vote stands forever as the record of the desire of one intelligent man who is alive to his own interests.

But a vote for the Socialist party is more than that. It serves notice on the ruling class that one more man has joined that powerful, world-wide influence which has representatives in every parliament of the Old World.

A GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

BY ALFRED WM. ARNOLD.

Each morn I hear the bell
Loud ringing o'er my head:
"Get up. Get up. Get up.
It's time to leave your bed.
Get up and go to work."

But my day's work is o'er!
Labor and strife
Has been my life;
But now I work no more.

But now I work no more.
I strive to feel content.
Rustling old age away
In the pauper's battle pent,
Content? But I must feel sad
As I sit here old and grey.
Grieving alone.

A daisy-less Joan,
On my golden wedding day,
Yes, fifty years gone by
We tied a marriage knot
A gay young man and I.
He led me from the church,
And he took me home a bride;
Come less or gain,
Pleasure or pain,
We'd meet there side by side.

We'd meet there side by side.
And many a year we wove
Our two lives into one life.
As steadfastly we strove
To keep a home together
And honestly pay our score.
All that is past
We were forced at last
To part at the workhouse door.

To part at the workhouse door.
They severed the poor old folk
Who so many years together
Had pulled in a double yoke.
I try to be patient and bear it,
I want to be cheerful and brave;
But I needs must grieve
The old man to leave,
And in solitude creep to the grave.

In solitude creep to the grave.
My children are scattered or dead,
Or can come but rarely to see me.
Being too busy earning their bread,
And my husband, though in the same
building,
Might be thousands of miles away,
So the poor old crone
Must weep alone.

On her golden wedding day.
—From London Justice.

In the United States, its vote has increased from nothing to nearly a million in less than a decade. It is not a new party. It is an old party. It is not an ineffective nonentity, but a positive reality, growing every day in power. The politicians know they lie when they say you will lose your vote by voting the Socialist ticket. There is nothing they fear so much as an aroused and organized working class marching solidly to the polls behind the Socialist banner. They know that a vote for Socialism is a more effective restraint on the arrogant rulers than ten or a hundred votes for the old parties. They prove they know it when, as in many places, they combine against the Socialist ticket. Roosevelt knows it when he utters a warning against Socialism in his message and inveighs against it in his speeches. Taft, the originator of labor injunction, knows it when he warns his beloved countrymen to beware of Socialism. Henry Clegg, the great banker and stock broker, knows it when he spends his time making anti-Socialist speeches. D. M. Parry knows it when he writes a book against Socialism. Hanna knew it when he said the next great political battle would be between the Republicans and the Socialists. The Washington Post knows it when it advises the capitalists to placate the working men by building comfortable homes for them and thus stop the steady onward march of Socialism.

Working men of Columbus and of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain. Freedom from economic slavery is within your grasp, but you must grasp it. You must yourselves reach out and take it. It will never be given to you. You must unite. You must stop being misled by the empty promises of self-seeking politicians. You must stop running after will-o-the-wisps and side issues. You must vote as you strike. You will be the slaves of the capitalist class and the employing class just so long as you are willing to be and no longer. They are governing you with the wealth you have created and are now creating. They sit in the seats of the mighty, and, while pretending to represent you, they are continually making laws to perpetuate their own power. They will sit there so long as you will tamely submit, so long as you vote for them. They will sit there until you unite to turn them out and put in your own representatives. The Socialist party is the only working man's party.

The Socialist party is primarily an international party, and realizes that the complete emancipation of the working class can only come with the final overthrow of the capitalist system of wages. In the meantime, Socialists, when elected to office, pledge themselves to work for all measures tending to that end. We therefore, in this campaign, which is purely municipal, demand the following:

Municipal ownership of all public utilities.
All public work to be done directly by the municipal government and not farmed out to private contractors.
Municipal home rule and the initiative and referendum on all legislation. The initiative-referendum and recall by which the people can initiate by petition such laws as they may wish. Also by majority vote affirm or repeal any act of the council and recall at any time any official that may not be carrying out the will of a majority.

Cleaning and sprinkling of all city streets at the expense of the city.
We demand the reduction in hours of labor for municipal employees in proportion to the installation of labor-saving machinery.

Free public parks and children's playgrounds and better seating facilities in existing public parks.
Free public baths and drinking fountains.
Free public toilets and rest rooms.

Free school books for all grades, free transportation for school children and free medical service while going to and from school.

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Women to the number of several millions have entered the industrial field with men. They are organized to be sure in the trade unions but the employers nevertheless recognizing that they have no ball, are able to force the women to work for lower wages than the men.

It is now recognized that "equal pay for equal work" depends on the ballot. Women are today living under laws in the making of which they have had no part. If they are wage earners there are laws regulating hours and sanitary conditions that they have nothing to say about. Every woman who is in the actual industrial world, every woman who is a member of a trade union will recognize without any argument the importance of the ballot.

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How will the working women of this country secure the ballot? Through the trade union movement and the Socialist Party. These are the only two forces that can and will aid the women in securing the vote. When the trade union man recognizes that the woman who works beside him in the factory can be made, by the employer, to accept lower wages because she has no ballot, that in that way a great injustice is being done to organized labor, the trade unionist will, because his interest is at stake, work for the ballot for women.

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For Home Dressmakers

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OH, JOY!

BY H. G. CREEL.

A Citizens In-Justice member one day
Remotely from the home of his childhood
And took all his union disrupting
To an organized town—wasn't
that cute?

The retail stores there all observed
Union ways.
And even gave Saturday half holidays.
He purchased no dry goods, his pantry
was bare.

The barbers were union—he cut his
own hair.
He called on the butcher shops there,
not a few,
To find that these places were union-
ized, too.

But they told him of one way up the
street
Where they thought he could buy all
kinds of scab meat.

Resolving he'd purchase the head of a
calf—
A beefsteak or pig's foot, some meat
we must have.
He trotted through the sun, oh, the
walking was hard.

And found at the butcher's—the Meat
Cutters' card.
The butcher came forward, a smile on
his face;
The enemy charged with exceeding bad
grace.

Said he, "I would purchase the head of
a calf,
But no union meat in my house will I
have."

The butcher then placed on the counter
for view
The head of a calf, but 'twas union
clear through.
"Wait just a minute," he said
with a smile.
"The head I'll convert to exactly your
style."

He picked up a cleaver, gave one
hearty blow.
And said with a wink, as he wrapped
it up slow.
"A union calf's head it no longer re-
mains,
'Twill suit you, I know, I've extracted
the brains."

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Edited by Marie Jayne

WE DEMAND THE BALLOT

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It is now recognized that "equal pay for equal work" depends on the ballot. Women are today living under laws in the making of which they have had no part. If they are wage earners there are laws regulating hours and sanitary conditions that they have nothing to say about. Every woman who is in the actual industrial world, every woman who is a member of a trade union will recognize without any argument the importance of the ballot.

But the question of the ballot comes with as great force to the mother in the home. She too is living under laws that she has had no part in making. Yet, food, water, milk, and schools for her children are regulated by laws. She also can be made to see the vital importance to her of having the ballot so that she can have a voice in determining the health of her family.

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How will the working women of this country secure the ballot? Through the trade union movement and the Socialist Party. These are the only two forces that can and will aid the women in securing the vote. When the trade union man recognizes that the woman who works beside him in the factory can be made, by the employer, to accept lower wages because she has no ballot, that in that way a great injustice is being done to organized labor, the trade unionist will, because his interest is at stake, work for the ballot for women.

The Socialist Party has always stood for the franchise for women and there is no better proof of this than that at the great Stuttgart Congress the delegates from every country of the world went back to their respective countries carrying the message that they must work as they have never worked before to secure the ballot for women. Now is the time to make an effort.

For Home Dressmakers

Discussion without action amounts to nothing. This is an old pedagogical principle and is a good one. Let the working women of this city get together and begin a movement to demand the ballot. Let them work with the only two organizations that will aid them and the day will not be far distant when the women of America like those of Finland will sit in the National Congress.

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BETWEEN TWO FIRES

The frequency with which the question of government regulation, inspection and supervision of private enterprise is debated by politicians today is a symptom of the economic changes that are taking place. At one time it was considered a theoretical question which scientific men like Herbert Spencer could amuse themselves with in showing its antagonism to "natural law." Now, in this country at least, rapid economic changes have forced it to the front as a practical issue of grave concern to capitalist parties.

The unchecked centralization of capital has called into being a Frankenstein monster that threatens the capitalist system itself. The extremes of wealth and poverty, the shameless debauchery of government, the poisoning of foodstuffs, industrial murder of childhood, the reign of graft and swindle, all these are symptoms of the utter abandon and criminal folly of a ruling class having complete away over society. Such symptoms breed unrest and distrust. They stimulate the desire to dispose of the system that breeds them. And that is dangerous to the ruling class.

On the other hand the policy of regulation is also dangerous to this same class. And between the two policies capitalist "statesmen" are continually wavering as to which is the lesser evil. In regulating private enterprise the desire is to strengthen some of the worst effects of capitalist rule or at least to quiet the timid by assuring them that the government will render such effects innocuous. But regulation is logically regarded by many of the ruling class as an impudent interference with their "legitimate" business. They prefer a career of unbridled license, with its guarantee of unrestricted plunder of the working class, to any regulation that would conceal the infamies of modern trade in order to prolong it.

Thus the capitalist class is divided over a question which originally was a theoretical one, but which events have made of great practical importance to

them. The policy of "let alone" represents the old school that considers the immediate interest of the capitalist class.

Regulation represents the new school of capitalists who hope to guard the ultimate interests of their class by a pretended interest in removing some of the evils of their own rule. In either case it is an issue that concerns the exploiters of labor alone, for both schools have in mind the best policy of keeping the workers quiet while the latter are plucked.

But the increasing class consciousness of the workers will proceed just the same regardless of which policy is triumphant. Squirm and plan and play politics as rulers may, the future, with its great promise of emancipation, belongs to the working class alone.

IN OLDEN TIMES

Few persons today stop to realize how different things were in this country a century ago. Here are a few things to think of.

Merchants wrote their letters with quill pens. Sand was used to dry the ink, as there was no blotting paper. There were no street letter boxes; letters had to be carried to the post-office. It cost 15¢ cents to send a letter from Boston to New York and 25¢ cents from Boston to Philadelphia.

Every gentleman—Washington for example—wore a queue. Many powdered their hair.

Imprisonment for debt was common. Virginia contained a fifth of the whole population of the country.

The Mississippi valley was not so well known as the heart of Africa now is.

Two stage coaches carried all the travelers between New York and Boston, and six days were required for the journey.

There was not a public library in the United States. A day laborer received 2 shillings a day.

Stoves were unknown. All cooking was done at an open fireplace.

TO THE EDITOR

A WORD TO SOCIALISTS.

I wish to write a few words to Socialists who do not and do not belong to the party, and who are in the campaign in 1908. If I should write as one with authority, lecturing and