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Next week we shall print an article on the Paris Commune, from the able pen of Comrade Benham.

If H. Gaylord Wilshire does not behave himself, he will rescue W. J. Bryan from deserved oblivion.

We wish to call attention to the article entitled "The Maison Du Peuple in Brussels," and read in connection with it the advertisement on the last page from the Rochdale co-operative association.

David Starr Jordan says he thought it was best for Stanford University that he should ask for Ross' resignation. Most people are inclined to think that now the best interests of the University and State would be subserved if the cowardly, week-kneed, servile president would resign and leave the job to some one who will have the courage to speak the truth and the manhood to defend his colleagues from the attacks of ignorant, presumptuous plutocrats.

Professor A. T. Hadley of Yale a short while ago was proclaiming that permanent trusts were impossible. Now he comes out with a nonsensical speech, talking about an emperor in Washington in thirty years, if the triumphant trusts are not checked in their onward career.

No comrade or friend should fail to be present at the meeting in celebration of the Paris Commune, to be held Monday evening, in the Temple, 117 Turk street, San Francisco. The program will consist of music, elocution and oratory.

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Doubtless more people are interested in the death of ex-President Harrison than in the deaths of the fifteen or twenty workmen who have perished during the past week while toiling at their accustomed occupations. For that reason the dailies may be justified in giving so much space to the event. But, for our part, we believe that the numerous fatal yet preventable accidents which day after day bring sorrow and desolation to the hearths of workmen should be of far more concern to the poor.

THE PROLETARIAN PROGRAM.

The labor program for the twentieth century is as follows: To organize the yet unorganized workers, to build up national and international unions, to make our unions more effective, to protect the interests of the toilers, to promote their welfare by all possible methods, to safeguard every step we have already gained.

If there is anything pitiable in this world it is the slave, who, suffering in his bondage, never attempts to throw off the yoke but merely seeks to procure pads that it may gall and blister him a little less. Today all wage-workers are wage-slaves. The iron laws of

economics bind them as firmly as ever did the iron manacles of the Southern planter. The leathern lash of Legree, the slave-driver in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was far less fearful an instrument to drive men to the hardest and most degrading toil than the lash of hunger or the fear of want, which is wielded by the modern employer when he threatens his rebellious "hands" with loss of employment unless they bow to his will and obey his dictates.

The "labor program" of Gompers is a fit illustration of the lack of true ideals and adhesion to totally insufficient measures which characterizes the unenlightened workingman. It seems to contemplate an organization of the workers which shall accept the wages-system as its basis and endeavor within those narrow bounds to get the best possible wages and the shortest hours.

To understand this more clearly it must be remembered that "labor produces all wealth"; that the wealth labor produces is divided into two parts; one part of this comes back to labor as wages, the other goes to the capital as profit. It is evident, then, that the greater the share of labor, wages, the less must be the share of capital, profit.

So long as the system of industrial warfare continues, the conflict between the combined hordes of the plutocracy and the organized battalions of the proletariat cannot cease. Scarcely, even, may there be an armed truce.

Each army will be on the qui vive for a favorable opportunity to strike a heavy decisive blow at its antagonist. It is strategy of the most ridiculous kind to merely fight battles with no definite object in view, no vital point to conquer and thus end the campaign. No army was ever yet marshaled which set out merely to fight battles.

No! Labor can never quietly rest under the domination of capital. The working class, growing and developing, the only productive and progressive class in the nation cannot abandon the administration of industry nor the product of its labor into the hands of the parasitic capitalist class.

HEAD OFF THE CONSPIRATORS.

I have read with interest in the ADVANCE of March 9th, the article entitled, "The Conspiracy Against Liberty." The writer thereof dug vigorously down below the surface of things, unmasking the insidious approaches of the great enemy of liberty and justice.

Capitalism, however, is something more than a conspirator. The instinct of justice is strong within it, in spite of the fact that it thrives by injustice. It understands the law of compensation. It musters to its service the best brains that can be bought for money.

In Capitalism's method of dealing with its advocates the wage-workers have a valuable object lesson. Those of them who proclaim themselves Socialists should not be slow to profit by that lesson. To check Capitalism, to advance Socialism, there must be a vast work of education, organization, discipline.

Socialist organizer should wear good clothes and clean linen, keep himself shaved and cleanly; in fact, should have the appearance of a well-bred and prosperous man. If he have a slouchy and povert-stricken appearance he will be credited only with being a sore-headed calamity-howler, whose zeal for Socialism is proportioned to his lack of life's necessities.

The organization of Socialism lags in California. It is the same throughout the country. We read of a few sections being chartered each week—a half-dozen or so—but there should be from fifty to seventy-five sections organized weekly in the United States.

Here in California we need an active State Organizer who will devote all his time to the work. "But we haven't the means to employ him." Oh, yes, you have, Comrades. Over seven thousand votes were cast in California for Debs and Harriman. Five cents a month from each voter will give you over \$350 a month for organizing purposes.

Socialists believe in co-operation. Socialists know that economic justice will not be found this side of the co-operative commonwealth. Shall we not then earnestly co-operate to hasten its coming?

Capitalist Labor Lates

Courts of New York Knock Out the 'Prevailing Rate of Wages' Law.

A dispatch from Albany, dated February 26th, decided that the law providing that contractors performing work on municipal or other public contracts shall pay the rate of wages prevailing in the locality where the work is performed, is unconstitutional, and in disposing of the question settled a number of disputes which have arisen between contractors and the authorities in New York City, involving the payment of \$6,000,000.

IT IS WORTH WHILE FOR WORKINGMEN TO REMEMBER THAT, OF THE TWO JUSTICES WHO WROTE THE OPINIONS ABROGATING THE LAW, DENNIS O'BRIEN IS A DEMOCRAT AND JUDSON S. LONDON IS A REPUBLICAN. PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT FOR REFERENCE WHEN THESE TWO PARTIES ASK YOU FOR YOUR VOTES NEXT FALL.

IN THE Industrial Arena

BY JOS. J. NJEL.

Wage-workers, who belong to any trade that is not yet organized should send their names and addresses to the "Labor Editor," less names will be classified into their respective trades and as soon as enough are obtained of any occupation, a meeting will be called and a union organized. All unions organized through the medium of "ADVANCE" will be affiliated with the Labor Council and the American Federation of Labor.

Reporters or news gathering for the daily papers is a trade. The reporters work with their feet, other mechanics with their hands, that's the only difference. Some time ago one or two of the boys in Denver with brains out of swaddling clothes, awoke to the fact that reporting had ceased to be a profession, and being a trade should be organized as a trade.

These men with the nose for news wait day after day for a "detail" for which they receive two dollars. Sometimes when there is a rush of news a man may get three details a week. This nets him six dollars. To get even this he must be a person of exceptional ability and tireless energy.

And what a force for good these men would be if they could only realize that they are workmen just as much as the workmen who build houses or bake bread, only less useful, less necessary.

For socialism their influence would be of the greatest service. They are in the position and they have the knowledge; all they want to make themselves felt is the organizations. The time is coming when our movement will appeal to these clear-eyed young victims of early cynicism.

Labor and Politics.

Written for ADVANCE by JOHN PENNY.

ACCIDENTS TO WORK-PEOPLE IN 1900.

According to the statistics compiled by the Labor Department of the Board of Trade, no less than 4,823 work-people met with fatal accidents while at work in 1900.

Of these 4,823 people, 1,889 were engaged in the shipping trade, 1,049 in mining, 626 on the railways, and 802 in factories.

The number of non-fatal accidents was also very large in 1900, being 104,354, as compared with 96,248 in 1899, 79,869 in 1898, 63,905 in 1897, and 57,472 in 1896.

TRADE UNIONISM IN FRANCE.

At the end of 1899, there were 2,685 trade unions in France, the total membership of which was 492,647, an increase of 73,000 as compared with the previous year.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

The recent judgment by Justice Wills and Kennedy to the effect that School Boards have no power to spend money on science and art classes has aroused a storm of indignation throughout the country.

LONDON WATER.

The London Water Companies—there are eight altogether, making a total profit of over a million a year—are at present trying to get Parliamentary powers to compel users of water to put certain improved fittings in their premises.

MUNICIPAL TAILORING.

At a recent meeting of the Bradford Corporation it was proposed that a committee should be appointed to inquire into the advisability of establishing a municipal tailoring department which would make the clothing for the employees of the corporation.

AMALGAMATED.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS.

This is a union which is making good progress and it has achieved several important successes for the men. According to the secretary's statement at Nottingham the other night it is seeking to secure a weekly wage of 30s. for principal instruments and 27s. 6d. for second instruments in second-class places of amusement.

Statistics have been published relating to infant mortality in Austria and Hungary. Out of 100 children no less than 38.12 per cent die in Hungary before they are five years of age, and 34.97 per cent in Austria.

The Russian government has decided that the Finnish recruits shall now be liable to serve in any part of the empire. By this measure the last remnant of Finnish home rule is taken away.

CALIFORNIA ITEMS.

Local Los Angeles has organized a Karl Marx Debating Club, which meets every Wednesday evening. The following officers of the Club were elected: President, P. D. Noel; Secretary, Chas. H. Ross; Critic, Clifford McMartin.

Comrade James S. Roche, one of the most active workers for our cause on the Pacific Coast, has removed from Los Angeles to San Bernardino, where he will start in business.

Some of the merchants of Los Angeles have taken up a private subscription and engaged a band to play in the Sixth Street Park every day, claiming it was for the benefit of the tourists.

Pasadena in the Field.

Editor ADVANCE: The Social Democrats of Pasadena have again entered the field for the coming municipal election with a full city ticket, as follows:

For Mayor, Dr. Elias Smith; for City Clerk, D. E. De Lape; for Treasurer, E. F. Ralphs; for members of the City Council—First Ward, Joseph Stevenson; Second Ward, M. S. Plant; Third Ward, Carl J. Holdoff; Fourth Ward, Amos Bye; at large, J. J. Patton.

The Auditing Committee are L. W. Whitehead, O. T. Fellows, J. C. Allen, H. Palmer, A. J. Bramley.

These nominations were made at a mass convention, which adopted the following platform:

First—We demand that the full power of the city shall be exercised in providing employment for its unemployed citizens. Second—Adequate school facilities for every child of school age in the city, including free books for all, and clothing and meals where necessary.

Third—That adequate medical and hospital care be provided free by the city for the sick and injured.

Fourth—We demand that the contract system in public works be entirely abolished, and that all work for the city be paid for at full or union wages.

Fifth—We demand that the city obtain possession of the waterworks, gas and electric light plants, the street car lines, and all industries requiring municipal franchises.

Sixth—We demand that the city provide free public baths, gymnasia, parks and boulevards, and that seats or resting places and toilet facilities be provided in public places.

There is a strong sentiment in Pasadena for the municipal ownership of water, but through the influence, apparently, of parties interested in the various water companies the way is blocked and little progress is made in that direction.

"O. T. FELLOWS."

City Central Committee

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Central Committee of Local San Francisco of S. D. P., held at Labor Bureau, Wednesday evening, March 6th, Comrade Bardun, Chairman.

Bill of \$4 for rent of piano; ordered paid. The report of Standing Committees, Secretary of Board of Advance and of delegates from the District clubs was received.

Moved and carried that the Auditing Committee be instructed to make an inventory of all the property belonging to Local San Francisco.

The Propaganda Committee was advised to advertise the Paris Commune meeting, to be held next Monday night at Turk Street Temple.

A motion was passed that the Debating Club continue its meetings and that a new program be arranged immediately.

It was moved and carried that an extra 150 sets of papers be ordered for the May Day celebration.

Comrade Spring of Los Angeles, who had just returned from his labors as Organizer in Washington State, was warmly welcomed and requested to speak.

A motion was passed that a committee of four be appointed to look for suitable headquarters for the party.

Respectfully, ANNA STRUNSKY, Sec.

REVIEWS

We have received two books from Chas. H. Kerr & Co. "What Socialists Would Do if Elected in this City," by A. M. Simon, is the first one, outlining the municipal program in Chicago, and valuable also for other cities.

"The Folly of Being Good" is the second pamphlet. It is written by Chas. H. Kerr and is addressed to the young swains and maidens of the land. The relativity of the morality of specified forms of conduct is well explained.

The International Socialist Review.

The March number of the "International Socialist Review" will be superior both in quantity and quality to any previous numbers. It will contain eighty pages instead of sixty-four, having been permanently enlarged to that extent.

Maison du Peuple of Brussels.

groceries for a week after their confinement. Besides this, libraries and educational advantages are provided by the larger Maisons du Peuple for the benefit of their members.

We also have on Zeo's authority the facts that these larger Maisons du Peuple have brought down the price of bread to such an extent that many of the smaller bakers have disappeared; that at Brussels, Ghent, Antwerp, and Liege they regulate the bread market; that their products are subjected to rigorous analysis and criticism; that they have introduced in their establishment an eight-hour day worked on the system of three shifts; that their staff participate in the profits of the undertaking; that they have encouraged the organization of their staff, which, as a union, discusses, examines and proposes measures likely to be of benefit to the working of the undertaking; that they are able to subsidize the workers during strikes and to help forward educational and social ideals in the interests of the workers.

Zeo further gives a list of the conditions necessary to success in similar undertakings, and it may be of interest to reproduce them for the benefit of English comrades. They might, he says, be called the commandments of collectivist co-operation:

- 1. Sell only for ready money. 2. Do not sell at the lowest rates, but sell only goods of the best quality. 3. Adhere to the federation of co-operative societies. 4. Allow employees, managers and staff a share in the profits. 5. Distribute the profits according to the amount of purchases. 6. Give all one's custom to the co-operative trading center. 7. Interest the co-operators, especially the women, in the management of the business, and in social questions, and instruct them. 8. Exercise a serious control over the business through the intermediary of a commission, of a trusted administrative council, and by the aid of a clear and simple form of book-keeping.

This practical set of rules are of value as coming from the Secretary of the Federated Societies of Belgian Co-operatives, and that their application has contributed largely to the success of the collectivist co-operators in Belgium no one can doubt who has visited the Maisons du Peuple in Brussels and other centers, and who has studied their administration and watched the results of their political and social propaganda.—D. B. M., in London "Social Democrat."

reach the crowd and are so successful, if used by the Socialists would give the same results. We have a world of living, breathing men and women to convert to our principles. These young journalists have had their fingers on the public pulse of this world.

A wiser body of men than the intelligent reporters are the brewers. They have learned how to stick together. Formerly they were treated to "details" and other things that brought as poor pay. They endured it as long as they thought necessary, then they rebelled. The rebellion was a short one; they were wise enough not to ask for too much and they won.

Men who used to believe in the tactics born in the teeming brain of this "professor" are every day turning from the darkness towards the light. The latest is George Bauer, late of the A. L. P. He organized the butchers of this city and was elected secretary.

We have it on good authority that Wolf & Frank got out an injunction to restrain the clerks from walking up and down the pavement in front of their store. These predatory haberdashers, Wolff & Frank, who came here from nowhere in particular and are bound, eventually, to the same place, started out with the determination of fighting organized labor in this city.

To correspondents: C. Ross, Los Angeles, and others: Thank you for your appreciation. S. A. Stockton.—The bakery teamsters really won their strike. B. R.—The bakery wagon drivers are already organized.

When the South Carolina house rejected the bill to restrict child labor in the cotton mills it passed a resolution for the appointment of a commission to investigate the conditions of child labor in factories and report to the next session. But the senate, having passed a child labor bill, has rejected this house resolution on the ground that no further information on the subject is needed.

When purchasing goods see that they bear the union label.

