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The Sioux City Tribune (ind.) roasts the "stand pat" protectionist and charges him with inconsistency when he says: "We do not believe in government ownership. There are too many parasites feeding at the people's table now."

"From the standpoint of strict justice," says the Tribune, "the government should not feed anybody; from the standpoint of the stand pat protectionist it should feed the parasites and no one else; while from the standpoint of the Socialist it should feed all alike. Plainly this leaves the stand pat organ in an untenable position; there is no just middle ground between the first and last proposition. Why should the government make parasites out of the private monopolies and compel the people to feed them? The people demur, and demand that the government either wipe out private monopoly or buy it up for the common use of the public. That is Socialism or government ownership. The monopolies themselves are working for Socialism today; the policy that made the monopolies is working for government ownership, and the organs that are standing pat on the policy are actually aiding their labor to the same end.

"The time will come when the fight must be waged between those who demand absolute and complete cessation of partnership between the government and private interests and those who insist that the government should take over private interests and run them itself for the benefit of all. And when that time comes the stand pat protectionist organ will be on one side or the other. It ought to be now, to be consistent. Meanwhile it is promoting the cause of Socialism."

It has been well said, "Consistency thou art a jewel." But to ask it of a protectionist organ or any other organ that supports such a bundle of contradictions as the competitive system is to ask the impossible. However, as pointed out by the Tribune, all roads lead to Socialism these days.

Comrade J. J. Jacobsen, of Des Moines, writes the movement is booming in that city. "We are securing some valuable converts from the single tax camp, and our meetings are developing more and more interest and more talent is coming forward to the cause every month. I think Des Moines could afford to trade several speakers for as many workers, which would, perhaps, be an improvement all around."

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A darkened age,  
Then a flash of thought;  
A printed page  
With a message fraught.  
A chord, perhaps,  
Or a soul in stone;  
A fable, tale,  
In a ringing tone.  
A problem solv'd  
That vexed the age;  
An honor'd place  
On history's page.  
A falling throne  
And freedom bought,  
A clicking key  
"What hath God wrought!"  
A willing slave  
Of old Nature made,  
A new truth taught  
Or an old ghost laid.  
The world apace  
In its ceaseless toil:  
Was it capital?  
Or was it toil?

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All this anti-trust legislation we hear so much of is about as sensible as the Pope's bull against the comet. The effect in this latter instance will be the same as in the former.

Commenting on Father McGrady's resignation of his pastorate, the Catholic Transcript says: "The church is the best social philosopher. What she inculcates is safe." Safe for capitalism, yes; that's a cinch.

According to the statistics of a report on the subject made to Congress by Dr. Arthur McDonald, crime of all kinds has been increasing faster than the population during the past thirty years. Is our civilization to be plunged into an age of gloom similar to those following the downfall of former civilizations? Socialism alone will prevent it.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—While the industrial situation is not as bad as it has been, it is still bad enough to make certain a very large emigration this year. Not the lowest classes will leave, but those having a little means and desiring to escape the fear of no work at all. The Socialist vote at the next election is going to surprise both its friends and enemies.

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Those short-sighted men who say Socialism is all right but that it is too far away should stop and look back ten or fifteen years and note the great changes that have taken place. Socialism will come just as soon as the people want it.

The Trades and Labor Assembly of Burlington recently adopted by unanimous vote the following resolution: "Resolved, That we request the different unions to set apart one meeting each month for the general discussion of economics."

The average length of life among the rich and well-to-do is over fifty years, while among the working class, in some trades, it is as low as twenty-nine. Sure thing, hard work is good for the individual. Smoke up, Prof. Eliot, and give us another.

Brooklyn Socialists challenged S. B. Dutcher, who is president of the National Economic League, expressly organized to combat Socialism, to a debate. Mr. Dutcher declined. Of course. That would be too fair, to give the Socialists a chance. Mr. Dutcher and his league do not propose to fight that way. It is always the method of the coward to stab a man in the back.

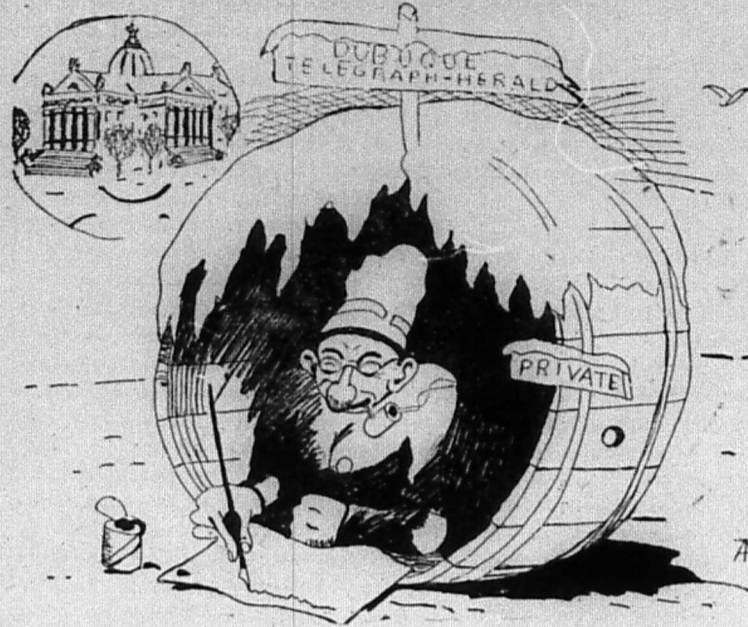
Theodore Mommsen, who is perhaps the foremost living historian, says of the Socialist party of Germany: "I have never been a Socialist and do not expect to be one; but it is unfortunately true that at the present time the Socialist party is the only great party worthy of respect. Nothing need be said of talent; everybody in Germany knows that with a head like Bebel's a dozen East Elbe military conservatives could be fitted out with brains that would make them shine among their fellows. The devotion and self sacrifice of the Socialist masses impresses even those who do not share their principles."

"The good trusts should be fostered and the bad trusts should be curbed," says the reform quack. Who ever heard of a good trust? It is true there is good in trusts. And that is their abolition of the wastes of competition, thus lessening the labor required to produce a given result. Anything that does that is good. However, at present this good is perverted, in that it is used to enrich a few and, through private ownership, exploit the many. Under Socialism the policy of the trust in abolishing competition and thus reducing the cost of production to the lowest point would be carried out in full, but the result of this would accrue to all the people, not to a few.

Of late there has been such an unusually large number of fatal railway accidents that even the capitalist press is howling about it. Well, what else could you expect, you idiots, with your crazy system? You parallel tracks in order to create competition and then run trains each way on both and shoot them into each other every once in a while. To meet the competition thus created you cannot afford to use safety devices and because children can be employed more cheaply, kids are hired as operators and train dispatchers, and are compelled to work such long hours that they fall asleep at their posts. Then there is the law of the "survival of the fittest."

Perhaps these railway victims are not fit to survive. Then again, as Malthus would say, this may be one of nature's methods of preventing the over-population of the earth. What would become of this old world, anyway, if a lot of people were not killed off every day? And then again, it may be the will of God.

There will be a great change, that's true, but even editors will be able to adapt themselves to the new conditions



Editor T.-H.—(writing) "Socialism in any of its varied forms would be for the good of the people if human nature were so constructed that it would adjust itself to the new conditions."

## Comrades of Iowa!

The next gubernatorial election in Iowa is only a few short months away. A presidential election will be held next year. Do you realize the importance of preparing for these contests now? What better foundation for the work to come can be laid than placing The Iowa Socialist in the home of every toiler in Iowa? If the subscription price can be reduced to twenty-five cents per year in clubs this can be done, and with your help we purpose doing it. We cannot do it with our present facilities. However, there is still a large amount of the stock of The Iowa Socialist Publishing Co. for sale at \$5.00 per share. If this can be sold, down comes the price of the paper. Don't you think you can afford to buy at least one share? Of course you can. Don't delay, but do it now.

Are you still hustling for subscribers for The Iowa Socialist?

The fusionists got a black eye at the national committee meeting.

Headquarters of the national committee have been removed to Omaha.

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Socialists always court the closest investigation of their principles and program. If we are wrong we want to be "shown."

In an article in the Southern Mercury J. O. Parker, of Louisville, Ky., advises all the reform forces of the country to unite with the Socialist party.

Although the Socialist resolution introduced at the miners convention at Indianapolis was turned down, there were over 200 delegates who voted for it.

Since the democratic party is going to give us "government" and "municipal" ownership, the Socialists can now confine themselves strictly to Socialism.

If you want to boom Socialism and there is no other way open to you, buy a share of stock in The Iowa Socialist Publishing Co. Five dollars a share; non-assessable.

"Woman's work gives most joy," says Prof. Eliot, of Harvard. Guess it does—to the capitalist. Also that of little children. 1,199,000 women and children work in the factories of this country.

Correspondence for this paper intended for the issue of any particular week must be in this office not later than Wednesday morning. Several belated communications were left out of this issue.

Are you really sincere in your desire to see the co-operative commonwealth established and wage slavery and its resulting misery and poverty abolished. If you are, then join a branch of the Socialist party and hustle.

Is the German Emperor trying to rush headlong into a war in order that he may be able to use the old trick of appealing to the patriotism of his subjects and thus divert their attention from problems in which they are just beginning to see they are vitally interested? To a man on the fence that appears to be his game. Will the old trick work? Perhaps, and then again, perhaps not.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Anna McGowan, 70 years old, who for years has lived alone in a small frame cottage at 2020 La Salle street, was the victim of a brutal assault shortly after 7 o'clock last night at the hands of James Conboy, alias O'Neill, an ex-convict, who the police believe tortured the old woman in an effort to force her to reveal the hiding place of the savings of a life time which she is thought to have concealed in her home.

Unable to defend herself, Mrs. McGowan is said to have been dragged about her rooms by the hair, struck repeatedly in the face and breast and subjected to other treatment of the most brutal kind by Conboy and the police say, owes her life only to the fact that her cries for assistance were heard by Officer Charles Masterson of the Twenty-second street police station.

Officer Masterson forced his way into the cottage and encountered Conboy in the hall attempting to escape. Conboy grappled with the officer and then followed a desperate struggle. Officer Masterson finally succeeded in overpowering Conboy and took him to the station where he was locked up on a serious charge.

Whatever may be said of the incentive for gain under Socialism, there is certainly no lack of it now, and it's a good, strong, healthy incentive at that.

Wm. Maily, of Massachusetts, who was secretary of the organization in that state and had charge of the record-breaking campaign in that state last fall, when over 33,000 votes were cast, was elected national secretary by the national committee at its annual meeting in St. Louis last week. The committee is to be congratulated on its selection of Comrade Maily for this important position. His successful management of the Massachusetts campaign leads us to predict a rousing year for Socialism. Capitalism will do well to give its trousers an extra hitch or two.

## A Pipe Dream, of Course



Waggles—When I was in de co-operative commonwealth de udder day I was bubblin' along in de park in my new auty-mobeeel—  
Raggles—Aw, fade away! Shuffle dat deck an' take anudder draw.

# X RAYS

By JOHN M. WORK

If you are a Socialist, get in and drill.

If you are a Socialist, join the branch in your locality.

If there is no branch in your locality, organize one and send to the state secretary for a charter.

Don't go to bed a single night without being able to say that you have done something during the day for the furtherance of the cause.

It is undoubtedly true that there are many people exploiting the farmer besides the landlord and the loan company. The elevator, the railroad, the commission merchant, the manufacturers and dealers in agricultural implements, the local merchants, and others demand and receive each a slice of his product. These latter exploitations are, however, largely indirect and are therefore not so easily realized by the victim. But there is nothing indirect about the exploitation by the landlord and the loan company. When the farmer scoops corn and oats into the landlord's bin he knows perfectly well that he is parting with the product of his toil. Likewise when he scoops cash into the loan company's bin. Consequently it is easy to convince him that these two exploiters have their grip on him. In 1900 there were over two hundred thousand more of incumbered farms in the United States than there were in 1890. In 1890, 28.4 per cent of the farmers were renters. In 1900, 35.3 per cent of them were renters. It will be seen from these figures that the coming of the time when exploitation by landlord and loan company will affect the great majority of the farmers is not quite as far away as the next ice age, as has been alleged.

"Referendum" is very witty. A correspondent asks it how the Socialists are going to carry out the constitution. It answers that we are going to carry it out on a dung fork. A correspondent of the Coming Nation asks a similar question and it replies that with a few minor changes the constitution will do very well. This was not so witty, but it was much more wise, although I should be inclined to doubt whether the changes, though few, will be minor. The constitution of the United States was an advanced document for its day. There were some men in the constitutional convention who were exceedingly long headed. They seem to have foreseen that posterity would be compelled to accept ideas which could not at that time have been pounded into the heads of the people. In making the very best compromise they could with the conservative element they left us peaceable means of altering our institutions. The general welfare clause seems to have been designed for just such use as ours. For a century it has been misconstrued by the courts, but Socialist judges will see that the right construction is placed upon it. With it to help us, the changes we will need to make in the constitution will be changes in construction, not amendments to the constitution. This is very fortunate, for it requires an enormous majority of the voters of the land to amend the constitution. Our friends in the constitutional convention of 1787 have made it possible for us to introduce Socialism by a mere majority vote, instead of the overwhelming majority required to amend the constitution. We ought to be rather proud that we have so flexible a constitution. The venerable document has come in for a good deal of aspersion. But the trouble has been much more with the construction of it than with the document itself. The general welfare clause and the clause under which the courts have arrogated to themselves the power to declare laws unconstitutional have had an interesting history. They have been made to mean

precisely the opposite of what they do mean. But that is too long a story to enter into now.

Bishop Potter in his new work, "The Citizen in His Relation to the Industrial Situation," deplors the cleavage of the people into classes. "Almost the worst enemy to the progress of human society is the spirit of caste; and the tragic element in the constitution of our modern social structure is that, under forms of government that profess long ago to have removed and abandoned it, it still rears its head in forms more insolent and more mischievous than any that in any age in human history it has assumed." Well, Bishop Potter, what are you going to do about it? Do you think this state of affairs is merely accidental? Do you think it just happened to be that way? Or is there some good reason for it? If there is a good reason for it, why not go to work to wipe out the cause, instead of howling about the effect? The classes and the class struggle will continue just as long as one class has an economic advantage over another, just as long as society sanctions the exploitation of one class by another. If society wants to rid itself of classes and the class struggle it can do so by establishing economic equality, or, in other words, Socialism.

You know we are all to be slaves under Socialism. We are to be tame and docile machines, with no originality, individuality, or power of initiative. We are to be flat and vapid. Men are to be womanish and women worse than nothing. You know we find that this is already the case in the public service, in the services which have already been socialized. What a lot of miserable slaves our letter carriers are, for instance. They don't even have sense enough to follow one another around over the various routes like the milkman, the iceman, the groceryman, etc., who have not yet become slaves. They are such egregious asses that they divide up the territory, each one delivering mail in a specified territory instead of dogging the footsteps of some other carrier. And then, our firemen, what wretched cowards they are. When the Hotel Royal in New York burned four firemen on the roof of a six story building across the alley saw a man in one of the fifth story windows of the hotel, cut off from all escape except through the window. One of the firemen, a captain, gave a hurried order to the other three. They grasped his ankles and he hung head downward from the roof and ordered the man in the window to jump and catch his hands. The order was obeyed. But the three men on the roof found that they could not pull up the double weight. By a superhuman effort the captain swung his human burden to and fro like a pendulum until he came up even with the roof and one of the men above dragged him safely on. This shows what a namby-pamby set of weaklings we have in the public service. You see how degenerating it is to work for the public.

They say the Socialists indulge in intolerant abuse of successful men. We never yet abused a successful man. A successful man is a man who has done as much good in the world as possible. We do not abuse that kind of men. Whenever we make the mistake of abusing anyone at all we abuse men who are miserable failures, in other words, men who have wasted their lives attempting to make a fortune. However, it is not true that Socialists make a habit of abusing anybody. The instances in which abuse is used are the exceptions. People who are very touchy and critical often mistake illustration for vituperation. We use men of prominence to illustrate our meaning frequently, but we very seldom abuse them. We fight the system, not the men.

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### Mr. Vollmer, of Davenport

By The Observer

Henry Vollmer, of Davenport, is the latest to enter the lists against Socialism. The democrats of Blackhawk county recently held a pow-wow to celebrate the anniversary of their patron saint, "Old Hickory." Quite a number of prominent democrats were present, among them Mr. Vollmer. Can this be the same Henry Vollmer who in 1896 denounced the Chicago platform as revolutionary, anarchistic and incendiary—the Chicago platform that is as mild as a cooing dove compared to the platform the democrats are getting ready to promulgate in 1904 and which the valiant Henry will undoubtedly support. Mr. Vollmer paid his respects to the Socialists. It was the duty of the democratic party, he said, to educate the masses of the people regarding the absurdities of Socialism. They should demand of the Socialists as did Bismarck in that famous debate in the reichstag, "What is your program? What do you intend to do?" He himself had met and vanquished some of the most prominent Socialists in the country. (Wonder who they were.) "Who would be poet and who hod carrier under Socialism?" shrieks Mr. Vollmer. Poets are born, not made. There are plenty of rhymesters in the United States, but how many real poets? In the opinion of the writer there are but two—Edwin Markham and James Whitcomb Reilly. As to hod carrier—well, we might let Mr. Vollmer have that job. If he were willing to take it, he would probably do more useful work in one day than he has ever done hitherto. Seriously speaking, however, under Socialism each person would choose his occupation. If there were no vacancy in the line of business he desired to follow, he would have to wait until a vacancy occurred. Meantime, he would be given employment at something else, and as the remuneration would be the same in every industry it would probably not be a difficult matter to satisfy the average individual. As to the disagreeable labor, it could be made attractive by lessening the hours of employment. If this failed, then each one would have to do it in turn.

Mr. Vollmer desires to know the program of the Socialists. Our program is contained in our national platform, which was the same in 1900 that it was in 1896, and will be the same in 1904. Can Mr. Vollmer say the same for the democratic party?

And now having given a fair answer to Mr. Vollmer's questions, we presume the gentleman will permit us to submit a few. Can you tell us, Mr. Vollmer, what will be the democratic platform for 1904? What was the platform of the Iowa democracy in the recent campaign? You repudiated the Kansas City platform, and as the platform of each national convention is supposed to be the party faith until the next national convention, by repudiating the Kansas City platform, the Iowa democracy now have no platform. What does the democratic party in Iowa represent anyhow? Don't answer too hastily, Mr. Vollmer. Take plenty of time.

By the way, how would it do for the comrades in Davenport to arrange a debate between Mr. Vollmer and the first Socialist speaker who comes along. What rare fun it would be—for the Socialists.

### Some Hot Shot

Mr. Schwab that great steel trust lobster has a daily salary of \$3,205. If an average man's wage would even be \$2.00 a day (but it is not that) it would take 1,602 men to earn what this one shirker alone receives. Why is this? Has this man got the brains of 1,602 men. Probably he has all the brains of these so-called "pure and simple union men" (who seem to have none), who still vote to continue this system under which

such is possible. Simpletons! Vote your capitalistic tickets right along, vote for the democratic jackass one day and the republican elephant the next, it does not make any difference for those two are in partnership anyhow, for after the election the democratic jackass will kick you down and the republican elephant will sit on you for the next four years and all you get is that which has passed through its bowels. In four years he will release you for a few minutes to tell you what prosperity you had and to ask you to cast your ballot for him again for the next four years, and then get back to your old place under the elephant's hind quarters. Keep this up till your soul passes from you and you are carted on a dung wagon to the potter's field. Or probably the capitalists will discover a better use for your carcass and will feed you to the hogs to make more pork to sell. Keep on voting this way and the capitalists will even make something out of you after you are dead.

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# Individuality



In public print and in conversations often may be noted the prophecies respecting the evils that would arise under Socialism. These are put forth as serious reasons why the oncoming of Socialism should be vigorously withstood. It is generally admitted that great and serious evils already exist and the problem is how to combat and overcome them. Anyone cognizant of the trend of events cannot but view them with concern as carrying us rapidly back toward monarchy and despotism. It is a tenet of one of the ancient religions that at death the individual goes back into the great ocean of life, losing all individuality—as a drop of water falling into the ocean. This is a thought to us forbidding in the extreme. History carries us back to a time when the individual lost his individuality in the great mass of humanity with the exception of the ruler and a few of his nearest dependents. This was a condition with which the present age indeed stands in favorable contrast. To go back to that condition would certainly be a calamity. But not a few, and of the best and ablest, of men are concerned and think that there is great necessity to combat the tendency with wisdom and might. But is it true that one of the tenets of Socialism is that the individual shall give up his individuality and be wholly swallowed up in the mass of humanity and possess no longer his individuality or personal liberty? If this were true, certainly it would be the duty of every individual and the public press to warn the people to avert such a calamity. Individuality, personal liberty, freedom to follow one's own will is the nature of all life from the lowest plane to the highest. A worm held in the fingers of the sportsman struggles for freedom. It has been the struggle of human beings from earliest times. Rivers of blood have been shed to gain this blessing for humanity. Who is ready or willing to lay down the weapons of this warfare and consider the battle lost? Not the Socialist! No! Socialism stands for the principle of human liberty and regards the battle yet on, not to be over until the victory is won.

But let the inquiry be sincerely made: Where is there personal liberty today? It has been said that "all men are born free and equal." Is it by anyone denied? Is it a fact? In many quarters, outside of the ranks of Socialists, it is denied. And those who will assert it to be a fact simply show their ignorance in any wise it may be considered. Men are not born free and equal. This statement challenges contradiction. In the first place every individual is born in a dependent state, and he never in his life time escapes it. He never becomes independent, absolutely. He has a measure of independence and a certain degree of individuality. But he is not, and cannot be, absolutely independent. He has his individuality, but not free from every other individual. This, it will be said, is granted and is not what is meant. This would be under Socialism just as it is now. But, it is said, this is meant, that the person will be subject to the will and dictation of others, who will say to one do this and to another do that, and the individual will have no privilege of choosing. Let it be granted at present. Would that be different from what it is now? A statement that it would, would display such a degree of ignorance of present conditions of the laboring classes that we cannot impute the statement to anyone. In what department of labor is a man free to choose what he shall do and what not do? What he shall work at in any department of labor? Can a blacksmith at will enter a watch factory and go to making watches? Can a carpenter take a seat at will upon a tailor's bench and work at that business? Enough. "Every man to his trade." But are the trades open to any man who may wish—even though he be an expert in that trade? To say that he or she can so enter, and have employment, is also only to display ignorance of existing labor conditions. Not merely in the commonest fields, but even in any of the professions, is there one in which there is not a surplus? If so, why this call constantly for legislation hedging these various professions with conditions, making it more difficult

for any to enter and practice in them? Why this ease with which strikes can be broken if our legislators will only open and keep open the gates for the entrance of the unemployed, who are so very hungry for an opportunity to work that they will take it even under the severest conditions—worse than the slave conditions of the South. The crowded state and evils of the labor world are widely admitted and a united effort is being made by themselves, by organization, and each of the political parties admit that there is necessity of something being done, and aver that if these will only all unite and vote them into power that they can and will enact laws that will secure and protect their interests by delivering them out of this land of bondage and out of the hands of their taskmasters. But what, so far, has been done? Are the conditions of the labor world today worse than it has ever yet been? No. They are not as bad as they have been, nor as bad as they might be. But they are not as good as they could and should be. Does not every man want to better his conditions? Competition in all the varied forms of life answers. Will Socialism better the condition of the individual in respect to his individuality? In respect also of his dependence upon others? In the same way and by the same means that the present state of society is better than the past.

As has been said, Socialism represents the struggle for the benefitting of the conditions of the individual, singly and collectively. Man is not single and alone in the world. It is not good to be. Socialism is native air. He, like all the world of life, is social. Socialism aims to perfect conditions that every individual may raise himself to the highest plane of his being, so much as in him lies, by his own individual effort, and aided by the efforts of his fellow beings. When Satan entered the garden of this world he deceived by the mixture of truth with his evil as bait. "In vain is the snare laid in the sight of any bird," he knew. Some, no doubt, in their self-originated conjectures of the tenets and aims of Socialists, may think themselves as beneficiaries working for the interest of society by opposing Socialism. Others at least should know what are the tenets and aims of Socialists, what is true Socialism. It certainly is not to rob the individual of his individuality or of his personal liberty. On the contrary, to give him more of this than he now possesses. "Is it not true that Socialism teaches that a person will have to yield up of his individual liberty?" Let us have an illustration from the field of nature and from the field of civics. Is there not a positive and a negative in the field of electricity? Are they not complements and the source of the power and utility of this element? Is there not heat and cold in the world of nature, and are they not both essential and a blessing? So in society. Is it not true that there is a certain measure of personal freedom and also a degree of giving up of individualism? And is it not as indispensable to the perfecting of the conditions of the individual and of society? Let no one deceive himself or be deceived by this false prophecy of evil, that the individual will be compelled to lose his individuality or personal liberty under the proposed Socialistic state.

Jesus said to the Jews: "The truth shall make you free." And again, "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The principle of life which was his, is socialistic. It is for the incorporation of society. The love of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is innate. Satan, adversary of humanity, of freedom, knows how to cover up the lie with a precious morsel. He knows well the love of freedom—of liberty. But each will give up of his personal individual liberty that he may gain the more. He will give up of his life to the life of society that he may have more of it—more abundantly—and have it more securely to himself. Self-love, respect for self is a cardinal virtue. The devil may ask you to give it up, but God does not. Neither is it to be given up in Socialism. \* \* \*

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## Extinct and Living Monsters

Prof. J. A. Anderson, instructor in Zoology and Botany in the Dubuque High School, gave a lecture on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, on extinct animals, and took for his text the mammals and mammoths of ten million years before the existence of man on earth. He accompanied his lecture with photographs thrown on canvas. He showed and described very curious creatures which had lived on our earth and very likely had once roamed where Dubuque now stands. Some of these creatures were huge monsters, likely 100 feet long, 40 feet high and 15 to 20 feet in diameter, weighing as much as forty tons, and consuming daily 700 pounds of vegetable food, but strange to say, possessed of very small heads containing only about two pounds of brain. How these creatures controlled their great bodies with so little brain is not very plain to scientists as the amount of brain was only sufficient to tell them they had to eat when hungry. But later they made the discovery of a great basin in the back part of the body which possibly had contained another or secondary brain by far greater than the brain contained in the head. This secondary brain controlled the action of the body and was therefore the main factor. This lecture made a great impression on the writer as it was very instructive and much to his liking, but he reserves the right to doubt the assumption that the great monsters are extinct, but on the contrary knows that they are in existence yet, only in different form and of different habits. And as we have these monsters before our eyes daily and come in contact with them in every move we make (even against our own will) we have given them a name and call them the "Modern Trusts." The only differences we find between the modern trust and its ancestor, the mammoth, is: 1st, it has changed from a vegetarian to a cannibal without any limit to appetite. The mammoth was satisfied when it had consumed 700 pounds of vegetable food, but its descendant, the trust, lives exclusively on human blood, women's and children's preferred, (for men sometimes resist being sucked) and can suck millions in a day without having the faintest idea of being satisfied. These human beings sometimes protest against being continually sucked and unite to protect themselves, but this monster has an ally, called government, whose right arm is called militia, with which it holds down the prey of the trust. 2d, another difference is that its body is growing continually, but its head (which on the modern creature is called president) remains small and brains in it must be hunted with a microscope. But the secondary brain (the man in the draughtsroom, shop and mine) has grown to an enormous size, but still this empty head, which sometimes even dreams of a divine providence, with the aid of its ally holds its great body of brains and muscle together and keeps its brainless head on top. Workers! how long are you going to permit this monster to live off of you when one good volley of socialistic ballots can kill it? Gather up your courage and fire them. H. O. DIETERICH.

## Organized Labor

Cincinnati coremakers have been injunctioned.  
Cincinnati garment workers have been injunctioned.  
Piano firms of New York have conceded the nine-hour day.  
Pittsburg bill posters won their strike for an increase in wages.  
Three thousand clerks in the Chicago stock yards have organized.  
Union men of Portland, Ore., receive 25 per cent more than non-unionists.  
Butte, Mont., telephone girls have received an increase of 40 per cent in wages.  
Plumbers, painters and carpenters in Victoria, B. C., began working the eight hour day, Jan. 1.  
Massachusetts granite cutters have demanded an increase of 10 per cent, to take effect March 1.  
At the recent convention of the bricklayers union, George P. Gibbons, of Chicago, was elected president.  
The average wage of the union man in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is 25 per cent higher than that of the non-unionist.  
Four brass moulders of the Chicago union were found guilty of slugging non-union moulders and given heavy fines.  
The trouble on the Union Pacific

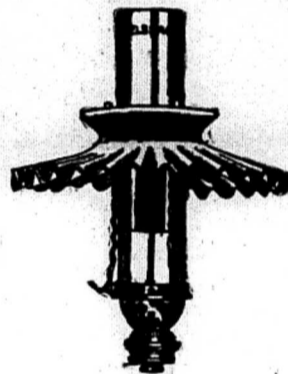
threatens to take in the entire Harriman system. The magnates of that road told the machinists that the piece system had come to stay.

A big strike in the building trades is threatened in Cincinnati. The bosses have presented the union men with an ultimatum to the effect that union men shall work on the same jobs with non-union men.

At the recent meeting of the A. F. of L. executive board in Washington, President Gompers was ordered to Porto Rico to assist in organizing the wage workers there and to start an active campaign of education in the south. Steps were also taken to secure the enactment of laws to prohibit child labor and to secure the passage of the eight-hour law now before the senate.

J. Keir Hardie, one of the Socialist members of the British parliament, has introduced in the house of commons the following resolution calculated to relieve the present distress of labor in Great Britain: "That this house, desiring to abolish the poverty and suffering due to unemployment, low wages and excessive hours of labor, calls upon the government to introduce and pass into law at an early date measures which shall (a) enforce the payment of an adequate minimum wage to all wage earners, particularly those who now receive less than 30 shillings a week; (b) fix a minimum working period which may not exceed eight hours per day, or, alternately, 48 hours per week, and (c) empower local authorities acting singly or in combination, to acquire land for cultivation, and to establish industries, so that men and women unable to find employment in the ordinary labor market may be employed on suitable and remunerative work which shall not involve disfranchisement or any other political disability."

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# Correspondence

From Sioux City

SIoux CITY, Feb. 3, 1903.

Comrade Boni presided at last Sunday's propaganda meeting. A fairly large crowd was in attendance. There being no special subject for discussion, the comrades enjoyed themselves for two hours talking along general lines. There is always something to talk about in a Socialist meeting and everybody always leaves the meetings feeling better and more kindly toward his co-worker here on earth. A Socialist meeting always makes men feel as though there was some show for a glimpse of heaven here on earth. It always fills one full of a desire to live instead of always preparing for death. That is right, what we all want is more life and a better chance to enjoy life. It's coming; I feel the vibrations more and more every day.

Comrade J. W. Bennett prefaced his brief address by advising the club members to do more work in the line of advertising or filling the hall with those who need to be informed. Although Comrade Bennett works from ten to fifteen hours each day, and claims that he does not have time to study as he should, he is undoubtedly one of the best posted men in the club and without doubt the leader when it comes to talking Socialism to the uninformed. He said: "Are you aware that the underlying principle of nature is harmony? The present inharmony is an evidence that there is social disorder, therefore there must be a change in order to bring about that harmonious condition demanded by nature. The whole human family is responsible for the present ills. No doubt many of you have seen the hypnotist on the stage giving suggestions to his subjects; soon you observe that the dormant intellect is completely under his control. Then, upon the suggestion of the hypnotist, the subject will do all kinds of foolish things because the subject believes that which the operator tells him. Just so with the working people of today; they are the subjects of the capitalists and shrewd politicians who are the hypnotists, have worked upon their dormant minds until they fully accept the delusive and foolish suggestion of the full dinner pail.

The time has arrived when it is necessary for every man who has been under the spell to wake up, use your own mind and judgment and change the condition. The capitalist class tell us that we were never better off, that the farmer was never better off, that times are good and everybody is prosperous; when the facts as shown by statistics, compiled by the ruling class, show that less than 3 per cent of the people own the entire wealth of the nation and that fifteen millions do not own their own homes. Are you one of the 3 per cent, or are you one of the fifteen millions? Which class enjoys prosperity? If the people were fully awake out from under this hypnotic influence they would not believe the statements made by these jugglers of the truth.

General Booth, the great leader of the Salvation Army, says that we Socialists are trying to build a celestial kingdom with only human material to build it with. This is not true. We are building a human system with human material that will make it possible for all to enjoy the celestial when they reach that place. The Salvation Army

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work means charity, soup kitchens, etc. for those who do not have the opportunity to care for themselves or for those who, after producing plenty for the loafers have not enough left for themselves and families. Under Socialism there will be no such thing as charity, loafers, soup kitchens, etc., for the poor. All will be provided with an equal opportunity and will receive the full product of his labor, therefore all charity grafts will be abolished and the religionist will be compelled to look after his own soul and body. We have heard of church organizations to fight Socialism. We have no quarrel with the church, but the fact is that the preachers know that under Socialism they cannot continue the sale of religion. Then salvation will be as Christ said, FREE. If there ever was a spirit of divinity pushing forward any movement, that spirit power is surely behind the Socialist movement. The National Economic League composed entirely of millionaires and their hypnotic dupes is an organization with one object, i. e., to fight Socialism. The men who compose this league could not exist on \$10,000 per month, yet they are going to try to convince the laborer and mechanic that they should be content with from \$40 to \$100 per month. This, of course, is economy for the producer. If the capitalists did not use their wealth to crush the people there would be no opposition to them. There was a time when the farmer and laborer were pitted against each other, but now the farmer and laborer are suffering alike. A farmer is just as much at the mercy of these vampires as the laborer, and the capitalist is fast separating him from his job. It is not a question of labor. If one branch of workers succeed in securing an increase of wages it is simply taken from those in another branch. If labor was paid \$10 or \$30 per day under the present system the price of all commodities would at once advance so as to absorb it all. To avoid all this the laboring men propose to vote themselves into power and abolish capitalism.

We base our philosophy on the class struggle. The great majority have fallen into the suppressed class and until the people come to understand there has been a struggle between the classes they will not understand Socialism.

Socialism will eliminate all the waste, will organize society into a class that will give all an opportunity. Environment must be changed. If there ever was a hell it surely exists on earth at the present time, while the capitalists tell us about prosperity when thousands of good men are hunting for a master. Under the present system all individuality is destroyed, and we are all directly or indirectly under a master.

The next great move by the old politicians will be launched with Hearst, the millionaire newspaper man as a leader and John Mitchell as a decoy duck, to hoist the middle class on a fair share platform. There is an irreconcilable struggle on between the farmer and laborer as against the capitalist, therefore it will be impossible for them to determine what a fair share is. The only way is for the laborer to vote for the full product of his labor."

Other comrades followed with short talks and brought out many good points. Some non-Socialists took courage and talked a few minutes. Among these was Mr. E. Savage, a traveling collector. He said: "If you will go out through the country and try to collect old bills, the delusion of prosperity and the full dinner pail will soon pass away. There are no good times among the working classes."

This gentleman has come to the wise conclusion that the whole truth can only be had through socialistic teachings.

We are glad to learn that our national headquarters will be moved to Omaha and that the fusion element has been turned down. It is too bad that such good men cannot see that you cannot compromise the truth. There is only one place for a Socialist and that is in the "middle of the road." We occupy that position now and all others must come to us.

From Mystic

Mystic, Iowa, Jan. 31, 1903.

DEAR COMRADES: I take pleasure in writing you a few lines to let you know we are still alive and on the battle field. We are still progressing along the way to Socialism. We will carry this town by a good majority next election. I had the pleasure of representing our local union in the national convention held at

Indianapolis, Ind., and did some good work for Socialism which will bear fruit in the near future. I introduced a resolution favoring the adoption of international Socialism, which had the desired effect. We got so prominent that they called it the Iowa idea. We got one resolution through, setting aside one night in the month to discuss economic questions and which we will take advantage of. We are working along strictly class-conscious lines. All our officers in the industrial organization are Socialists. We won't support any man for office who is not a Socialist. We are sorry some of our comrades at the head of the party are advocating fusion, and everything along that line should be nipped in the bud by asking them to resign their office for class-conscious, clear cut men. We have the only solution to the labor problem, hence we can accept nothing else. Hoping all comrades will steer clear of such men and not be betrayed by them and retard the emancipation of the wage worker, because we are up against the real thing and we need the entire force to win. But win we must, and win we will. A long pull and a pull all together and the victory is ours. Cheer up, comrades, the sun is rising, and the captains of industry will have to give way to the co-operative commonwealth when the workers rise in their might at the ballot box.

Yours fraternally,  
G. H. FREYHOFF.

### A Good Suggestion

BURLINGTON, IOWA, Jan. 29, 1903.

DEAR COMRADES: Enclosed find postal order for \$2.00 for which send The Iowa Socialist to the enclosed list of 100 names for four weeks. Now these 100 names are non-Socialists and are subscribed for by the branch. We believe it would be a good thing for each branch in the state to try the above method. Our campaign is going right on as though no election had taken place. We expect Prof. W. H. Kirkpatrick some time in February, as this corner of the state can stand a lot of agitation.

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One objection urged against Socialism by some people is that "it has nothing to do with religion." That is right; neither does capitalism, republicanism or the democratic jackass have to do with religion. Socialism, like every other science, is not a question of religion and leaves each individual to think and act as he pleases on that subject. To these people, however, we would say that you cannot talk religion with any good effect, to a person with an empty stomach. Socialism will bring about a condition of society under which every man's stomach may be well filled, and then it will turn him over to the advocate of religion to be told of the "sweet by and by." We are looking to a "sweet now and now."—American Labor Union Journal.

## SOCIALIST PLATFORM

Adopted at Indianapolis, Ind., 1901.

The Socialist party in convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by individual workers. Today, the machine, which is an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. The ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The democratic, republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes. While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depends upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate:

1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines; no part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the taxes of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employees, and to the improvement of the service, and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected from the revenue of the capitalist class, and to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in advocating these measures in steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

### Socialist Party of Iowa

Davenport, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1902.

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