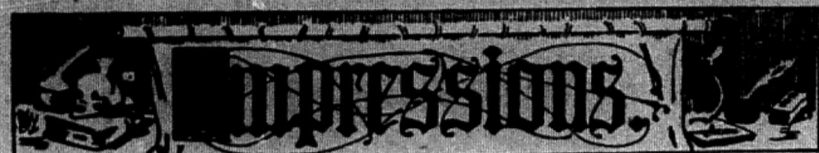


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SUNDAY SOCIALIST MEETINGS

When Jesus was on earth he was constantly hounded by a band of Pharisees who upbraided him for helping and healing the people on the Sabbath. His answer to the charge was as follows: "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to do harm? to save a life or to destroy it?"

Socialism comes to bring justice to the earth. We do not espouse this cause for a pastime. We are here that the workers of the world may be delivered from the most insidious oppression that humanity ever suffered. We have come "to do good." This task is the sacred task of our lives.

We must make haste. We must work every day because our duty is a sacred duty.

We readily understand why it is that politics in the old sense is not fit for Sunday (or any other day for that matter!) But we are not politicians in the old sense. We are not blackening the reputations of individual men. We are not interested in another set of individuals securing public office. We desire that the political powers be obtained by an organized movement of the producers of all wealth, so that those who build the houses shall inhabit them and those that plant the vineyards shall eat the fruit of them.

Sunday is our day of greatest opportunity. Then the toilers have a little leisure. We can get our message to them, because they have time to listen.

So on this day of rest we are going to raise our voices on behalf of the men and women who work at starvation wages, on behalf of the countless thousands of children whose lives are stunted and crushed in factories, on behalf of the toilers whose homes have been confiscated by a ruthless capitalism which knows no God but Profit. Let the hypocrites, as of old, cry, "It is unlawful." We reply with Jesus: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

F. G. S.

"Elimination"

is the heart and soul of the business creed," Said the capitalistic man of greed, "Eliminate your neighbor!

"Too many lines divide the masses, There is no use for business classes; Eliminate the waste!

"Two is company—three's annoying O' middle class we got you going! Eliminate yourself!

"When this commercial coup is done, You'll find out then you've just begun Elimination!

"You'll find your per cent of actual profit Divided by what I choose to take off it, By assimilation!

"There will only be two to disagree, The laborer you, and the capital ME— We'll arbitrate!

"We'll starve, of course; I'll cook the books And you can live on pleasant looks— That's arbitration!

"We both win out in the end you know; You get the verdict—I the 'dough;' That's hell!"

"I should say it was," said the Socialist guy, As he slammed a form of capital "pi," "If that's all!

"But wait till I carry the process through And you'll find, I think, that you only knew— The half of elimination!

"Our methods of business are just the same, Conservation of energy's our common aim, With a distinction!

"You conserve on the singular plan, We believe there's a plural to man, That's the difference!

"Diverging interest exploits the mass, There is no use for division of class— Eliminate the waste!

"Two is company—one's sufficient, O, Capital C you're non-efficient— Eliminate yourself!

"When this political coup is done, You'll find out then you've just begun Appreciation!

"You'll find the per cent of actual profit, Inversely increase by the load we take off it By assimilation!

"There will only be one to disagree, We'll merge the you and me in WE— We'll co-operate!

"We'll starve perhaps—but WE can share Our pleasant looking common fare— That's co-operation!

"We'll all win out, when all take heed Of your proposal—O, man of greed— That's Socialism!"

—Robert Bielby.

No, "Anxious Feminine Reader," Socialism will not prescribe or limit the number of hours a young man may court his sweetheart in any one day.

In the April number of the American Federationist, President Gompers paraphrasing the maxim, "Scratch a Russian and the Tartar appears," says, "Scratch a political Socialist and the trade union hater makes his appearance." This is really the unkindest cut of all. And to think, the Socialists are invariably the hardest workers in their trades unions!

Judge Adams, of St. Louis, has dissolved his (in)famous injunction.

Representative government means government by Mr. Lotsmun. See?

The Czar of Russia has granted his subjects religious freedom. Nick always was a liberal cuss.

"Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel." Also of the capitalist. But then the two terms are practically synonymous.

Copenhagen, Denmark, has elected a Socialist mayor. If the "times are out of joint" in the land of Hamlet the Socialists will soon "set them right."

Those fellows who are afraid that the state under Socialism will prescribe a diet for its "slaves" are generally found to be living on a prescribed diet under the present system—prescribed by necessity.



Prof. Geo. R. Kirkpatrick

Will deliver a series of three lectures at Odd Fellows Temple, Ninth and Locust Sts., on April 23-24-25, on the following topics:

- "Wages and Trades Unions." "Evolution and Revolution." "The Purpose of a Gatling Gun."

The first lecture, "Wages and Trades Unions," which will be given Wednesday evening, April 23, has been delivered before the trades unions and central bodies of many of the principal cities of the country, and should be of special interest to trades unionists.

Prof. Kirkpatrick was formerly with the Chicago University and is highly spoken of as a lecturer and orator. You can't afford to miss hearing him. Don't forget the dates. Admission free.

What others say of him:

E. D. Kelley, President Ft. Scott Lodge 377, (Chicago Heights) International Association of Machinists: "Prof. Kirkpatrick is altogether worthy of labor union men's confidence. He is a thoroughly educated man, an eloquent speaker, and he strikes straight from the shoulder in defense of those who toil. He is an extremely valuable man for union men in our battle for justice."

Walter Thomas Mills, principal of the Mills School of Social Economy, says: "Few speakers equal Kirkpatrick in power to catch and hold an audience and say just what the occasion demands. He is brimful of fun, fire, facts and persuasive logic."

President Roosevelt speaks of the decrease in the birth rate as "race suicide," but it never occurs to him to call the slaughter of men, women and children in the mill of capitalism by its right name—"race murder."

Tuesday morning, April 7, the Chicago Record-Herald contained a list of aldermanic candidates who had been commended or endorsed by the Municipal Voters League. The Record-Herald recommended and urged their election in order "to save all that has been effected during the past seven years in purifying the city council." In this list was the name of Wm. J. Johnson, the candidate of the Socialist party of the 33d ward.

At the school election held in Logan, Iowa, on March 9, the Socialist candidates received 27 votes out of a total of 173 votes cast. At the municipal election held on March 30, the republicans and democrats combined on a citizens ticket and received an average of 117 votes, while the Socialist candidates averaged 67. Pretty good gain in less than one month. The Logan comrades must be hustlers. The local holds propaganda meetings every Saturday evening, and as Comrade Wilson says they have "awakened the enemy."

Under-consumption and Over-production



From The Public.

The Giant Starved; The Pigmy Gorged

Ninety per cent of the wealth of the United States is held by ten per cent of the people.

Socialism is constructive; capitalism is destructive.

Comrade McKee will speak at Chillicothe, Mo., on the 12th and 13th and will then go to Council Bluffs and Omaha.

The American Labor Union Journal says the next mayor of Butte, Mont., will be a Socialist and he will have about eight Socialist aldermen to keep him company.

The Iowa Socialist in clubs of four or more for twenty-five cents per year. Four postal subscription cards good for one year each for \$1.00. They are handy. Order a bunch.

Comrade Harry M. McKee organized a branch of ten charter members at Grinnell, Ia. Nick Hize is secretary, Geo. Castner organizer, and Fred Jackson literary agent.

Comrade Kirkpatrick writes he has received a letter from Mark Hanna declining to send a speaker who "has made a study of Socialism" to travel and debate with him.

Waterbury, Conn., it is said by the capitalist press, is "union-ridden." Well, it's about time the workers were getting a chance to ride. Wish there were more "union-ridden" cities.

The Iowa Socialist for one year, The Comrade, illustrated Socialist monthly, for six months, and "The Triumph of Labor," a beautiful picture by Walter Crane, 12x24 inches in size, all for one dollar.

Adjutant General Ward, of Indiana, says the new riot bullets "are not designed to kill, but to wound." Oh, what a relief! How comforting to know that we are not to be killed outright, but piecemeal.

We often hear it said that when the Socialist party becomes powerful the republicans and democrats will combine against it. But when that time comes there won't be any democratic party left for the republicans to combine with.

Chas L. Breckon, Socialist candidate for mayor of Chicago, received 11,212 votes. In the municipal election two years ago the vote for the Socialist candidate for mayor was 5,384. Wm. Johnson, Socialist candidate for alderman in the 33d ward, was elected by a majority of 200. Comrade Johnson has the distinction of being the first Socialist to be elected to office in Chicago.

"Tactics and Strategy, Economic and Political, for Individuals and for Organizations," is the title of a new work by Thomas Bersford, of San Francisco. Mr. Bersford has written several good works, his "Useful Principles of Logic," "Scientific Socialism," "A Philosophy of Happiness," and "The Derringer Pocket-Book of Statistics" are highly appreciated by studious readers. The new book treats of strategy and generalship for individuals and for non-military bodies, the writer claiming that good generalship is as necessary in political and economic struggles as in military warfare. We believe that this is the only work of the kind yet published. Mr. Bersford has conferred a general favor in showing the need of such a work and in supplying it. The price is 15 cents. Address, 609 Stevenson street, San Francisco, Cal.

Dubuque Local at its last weekly meeting voted unanimously in favor of the amendment to the state constitution of the Socialist party increasing the number of delegates to the state conventions of the party.

Comrade Wm. H. Luebbe, of Oelwein, says the lecture of Comrade McKee was very beneficial and as a result the local has many new applicants for membership. Local Oelwein meets the first and third Friday of each month at Labor Hall.

Last fall the scarcity of beef in Germany compelled the poorer classes to resort to horse meat. They are now eating dog meat. Will they become cannibals before they have sense enough to vote for Socialism and porterhouse? I guess abber nit.

Secretary Jacobs' Report for March

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X RAYS

By JOHN M. WORK

In 1904 we will sing a requiem over the democratic party and lay it to rest in its little home on the hillside and put a slab over it saying, "Here lies the wreck of a misspent life."

Then we will fiercely contest with the republican party for the control of the public powers. In 1908, if not sooner, we will close the eyes of the republican giant and lay him also in his grave. Then, the co-operative commonwealth will dawn.

General Chaffee horrified a Methodist audience by saying, "I am an exploiter, and I believe that if we are to get any good out of the Philippine Islands we must explore and exploit them." The general is refreshingly candid. It is now in order for the war department to censure him and put a padlock on his lips. As long as a soldier follows his usual custom of telling a string of lies he is all right. But when he makes the mistake of giving away the real intentions of his capitalist masters he must be called down.

The wealthy classes are always against progress, for fear it may injure them in some way. They own or control all of the great newspapers. As for the little newspapers, nine-tenths of them always croak the same croaks that are croaked by the big fellows anyway. Furthermore, all of the papers except the Socialist sheets, depend upon advertising from the capitalist class to make their ventures pay. So it happens that Socialism has been constantly misrepresented, although it is probable that it is sometimes done merely through ignorance. The newspapers used again and again to class Socialists and anarchists together as if they were practically one and the same thing. They do not do this so often now, but they have by no means ceased altogether. Nearly all of them, when they speak of Socialism, give their readers to understand that it is state socialism that the Socialist party is working for. And the other misrepresentations are innumerable. As a rule they do not attempt any argument against Socialism, but merely speak of it slightly, as if it were a thing to be avoided and despised. One paper even accused it of being the reigning fad, and then another remarked that the reigning fad never reigns but it bores. This reminds me of a woman I once talked with who had imbibed some of these newspaper ideas. She told me she thought Socialism was perfectly horrid. I asked her why she thought so, and she replied, "Oh, because!" Since that time she has been converted to Socialism and now she thinks it is "just lovely." How silly the capitalist papers are to think they can cause Socialism to die out by slurring it over or keeping quiet about it. This shows what a meager conception they have of the virility of the movement. If they had any adequate idea in regard to the immense army of enthusiastic, class-conscious heroes who are propagating Socialism day and night they would be up in arms against it. Hanna, Harper's Weekly, the Economic League and delightful Mr. Parry are beginning to wake up to the situation. Soon we shall have them all buzzing about our ears. Every capitalist organ in the land will consume the lion's share of its space in howling about Socialism. Then we will have a merry war, a big fight for peace.

Individual enterprise is a thing of the past. And yet there are men who cannot see the handwriting on the wall. They are trying to destroy the trusts by disintegrating them. It is as impossible as to make the earth revolve backwards.

Why kick against the pricks? The trust is merely a necessary step in the evolution of society towards the fraternal, the sympathetic, the altruistic, the co-operative, the Socialistic social state. It has been said that a trust is a combination you are not in. In other words, we all recognize that combination in itself is a good thing. The only trouble is in the application. All that is necessary is to change from a trust owned by private individuals to a trust that is publicly owned and popularly managed. The finger of destiny points there, and there humanity will go, in spite of all the Hearsts and other reactionaries who want to tear the trusts limb from limb and turn the wheel of progress backwards.

Of all the silly charges against Socialism the charge that most of the Socialists are disgruntled office seekers and all around failures is the most absurd. Self seekers do not frequent the Socialist camp. When a man wants an office he is very sure to fight shy of Socialism and seek the good graces of one of the capitalist parties. We have dozens of most excellent speakers who could command twenty-five to fifty dollars a night from the republicans and democrats, but who prefer to speak for the truth and only get a bare living wage. We have plenty of excellent writers who could earn big salaries from the capitalist press if they were willing to stultify their talents. As for the rank and file of the Socialists, they are as a rule the very cream of their trades. They are the very fellows who get more than the union scale if anybody does. A man has to be above the average to be a Socialist at this stage of the game when Socialism is still unpopular. The workmen who earn the highest wages and therefore come the nearest to living like human beings are the ones who are able to see that there is a great world from which the worker is entirely shut out by the capitalist system. He wants to explore that world himself and give every other workingman the opportunity to explore it also. The workingman with the shortest hours is also most likely to begin to think and to develop eyes where-with he can see his chains. The hobo is not a Socialist. If there is a job going, the Socialist has it because he is the best workman. The deeper the slavery the more benighted the slave. Even materially, the Socialists are therefore successful. In the true meaning of the word success, they are also successful, the most successful men on the face of the earth. The man who makes the world move forward and is the true interpreter of the signs of the times is truly successful. This the Socialist does. This, so far as social and political matters go, nobody else does.

When Trinulo crept under Caliban's gaberdine to escape the thunderstorm he remarked, "Misery acquaints a man with strange bed-fellows." This saying has been appropriately paraphrased to the effect that politics acquaints a man with strange bed-fellows. When a workingman finds himself in the same political bed with Mark Hanna or W. R. Hearst, one would think he would find himself "seeing" things at night." But Mark has in two successive presidential campaigns put the workingmen to sleep on his thorny couch and made them think it was downy instead of thorny. It remains to be seen whether Willie will be equally successful. What do you think about it? Do you want to change thorns? Or, will you throw the thorns on the junk heap and get a comfortable berth by voting the Socialist ticket?

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Coming Election in Germany

A great deal of guessing is going on at the present time in Socialist circles—yes, and still more in capitalist circles—what gain the German Socialists will make in the next election for representatives in the Reichstag, which will take place next June. But before I attempt to show, by means of statistics, what in my estimation may be the result let us review a few important factors in this election, the divisions of the country and the election methods. Germany, as is well known, consists of twenty-six self-governing states and free cities. Each of these states and free cities send representatives to the Reichstag as follows:

Table listing German states and their representatives: Prussia 236, Bavaria 48, Saxony 29, Wurtemberg 17, Baden 14, Hessen 9, Mecklenburg-Schwerin 6, Saxon Weimar 3, Mecklenburg-Strelitz 3, Oldenburg 3, Reuz Greiz 1, Schaumburg Lippe 1, Lippe 1, Luebeck 1, Brunswick 3, Saxon Meiningen 2, Saxon Alenburg 1, Saxon Coburg and Gotha 2, Anhalt 2, Schwartzburg-Sonderhausen 1, Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt 1, Waldeck 1, Reuz Schleich 1, Bremen 1, Hamburg 8, Alsace Lorraine 15.

This gives a total of representatives of 397. The law providing for the above division (excepting Alsace Lorraine which was added later) was passed May 31, 1869, and the representation was based on the inhabitants of these respective states at that time. According to this law 100,000 people shall have one representative in the Reichstag. But the increase in the population and shifting of the same to the great centers of industry has made this division unjust and unfair, but as a re-division would give the Socialists an increased representation and decrease the representation of the parties favoring the present capitalistic exploitation system, the government opposes a re-division and is upheld by the representatives of the exploiters and clergy (all know that their interests are identical the world over), and in this way the workers are robbed of or 2-half of their representation to which according to law they are entitled. For instance, Hamburg with its 700,000 inhabitants has only three representatives, while according to this law it should have seven. But as all three are Socialists and as it is highly possible that if seven were elected all seven would be Socialists, the government does not favor a re-division. The same is true of twenty-five or more other cities.

The government, like every other government in the world with the exception of Switzerland, is a government by sword and bayonet, or in other words, is a combination of thieves, having armed a sufficient number of men to protect them when robbing the peaceful and unarmed citizen. Opposed to this government stands the Social Democracy of Germany. Its sword is reason and its bayonet is justice, but as these weapons are very unlike in comparison with those of the government, the victories won are not as great and frequent as desired, but are steady and safe, and ground once won is never given up. That another victory will be won in the next election is positive, but in my judgment will not be as extensive as estimated by some not having studied the statistics of the last general election. Some believe that one hundred, or even more, Socialist representatives will be elected at the coming election, but this is not quite possible, for we must remember that a plurality does not elect in Germany, but the successful candidate must have polled at least fifty per cent of the entire vote cast. If no candidate polls that percentage another vote is taken in which all candidates are dropped except the two having the highest percentage. This is called a "stichwahl" and if a Socialist is engaged in one of these "stichwahlen" he is in many cases defeated, for all the other parties will usually combine against him. Therefore we can only figure on those districts that are absolutely safe and those which cast forty per cent or more of the total vote at the first ballot in the last general election of 1898. The statistics of this election show the Socialists elected their candidates in thirty-four districts on the first ballot. In twenty-eight districts they cast on the first ballot between forty-five and fifty per cent of the total vote. In some of these districts they came within one per cent of electing, so these twenty-eight districts may be called quite safe. Then we have twenty-two districts where between forty and forty-five per cent So-

cialist votes were cast at the first ballot. These last twenty-two districts to elect must have made a gain of twenty-five per cent, but as the emperor's anti-Socialist speeches were mainly delivered in these districts this gain is sure and they may also be considered safe. Now we have thirty-four districts absolutely safe and fifty quite safe which makes a total of eighty-four. More than this we should not hope for, or we may be disappointed.

If we gain more we must thank the emperor for it, for surely his speeches have saved us a great deal of agitating. But as soon as this was discovered he was taken off the stump by the capitalists and he is at the present not on the Socialist staff of agitators. Some one may ask what effect the combination of capitalistic parties as announced will have on the Socialists' success. To these I would answer, none, for these combinations will mainly take place in the above referred to districts and will therefore lose their purpose. For to elect the Socialists must poll 50 per cent or over of the vote, or in other words more than one-half of the entire vote cast and it does not make any difference to them where the rest of the vote remains, whether it is credited to one or fifteen parties. So our capitalist editors had better open the doors to their brains and leave a little light in or in other words should study the methods and laws of these countries on which they write Socialist smashing articles, for which they receive as compensation a smile from their time-killing, high-living, laborer-robbing, coupon-clipping, wealth-gathering employer. This "keep the Socialists out of the reichstag" scheme has been tried before but also unsuccessfully. When a law was passed declaring it a criminal offense to accept a salary as a reichstag representative, the exploiters expected to keep the labor representation out, but they are there yet and in larger numbers than ever. And they don't live on wind either, nor clothe themselves with fig leaves. Another point in our favor is the fact that the non-possessors in Germany are rapidly increasing. The statistics of 1890 give those that did not pay any direct taxes in that year as 53 per cent of the population. That means all such who had no real or personal property or whose yearly income was less than 900 marks (about \$225). In 1900 the same statistics show that this class had grown to 65 per cent or increased 12 per cent in 10 years. This 12 per cent may also be added to the Socialist vote, for in Germany, as well as in America many must be educated through their stomachs, although they have brains but they don't know for what purpose, but imagine the brains were put under their skulls to make the skull last longer, just like mamma does with Mamie's doll's head when she stuffs it with cotton to prevent its breaking. For these men the words of the great Schuller are very appropriate: "Gegen Dummheit kaempfen selbst Goetter vergebens." (Against ignorance even the gods strive unsuccessfully.) But where we cannot

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reach a man's heart through his brains the capitalist is reaching it for us through his stomach and is in this way rendering a great service to the Socialist, but of course without his knowledge. Now, comrades, do not expect too much from our German comrades at this time and you will not be disappointed, for as I have shown you they are fighting against great odds. HERMAN O. DIETERICH.

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By Charles Oliver Jones

—and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class and those in sympathy with it, into a political party—

The above in all its simplicity is possessed of a world of meaning, and should convey to the average voter conclusive proof of the desire of the Socialist party to turn the present evolution of industry directly into the hands of the working or wealth producing class. The organization of the working class and those in sympathy with it into a political party is the first step necessary if the working class would abolish wage slavery. The wisdom of a separate and distinct working class political organization with clear and distinct working class interests is proof positive of the ultimate victory of the party, provided it preserves and does not allow itself to be sidetracked from the main issue.

Why organize a separate and distinct party in the interest of the working class? Why go to all the labor of organization when there are parties at hand already formed? Why not attempt to have working class measures introduced through the medium of either the republican or democratic parties?

Because at present the working class is disorganized and there is no party that stands for its interests. At present the working class is divided on the political field by both of the old parties who urge it through fancied working class interests into a contest; worker is pitted against worker, led to fight for issues which do not concern aught but their continued servitude to the class by which they are held in bondage. Both the republican and democratic parties are dominated by the capitalist class and are subservient to their interests. All questions at issue are simply for the perpetuation of the capitalist system.

The workers are led to weld the shackles of their bondage firmer in the belief that the interests of capitalists and laborers are identical. The Socialists teach that their interests are diametrically opposed to each other and this diametrical opposition is the expression of the modern class struggle.

Any party which teaches that the interests of the capitalist class and the interests of the working class are identical can by no manner or means represent the working class. The interest of the capitalist class is to get the workers to work just as long hours as possible for the least wages they must pay. The interest of the working class is to work just as short hours as possible for the greatest amount of wages they can force the capitalists to give, or rather under the present system to obtain the full product of their labor as near as possible.

Perfect organization of the working class and its sympathizers is the principle of the Socialist party. It aims to perfect, upon a clear, scientific basis, the organization of both industry and government, and to control the same through the people with the initiative and referendum as the medium.

A thoroughly equipped, uncompromising working class political movement is necessary in order that, through the ballot box, the people can take the gigantic strides intellectually in matters of regulating industry and government necessary that they may keep pace with evolution. As the interests of the workers and their employers are opposed to each other, a political organization is necessary to successfully battle with the capitalist class. The pure and simple trades union has proven that the workers cannot permanently better their condition by industrial organization alone. Strikes are ineffectual because the store of pennies of the working class soon becomes exhausted. Deprived of their wages, they are soon brought face to face with misery and want, while the capitalist class possessed of their millions, the keys unlocking the stores of the nations's wealth, revel in riotous luxury.

The capitalists have proven conclusively that organization of industry on the economic field and politics on the political field serves to secure to them the perpetuation of the capitalist system. As the working class represents ninety-two per cent of the population of the nation, it is only necessary to per-

fectly organize this magnificent majority into intelligent action to capture the reins of government now held by the capitalist class.

The dues system is a most important adjunct and absolutely necessary to make the party self-sustaining and independent of the influence of those who might be tempted to destroy it. The dues are to support the local, state and national organizations in a continuous, far-reaching and effective propaganda.

The working class outnumbers the capitalist class as eleven to one. As votes are equal in power, it is merely a matter of educating the workers to a realization of their power and their ability to secure their class interests at the polls through voting for a class conscious political party unswervingly opposed to capitalist class interests. This is the position which is firmly taken by the Socialist party and by neither of the old parties.

The working class is at present in a state of chaos, disorganized and without power. Organized and fully able to precipitate its great political power into the political arena with an intelligent plan of action it is but a matter of mathematics to ascertain the time when capitalism will give way to Socialism.

The political arena is the battle-ground of modern thought. Inasmuch as the Socialist is a peace-loving, war-hating creature, he sees the field of politics is the only battle-ground upon which to fight and bring about the emancipation of the human race. The Socialist is scientific, because the scientific way is that of moving along the lines of least resistance. Thus the scientific way is always the easiest. Ballots, he perceives, are more powerful and less dangerous than bullets. Consequently he censures all antiquated methods of force as unworthy of intelligent consideration.

The Socialist has through a scientific analysis of the teachings of history discovered the evolutionary tendencies of economics and that Socialism is the next step in the curriculum of events. He perceives capitalism fulfilling its mission and hastens to educate, agitate and organize in order to be ready to take over peaceably the completed industries of the world for the benefit of the entire people. He has found that Socialism is an evolutionary movement; that every historical event, from the time primitive man began to think, which was the laying of the foundation stones, to the present where developed capitalism is finishing the economic structure preparatory to its occupancy by humanity. He has found that every preceding historical epoch has warned humanity of the advance to another and higher order. Capitalism has run its course and is making way for the higher order of society which will be known as Socialism. The change is taking place with wonderful rapidity and the working class is discovered as the most important factor in the evolutionary process. On every hand is found evidence of a Socialist movement, intellectually, economically and politically. The fact that the working class is propertyless proves the necessity of immediate concerted action, because the wealth producers and unemployed when confronted with that which is merely proof of the fulfillment of capitalism, may, in their ignorance—misinterpreting the historical significance of the times—resort to force of arms, riot and bloodshed in order to restore to themselves the unpaid increment of their labor in its entirety, which is represented in the magnificent total known as the wealth of the world. The Socialist is fearful lest the great work of evolution which tends to benefit all humanity, and the abolition of wage slavery, must be bought at the price of the bloodshed of the race through misdirected channels. The aim of the Socialist is not to bring haste to evolution, but to choose the method of the coming change. Thus the impending revolution is, by the organization of a political party founded in the working class, to be a peaceful revolution at the ballot box. He who does not stand for intelligent, class conscious, political action at the polls—while cognizant of the impending revolution—courts bloodshed and the destruction of modern industrial achievements.

Paternalism.

Webster defines paternal government as follows: "It is the assumption by the governing power of a quasi-fatherly relation to the people involving strict and intimate supervision of their business and social concerns upon the theory that they are incapable of managing their own affairs."

If this definition is accepted we can proceed. The capitalistic press constantly and persistently placing this before the mind of the public for their acceptance as a warning against Socialism. But it is plain that their warning has no value so far as Socialism, rightly understood, is in the question. To the contrary, Socialism is based upon the assumption that the people are capable to take care of their own social and business affairs and upon the proposition to no longer be under the paternal care of the present governing power. The governing power beyond question at present is the capitalistic class. Wealth is dominant. It is concentrating. It assumes that the people are not capable of carrying on their own business, doing everything by and for themselves. The intelligent Socialist thinks they can and is by propagating this belief endeavoring to get all the people to think and to see that they can—and that infinitely better for all concerned—if true independence were established. That every individual should live, and live only by and upon the results of his own energy; that every individual shall have the privilege of so living and not expend three-fourths of his energy in the maintenance of this minority in power which usurps the power and insists upon governing and providing labor for the great majority—levying tribute for the same, upon their assumed theory that the people are not capable of providing labor for themselves—in other words "taking charge of their own social and business affairs." It is to be admitted it is a truth undeniable that paternalism is a blighting curse. Its blight is upon us. We are enveloped in it as in a fog. It is so dense that we cannot only see it, but cannot see anything else. "Protection," "protection," "protection." What business, what industry, what profession is not under it? The objectors to paternalism without doubt admit that a certain paternalism is right. The individual is protected in so far as he can not protect himself. This is the compact of our government, which in theory is "of the people, by the people and for the people," which means that the people of these United States are capable of and should take care of themselves in all their social and business affairs; that they need no sovereign of any kind or description to assume a parental care over them; that by co-operation in a co-operative commonwealth they can each individual take care of himself—and all combined take care of the whole—the United States. Thus it is seen that Socialism is the fundamental theory of our form of government, the very opposite of paternalism.

Now, in concluding, we would like to ask how can any degree of sincerity be imputed to these objectors to Socialism on the ground of paternalism, when paternalism is the very thing most clamored for by themselves. The protection and aid to "infant industries" is today the living issue in the dominant political party, though some of these infants have retained their infancy for centuries. It cannot be said that their energy has been atrophied by this paternal care. They have grown to giant strength. Yet they stand at the lap of their parent, enfeebled by the constant drain, and cry for pap. Think of it. One would think there would be some shame to still ask for nurse. But there seems to be none. And it is the stand of the Socialist that it is time that these crying boobies be made to work? no, for they work more—and more to their injury—physically, mentally and morally to get what they don't need than others do for what they do need, but are not allowed to have. How applicable today is the sentence pronounced by One some centuries ago in His righteous indignation against the same kind of despoilers and self-righteous objectors: "O, Hypocrites!"

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The negro slaves were taken care of, and many of them were more comfortable in their servitude than they are in their freedom. But the white slave is paid starvation wages by masters who have made fortunes out of the tariff in a single year, and he is robbed of 37 per cent of what he gets. When he asks for more he is turned out of house and home and his place is filled by imported laborers. Yet the system is said to be a good one for the workingman, and I say to you now, with no chance of challenge, that there is in the United States today a worse slavery, a more cruel bondage, than that with which Spain ever cursed Cuba in the days of her pride and power. Would you have the evidence? Go to the workshop and the mines, where the toilers drudge through the day for a pauper's pittance! Go to their hopeless homes, where want and woe have been before; where weak women shiver in fireless rooms and children cry for a paltry crust! Go to our great factories, where delicate girls give their lives from day to day to feed the monster of greed! Go find the children slaving in the shop instead of studying at school! And for further evidence look in at the prison and poor house, the hospital or the morgue.

The following item appeared in the Chicago Tribune, June 22, 1900:

The life of a baby boy was put up for barter in New York City today. It was not an auction sale, but the starving mother gave to the public a chance to bid for the life of her child. The sale was made, and today \$100 was paid for a human being. The bill of sale was made out. It was witnessed by a lawyer and two others and the seal of a notary public was attached. Then the document was carried to the register's office and there formally filed. The matter was submitted to Register Fromme, who said: "The sale of human life is a violation of the constitution. I suppose this document, however, will have to be accepted for filing." The mother of the child was Pauline Mathis. Her brother and father were out of work and the family almost starving, so the mother decided to dispose of her child. Mrs. Ann Gross, wife of a butcher, has no children. She heard of the Mathis family's destitution and offered \$100 for the baby. It was accepted, although the mother was heart-broken.

No more horrible and monstrous tale could be told that would disclose the heartlessness and vileness of the present system under which we are living than the above article. Even the barbaric system under which savages live never leads to such horrible outcomes. No savage was ever compelled, through a system that leads to starvation, to sell her offspring. There are no words to express the horror of it. It shows that the system under which we live is fiendish. And yet with all the horrible deeds to which our system leads we hear people shouting words to this effect: "Great is our civilization; great is our republic; great is our president; great are our capitalists; long live the republic and the capitalist system!" "Away with Socialists who would ruin our present civilization, our glorious country and our flag!"

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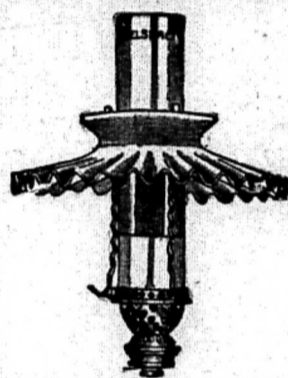
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I have again joined forces with Comrade Jones. Aspen has the liveliest campaign for a place of its size that I

have ever seen. The result will be reported next week. We are now "at home" in Aspen, at 533 Hallam street. Comrades coming near will please stop! F. G. S.

National Headquarters Notes

Receipts for national dues during March were larger than any month since the party was organized at the Indianapolis convention in 1901. Illinois and Ohio led, the latter opening the month of April with an order for 1500 due stamps. March dues showed a total membership of 14,540. The average monthly membership for the quarter year, ending March 31, was 13,568, which means an increase of nearly 4,000 members since Jan. 1.

The national secretary has initiated a referendum of the Alabama locals for a state convention to form a state organization. The convention will probably be held in May.

Local charters were granted during the week to Rock Springs, Wyoming; Tucson, Ariz.; Patton, Ala., and Coats, Ark.

Comrade Robert B. Ringler, of Reading, Pa., writes: "Things are moving here. We have 180 members in the local. Polled 1149 votes in the municipal election; 249 in spring of 1902." The Union Sentinel, official organ of the Federated Trades Council, is edited by Socialists.

State Secretary Holman, of Minnesota, writes enthusiastically of Comrade Carl D. Thompson's agitation in that state. Halls in Minneapolis and St. Paul are too small to hold the crowds, and for three days Hammond was in the hands of the Socialists. Thompson has a total of sixty-seven dates to fill in Minnesota, and Secretary Holman says "Great good will result from this tour, and you may expect to hear great things from Minnesota from now on."

The fair gotten up by the Socialists and trades unions of New York City to help swell the fund for a daily paper, to be known as The Daily Globe, opened on March 28 with a tremendous crowd. It is expected that nearly \$20,000 will be realized from the fair, which lasted eight days.

John C. Chase begins his tour of Texas on April 7, and will spend nearly the entire month in that state, going from there to the Indian Territory, thence into Oklahoma. Return dates are being asked for him in Arkansas.

Territorial Secretary Sweat, of Oklahoma, is working hard to convince the membership of the value of the dues paying system, and while he says the work is harder than digging post holes, he is confident that he will succeed.

Eugene V. Debs addressed a big meeting in Cincinnati on March 28 on behalf of the Socialist municipal ticket. He scored the "reform" ticket, headed by M. E. Ingalls, president of the Big Four railroad, who is famous for his utterance that "\$1.12 a day is enough for any workingman to live on." Debs pointed out that the issue in the campaign was not a local one and that "it is precisely the condition that such a paltry wage produces that generates the misery, the vice and crime that Mr. Ingalls so piously protests against and so patriotically proposes to stamp out if entrusted with political power. If the working class of Cincinnati will take this \$1.12 standard approved by Mr. Ingalls and compare it with the wage standard of the railroad president, and then take a photograph of the habitation of the

\$1.12 serf and one of the railroad president's palace, they will conclude that they cannot afford to 'forge the fetters more securely by casting their votes for Mr. Ingalls, of the Big Four corporation, on election day."

Notwithstanding the fact that a decoy "labor" ticket has been placed in the field, the Socialists have a good chance to carry Butte, Mont., at the coming municipal election. Walter Thomas Mills is campaigning there, and writes: "We are having the warmest kind of a time up here. No hall will hold the people. It really looks as if we had a fighting chance to win, but the comrades are making a campaign on a straight out fight for Socialism, regardless of immediate results. No one is asked to vote our ticket for any other reason than as a vote for the whole program of the Socialists."

The Indiana state convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26 in Indianapolis. State Secretary Oneal writes: "We expect the largest state convention ever held and will perfect plans for continuous agitation for the coming summer." Oneal also makes the suggestion "that party members who are also trade unionists, watch their trade journals for the names of isolated Socialists and forward them to the national office." Many Socialists in isolated places may be "discovered" in this way as they usually give expression to their convictions through their trade journals. The suggestion is a good one, and comrades are requested to act upon it.

John Collins, who did valuable work for the Socialist party in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania during the big strike of last year, is there again. Collins reports that the field is as fertile as ever, and that the work of last year shows permanent results.

Colorado state committee granted charters to six new locals on March 26, and the state secretary organized another at Sterling on March 29 with twenty-eight members. Mrs. Ida Crouch Hazlett, state organizer, is having an interesting time in Gunnison county.

Ohio Notes

A new local has been organized at Newark, Licking county, with an excellent roster to start with. The Socialist sentiment is very strong here and vigorous efforts are going to be put forth to organize a strong local movement.

Father McGrady has been quite ill for the past twelve days and as a result all of his lecture engagements during this period were cancelled. He has sufficiently recovered to resume his engagements on the 8th inst. when he will speak at Somerville, Mass. He will then go to Worcester, 9th; South Boston, 10th; Newton, 11th, and Yonkers, N. Y., 14th.

The Ohio state committee now consists of nineteen members out of a possible twenty-one.

Harry C. Thompson has just finished a very successful tour of nine days in the state and reports excellent progress being made at all points. He is greatly encouraged over the outlook and thinks that Ohio will lead in the number of Socialist votes in the near future.

Frank P. and Kate O'Hare will tour in Ohio for fifteen dates beginning May 5. The tour is under management of the state secretary.

Cleveland comrades are working hard to build up their party membership and are sending in new applications in large bunches. They report in the most enthusiastic manner the progress being made and say that they will proceed at once to line up all the forces for the fall campaign.

Dayton comrades report that an A. L. U. union has been organized there with over 600 members and one of their first acts was to send \$50 to the Socialist campaign fund. In addition to this over \$80 was sent them by other unions and they all seem interested in the fight that is being waged by the party here.

The municipal elections throughout the state have created the utmost enthusiasm among the comrades and great results are hoped for. Over one million pieces of literature have been put out and hundreds of public meetings held and it is by far the strongest campaign ever waged by the comrades of Ohio. During this time the party work for new members has been constantly pushed and we now have over 1,600 dues paying members. The comrades are now going to make an effort to keep at the head of the column of dues paying states to the national organization. Watch us!

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On Change of Constitution

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 4.

To the editor: Comrade "Krank," of Sioux City, is a persistent and indomitable hustler for Socialism. I wish we had ten thousand like him in the state. He has been spending such long hours hustling for Socialism that he has not had time to carefully consider the proposed constitutional amendment. He thinks it would open the door to a stuffed convention by the republicans and democrats. Let us see how that is.

Under the present provision there is one delegate for every twenty-five members. We now have about 450 members in the state. We are therefore entitled to eighteen delegates. If the republicans and democrats want to capture us, all they have to do is to organize a branch with 475 members, obtain a charter, send nineteen delegates, and the trick is done.

Under the proposed amendment the delegates present from each branch will cast the entire vote to which the branch is entitled. We will therefore have about 450 votes. If the republicans and democrats want to capture us, all they will have to do will be to organize a branch of 475 members, obtain a charter, and the trick is done.

It is six of one and half a dozen of the other.

The fact is that if the republicans and democrats want in they cannot be kept out by any constitutional provision. They can only be kept out by the exercise of common sense. As long as we are in our right minds we will not grant charters to republicans and democrats.

The present provision makes our state conventions ridiculously small. It prevents us from making a respectable showing. The amendment remedies that condition. If we defeat it in haste we will repent at leisure.

JOHN M. WORK.

Kirkpatrick-Sheffield Debate

LAKE CITY, Iowa, April 6.

To the editor: Mr. N. S. Sheffield, a prominent republican of Lake City, upon learning that Walter Thomas Mills has a standing challenge to debate any one in America who is opposed to Socialism, accepted the challenge. Mills not being able to meet him at an early date, arrangements were made for Geo. R. Kirkpatrick to meet him while on his Iowa lecturing tour. They met on April 4 in Townsend's Opera House. The house was crowded. The way Mr. Sheffield was applauded in the early part of the debate was evidence that they expected to see him do his opponent up brown. But before the close they ceased to cheer him so loudly and many prominent republicans left in disappointment, while Comrade Kirkpatrick received round after round of applause.

Mr. Sheffield has had a number of joint discussions with prominent men upon various subjects. But this is the first time he has ever been defeated.

The question debated was: "Resolved, That the Socialist Party is Entitled to the Support of the Majority of the Voters of the United States."

OAKLEY WOOD.

Debate at Rock Island, Ill.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, April 7.

To the editor: Having no election of our own this spring, we Davenporters have taken a great interest in the campaign across the river in Moline and Rock Island. The campaign in the latter city has been of more than usual interest, it being a four-cornered contest, republicans, democrats, Socialists and independents each having a ticket in the field. Republicans, democrats and independents have each claimed the right to supremacy on the ground that they alone could reform the city, while the Socialists have been kept busy telling the people the folly of trying to "reform

things" while the present system lasts.

A very important feature of the campaign was a debate between the Socialist and democratic candidates for mayor. Mr. Maucker, democrat, told how he would abolish the social evil and regulate the saloon business. He also shouted loudly for more and better public parks, in order that the children of the poor might enjoy the grass and the sunshine. But his shouting died away to a whisper when Mr. Carlson, Socialist, reminded Mr. Maucker that he (Maucker) had built two tenement houses on one lot, depriving the children of the grass and the sunshine, dwarfing their minds and their bodies, thus creating an inexhaustible supply of recruits for the very institutions he would destroy.

The mission of organized labor, whether on the political field or the economic field, is:

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And rescue slaves
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And inhuman laws."

And yet President Parry of the manufacturers association calls us vandals and savages. He says unionism is un-American and that it stifles independent manhood.

Have a spasm as often as you please "Bro. Parry," for it but hastens the end.
A. K. GIFFORD.

School Notes

Kirkpatrick is in Iowa and everywhere the comrades are delighted with his work.

Etherton is working in Kansas and Stevens has joined the office force of the school.

Payne has commenced his work as state organizer of North Dakota and Woltjen in Louisiana and so the gulf and the Canadian border are touching hands.

Mills is in Butte, Mont., for ten days. His first meeting in the Grand Opera House was packed with more than two thousand people and as many turned away for lack of standing room. It is

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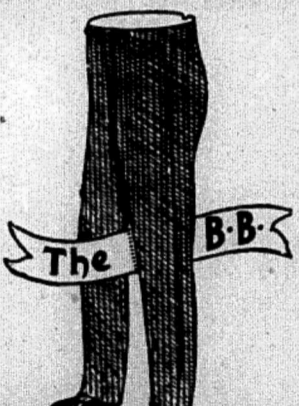
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