

ANARCHISTS

Bloodthirsty Ravings of the Parry Crowd.

Letter Written to Secretary of Wisconsin Federation of Labor by Parry's Private Secretary.

Dear Sir:—I have yours of Oct. 30 and wish to apologize now if you feel that my letter was in the least abusive. Such was not the intention. I have the private conviction, however, in my own heart that you people are absolutely wrong. You are trying to destroy the greatest government ever given to mankind. You know not what you do. There is no country on earth where a young man has the opportunities that he has in the United States (!) and for any set of men to try to build up a class hatred and overthrow the constitution of the United States with the idea of substituting a colossal tyranny in the form of Socialism for this government is something to make the gods weep. The present form of unionism is dying a natural death because of its excesses—its lack of fraternity—its lack of brotherly feeling. Of course you may deny all that, but the fact remains the mass of public sentiment in this country is against unionism as it is conducted today. We are an intelligent, thinking people and there must be some reason for this change of heart. Formerly unionism had the respect and sympathy of most all classes of people, but not since the dynamiters, the wrecking crews, the sluggers and all the dangerous elements of society have been permitted to take the control of these organizations. The fact that you have lost public sympathy is cold absolute truth, and if you and your coadjutors are sensible men you will take heed. Your socialistic propoganda will only lead your dupes, not to the garden of Eden, but to the garden of swords and the unfortunate victims of your false system of education will be impaled upon those swords, for the constitution of this country is not to be overthrown so lightly, if you please. Now, mark my words, your dream can never be realized in your lifetime or the lifetime of your son or grandson. When mankind is ready for Socialism there will be no need of a Social-Democratic party, for evolution will have completed its work. You are stabbing your country in the back by going forth under the banner: "Wage workers unite or perish," you silly man. Labor never in the history of the world has been as well off as it is today (!) Why, man, two hundred years ago the kings of England slept with their dogs. If the world had been searched over then no king could have enjoyed the comforts of life that the average workingman is permitted today. You will deny that, for it will serve your purpose to do so since you and your fellow Socialists are looking for trouble. Well, so help me, Moses, you will get it in due time!

"But do not think that personally I desire to say anything offensive to you. I am talking to you straight from the shoulder. If you want to leave a good name for your children, cut loose from this socialistic nonsense, for as it stands today Socialism is nothing more or less than a traitor to his country, for he proposes to overthrow the constitution of the United States (!)"

"Just to show you the absolute folly of your position: Look at the miners in the Western Federation of Miners. That body has adopted Socialism as its creed, yet the very first step in Socialism would be to do away with gold and silver money (!) thus throwing out of work everyone of these miners who have so vigorously tried to apply Socialism in the state of Colorado. By heavens, can you conceive of more profound stupidity? And yet these unfortunate men of Colorado who have followed Moyer and Haywood simply got what all the rest of you fellows will get—the grand old bull-pen."

THE OFFICIAL VOTE

14,847 Ballots Cast For Debs and Hanford In Iowa.

VOTE MORE THAN DOUBLED IN YEAR

Official Standing Is Secured and "Reform" Parties Are Left In The Rear---Vote by Counties.

| Official Iowa Vote. | |
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| <i>Des Moines, Nov. 29.—The official vote of Iowa was canvassed today by the executive council with the following result:</i> | |
| Roosevelt | 307,907 |
| Parker | 149,141 |
| Swallow | 11,601 |
| Debs | 14,847 |
| Watson | 2,207 |

Debs ran less than 1,000 votes ahead of the state ticket in Iowa, John E. Shank for Secretary of State receiving 13,917 votes, only 930 less than were cast for Debs. This indicates the class conscious character of the vote and refutes the idiotic claim of a morning paper that 10,000 of the votes cast for Debs were those of "Bryan democrats."

By casting about three per cent of the total vote we have secured official standing as a political party, only two per cent being required. We have also wrested third place on the ballot from the prohibition party. Watson drew off the half-baked and so-called "Bryan-Hearst socialistic" vote.

Following is the vote for Debs and Hanford by counties compared with the Socialist vote last year:

| County. | 1903. | 1904. |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Adair | 41 | 66 |
| Adams | 21 | 40 |
| Appanoose | 211 | 545 |
| Allamakee | 8 | 9 |
| Audubon | 8 | 5 |
| Benton | 73 | 94 |
| Blackhawk | 80 | 471 |
| Boone | 234 | 599 |
| Bremer | 9 | 24 |
| Buchanan | 39 | 50 |
| Buena Vista | 15 | 66 |
| Butler | 9 | 14 |
| Calhoun | 43 | 106 |
| Carroll | 10 | 34 |

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|-------------|-----|-----|
| Cass | 43 | 74 |
| Cedar | 7 | 17 |
| Cerro Gordo | 35 | 79 |
| Cherokee | 13 | 13 |
| Chickasaw | 6 | 14 |
| Clarke | 9 | 15 |
| Clay | 6 | 18 |
| Clayton | 28 | 68 |
| Clinton | 346 | 460 |
| Crawford | 28 | 51 |
| Dallas | 37 | 108 |
| Davis | 20 | 47 |
| Decatur | 43 | 71 |
| Delaware | 27 | 29 |
| Des Moines | 247 | 615 |
| Dickinson | 6 | 16 |
| Dubuque | 570 | 847 |
| Emmett | 6 | 24 |
| Fayette | 48 | 167 |
| Floyd | 7 | 32 |
| Franklin | 3 | 7 |
| Fremont | 17 | 46 |
| Greene | 5 | 25 |
| Grundy | 2 | 10 |
| Guthrie | 10 | 28 |
| Hamilton | 51 | 70 |
| Hancock | 4 | 4 |
| Hardin | 19 | 41 |
| Harrison | 187 | 221 |
| Henry | 17 | 35 |
| Howard | 21 | 66 |
| Humboldt | 4 | 7 |
| Ida | 4 | 10 |
| Iowa | 19 | 35 |
| Jackson | 44 | 114 |
| Jasper | 110 | 250 |
| Jefferson | 21 | 32 |
| Johnson | 15 | 31 |
| Jones | 14 | 19 |
| Keokuk | 64 | 98 |
| Kossuth | 3 | 12 |
| Lee | 45 | 148 |
| Linn | 93 | 339 |
| Louisa | 13 | 37 |
| Lucas | 31 | 126 |
| Lydon | 90 | 97 |
| Madison | 57 | 127 |
| Mahaska | 71 | 163 |
| Marion | 43 | 234 |
| Marshall | 96 | 459 |
| Mills | 13 | 43 |

| Congressional Vote | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1st Dist. C. H. Schick | 686 |
| 2nd " Carl Rieck | 1,617 |
| 3rd " E. D. Hammond | 1,888 |
| 4th " F. E. Macha | 449 |
| 5th " M. T. DeWoody | 846 |
| 6th " Perry Engle | 1,546 |
| 7th " G. R. Jones | 1,796 |
| 8th " A. F. Thompson | 1,137 |
| 9th " J. O. McElroy | 740 |
| 10th " S. W. Browne | 1,116 |
| 11th " J. W. Wilson | 1,019 |

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|---------------|------|-------|
| Mitchell | 6 | 31 |
| Monona | 46 | 48 |
| Monroe | 301 | 617 |
| Montgomery | 24 | 99 |
| Muscataine | 240 | 397 |
| O'Brien | 23 | 94 |
| Osceola | 5 | 2 |
| Page | 64 | 142 |
| Palo Alto | 21 | 36 |
| Plymouth | 22 | 38 |
| Pocahontas | 34 | 62 |
| Polk | 460 | 1651 |
| Pottawattamie | 75 | 375 |
| Poweshiek | 47 | 63 |
| Ringgold | 10 | 22 |
| Sac | 27 | 49 |
| Scott | 671 | 1240 |
| Shelby | 20 | 38 |
| Sioux | 19 | 28 |
| Stary | 10 | 66 |
| Tama | 10 | 66 |
| Taylor | 20 | 84 |
| Union | 12 | 84 |
| Van Buren | 8 | 26 |
| Wapello | 257 | 564 |
| Warren | 22 | 44 |
| Washington | 25 | 29 |
| Wayne | 25 | 122 |
| Webster | 125 | 200 |
| Winnebago | 9 | 11 |
| Winneshiek | 8 | 9 |
| Woodbury | 295 | 639 |
| Worth | 7 | 24 |
| Wright | 2 | 31 |
| Total | 6479 | 14847 |

POOR CAPITAL!

Pitiable Condition of Labor Exploited Masters.

Tyranny of Opulent Trades Unions Ruining All Industries.

PARRY HALLUCINATIONS

Liberty of Press to Be Overthrown By Typographical Union.

Remarkable Ravings of Union Crazy Capitalists in New York.

CLASS STRUGGLE SPARKS

New York, Nov. 29.—President Van Cleve of St. Louis addressed the convention of the Industrial Association today. He first explained the plan and scope of the association which, he said, stands for industrial peace and the enforcement of law. Existing conditions he declared to be intolerable and dangerous. The men you employ, said he, are serving the walking delegate and the shop stewards employ whom they please without consulting you. It is up to you to destroy the boycott. Crime follows the labor union wherever it secures a foothold.

\$17,000,000 FOR SOCIALISM.
Van Cleve said that \$17,000,000 was paid into the treasuries of labor unions every year and that the largest part of this money was used to spread socialistic doctrines throughout the country. Van Cleve urged the delegates to organize by crafts and stand together. By this means, he said, industrial peace could be secured within a year. He declared the employer who advertises in the union's newspapers or buys goods bearing a union label by doing so is contributing to the campaign funds of the enemy and is thereof to his fellows.

CITIZENS ALLIANCE A SAVIOR.
"The aims of the citizens alliance" was the subject of the paper read by J. C. Craig, president of the State Citizens Alliance of Colorado. Craig said the citizens alliance was the outgrowth of the desire upon the part of the public for industrial peace and steady employment of labor to the end that industry might not be disturbed.

The purpose of the citizens alliance was not to antagonize unionism or to destroy unions, but only to resist unions insofar as their methods are oppressive, unreasonable or unlawful.

UNLAWFUL DEPORTATIONS JUSTIFIED.
Craig defended the attitude of the citizens alliance in Colorado, and declared the deportation of miners from the state was justified by the circumstances. "The sentiment of that community in which rich mine owners, bankers, capitalists and wealthy merchants form an insignificant item numerically, fully sustains Governor Peabody," said Craig. "It was an unusual situation and required unusual treatment."

LIBERTY OF PRESS THREATENED.
Francis C. Nunenmacher spoke on "The Liberty of the Press." He said in part, "By the inauguration of a strike for an eight hour day on Jan. 1, 1906, the Typographical Union would paralyze the entire printing industry from one end of the country to the other for they are now engaged in organizing all the smaller cities as rapidly as it can be done, so there will be no non-union printers to take their places in the larger cities. It is up to you to make it sure that the union will not triumph in this matter. The United Typothetae, to a man, will fight to the end, but unaided by their customers it will cost some of them fortunes. Let the union get the eight hour day and you know what will happen in other lines of industry."

ITALY'S GAINS

Socialists Win New Seats In Parliament.

Capitalist Press Plays Ostrich In Reporting Decreased Vote.

The European mails bring us the assurance that the Socialists of Italy won a decided victory at the general elections held on Nov. 6 and 13, which the American dailies have been representing as a triumph for our opponents.

The Socialist vote is about doubled in Italy as well as in the United States. At the last previous elections in June, 1900, we had 168,000 votes there. This month our party has polled 301,000.

Definite reports are not yet at hand in regard to the results of the supplementary election on Nov. 13. At the first balloting, however, on Nov. 6, the Socialist party elected twenty-four representatives in parliament—our candidate in each case having an absolute majority. In twenty-eight of the districts where no candidate had a majority and where a second ballot had therefore to be taken, the Socialist ranked either first or second and so entered the supplementary election on Nov. 13.

In 1900 we elected twenty-three men on first ballot and ten more at the supplementary election. It

seems certain that our delegation in parliament has now been materially increased.

The increase in the number of our representatives is not proportionate to the growth of our popular vote, partly because a considerable part of our gain was in cities where our party already led, and still more because of the powerful coalition of liberals, conservatives, clericals and other factions in a desperate attempt to exorcise the "red specter" of Socialism. In other words, the lines were more sharply drawn this year than ever before, and our victory is so much the more striking for that reason.

It was very generally feared that the general strike in September would have a demoralizing effect upon the Socialist movement in some parts of the country. Just the reverse seems to have been the case. As fuller and clearer reports of that strike come to hand, it becomes evident that it was carried out in a very orderly and effective way and accomplished its purpose, both in awakening the working people to a consciousness of their power and in embarrassing and discrediting the new government coalition.—The Worker.

AGAINST LABOR.

Court Again Shows It Is Capital's Dog—Whose Dog Are You?

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 30.—By a decision today the New York state court of appeals declared unconstitutional the labor law which pro-

hibits a contractor from employing his men more than eight hours a day on city, county or state work. Since its enactment in 1897 this statute has been passed upon, but this is the first time the court of appeals has expressed its views flatly on the eight hour provision.

The decision was in an action brought by Harry Crossey to compel payment by the city of New York for \$28,215 for six scows manufactured for the street cleaning department. The payment was refused on the ground that he had violated the terms of his contract in employing his men over eight hours a day. Cossey did not deny this, but claimed the law was unconstitutional.

The court of appeals reverses the lower courts and grants the appellant's application. Judges O'Brien, Martin and Vann hold the law is unconstitutional in that it deprives an individual of property without due process of law. Chief Justice Cullen, with Judge Werner concurring, made a decision of precedent.

In his conclusion, the chief justice says: "I fear that the army of outrages of labor organizations or of some of their members have not only excited just indignation but at times have frightened courts into plain legal inconsistencies and into enunciation of doctrines which if asserted in litigations arising under any other subject than labor legislation would meet scant courtesy or consideration."

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We are more in need of an Industrial Democracy than a "re-organized" democracy.

In the mix-up at San Francisco industrialism also got a bat in the eye. It, too, takes a long time to filter through the moss.

Russia may get a constitution but what good will it do her if Sherman Bell should change his mind and go to Russia instead of Mexico?

Tom Lawson says the members of the Massachusetts legislature are bought and sold like fish at the wharves. Well, they were elected by suckers.

Wonder if Pittsburg has a museum of prehistoric relics. San Francisco evidently has none or else overlooked a rare opportunity of adding to its collection.

You may think the Socialists are mistaken as to there being a class struggle but Parry and his precious bunch are not taking chances on any contingency of that kind.

The future of labor is secure. The "greatest labor leader in the world" (see any No. of the American Federationist for his identity) was again elected president of the A. F. of L.

Those half million Socialist votes seem to have made Sammy more "impassioned" than usual. They appear to have had the same effect on him that they had on the rest of the capitalists.

Parry admits that "a few evils have developed in the building up of this great industrial structure." Comrade Dave had better be careful or he will queer himself with the Chicago Chronicle.

You can't make a Socialist out of a man whose head is so heavily covered with moss that he can't think. Let capitalism knock off the moss. In the meantime there are plenty of others to operate on. Get after them.

If the Chicago Chronicle can endorse the doings of the San Francisco convention of the American Federation of Labor, as it did in one of its issues last week, surely there can be nothing to prevent the A. F. of L. joining Parry's organization in a body—unless it's that bunch of pesky Socialists.

After the election in Italy on November 6 the capitalist papers as usual announced a "decline in Socialism," claiming the Socialists had lost heavily. It now develops that so far from declining, the vote has been doubled since 1900 and increased representation in parliament secured. A few more such "declines" and capitalism is done.

Sam Gompers had to remove some more "stings" at Frisco. But there are still a few left.

Of course it doesn't follow that because you join the organization you should drop personal work.

It is now mass against class. When the mass gets together as a class it will put an end to the other class.

FRIENDSHIP.

That there have been and are deep and lasting friendships is not to be doubted, yet many times you think you have a friend and behold—you are reminded of the Irishman's flea.

"Birds of a feather flock together." If after the moulting season you should don feathers of another color you will find yourself deserted by the rest of the flock.

We are creatures of habit—we follow the old cow path, nor pause to question if there be a better way. Some few venture ahead and shout back to us that they see the better way; some will follow but more will say, "They are fools—we have always gone over this path—there is no other way."

We try the new path, find it is better, and continue on it. But the old companions drop off one by one; we sigh but have no time for tears for we are pressing on to the better way. We see the light ahead. Though we stand alone, we never turn our backs to the light. Good-bye, dear friends, we have loved you long, we love you yet,—but the light—when it comes to a choice between you and the light, we cannot turn back. If you cannot mount with us the path of progress we must leave you behind and press on alone.

Alone? Nay; who are these strangers ahead, around, and behind us? Others have seen the light and are helping to make the path to the better way. These others are rapidly increasing; the better way will be reached—will be thrown open to all the world.

And then will be repeated the old story: "What forests of laurel we bring, and the tears of mankind, to those who stood firm against the opinion of their contemporaries! The measure of a master is his success in bringing all men around to his opinion twenty years later."

THE MUSES IN BUSINESS.

Did you ever buy a piano? It is a peculiar experience that illustrates the beauties of competition. Go to one agent and he will tell you how superior his instruments are to all others. He will make you a price, and then on the side offer your friend who accompanies you a handsome commission if she will help persuade you to buy. But you prefer to look further. The next dealer in pianos will sing the praises of his wares and if he discovers that you have looked elsewhere he will acquaint you with all the weak points in his competitor's instruments. He will tell you the price of his piano is so much, offer it to you for less, and aside offer the usual commission to your friend. Go back a few days later and he will reduce the price. Go to another dealer and you will find the same tactics in use and by the time you are ready to buy you will know that all pianos are worth less than half what you have to pay to get one, and that all dealers are ready to sacrifice truth, conscience, competitors and you in order to get as great a profit for themselves as they think they can squeeze out of you.

One agent sends out an expensive catalogue filled with pictures of beautiful homes where his piano is in use. There are no pictures of workingmen's houses. And yet

the book is ornamented with such information as this: "Music is the universal language which appeals to the universal heart of mankind. Its thrill pervades all nature."

And that is true. We long for music; we need it for our soul growth as the bud needs the sunlight for its unfoldment.

The ban of profit and competition must be removed so that the great majority of mankind may no longer be prohibited from this essential to their natures. Emerson has said: "In the Greek cities it was reckoned profane that any person should pretend a property in a work of art, which belonged to all who could behold it. I think sometimes, could I only have music on my own terms; could I live in a great city and know where I could go whenever I wished the ablation and inundation of musical waves—that were a bath and a medicine."

have traveled so far from the old Greek cities that we now have private property in everything—art, music, food, clothing, homes—even sunshine, for only a few can have homes that let in the beautiful sunshine.

We want all these things for all the people; we must have them if the race is to progress. We will have them. A system that prevents it must go down. We must have pianos, pictures, books in our homes. It is not enough to feed the body—we must have mental and spiritual food as well. It is our birthright. We are only demanding our own from the possession of which we have been so long debarred. We will yet "have music on our own terms."

ECONOMIC DETERMINISM.

What is it? Economic determinism, or the "economic interpretation of history," or the "materialist conception of history," as it is also called, is the scientific law upon which the whole philosophy of modern Socialism is based.

What is that scientific law? It is the law, first enunciated by Marx and Engels in 1848, that the economic mode of production employed by society at any given time determines and colors all the other phases of society's activities; that since the institution of private ownership which followed the dissolution of primitive tribal society—when the land was held in common ownership—the "whole history of mankind has been a history of class struggles, contests between exploiting and exploited, ruling and oppressed classes." More recently, W. J. Ghent, in his latest book, "Mass and Class," wrote:

"The economic interpretation of history is the doctrine that the relations of men to one another in the matter of making a living are the main underlying causes of men's habits of thought and feeling, their notions of right, propriety and legality, their institutions of society and government, their wars and revolutions. Under the stress of economic motive men seek to satisfy their needs; and to do this throughout the period of the institution of private property they have had to compete with one another. In its last analysis the struggle is one of individual against individual. But since in all times the individual has recognized or sensed his own weakness in the struggle against other men and against nature, he has had to make common cause with his fellows of like needs and aims. The history of mankind is thus resolved into a series of group struggles, including in the main, tribal and racial conflicts as well, growing out of the desire for economic advantage. With the development of industry from its primitive or barbaric forms, these groups evolved into economic classes, striving to obtain, or when obtained, to hold, the prevailing form of capital and the political mastery which insured its retention. Petty groups, of varying interests, have persisted within the several classes, but the

determining struggle throughout history has continued along class lines."

Previous to the time of Marx, innumerable attempts had been made to convert the world at one fell swoop into a co-operative commonwealth by holding before the astonished eyes of the people the picture of a rainbow-hued Utopia or by the example of communistic experiments. Ignorant of the law of economic determinism, these good men cast their pearls before swine. It required the development of capitalism and its corollary—a propertyless wage working class—for the growth of Socialism.

And the presence of the international Socialist party is one of the strongest proofs of the law of economic determinism.

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LOCAL MEETINGS

Davenport local meets every first and third Friday in the month at Turner hall. Visitors always welcome. B. W. Wilson, Sec., 821 East 14th street.

Sioux City Local meets every Thursday at 8:00 p. m. at Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, top floor Opera House Building. Take elevator. Everybody invited.

Des Moines Local No. 6 meets second and fourth Sunday afternoons of each month at 3:00 o'clock in Yeoman Hall.

Dubuque Local meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at Socialist Headquarters, 6th and Iowa streets.

Waterloo Local meets every Sunday in Eickleberg's Hall at 3 p. m. Visitors always welcome. E. D. Hammond, Sec.

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STATE PLATFORM

The Socialist party of the state of Iowa, in delegate convention assembled, at Marshalltown, Iowa, July 24th, 1904, call upon every member of the working class, to join with us for the purpose of capturing the powers of government by the ballot that we may take possession of the tools of production, abolish the wage system, and establish a system of production for the benefit of the workers.

Today the tools of production are owned by the capitalist class; they are operated by the working class, but only when their operation will make profit for the owning class. Ownership of the machines, the mines, factories and railroads gives the capitalist class control over the lives of the millions of the working class through the wage system.

The owning class cut give or withhold employment at will as a result of this absolute power the workers, who perform all useful labor, must humiliate themselves by begging for jobs of a class that performs no useful labor. If this permission to work is withheld they and their families must starve.

The wage system is the cause of starvation, disease, crime, prostitution, child labor, stunted bodies and warped minds for the workers. It gives to the capitalist palaces for homes, the pick of the world's markets for their food, the ones, refinement, culture, education, travel and all that makes life worth living.

Society is thus divided into two hostile classes, the capitalist class and the working class. This condition has brought into birth the Socialist party, the political expression of the struggle of the working class for power. This party owes allegiance to and is part of the international Socialist movement.

With a system of industry owned and operated by the workers, the struggle for existence would be shifted from the individual to society as a whole.

The ownership of the means of production and distribution by the capitalists, class gives this class control of the legislatures, the courts and all executive offices. Republican, democratic and reform parties are financed by the capitalist and are, therefore, their servants. Thus in effect, making the government the executive committee of the capitalist.

This fact demands, as an inevitable conclusion, the organization of the working class into a political party that shall be, everywhere and always, distinct from and opposed to every political party not founded entirely upon the interests of the working class. The Socialist party is organized to meet this need and is therefore the party of the working class.

The Socialist party, when in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system of wage slavery is utterly abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct. Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it does the Socialist party is for it; if it does not, the Socialist party is absolutely opposed to it.

In accordance with this principle, the Socialist party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs of this state in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class.

In conclusion, we appeal to the working class to study the principles of Socialism, to vote with their class at all elections until they overthrow the power of capitalism, abolish industrial classes in society, terminate forever the class struggle, and inaugurate the co-operative commonwealth based upon this fundamental principle of justice:

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IMPRESSIONS

By the
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LABOR.

Labor, thou art noble and divine.
Creation's work thy primal task,
Love was the master, it was thine
To toil, and in love's smile to bask.

No whip was plied on weary back,
No brutal scourge to urge thee on,
No daily allotted task to rack
Thy body, 'ere the goal was won.

Labor, history records the fall
In the ages of the dreary past:
Cunning and force defeated all,
And from the garden man was cast.

A task was then imposed on all,
That each should earn his bread by toil
Alone, and daily the sweat would fall
From manly brow, unto the soil.

Unjustly, then, by cruel wrong,
The poor, the weak, the burdens bear;
Rebel, and with triumphant song
Hoist Freedom's flag into the air.

Labor! Awake! Awake! why sleep
When the battle cry is ringing:
Let the false and cowardly weep;
The brave, of victory are singing.

Then, onward! onward! strike the blow;
Tyranny and the false shall die;
In the future Freedom's flag shall glow
In universal victory!

—Joseph P. Gill.

TRUE LIGHT.

I can see in the distance the true light
shining,

For the Giant Labor has ceased repining,
And sprung into action with one mighty
bound,

And his footsteps is heard the whole world
around.

His voice of truth grows strong and clear;
He will not beg the coming years,

But demand his own by right of birth,
And prove himself heir to all the earth.

Such a system as this under which we now
live,

No peace or contentment to the worker
can give,

For the producing class can never thrive
While making wealth for the drones of the
hive.

The wealth of all in the hands of a few;
How long this will last we shall leave to
you.

Cast the Socialist ballot!—workers, set the
pace—

It stands for the freedom of the whole hu-
man race.

You have the brains—only remove the rust,
Then crumbles this robber system to dust.
Let us stand—one for all and all for one,
And silence for aye its death dealing guns.

—Alex. McAllece.

THE JINRIKISHA OR MAN CART.

Are you riding or a running
In a Jinrikisha?

Are you tugging or a whipping
For ten hours every day?

Is your wage a meager living,
Or is it princely pay,

You receive for what you're doing
In the Jinrikisha?

Old Pharaoh was a driver
Of a Jinrikisha.

He drove them by the thousand,
He drove them every way,

He drove them to the seaside
Upon a summer's day,

But the Red Sea took him under,
And it has him there to stay,

For the Devil wanted drivers
Of a Jinrikisha.

The slave holder was a driver
Of a Jinrikisha.

He drove them hard, he drove them long,
He drove them every day;

He whipped them without mercy,
And robbed them of their pay,

But a Red Sea took him under,
And it has him there to stay,

For the Devil wanted drivers
Of a Jinrikisha.

And now the Capitalist is here;
He isn't here to stay.

He's driving fast and driving long,
In his Jinrikisha.

He drives them by the million,
He drives them night and day.

Will a Red Sea take him under?
That's the question of today,

For the Devil's after drivers
Of the Jinrikisha.

What is the press and pulpit doing
In this enlightened day,

To purge the earth of drivers
Of the Jinrikisha.

They teach that Christ will save them,
For a portion of the prey.

But Moses killed a driver
Of a Jinrikisha.

And Christ will send them to Dives
On the final judgment day.

What will you be doing on next election
day;

Voting for the driver of the Jinrikisha
To drive us long and whip us hard

And rob us of our pay?
Or will you vote for labor
To ride in its own shay?
With easy work and shorter hours,
Peace, plenty every day.
Just vote for it and it is yours,
And that's the only way.

—R. S. Spurrier.

Class A great stumbling
Conscious block to good na-
ness tured people in the
path toward Socialism is the talk
of Socialists about the class
struggle.

These amiable folks do not like
to encourage antagonism or class
lines; they cannot see why it is ne-
cessary to lay stress upon class in-
terests even if classes do exist.

Perhaps they will be convinced
that this class consciousness is not
only necessary but dignified and
noble if an economist in the best
possible standing with the "powers
that be" preaches the same idea
with a different moral.

George Gunton stands high
among the trust magnates. He is
considered their strongest apolo-
gist.

He admits that class lines are
deeply drawn, that it is practically
impossible to rise out of the labor-
ing class, that it is as foolish to
tell every man he may rise to be a
capitalist as to tell every boy that
he may be president.

Seeing that he must rise or fall
with his class, Gunton shows that
the laborer has been forced to or-
ganize as a class and thereby se-
cure more desirable conditions.
"He is forced to demand the bene-
fit for his class as the only way of
getting it for himself."

He goes on:
"There is nothing so saving to
the human race, nothing that so
surely promotes the advancement
of civilization as that which makes
it necessary for millions to rise to-
gether. No reform is worth fight-
ing for, no statesmanship is worth
considering that does not tend to
improve the condition of the mil-
lions."

"Therefore to say that the wages
system is opposed to freedom be-
cause it tends to create a laboring
class, is to entirely misunderstand
the trend of social progress.

"Wages cannot rise, nor can po-
litical freedom or social character
be developed by anything which
does not increase the economic in-
terdependence of the people and
weld them together in social
classes."

Such a mixture of truth and fool-
ishness is amusing but quite neces-
sary for one who understands the
present system and yet will not
see, or will not say, that the only
way out of the wage system is in
Socialism.

How beautifully these principles
Gunton lays down fit in with the
Socialist's hope in class conscious-
ness!

Socialism seeks the good of all
mankind, not of one class. So-
cialism alone among industrial or-
ganization makes it necessary to
seek the good of all in order to get
benefits for one.

It seeks to unite the exploited
classes and to have them realize
their power and their own interests
because class consciousness is a far
finer thing than self consciousness
and as the interests of the worker
are the interests of all, there is no
surer way to work first for the mil-
lions and through them for all.

It is a good thing nature tied us
all together so tightly. She will
make a good sort of folk out of us
yet if she does have to pinch us
between trusts and tyrannies to
teach us sense enough to assert our
human rights and vote in a system

which abolishes classes by making
all men's interests lie together in
the good of the whole.—Mila Tup-
per Manard.

Are Once while an Athe-
You a ist was out taking the
Hypocrite air in the park (pri-
vate capital having previously taken
everything else) he met face to face
a Christian (which does not happen
twice in a hundred years).

The Christian asked if he might
make so bold as to teach the Athe-
ist the religion of the Nazarene,
and the Atheist (who was minded
that he had an engagement to
dine the next day and had once
heard the first half of a Methodist
prayer) replied that he might if he
had the brevity and wit to do it
while he stood on one foot.

The Christian, overjoyed, said he
could do it. He stood on one foot
and said: "Do nothing to another
that you would not have another
do to you."

"Cheer up!" cried the Atheist,
"I believe that, only I don't pro-
fess it."

The test of the sincerity of a be-
lief is not what we profess but
whether we are prepared to act as
if it were true.

To profess a religion the funda-
mental tenet of which cannot be
followed in any given social order
must result in one of two alterna-
tives: one must become a hypocrite
or one must become an opponent
of such social order. There is no
middle ground: one must be either
content to profess a thing he does
not practice or he must burn ar-
dently for social conditions under
which he may practice the thing he
professes.

To call oneself a Christian and
not to seek with all one's might to
overturn the private ownership of
the sources of the common life is
to write hypocrite upon one's fore-
head.

Nothing in life can compensate
for the loss of honesty of soul.

Better from the sheer mountain-top
Headlong thy ruined body drop;
Better appease the serpent's ire
With thy right hand; or in the fire
Behold thy riven members tost,
Than once thy mind's integrity were lost.

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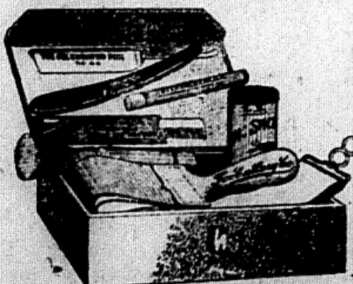
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National Headquarters, Socialist Party
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 26, 1904.

The national secretary is compiling a list of the best Socialist speakers who will work during the winter under the direction of the national headquarters. Locals desiring speakers should file their applications at once, as this will facilitate the arrangement of tours and disposition of speakers.

Receipts for the national campaign fund during the week ending Nov. 25 were \$25.10, making a total to date named of \$9,609.47. There are still a large number of campaign lists out and reports should be made upon these at once as the national campaign fund of 1904 will close Dec. 15. Every cent that can be secured is needed by the national office to clear up outstanding accounts. The national secretary is anxious to have the new year start with a clean slate.

A most encouraging sign is the increased emphasis placed upon organization by comrades writing to the national office since election. Almost invariably the letters strike the same note of appreciation of the added responsibility which the increased vote brings to all Socialists. A number of comrades back up their expression of faith with a contribution, as for example, comrades living as far apart as Kansas, Maine, New York and Louisiana send in something to help keep the work moving. These contributions have been credited to the campaign fund.

Comrade Nicholson, secretary Twenty-third ward branch, Philadelphia, writes as follows: "I know we must work hard now to educate the people to Socialism in order to maintain and also increase our vote, otherwise we will go back. In order to do that we must have plenty of money and, of course, I myself can't give much but I can get others to give a little. So if you will send me a card that will hold 5 and 10 cent pieces I can return it within two weeks and if 5,000 or 10,000 comrades will do the same the total would make a good Christmas present for the national office and help to place good speakers in the field." How many comrades will take the hint given by Comrade Nicholson and send a Christmas present to the national office?

WILLIAM MAHLEY,
National Secretary.

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Althaus for Parlor Lamps.

STATE NOTES

The probabilities are that an organizer will be put into the field commencing with January, 1905.

Comrade Hammond, of Waterloo, writes that the German paper published at Waterloo has come out for the real thing.

A local with ten members has been chartered at Atlantic. This local starts out with the intention of remaining in the field for the balance of the campaign.

All locals desiring speakers during the first four months of the new year will do well by letting the fact become known. File application with the state secretary.

Secretary of State W. B. Martin will send you the official register, giving the vote by precinct in your county for the year 1903. It will be an aid in organizing the county to have this book.

The Des Moines local added eighteen new members to the list at their last meeting. By the provision of the by-laws all of these new members receive free of charge a year's subscription to The Iowa Socialist.

Many locals are taking advantage of the opportunities and are increasing their membership. They realize that the Socialist campaign for 1905 has begun, and that the work of agitation and organization must be pushed continuously, unless we would go the way of Massachusetts. Don't take any chances.

Since the Iowa Socialist agreement became effective the state organization has purchased 700 subscription cards, 100 less than the agreement stipulates. Of this number 375 have been sold to locals, as follows: Beebeetown, 6; Bellevue, 4; Boone, 8; Correctionville, 2; Dubuque, 36; Des Moines, 72; Davenport, 111; Keokuk, 12; Logan, 4; Muscatine, 20; Manson, 8; Oelwein, 12; Sioux City, 10; Siggourney, 23; Seymour, 9; Waterloo, 38.

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Red Oak: We are doing well as a local, started with twelve members, have sixteen now, and two applications for next meeting. We have a very nice room on the public square, with hot water heat and electric lights, the rent being \$8 per month. The room is used by us as a read-

ing room to the members and each of us has a key to the same. Twelve of us donated \$1 each for a starter, and then we made the dues 50 cents per month. We meet every Tuesday evening. The prospect for a healthy growth is fine.—Bud Houchin.

DUE STAMPS AND SUB. CARDS.

Occasionally requests are made that due stamps and Iowa Socialist sub. cards be furnished locals, to be paid for when sold. It has been inexpedient to comply with the requests for the following reasons:

First. The state organization pays cash for due stamps and sub. cards, and it would be necessary, in order to extend the privilege to all requested by some, that several hundred dollars be invested, which is an impossibility.

Second. A credit system requires considerable more bookkeeping and additional correspondence, and whatever work is added to the duties of the state office should be of a nature that will result in building up the organization. A credit system would have the opposite effect, because of the money and time needlessly spent.

J. J. JACOBSEN, State Secretary.

LOCAL NOTES

One new member was added to the local on Tuesday evening and an application for another was read. They are coming in, slowly but surely.

Comrade Cameron having resigned as secretary-treasurer, Comrade H. E. Fischer was elected financial secretary and Comrade A. A. Triller as treasurer.

The constitution of Local Dubuque was amended at the last meeting, to provide for a financial secretary and treasurer, these two offices being held in the past by one person.

Comrade N. Sokoloff, Sioux City, was a caller at this office during the week. He says the boys in the village on the muddy creek on the other side of the corn patch are enthused over the increased vote and purpose pushing the propaganda harder than ever, especially among the wage slaves of the packing houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Sokoloff, comrades from Sioux City, visited our local last Tuesday evening. Both gave short talks which were well received by members and visitors. These comrades are earnest, enthusiastic workers for Socialism in their home city, and Dubuque local will be glad to welcome them again any time.

A program committee, consisting of Comrades H. O. Dieterich, Lena Milan and C. J. Triller was elected to serve three months or less, according to satisfaction rendered. They reported for next Tuesday evening the following program: Song, Lena Milan; address, Ernest Holtz; reading, John Esser; question box. Visitors invited.

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Avery, Iowa, Nov. 23.

Editor Iowa Socialist: I had intended to attend to your sub. list long ago, but have been very busy of late. However, having been very kindly relieved of other work by my considerate masters, I have had plenty of leisure during the last week, and, although there will be no "Thanksgiving Turkey" upon my table tomorrow, I can take the advice of one of our local religious "lights" and thank God that I am yet alive and that I am permitted to enjoy the free sunshine without paying tribute to the "Divine Right" crowd, who have not yet cornered the supply of sunlight, nor acquired the ownership of the power that runs that celestial arc-light, for which I can again give thanks. As a consequence of the leisure above referred to, there are several American sovereigns who are "long on time and short on money," and cannot, therefore, pay the necessary amount to cover the subscription price. Others of the old subscribers have moved away, presumably because they could not stand the pressure of the "unequalled prosperity" in this vicinity; and being more desirous of a "steady job" than the hot-air prosperity found here at home, they have gone in quest of one of those "jobs" of which there is said to be two for every man. I have often wondered why it is that in every strike, during the last few years especially, the strikers have had such a snap in winning their fights. It must be because of the two jobs above mentioned, which renders it impossible for the employers to get strike-breakers, seeing that all are employed. Therefore, the great army of unemployed of which the Socialists prate about so much must be a myth. It is very encouraging to us when we reflect upon the

great victories which have been won by the workers of late. Every time they strike they get that which is dearest to the heart and highest in the ambitions of the "intelligent" (?) workingman—more work—more work in proportion to the pay received. All on account of the good sense and wisdom of "keeping out of politics."

If they continue fighting along the old conservative lines, keep out that malevolent monster politics and follow their present illustrious leaders, they may even rise to the economic status of the slaves of Egypt or of Rome, or at least attain to the blessings of the inhabitants of China and gloriously subsist on rice and wear their shirts outside their pants.

In order to arrive at such a social elevation, it is necessary that the radical element, the malcontents; those agitators who call themselves Socialists, should be held in check and their influence destroyed. If this is not done, there will be engendered (if it is not already engendered) a dissatisfied spirit of such force as will cause the workers to rise up and assert their manhood, and even demand that the holy institution of wage slavery be overthrown, and that the present owners of the earth by divine appointment shall be divested of their power to enslave. Then we would be confronted with an appalling state of affairs. Instead of millions of half starved men, women and children, all mankind could be easily fed. Instead of the luxuries of life being reserved for the elect few, all would be in a position to live a life full of overflowing with all the joys and pleasures made possible by the co-operation of all mankind. The tramp would be given an opportunity to work, and for himself, so that he could erect for himself a home and live the life of a human being and not that of a dog, an outcast, ostracized by the society that has made him what he is. The tiny white slaves of the mills and factories would then be restored to their natural right, to the childish joys and innocent pastimes so essential to the healthy development of their young bodies, and would also have an opportunity to develop mentally as well as physically by means of free public institutions of learning and physical culture. As a result of these and other improvements in environment and conditions, a race of people—happy in a freedom hitherto unknown, great in social fellowship and in scientific achievement—would be evolved who would climb to higher heights of civilization and attain to ethical standards more lofty and noble than our enemies, our "safe and sane" men, our high and mighty conservative, middle class flunkies ever yet dreamed or are capable of dreaming of.

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The industrial situation in this country, as the modern reviewer sees it, is likely to grow worse before it becomes better. As the unions grow more exacting the employers as a class will be drawn together for mutual protection. They will meet organization with organization and the boycott with the blacklist. There will be two organizations, the one a national association of employers in a particular line of industry, the other a local association embracing substantially all the employers in the community. The one will correspond to the American Federation of Labor and the other to the local trades assembly. The balance of power will be exercised by the six million farm owners in the country and by the millions more whose property consists of realty in the cities and iron considerations of self-interest most of them will side with the employers. Beyond this the reviewers can not see. For while employers and employes have interests in common it is undeniable that they have also conflicting interests respecting the division of the profits of industry and no acceptable solution of their difference on this point has been proposed.

Labor, except under compulsion, will not accept the competitive test on the question of what constitutes its share of the product. Capital will accept no other. Therefore the two forces will retain their organizations, to get the benefits of concerted resistance to oppression. Compulsory arbitration is the least of the possibilities. In this country capital and labor would rather deal with each other directly than through an intermediary with power from the state to compel their assent to any particular basis of settlement.—Dubuque Times.

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