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ON TO 100,000!

Straightout Parting Shots From Benj. Hanford, New York's S. L. P. Candidate for Governor.

The political and social problems of today are the aggregation of wealth in the hands of a few idle persons and the development of labor-saving machinery.

As a result of these conditions we have men, women and children with more or less precarious and intermittent employment at low wages and an army of unemployed.

The politician who does not recognize these causes and effects is either blind or a fool. If he recognizes them and does not deal with them he is a scoundrel or a coward.

None of the candidates of the Republican or Democratic parties has dealt, and none dare deal, with these questions.

The reason is that to deal with them adequately they must attack capitalism.

The only issue between the old parties in this election is as to which is the bigger thief.

The one political party that has the courage to deal with the problems of today and dares to face the future, is the Socialist Labor party.

That party knows what to do with the trust and syndicate—socialize them and carry them on for social benefit, instead of for private profit.

The S. L. P. knows how to deal with labor-saving machinery—socialize it, and thereby reduce the price of commodities, reduce the hours of labor, and increase the earnings of the workers.

The Socialist knows what to do with the unemployed—socialize the means of production, and give work and wages to the unemployed by distributing among them the unearned income of the idle rich.

If you elect a Socialist Governor, and during his term of office there is a strike in Buffalo of the switchmen or in Brooklyn of the trolley men, and the voters of this State are so stupid as to elect a Socialist Governor for troops, they will get the troops; but the Socialist Governor will not forget that the million take their orders from him. Those troops will repair to the scene of the strike, not to break the strike, not to shoot strikers, not to keep strikers away, and thereby help the corporations to break the law, but to keep ice-cream away and to uphold the cause of the working class. While no Socialist hesitates to cause bloodshed, if in that strike there must be human lives lost, the dead shall be on the other side, not on the side of the working class, but on the side of the capitalist class—they are not so numerous, and they can be better spared, and, moreover, it is they who would be, as they always are, responsible for such conflict.

If, instead of a strike, it should be a lockout, your Socialist Senate and Assembly will pass a law making public property of the railroad, telegraph line, factory, mine or mill where the lockout has taken place, allow the wealth producers to go back to work, and lock the boss out.

You may think this extreme, radical, revolutionary. So it is.

But it is much more sensible than 100 or 1,000 men should lock out one useless boss than that one useless boss should have the power, as at present, of locking out the hundreds and thousands of useful workers.

You may think that if the Socialist Government did this with one factory, the owners of other factories would shut down their works.

Good! As fast as they are shut up by the boss they will be opened and made public property by the Socialist.

If a man or a few men owned the entire water supply of a community, and were suddenly to shut off that water supply, the people of that community would take their "property" in water from them very quickly, and just the same as they would take a deadly weapon from a man intent on murder.

To you men who belong to the working class (majority of the population) your means to labor are as necessary to you as water to the thirsty, food to the starving man. He who, because of his private ownership of the only means by which you can work, uses that means to your injury by reducing your wages, or to your degradation, starvation and death, by denying you the opportunity to work at all, has the same material effect upon you as the thief who robs you, or the assassin who seeks to take your life.

You workmen may think that our "honorable" Courts, our impeccable long-term Judges, would stand in the way of the socialization of the means of production as outlined above.

First of all, understand that there are no "honorable" Judges from the standpoint of the working class. They all stand for capitalism and corporations. Next, look to the pages of the Constitution of the State of New York, and you will find a provision for the removal of judges by the Legislature. Don't forget that the capitalist class cover up this fact.

Socialist Senate and Assembly if any capitalist Judge or one single decision in the capitalist class and interests of the working class.

KEEP IN MIND

These Fresh Facts From the Moment You Enter the Booth.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 1.—The Superior Court of Pennsylvania has just issued what may be considered an A. No. 1 Socialist document by demonstrating the futility of labor laws so long as the class-conscious working class has not the interpreting and enforcing of the law.

The practice of "screening" coal is but a means to rob the miner. He is paid, not according to the coal he has mined, but according to the coal that survives the screening process. To put it practically, he is paid for about one ton of coal out of every two that he produces. Pretending to put an end to this abuse, a law was recently passed to break up the existing system, and to substitute the weight of the un-screened coal as the basis upon which the miners' compensation was to be computed. Samuel S. Brown, a mine-owner disregarded the law. He was brought to trial for so doing. The farce took place in the Quarter Sessions Court of Allegheny County. He was convicted. "He appealed, and the Superior Court now sets aside the verdict on the ground that the law on which he was convicted is unconstitutional. The Court point-blank declares that such a law is an infringement of the employer's RIGHTS.

This law is a fair sample of the fake legislation that was worked through the last session of the Pennsylvania Legislature by the Labor Fakirs, and heralded abroad with much blowing of the fakir trumpets and beating of their tom-toms.

The last Legislature of Pennsylvania probably consisted of the most villainous collection of unhung scoundrels, cheap rascals, and brainless gulls that the Commonwealth was ever accursed with. They left the State under an odium of disgrace that can still be smelled clear across the plains of the Far West.

The Fakirs, recognizing in this gang a congenial element, proceeded forthwith to present "Bills" purporting to be "in the interests of labor" (might just as well have been handbills). We of the S. L. P. pointed out at the time that these "Bills" were all fakes, and we were accordingly denounced as uncharitable, "union wreckers," "unpatriotic," etc. etc. However, the Legislature was perfectly willing to pass them all, and the more sloppy and fakelike they were the better the Legislators liked them. Pass them they did, by the cord; and Fakirdom got all smelled up, and "pointed with pride" at its success in the halls of legislation. Now everyone of these "Acts" that has since been hauled into court, has invariably had the stuffing tramped out of it. Alas, how one by one, the summer roses fade and die!

But the Fakir must fake; that is what he is there for.

The labor fakir and the capitalist politician are one. The Socialist ballot must smash them both.

NEW YORK'S MASS MEETING.

On Saturday evening, the 29th of last month, Section Greater New York held a monster parade, closing with an open air mass meeting at Union square. Rousing speeches were delivered in several languages, Comrade Benjamin Hanford, the standard bearer in the contest, was received with an enthusiasm that was deep, earnest and powerful. At the close of the meeting the following resolution was adopted amid deafening cheers:

"WHEREAS, The bunco-game of capitalistic politics never was played by the Rep and Dem factions with such open contempt for the intelligence of the working people;

"All the fraudulent issues of the past have by common accord been dropped in this campaign. 'Gold or Silver,' 'Protection or Free Trade,' and even 'Reform,' have been laid on the shelf for future bamboozling. Between the two boodle parties the question of National import is whether the autocratic power of corruptly distributing among capitalist bandits the enormous colonial wealth acquired by war shall be wielded by a Democratic or a Republican Congress. Likewise, the only question of State import is whether the Reps or the Dems shall steal the public monies to be further appropriated for a canal which, when completed at a public expense exceeding several times its real cost, will be operated for the benefit of the Vanderbilts, with the electric power controlled by them and supplied by the falls of Niagara.

"THEREFORE, We Socialist of New York in mass meeting assembled, trusting in the good sense of our fellow work-ers, hoping that their eyes have at last been opened by the murderous treatment which has always been, and will ever be, the only reward of their subservience to capitalism at the ballot box, once more call upon them to rally under the banner of the only party to which they naturally belong, the only party through which their wrongs can be redressed, the only party through which their emancipation can and shall be achieved, their own class party, the Socialist Labor party."

ON TO THE 100,000!

Nebraska's Class-Conscious Proletariat, Shaking Loose the Shackles of Silver Fraud and Gold Swindle, Promulgates its Manifesto.

Dear Comrades and Brothers:

Comrades, if you be affiliated with our organization, and brothers, no matter what your color, creed or politics may be, as the cardinal ethical idea of the S. L. P. is the solidarity of the race: We, the members of the Socialist Labor party of Nebraska, in this, our manifesto, will try to give some of the reasons why you and your class should not vote for the candidates of any capitalist party, but on the contrary, why you should vote the S. L. P. ticket in the coming State and Congressional elections.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

In order to make this clear, it becomes necessary that you first be made to understand what we mean by the "Class Struggle," as when you come to fully comprehend this, you can readily classify yourself economically, and then be able to tell with what political organization your material interests lie.

Practically, society is divided into two classes—the exploiters and the exploited, while theoretically there are three, viz.: A proletarian or toolless class; a middle class, or those who own only a crippled tool, and the plutocratic class, or those who own and control the modern tool. The proletarian class comprises not less than 60 per cent. of the population, and owns not more than 4 per cent. of the nation's wealth; the middle class comprises 30 per cent. of the population and owns 20 per cent. of the nation's wealth; while the plutocratic class comprises not more than 10 per cent. of the population, and owns not less than 76 per cent. of the nation's wealth.

The proletarian class on account of its toolless condition, is exploited all the time; the plutocratic class, doing no socially useful work, exploits all the time, and while the middle class is robbed by plutocracy, it at the same time eagerly and enthusiastically robs all below it in the economic scale.

Espousing these three classes' economic interests in this country are three political organizations, viz.: The Gold-bug Demo-Republican organization, content with present conditions, standing for plutocracy; the Silver-bugs Demo-Pop reform organization, standing for the dying middle class, and the revolutionary Socialist Labor party, standing for the interests of your class, the disinherited, that is just becoming vivified.

Up to the present your class, in the main, in this country, has been ficed as cats-paws to pull plutocratic and middle class chestnuts out of the fire; and do you not think it about time for you and your class to begin to vote for your own interests?

Doubtless, at one time, many of you owned the tools with which you worked, but in spite of your best efforts, have been crowded from the ranks of the "haves" back into the ranks of the "have-nots." If such be the case, are you still hopeful for the future? Can you not see that under the capitalist system, that given a certain number of dollars, in any line of business, pitted against a larger number of dollars in the same line of business, ability on both sides being equal, that the larger number of dollars will win every time? Or in other words, that small production can not hope to compete with large production? If you accept this proposition you can readily see that if you could not hold your own, when you controlled the means of production, the chances are now as 99 to 1 that you will always remain in wage-slavery; also that your children will inherit the same fate.

The middle class can derive no consolidation from your lot, as under the operation of the same law that dooms your class to wage-slavery, every day hundreds and thousands of that class are being bankrupted, and forced into competing with you for the right of an opportunity to tend one of plutocracy's machines.

One hundred years ago plutocrats and proletarians were practically unknown in this country. All owned and controlled the tools with which they worked; also the raw material on which their energies were expended. Hence, as a result, all received the full fruits of their toil; but at the present rate of wealth concentration, before 1910, the plutocrats and proletarians will have full possession of the economic battlefield—the middle class, being whittled down from both ends of the line, will by that time have become extinct—and the final battle will take place between these two forces.

Should plutocracy win, commercial feudalism will be the order of the day; but should the proletariat win, then will economic freedom be the order of the day, and class distinctions a thing of the past. Between your class, and the capitalist class there is an irrepressible conflict that will not down. And for this reason: at all times, it is to the interest of the wage-earners to secure the full fruits of his toil; while on the contrary, it is to the interest of his employer to see that he does not get the full fruits of his toil. Were he to succeed, there would be no profits left for the capitalist. Hence, can you not see the folly of those who claim their interests are identical?

Since the advent of modern machinery, your class have been entirely de-

pendent upon the capitalist class for the right of an opportunity to earn their living. As a class, even in 1890, you were landless, homeless and toolless; also aliens and trespassers upon this mundane sphere. While your labor has produced all the capital in this country, through the operation of the capitalist wage-system—that has given to the proletariat on an average for the past sixty years, only one-fourth of the wealth produced by them—your class has been robbed of its rightful inheritance. It is you, who have built the mansions on the hill, the palaces on the boulevards, out who at the same time are compelled to pay rent to the capitalist class for the hovel in the valley and slums.

If you comprehend that your economic interests are antagonistic how can you harmonize your political interests? Logically it cannot be done.

THE WAR.

In the late war with Spain about 200,000 of your class enlisted to liberate the reconcentrados; or, in other words, in the cause of humanity. On the contrary, the large majority of those of your exploiters who went to the front, did so for political prestige or profit. W. J. Bryan and Theodore Roosevelt are splendid examples of those who expected to make political capital out of the war; and the whole gang of officers that have been busy filling their pockets, while the rank and file were starving, reflect the character of those of their class who went to war for profits. While your class have been dying by the thousands through sickness and starvation, and suffering all sorts of preventable privations, in order that these profit-mongers might replenish their bank account, these same gentry, in the task of dividing the honors and spoils of war—among themselves—have shown less manhood and honor than common thieves and blacklegs; as these, no matter what their other shortcomings, never "peach" on each other.

Long before we war was declared, the socialists of this country warned you to have none of it, as we recognized the fact that the power that declared war in this country was dominated entirely by the capitalist class. We said that in the event of war the capitalist—not the people of Cuba—would be the beneficiaries; that while your class were fighting to liberate the reconcentrados, the capitalist class would slip in by the back door and steal the whole island, and that in the end, the American dons would take the place of the Spanish dons, as the exploiters of the Cuban people. All of which predictions are being verified in the Associated Press dispatches every day.

THE MIDDLE CLASS EXPLOITERS

As between the middle class and plutocracy, you have no choice; whichever of these two are in the saddle, your class will have to bear the burdens. So long as you are to be robbed, it is immaterial to you whether the robbing be done by the giant corporations and trusts under McKinley's administration or by the middle class Lilliputians, under Bryan's administration. In either event nothing but a mere subsistence will be left to you. While the middle class will fight to the bitter end, the encroachments of plutocracy; they will at the same time fight any and all attempts on your part to free your class from THEIR exploitation. In other words, while all the time howling for reform, THEY ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THE WAGE SYSTEM THAT PERMITS ONE MAN TO LIVE OFF THE FRUITS OF ANOTHER MAN'S TOIL.

During the last session of the Legislature of this State—that was entirely dominated by the Demo-Pop middle class reformers—not one bill was passed or even introduced directly in the interest of the wage-earners of this State. Under Tillman, of South Carolina, they have already disfranchised the propertyless of that State, in Missouri the same; and during the last Legislature the first step was taken by them to disfranchise you, in Nebraska.

WAGES AND WHEAT.

For years you have been told by middle class politicians that high priced farm products meant high wages for you, and that the re-orientation of silver at 16 to 1, "without the aid or consent of any other nation on earth," would enhance the price of farm commodities—also your wages.

During the past two years, the fallacy of this claim has been fully exemplified, for while wheat at times—as a result of crop failures abroad—has gone up over 100 per cent., the wages of the proletariat has tended in an opposite direction.

Under the operation of the law of supply and demand, when a commodity is scarce the price tends upward, and when abundant the price tends downward; and as there has been for years and always will be in the future, under the capitalist system, a surplus of the commodity labor power, wages in this and all other countries under the capitalist system must grow less, no matter what the system of finance or tariff may be. In the East, the manufacturers now open-

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SIGN-POSTS

That Should Guide the Proletariat at the Moment of Voting.

The following extracts from Comrade Thos. A. Hickey's speech, delivered in Boston, Mass., a few days ago, convey palpating truths and facts not to be overlooked by the wage-earner who aspires at freedom:

"This is the eight consecutive year that the Socialist party has entered the political arena. Previous to that time we were known only as a propagandist party because, by disseminating our literature, we sought to propagate our socialistic ideas, but since 1890 we have taken on a practical political form, and to-day our banner is flung to the breeze in twenty-eight States. Before the first shot in the 1900 campaign is fired every man will have a chance in each State of the Union to vote a straight Socialistic ticket. Our party is not phantom like, springing up and falling down in one night, but is so organized that we shall remain in the political field till our ideas are accomplished.

"The Socialist Labor party, formerly looked upon as anarchical, has for its object the overthrow of the present anarchical state of things, and its leaders have withstood the odium once attached to the party until now they are respected and the party itself is looked upon as having the only serious programme worth considering. Our object, succinctly stated, is the complete public ownership of all means of production, distribution and transportation; in other words, shall the people own the trusts or the trusts own the people? How shall we accomplish these designs? By recognizing the fact that the ultimate idea of the labor movement will be the welding together of the working class into one grand army of emancipation, whose aim shall be the overthrow of the capitalist slavery by the conquest of the public powers.

"The Republican and Democratic parties offer no legislation for the working class, and there will be none in the future, unless the workmen's ticket—the S. L. P.—is elected. Do the Republican or Democratic politicians describe the workman's relation to society? He bears the same relation to modern society as a ton of coal or other commodity does. A man's labor power is sold in the labor market according to the law of supply and demand, just as meat is sold in a meat market. The demand for labor remains stationary, while the supply increases. The governing law of economics, the law of supply and demand, is inflexible, and a rise in the supply always means a decrease in the demand. Improved machinery, privately owned, increases the supply of labor and covers the demand. If the trend of labor fits the case, then your future is the blackest possible. That this is so I shall endeavor to prove.

"The law of depreciation in our mercantile system forces down wages, and three distinct effects are seen. First, labor-saving machinery is introduced. According to the old explanation of the displacement of labor by machines, only one man was thrown out of employment, and another man put in to run the machine, but to-day people realize that machinery has been introduced to lower the cost of production by lessening the wage bill. Whatever the form of machinery, labor is depressed and the market glutted, and the introduction of these iron monsters is only in its infancy.

"The second effect is seen in the concentration of capital and the formation of the trusts. If the working man understood the development of trusts, there would have been no ratification meeting in Faneuil Hall the other evening, and no convention in Worcester. The Republican party, in its platform, can denounce the trusts safely, because the leaders of that party, trust magnates, control the judiciary so that legislation may be declared unconstitutional. As examples of this, take the 'run of the mines' bill and the 'check weighmen's' bills, passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature in favor of the miners, and declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. And in Massachusetts, the anti-fines bill, favoring the textile workers, was declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

"All this goes to show that present legislation is class legislation, and, to prevent this, you must be trades union men on election day and not political scabs. There may be some excuse for scabs in the shops, but not at the polls. Our position toward trusts is this: You cannot smash the trust, as it is here to stay, and, furthermore, we wouldn't smash it if we could. It is the result of the natural evolution of society.

"Thirdly, the specialization of trade has depressed the labor market. Today one man makes 1-15th part of a shoe, whereas, some years ago, he manufactured the whole shoe. By this specialization, production is enormously increased, while the demand for labor grows necessarily less.

"These three depressing effects are substantiated by statistics. The wages paid in '85 were less than those paid in '80, the wages in '95 less than those paid in '90, and, reasoning from these facts, is it not logical to suppose that the wages paid in 1905 will be less than those paid in 1900? This conclusion leads to another, viz., that the issues of other parties don't concern the working people. Tariff, protection, gold or silver as the standard, mean nothing to them.

"Is there not a silver lining to this black cloud? Yes, if you turn to Socialism. The coming battle to be fought in the twentieth century will be between the capitalists in the Republican party and the working class organized in the Socialist Labor party. At that time the Democratic party will have disappeared."

ON TO 100,000!

Colorado's Greeting to the Proletariat From Her Blood-Stained Soil.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 31.—Colorado, red with the blood of the working class, is in the midst of the last great dance previous to the merging of all the factions of Capitalism's political braves in the grand pipe-of-peace truce which will follow upon election day.

Chas. S. Thomas, of Bull Hill fame, is the nominee of the fusion crowd, composed of Bryanites, Tellerites and Pattersonites. This is the Silver Fusion party.

The administration Republicans allowed Mr. Ed. Wolcott to nominate his brother Henry. This is the Silver Republican party.

The Anti-Teller Silver Republicans nominated Mr. Simon Guggenheim.

The Middle-of-the-mucks endorsed Guggenheim at the dictation of Herb. George—a Simon pure non-fusionist!

The Pure and Simpliers put up a straw ticket; went before all the capitalist parties and induced the managers of the fusionist, straight G. O. P.s and Broad faction of Silver Reps to "recognize" organized labor by accepting "safe" leaders so nominated. They secured the recognition in a goodly number.

Thus the tragic farce opened up. In a former issue THE PEOPLE gave an account of the Trades Council medley resulting from the different "recognitions" secured by the no-politics-in-unions modern political St. Anthonys.

Act number 2.—Willis Hall, editor of the "Industrial Advocate," organ of the State Federation of Labor, resigned on account of the airing given in the Denver Trades Assembly. He has begun libel proceedings against Kennehan others for their definition of "Seeing." THE PEOPLE gave an excellent account of the matter. Coats of "Pueblo Courier" is stamping the State for Fusion candidate, Rhody Kennehan has a political job (viz.: on State Administration Board) to hold, hence his attitude to Hall who was working for Guggenheim's Wolcott annex.

Every other pure and simple position and Colorado has the most verdant and numerous bouquet ever gathered in the same space—scrambling up to the capitalist class political fodder racks.

The Anarchist anti-politicalist; the American Socialist, anas Debsist; and all the broadnesses and narrow Socialist killers are climbing into the various bandwagons of the old parties.

Act number 3.—Guggenheim withdraws, thus orphaning the still-born Simon-pure non-fusion Confusionists. "Gugge's" campaign manager Broad, covertly works for Wolcott's brother Henry. They have the same county ticket in Arapahoe (this county) and in numerous districts have the same Senatorial and Representative tickets. Mystery of it solved: Ed. must go back to U. S. Senate—the h.o.d. over State Senators therefore must be "safe" men.

Ex-Judge Glynn, of rainbelt fame—i. e., who dissolved another Judge's injunction at the time Waite had his fight with the Denver City Hall gang—has accepted the Middle-of-the-mucks gubernatorial nomination, vice Guggenheim, resigned.

The "stuff" does not flow from Wolcott as fast as from Guggenheim, so the "Muckers" have failed to materialize—Lloyd, Hogan, and rather Gavavoche Quinn, who were billed to stump Colorado for "Gugge." Father Gavavoche only got as far as Nebraska. By the way, Pana, Ill., was honored recently by this "prominent," so rumor says—how true can not say, but will not some S. L. P. comrade look up the truth or falsity of report and communicate with THE PEOPLE? In view of the methods employed by the "Industrial Army" there might be some light given on recent events there.

But to resume: the usual and unusual monkeyshines of capitalist class political lackeys and their menials, the labor skate lickspitters, was outdone by Act number 4.—The hot monkey and parot time between Tellerites and Wolcottites drove the present administration, which backs the fusion ticket, to the desperate and unwarranted striking from ballots the emblem of all parties not heretofore casting 10 per cent. of votes cast in next preceding State election, thus leaving the principal contestants an open field.

The Socialist Labor party under this decision only appear under the specific heading "for Governor," etc., etc., at bottom of blank ballot. Thus great inconvenience and annoyance to pick out individuals, whereas the old parties may be voted straight. In view of the shortness of time allowed the voter to make out his ballot large numbers of the sympathetic vote, not seeing our ticket and emblem at top, would conclude that our ticket was not on, and so be forced to choose between Fusion and Wolcott. This treatment of us our advertisement that money could not have bought. The fight in the courts drew attention unprecedented. Finally we won, and our emblem will be there at the head of our ticket. Our

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SOCIALIST VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Table showing Socialist vote in the United States from 1888 to 1897, with columns for year and vote count.

No! lightly fall Beyond recall The written scrolls a breath can float; The crowning fact The mightiest act Of Freedom is the freeman's will.

Next week's issue, November 13, will go to press twenty-four hours later for the purpose of enabling THE PEOPLE to publish a fuller report of the elections than it otherwise could.

Organizers, secretaries and campaign managers are urgently requested to forward returns to this office at the earliest hour possible.

ON TO THE 100,000!

Within forty-eight hours the political skirmish of '98 will have passed into history, and the lines of the Socialist Labor party will have taken a step forward.

Judging from the thorough plowing of the field by the capitalist class itself: the increasing misery it steps the people into and the added experience of its incapacity to deal with the great Social Problem of to-day; judging from the plentifulness and the thoroughness of the Socialist literature distributed among the working class; judging from the vigor, the enthusiasm and the abnegation displayed by the Socialist propagandists, who have spread enlightenment, and have planted the seed of proletarian emancipation in the deep ruts plowed by capitalist development; judging, finally, by the uneasiness of the capitalist politicians in more places than one at the darkening of the rolling clouds of the approaching revolution, an uneasiness that in several places manifested itself in acts of open rowdiness;—judging from all these instances, the skirmish of '98 will mark progress unquestioned and unqualifiable.

That the issue is a serious one; that the foe we have by the throat is a murderous one; that our Cause is that of civilization against barbarism, numerous instances have demonstrated. The official and the unofficial, the "washed" and the "unwashed" lackeys of Capitalism have, in this campaign, shamelessly shown their claws. Aye, they have done worse: they have in more places than one dropped the mask of decency and revealed the hideous features of the ruffian—the ruffian upholders of a ruffian system. Socialist agitation having begun to prove decidedly effective and correspondingly dangerous to the capitalist class, not only was the machinery of the Law strained to shut the mouths of the Socialist propagandists, but, that failing, violence was resorted to. Under the approving eye of the police, live cats were flung at our speakers, and, in the Sixteenth Assembly and Ninth Congress Districts of New York, bricks and rocks were hurled at our candidates, resulting, in the Ninth Congress District, in actual bloodshed. Unintended with by the police, Comrade Lucien Sanial, our Congressional candidate, was pelted with stones last Tuesday night, and fell bleeding from the head on the platform from which he was speaking! The murderous intent was there; that it failed and our comrade survived makes no difference. Signs of the times these be. Our progress is marked, it is felt. Let's tear down this social system that needs these things to uphold it! On to the 100,000!

THEY ARE ONE!

The campaign in the Sixteenth New York Assembly District, where the S. L. P. ticket has the best chance of success, has ripened things in such manner that the oneness of the Republican and Democratic parties and of the Labor Fakirs is ocularily exemplified by themselves.

summed by the politician and Labor Fakir in denouncing the S. L. P. Thus the working class of that District has been treated during this campaign with a striking object lesson—the identity of the two fraudulent capitalist parties and the fraudulent character of the Labor Fakir. Whatever the result of the campaign may be, it can not fail to be a very practical one. The enemies, being on the run, have had to pool their issues.

The leaflet announcing the S. L. P. meeting in Pottstown, Pa., contained this inspiring appeal to sense and honor:

"Come and learn of these speakers not only the real cause, but the right remedy for the great 'unrest' now prevailing in all civilized countries. Not by sneers, not by threats, nor by violence can this deep-rooted, wide-spread discontent be suppressed. For it is the active manifestation of that mighty spirit within the human race termed Progress; which idea doubtless gave birth to the poetic legend, that: 'The loftiest browed of the angels was made the angel of Discontent.' Because if discontent be properly organized it may become the chief means of human progress from base servility and ignorance up to much nobler conditions, where none will call another 'Master,' but every one shall regard the other as an honorable Equal—and maybe as a Brother!"

"Only the most sordid, slavish creatures can be contented by an occasional 'boom' of work, which exhausts every muscle and faculty for a paltry wage, barely enough to maintain existence. Henceforth, the intelligent Workers knowing they create all the wealth will boldly and justly demand their full share thereof, that they may secure first-class food, clothing, dwellings and a reasonable share of the pleasures of travel, and of course, leisure and means to cultivate their minds to their full capacity."

POLITICAL and ECONOMIC.

The Philadelphia, Pa., "Inquirer" imagines it has settled the question of Socialism, and disposed of the charges brought by the Socialist propagandists against capitalism and the capitalist class by saying:

Since Jan. 1 more than \$15,000,000 have, according to a recent authority, been given to various charitable or other public institutions by the wealthy men of the country. Facts like these do not figure in the speeches of the demagogues who are doing all in their power to make the masses discontented with their lot, but they are not entirely forgotten by thinking people.

When, for example, could people ride so far for so small a fare? When had they access to so many free libraries, museums, and similar desirable places? When were there more or better musical entertainments to which they had free access? When was more done for the poor? In the history of the world there never was a people favored in these respects like the American people.

But the demagogues never speak of these things. Their whole cry is about the "inequality of rich men" and the "slavery of the masses." Their whole notion is to decry a better work than they themselves are doing.

Now all this is a stack of lies. "Facts like these" DO figure in the speeches of the Socialists, and it is just because they DO so figure, but accompanied with proper argument, that they set the "Inquirerists" wild. The Socialists point out:

First—That the robber class, for whom the "Inquirer" speaks robs the workers of billions upon billions of the wealth they produce, and then returns to them a paltry few millions;

Second—That this act of restitution is an insult to the working class. After it is robbed of the wealth it produces, not only is that wealth not restored to it with apologies, but only a little bit is dribbled back to it as a GIFT, as an act of KINDNESS, as CHARITY;

Third—That such "charity" bears close analogy with the "religiousness" of old-time brigands, who, after robbing the wayfarers and murdering them, would invest a small part of the plunder in masses read in churches "for the souls of the departed";

Fourth—That libraries, museums, musical entertainments, together with all such other desirable places, are not in themselves desirable unless they are available; that only in the measure in which they are available are they of any use; and that an increasing number of our people, already an overwhelming majority of the working class, can not avail themselves of these "desirable places." They are so poor that they can't even send their children to school; these are brought up in such illiteracy that free libraries are a mockery to them, and "free music" is an insult. A man must have food and other material needs attended to before he can be in a condition to care for, let alone enjoy, "desirable places." These material pre-requisites our people are now robbed of;

Fifth—That it is true that "there never was a people favored as the American people"—by the vampire class of Democratic and Republican capitalists. No working class on earth, the Chinese not excluded, work as hard as the American working class, and none gets so small a share of the fruit of its labor; in other words, that no working class on earth is robbed at a more wholesale rate, and is, correspondingly, more "favored" (liked) by the capitalist class of the world.

These facts, and many kindred ones, are constantly held up to public gaze by the "demagogues," who prove the truth of the saying that Capitalist charity means to steal wholesale and return retail. Labor wants no Charity, its wants its own. And it will secure that. By knocking out the tweedledee Democratic and the tweedledee Republican party, by knocking out both these

political lackeys of the robber capitalist class, Labor will restore to itself, not a paltry few millions, but ALL the fabulous wealth that it has produced, and that to-day is consumed by Dutch-esses Consuelo Vanderbilts, Marchionesses Anora Goulds, Bradley-Martins' ball-dancers, and the whole rabble-rot of capitalist plunderers.

We announce with pleasure the birth of still another collaborator in the field of the class-conscious Labor Movement—"The Shoe Workers' Critic," published by the Council of Shoe-workers, D. A. 5, S. T. & L. A., from 23 Duane street, New York.

Its salutary, in the issue of last October 15, is one that may be literally copied by all other trades still possessed of vigor enough to start an organ of their own in which, not befuddled theories, all in the interests of the capitalist class and of its lackeys the Labor Fakirs, but the sound principles of intelligent Labor are enunciated. It says:

"In issuing this publication we believe we have presented to you something that for a long time, has been necessary for the welfare of the trade. Questions that are arising every day and causing so much trouble to the workers, need discussion, and we believe no better method could be devised to reach the craft than through a medium of this kind."

We fit the leather merchants and shoe manufacturers, and all others interested in trade having their paper where they can express their opinions and advance their ideas. This being a fact, the launching of the "Critic" becomes all the more necessary. We propose to obtain the very latest news of any trouble existing in the various shoe centres, the state of the market, and the prevailing prices. We will watch those among the craft who have, for their personal advancement, advocated ideas in the political field that destroy the prospect of the shoe-workers in the economic field.

We propose to show you by the facts that the man who cries "trade union" ten months in the year, and then advocates and votes capitalist politics, is no friend of the wage-worker. We believe that if it is necessary to organize a trade union to try and maintain fair wages, it is necessary to follow up that belief at the ballot box, and clinching all economic victories by sending men of our own class to the halls of legislature to represent us, and not as now, voting for representatives of our employers. This we can accomplish if we follow out the teachings of the General Council of Shoe-workers, which is to vote and advocate for candidates of the Socialist Labor party.

And the salutary is followed up by the issue of the 1st instant with this timely editorial:

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR. As in an orderly house there is "a place for everything, and everything is in its place," in an orderly organization there is a time for everything, and everything at its time.

In the shop we organize so as to be able to resist the encroachments of the employer; so as to be able, in case he tries to plunder us more and more, unaided to stand up against him in the strike; so as to be able, whenever we think the opportunity is favorable, to demand from him and secure from him better conditions, which means a larger share of what we produce and are entitled to. This struggle is the regular, every-day struggle of our season and its time is every work day.

But one time there is, one hour there sounds when another sort of work is demanded of us by our interests, and that time that hour comes around only once a year. When that time comes, when that hour sounds, we must seize it, or, if we don't it goes by, and our neglect may mean all the difference between our doing for ourselves through our organization. That time is the political campaign time; that hour is the hour of election when we cast our ballot.

The ballot determines what social system shall prevail. By voting for or against candidates, we vote for or against the social order of the world, and the social system. On election day, the Duty of the Hour is to vote in the same spirit that we organize and fight in the shop. In the shop we fight and organize against the employer, the capitalist class, on election day it is our duty to our organization that we vote against the political parties and candidates of our employers. His political parties are the Republican and Democratic parties. It is these parties that with their militias, police and galling guns on paper keep us in the poverty we now are in. We are voters to our labor organization; it is our duty to our employers' parties into the places where they can control these engines that oppress us.

The Duty of the Hour of every true union shomer is to cast his ballot against the political parties, on election day it is our duty to our bosses by casting it straight for our own party—the Socialist Labor party.

"The Socialist Almanac and Treasury of Facts," prepared by Lucien Sanial, and announced in these columns, is now out, and can be obtained at the Labor News Company, 64 East Fourth street, N. Y.; price, 50 cents.

To thinking people of all classes, regardless of differences of opinion on economic and social questions, this work will prove of high interest and value. It stands alone in the economic literature of our day as an encyclopedia of that special knowledge of new facts, new tendencies and new movements, which journalists, public men, educators and in general all representatives or leaders of political, social and intellectual currents must possess in order to treat intelligently the burning questions forced upon the public mind by the development of industry under the modern system of production.

From a glance at its contents an idea may be formed of the width of its scope and of the variety of its information.

The first part is historical. It gives graphic pictures of the progress of Socialism in Germany and other European countries, where the Socialist movement has become a political force of the first magnitude, suggestive of early possibilities, that may deeply affect the industrial conditions of the whole world.

The second and more extensive part chiefly relates to America and is largely statistical; but the dry figures in which the phenomena of our economic and social development must necessarily be expressed are supplemented by explanations and comments, that render them more intelligible and attractive.

All organizers of the S. L. P. coming in contact with Swedish people are hereby notified that two leaflets (4 pages each), one containing our party platform and resolutions, together with a campaign agitation address, and the other a chapter of "Merry England" headed "Socialism," together with a poem, all in the Swedish language, can be had at the office of "Skand. Am. Arbetsblad," 36-37 Frankfort street, New York City. Following prices: 1,000, \$1.50; 500, 80c.; 100, 20c.; 50, 10c.

TWO SOULS. DEMOCRATIC PARTY. REPUBLICAN PARTY. WITH BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT.

[Republican workmen voters will please look at the next column.]

1) The Democratic party, at its State convention, held in 1892, endorsed Governor Flower, after he had sent the State troops into the city of Buffalo to crush the switchmen's strike.

2) The Democratic party, at its State convention, held in 1894, endorsed President Cleveland, after he had sent the Federal troops into the city of Chicago to crush the strike of the American Railway Union.

3) The Democratic party, during the last session of the Legislature, joined with the Republican majority in carrying in both the Senate and Assembly:

a) The Tramp Bill (which provides that unemployed workmen, who have no "visible means of support," can be sent to jail for six months. This law, in case of a strike, could be used with magic effect by the capitalists, who could make striking a very unhealthy occupation).

b) The new Military Code Bill (which gives our "injunction judges" the right to call out the militia without the consent of the Governor).

c) The Primary Bill (which curtails the suffrage of the workman, by making him reveal his political preferences and affiliations if he wants to take part in the primaries and thus help determine the nominations to be made).

d) The Biennial Sessions Bill (which lengthens the terms of our law makers, and to that extent, removes them from the control of the voters).

The Democratic party, in complete harmony with the Republican majority, voted for all these measures, and 40 others, extending special privileges to large corporations, and bartered away the rights of the people.

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VOTE THE TICKET OF THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY, UNDER THE EMBLEM OF THE ARM AND HAMMER.

For Governor, BENJAMIN HANFORD, and then down to the bottom of the list. Bear in mind that whatever hostility the Democratic and Republican parties may display towards one another before election is a sham and a fraud, intended only for the gallery.

N. B.—The above will be printed as a card with the two sides as indicated. It is the last shot of the campaign in New York state. All who want to help distribute these cards, can obtain them, free of charge, at the following places: NEW YORK LABOR LYCEUM, 64 East Fourth street, N. Y. (top floor). BROOKLYN LABOR LYCEUM, 949-955 Willoughby avenue, Brooklyn.

[Democratic workmen voters will please look at the previous column.]

1) The Republican party, at its State convention, held in 1892, endorsed President Harrison, after he had sent the Federal troops into the State of Idaho to crush the miners' strike.

2) The Republican party, at its State convention, held in 1895, endorsed Governor Morton, after he had sent the State troops into the city of Brooklyn to crush the trolley men's strike.

3) The Republican party, during the last session of the Legislature, proposed, and, with the support and votes of the Democratic party enacted:

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A TYPE OF CAPITALIST CONGRESSMEN.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 2.—This is what John F. Fitzgerald, candidate for Congress in the 9th Massachusetts District had to say to win the favor of the capitalist class in his oration (God save the mark) before the Mayor, City Council and citizens of Boston, July 4, 1896, in historic Faneuil Hall:

"The strong willing laborer who is unlettered and untaught * * * will be driven back and in his place will come the immigrant with too much education, the Communists, the Socialists, the Anarchists who labor with their tongues and disseminate strife and discord and discontent among the laboring men."

Fitzgerald is an upstart who by such words seeks to gain the favor of the rich, by going back on the class from which he sprung. Such fellows as Fitzgerald think the workmen too ignorant to understand the meaning of a bid like the above for the favor of the powerful, and that they will have their support whatever they say or do. It is really laughable to hear such fellows talk about men "working with their tongues" when his whole stock in trade is "yap." Fitzgerald is said to be engaged in "disseminating" "boose" from two different places in Boston under the name of others, and it is said that it was owing to the successful "dissemination" of grog, by his immediate ancestor among the laboring men of the North End that enabled Mr. Fitzgerald to go to school and through Harvard College, instead of to work like other boys. The "dissemination" of poison among the laboring men at a profit of 300 per cent. will do for more to confuse the minds of the "laboring men" than the principles of Socialism, or Communism.

Mr. Fitzgerald, and others like him, will soon learn that such "yap" as his "oration" contains will not go among the "laboring men." The laboring men will soon have no use for such ducks. X. Y. Z.

"The Workingman's Programme," by Ferdinand Lasalle, translated into English by Edward Peters, has just appeared in a neat little pamphlet of 62 pages, published by the International Publishing Company, price 10 cents. It is a production that none should fail to acquire, read, study and digest. Apply Labor News Company, 64 East Fourth street, New York.

LETTER BOX.

Off-hazid Answers to Correspondents.

[No questions will be considered that come in anonymous letters. All letters must carry a bona fide signature and address.]

A. L. W., CHELSEA, MASS.—The proof-reader was administered your just reprimand; he promises to do better. F. L., CLEVELAND, O.—Your request has not been neglected, only it is after election. The Uncle Sam & Brother Jonathan column will take charge of it. The matter will keep. Campaign matters are crowding everything else aside.

J. K., NEW YORK.—The official reports in "THE PEOPLE" do not in any way imply that Henry Kuhn is the "full board" of the National Executive Committee, nor anything of that sort. The official reports indicate that the N. E. C. consists of several members, and that Kuhn is not one of them. The N. E. C. consists of 7 members and they elect their own secretary from among them; Markiel is the present secretary.

S. B., NEW YORK.—There never was a vote taken in the French Chamber of Deputies on whether or not the Dreyfus case should be revised. The position of the Socialist Party on the Dreyfus affair was clearly stated in their manifesto, published in these columns a short while ago.

A. K., ALBANY, N. Y.—The 16th N. Y. Assembly District is located in the downtown East Side of the city. It extends from Rivington north to 11th street, and from Clinton and Avenues B and C east to the East River.

L. F. S., PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Apply to Labor News Co., 64 East 4th street.

W. G., LOCKPORT, N. Y.—That's very sad. The S. L. P. will have to bear up and condemn as well as it may. It is hardly likely that it will change the tactics that have brought it success for tactics that have uniformly brought failure to those who adopted them. Watch the figures this fall.

S. D. U., WORCESTER, MASS.—The expression, "We demand the unconditional surrender of the capitalist of the world to the working class," is, to say the least not a felicitous one. In the first place, "Capital" may be used to mean "Capitalist Class" where the sense is evident, as in "the struggle between capital and labor." In the sentence that you quote, "capital" can however, only mean the machinery of production. That can not surrender; it must be surrendered by someone; that someone is the capitalist class. In the sentence you quote, "surrender of capital," as in the sentence you quote, sounds like a dodge; an attempt to evade the statement of the class struggle. Thus the sentence lacks that pregnancy of meaning that points out, not the aim only but the tactics to reach the aim, found in the sentence, "We demand the unconditional surrender of the capitalist class." In the second place, while the Socialist movement aims at placing "the capital of the world" in the hands of the working class, a Socialist political party, connected with all other countries, must have its own business. Each Socialist Labor party will settle accounts with the capitalist class of its own country, and does not, can not, set up a programme for others; this is the essence of political activity. The expression "we," meaning the S. L. P., demands the surrender of the capital of THE WORLD, etc., would weaken the force of our political attitude in that it imparts to it an unpractical turn. In so for as it favors of a dodge.



UNCLE SAM & BROTHER JONATHAN.

Uncle Sam—Jonathan, next Tuesday is election day, I trust you will do your duty and vote the ticket of the Socialist Labor party.

Brother Jonathan (testily)—I am a free American citizen; the free American citizen votes as he pleases, without compulsion, however slight that compulsion may be, or suasive in the manner in which compulsion is attempted.

U. S.—Does the freedom, as you call it, of the American citizen consist only in his freedom to vote as he pleases? Has he no other rights?

B. J.—Of course he has.

U. S.—He has the right to cut off his own ears, has he not?

B. J. (with a puzzled look)—Guess there is no law against that.

U. S.—And he has the right to slit his nose, eh?

B. J. (puzzled once more)—Guess so.

U. S.—And what would you say of the free man who exercised such rights?

B. J.—That he was crazy.

U. S.—And what would you say of him if, fearing that he was about to crop his ears and doing some such other crazy act of freedom, you were to argue with him and try to convince him not to do such things, and then he were to flare up against you, as you have done just now, and testily inform you that he was a "free American citizen and was not going to be bulldozed"?

B. J.—That's not a parallel case with voting?

U. S.—It isn't? Let's see. You are a workman, a trolleyman; your employers are squeezing you out of you three dollars for every four that you produce; they are not satisfied with that, they want more; to get more they must work you longer hours; there is a law forbidding more than ten hours' work a day in your trade; they break that law, and demand of you twelve and more hours; you strike, and while you are at strike the parties you put into power send the militia down upon you and shoot a bullet clean through you.

B. J.—And that's just what they did, the scoundrels—

U. S.—Did they fire that shot?

B. J.—Who else?

U. S.—Who else drive you down, keeping you at starvation wages, thereby bringing sickness and death into your family?

B. J.—They, of course; who else?

U. S.—No; it was not THEY; it was YOURSELF that shot yourself; it was YOURSELF that introduced sickness and death into your household!

B. J.—I declare!

U. S.—Is it the gun that fires the shot or the man who pulled the trigger?

B. J.—The man, of course.

U. S.—And would that man have pulled the trigger if he was not ordered in the field by his superior?

B. J.—I guess not.

U. S.—Consequently, as far as we have got, it is his superior who started the shot?

B. J.—Y-e-s.

U. S.—And would the Governor have ordered the men in the field who pulled the trigger, would the Governor have started the shooting if he had not been elected?

B. J. (weakening perceptibly)—N-o.

U. S.—Now, Jonathan, raise your head and look in my face: Would that Governor have been there in a position to order out the men, i. e., in a position to start the shooting, if the workers had not voted him and his two capitalist parties into power to back him up?

B. J.—Candidly, he would not.

U. S.—Then it was the workers themselves who did that which was necessary to start all their hardships; it is they who mutilated, shot and outraged, themselves. Wonderful freedom that is.

B. J. remains silent.

U. S.—Are the two cases parallel or not?

B. J.—They are! By Jericho, they are!

U. S.—Will you then listen to arguments, and allow yourself to be "bulldozed" into voting the Socialist ticket, and voting down the parties of capital that shoot you down and legislate you into tramping?

B. J. (shaking U. S. by the hand)—Yes, and gladly, and I am only too sorry you did not long ago give me this laying out.

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ALGERISM...

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CAPITALISM.

Follow Workingmen of Rhode Island: On the 8th day of November you will again be called upon to express at the polls your approval or disapproval of present conditions.

To send men of your class, men of solidly Socialist principles, to represent you in all the legislative halls from Washington to the smallest town in the State.

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A solution beneficial to the workers would have deprived the capitalists of their profits—no wonder the capitalists failed.

Yet this is not enough to satisfy capitalist greed. They have taken all your wealth and disfranchised you in council elections because you own no property.

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[Correspondents who prefer to appear in print under an assumed name, will attach such name to their communication, besides their own signature and address. None other will be recognized.]

Sply Notes from Fulton Co., N. Y.

To THE PEOPLE.—A striking illustration of the service the labor party has rendered to the capitalist class is furnished by an incident the Republican press is making good use of just now.

While at Albany, Mr. Hayes never introduced any measure benefiting the working class, but he did introduce one which was a conscious effort to do so.

Last Saturday evening the Rough Rider candidate gave a fine performance in this ward where Comrade Hanford addressed us a few weeks ago.

We have nominated a full county ticket and a city ticket in Gloversville. A large increase in votes is assured, as we were able to talk about a great deal.

The greatest drawback to our local movement so far has been the total lack of speakers. This has been remedied by the organization of a speakers' club.

Texas Socialists Aggressive.

To THE PEOPLE.—The following challenge issued by the Socialist Party of Texas for Congress for the 12th, San Antonio, District, 6th Democratic and Republican opponents, appeared in the "Express" of the 14th instant.

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In order to deceive the public they, one and all, are kicking up a most prodigious dust over what they call the "issances of the campaign." "Issances" is good. To listen to these harpies rant and roar at each other, and the amount of noise they make, one would think that it really meant something.

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