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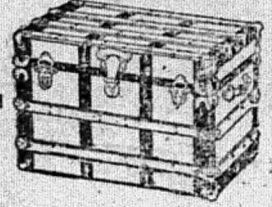


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## THE HOGS.

BY WILLIAM R. FOX.

O'er earth in large abundance,  
The needs of life are found,  
And more than this—redundance,  
Under and over ground.  
Aye, more than all have need of;  
Yet man, die like dogs  
For reason of the greed of  
The monopolistic hogs.  
Hogs, large and fat,  
Eearth is their trough,  
Watch where you're at  
Or they'll nose you off.

The plains and mountain scenery,  
East, West and North and South,  
Grains, ores and all machinery  
Are in the hoggish mouth.  
Hogs wallowing and swallowing  
Man, mine and field and shop;  
And you will soon be following  
As an item of the slop.  
You won't be worth  
A sickly fly;  
And all the earth  
Will be a hog sty!

Yea, there'll be a final clearance  
One of these days so fine;  
And you'll make your disappearance  
Down the swallows of those swine.  
All around your friends diminish;  
Not a single thing you try,  
Not a single thing you try,  
Until you see your finish  
When the snouts are nosing high.  
Then woe! woe! woe!  
Kiek as you will,  
Down you must go  
With the rest of the swill!

Now's the time—awaken  
While your chance is worth a fig,  
Before you're changed to bacon  
In the framework of a pig.  
Be not that strange anomaly  
Who strives not for his hearth.  
Forward for friends and family,  
And your portion of the earth!  
With hand and mind  
Freed from all clogs,  
Up with mankind,  
And down with the hogs!

## NOTES AND COMMENT.

**S**IGNS of prosperity exist on every hand and the following figures of the dividends of John D. Rockefeller for the past three years are evidence of that fact. The report of the directors of the Standard Oil Co. quotes the sum of fifty-six million dollars as Pious John's share. Eliminating the fractions, the following deduction will enable us to comprehend this vast sum. John "earned"—

\$18,666,666 per year,  
\$1,555,555 per month,  
\$388,888 per week,  
\$55,555 per day,  
\$2,315 per hour,  
\$38 per minute,  
64c per second.

From this it will be seen that John could cast twenty-dollar gold pieces, one every minute, into the ocean and his income would overtake him.

Suppose you were a good, industrious, "thrifty" workingman, born at the time of Christ, and permitted to live to the present day, and had saved every cent you earned, and never ate a meal, bought a book or squandered a nickel for a glass of beer; in short, if you were the ideal type of workingman that the masters dote on, how much would you have to save each day from that time to this to get the amount Rockefeller "earned" in one year? Five dollars per day? Your "thrift" would still leave you a back number. Ten dollars a day? That would give you the miserly sum of \$6,355,990, and Rockefeller "earns" \$18,000,000 a year. Twenty dollars a day would still leave you short. If you were fortunate enough to save \$30 each day for twenty centuries you could then have a sum equal to that which Rockefeller "earned" in a single year.

It will be seen that John's capacity for "earning" wealth is equal to more than 12,000 workingmen, assuming that the latter receive \$437 per year, which the census bureau gives as the average wages in this country. It is impossible to grasp the full significance of these figures, but one can get a slight conception of the enormous values which flow into the hands of a few men from the multitude of wage slaves wearing out their lives in the treadmill of capitalism. It is not much tribute to the intelligence of those who daily surrender these enormous values and then defend at the ballot box the system which prevents them and their families from enjoying them. This golden stream represents so much unpaid labor, and the workers have the power to turn the tide which now flows to the masters back to themselves through a

working class party, which demands the surrender of the means of production and distribution to society, to whom they should belong.

When it is remembered that these figures merely have reference to one trust and that Rockefeller has large holdings in many other trusts, we have some idea of the difficulty in trying to estimate the increasing returns of this man. His surplus is piling up every day, and this must be reinvested and makes necessary the control by him of other lines of trade. But each new line of industry thus controlled by him makes larger investments necessary because of increased returns, while at the same time each new conquest narrows the field for those investments. Thus the industrial eddy circles around Rockefeller and is fast drawing unto him the industries of the country, while the problem of reinvestment grows more serious for him every day.

**WORKINGMEN** will be interested to learn how the "smart set" in the East manage to make life endurable and attractive. Our "superiors" managed to get along for a time with perfumed monkeys. "Like attracts like," runs an old proverb, but even the "smart set" tire of those for whom they feel a close bond of affinity. The Japanese pug has displaced the monk in the affections of "swell society." The chow chow dog is the "real fad" now and no "lady" is considered in "good form" unless she has a 4-pound chow chow pug in her pocket or muff. The price of pugs range from \$400 to \$1,200—a trifle higher than the average American sovereign realizes in the labor market. The "real thing" is to encircle the neck of the pug with a gold collar and chain, and both dog and woman have the same perfume bottle. An enterprising author, seeing his opportunity, published a book entitled "Race Suicide Be Hanged, or How to Care for Dogettes." He advises that the dogs should never be left to the care of unsympathetic servants, and there are helpful chapters on the bath, toilet and fleas. His dogship should never be burdened with too much jewelry, except on the promenade, where "good taste" demands it. Neither terrapin nor lobster should be fed to a pet less than one year old, but the driest of wines may be used sparingly.

These jaded and withered parasites do not excite our envy. Being useless, and with no other mission than to absorb the surplus wealth produced by their dependents, they bear the same relation to the latter that the fleas do to the chow chow pup. Their environment and associations provide no intellectual stimulant above that of their perfumed and bespangled pups, and that they should sink to the level of the latter is no cause for surprise. The present system naturally breeds at one pole of society a "smart set," whose smartness and intellectual equipment does not rise above the level of a Japanese dog, and at the other pole an exploited working class whose hours of toil and drudgery exhausts their vitality and makes impossible much intellectual progress in their ranks. The man who is fortunate enough to secure the advantages of education too often has it perverted by the patronage or control of educational institutions by the parasites, so that when he leaves the college or university he is transformed into an intellectual watch dog of the system that bestows on chow chow dogs terrapin and lobster, while the children of the poor suffer for the barest necessities.

The workingman who supports a system by which the results of his toil is denied his children and bestowed upon pampered pups, is certainly an easy mark, to say the least, and he can rest assured that the "smart set" will point to him as a model workingman.

**A** TEST was recently made in West Virginia of the new gatling gun, mounted on a tower 40 feet high, which sweeps the entrance to the mines at Beckley. The test was made as a gentle warning by "Bro. Capital" to "Bro. Labor" as to what the four hundred strikers camped a mile away may expect if they attempt to bother their esteemed relation with their pernicious demands that the mines be unionized. The gun was fired constantly for two minutes, during which time 2,200 bullets were shot into the

mountain side, and reports have it that when the firing ceased the dense woods looked like a cyclone had just passed. These preparations for human slaughter will open the eyes of many visionaries who imagine that there can be some bond of unity or mutual interests between the owning and dispossessed classes. The class struggle is the supreme fact that becomes more apparent as the development of capitalism proceeds, and the chasm must widen as the wealth productive powers of society gradually pass into the hands of a few. The masters realize this fact, even though a majority of the workers still cling to the old faith, which is a survival of a former industrial era when wealth was more equally distributed. The last congress gave official recognition of the class struggle by passing the military bill, an extract from which appears on another page. They are preparing for the future contests with their dependents and, like the shrewd rulers of other times, will draft a part of the workers to fight their battles for them. They will sit in security while a part of the workers are armed to subdue the remainder. The antagonism between the wealth makers and the wealth takers finds its expression in every channel of social and industrial life. The religionist and moralist who advises contentment of the workers with their lot; the politician with his spread eagle oratory about "manifest destiny" and the "glory of the flag;" the editor who writes long editorials on prosperity which are contradicted by the news columns of every issue of his paper; all these are engaged in the hard task of trying to prevent a recognition on the part of the workers of fact that there never has been, is not now, and never will be any identity of interests between the masters and the workers. They are entrusted with the difficult job of explaining away such things as the mounting of guns in West Virginia. But the recognition of the struggle must come for all that, for bullets aimed at your heart by the masters will in the end carry conviction, rather than windy preachments and editorials which rely on ignorance for their acceptance. When the workers realize the full significance of the struggle in which they are engaged, they will not be long in abolishing it, and that can only be done by the assumption of political power by their class and their class alone.

## ORGANIZED WORKERS.

The stone mill strike at Bedford is still on, although the operators have settled with the channel runners. The men still out are the sawyers and tool men.

Frank Duffy, general secretary of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who has just returned to Indianapolis from New York, states that the brotherhood has won a decided victory over the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters, and that all the brotherhood carpenters in New York, numbering about 10,000, will be at work in a few days.

The Order of Railway Conductors closed its annual session at Pittsburg Tuesday by re-electing all the old officers. The next session will be held in Portland, Ore. The Ladies' Auxiliary re-elected Mrs. J. G. Moore, of Toledo, president and Mrs. W. F. Higgins secretary-treasurer.

The cigarmakers of Indianapolis, after being out about two months, won an increase of \$1 per thousand, which is about equal to the price paid in this city. The proprietors from the beginning admitted that the men were entitled to more wages, but held that they were unable to pay the increase.

The window glass workers will be given employment for two years more at present wages. This has been brought about by an agreement between the three manufacturing combines.

Union hack drivers at New Haven, Conn., refused to take part in a funeral under the direction of a non-union undertaker, and only consented to drive their passengers from their homes to the church.

Forty-nine members of the Pinkerton patrol force at Chicago struck Tuesday for an increase from \$1.57 to \$2 per night and one night off reserve duty each week and every other Sunday night off until 12:30.

## BORROWED THOUGHTS.

The corner-stone of Andrew Carnegie's many so-called public libraries are actually laid in cement composed of human flesh and blood—wet with the tears of a suffering host of ill-treated and half-starved men, women and children, from whom his ill-gotten gains have been wrung. To their sufferings and miseries let us ascribe these monuments "in the name of Carnegie."—W. S. Waudby.

Like other things, the modern Shylock is a great change from the old species. Today he is all too keen in his mad scramble for the almighty dollar to be satisfied with a mere pound of flesh. Of course, if there is a little flesh and blood adhering to the dollar, as there often is, it is pocketed with no less avidity on that account.—A. P. Skirving.

Tools of production (machinery) being held by private ownership has made it possible for capitalists to rob the laborer of the fruits of his labor. It will take "labor" a long time to fully realize the truth of this proposition; but when it awakens to that knowledge, as it most assuredly will, then capitalism will have to relinquish its hold upon the industrialists.—W. S. Waudby.

If socialism would really destroy the trades unions, it is safe betting that Mr. Parry would not have expressed alarm at its progress.—Erie People.

When I said the other day that "industrial America is hell with the lid off," I spoke from personal knowledge and from reading everything available on the subject, including the report of the Moosely commission. Industrial America is a slaughter house, a Golgotha. \* \* \* There will be a terrible uprising among the workers of America against the barbarous industrial conditions unless the employers grant shorter hours, place child labor under proper restrictions and provide proper sanitary workshops. American employers play Napoleon's game. Napoleon told every soldier he had a field marshal's baton in his knapsack, knowing that there were only fifteen marshals, and that only vain, futile ambition would lead the men to sacrifice themselves in the hope of achieving the unattainable.—John Burns, M. P.

It is about time to quit talking about the poor white trash of the South. The rich white trash of the North is deserving of a little attention. A good-for-nothing American heiress married the Earl of Yarmouth and his title the other day, and his lawyer made her sign the marriage settlement before the ceremony was performed. The many creditors of the broken down lord flocked round like flies, and before the couple were permitted to take the steamer for Europe a lawyer with his fists full of the bride's money had to stand on the dock and settle with them for the earl's debts.—Social Democratic Herald.

A movement has been started in New York looking to the election of judges who will be fair to labor. It is expected that the movement will spread to all parts of the country. This action is taken owing to the unjust growth of the injunction process in tying labor's hands. Why not strike at the root of the evil and do away with the system that breeds injunctions.—Pueblo Courier.

The Citizen desires to remind the men and women in the shops, factories, mills, mines and on the railways and farms that our "best people" are at present engaged in making arrangements to spend their vacations at the seashore and in Europe. The workers will remain at home to be worked while the "bestests"—the families of landlords, bankers, trust magnates, railroad barons, etc.—will draw on them, or rather the wealth they produce, to have a good time. And how awfully indignant the elite become when workingmen even talk about laying off half a day on Saturday without pay and taking their families out to Wade park to see the monkey house! But, hush! We will be accused of arraying class against class! Ain't it a shame?—Cleveland Citizen.

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### NEW MILITARY LAW.

You Haven't Read This Law in the Daily Papers.

Below we print an extract from the new military law passed by the last congress. No daily paper, either democrat or republican, has ever published this law. They are afraid some workmen might get angry if they knew that this act makes them all members of the militia.

An Act to promote the efficiency of the militia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That the new militia shall consist of every able-bodied male citizen of the respective States, Territories and the District of Columbia, and every able-bodied male of foreign birth who has declared his intention to become a citizen, who is more than eighteen and less than forty-five years of age, and shall be divided into two classes—the organized militia, to be known as the National Guard of the State, Territory or District of Columbia, or by such other designations as may be given them by the laws of the respective States or Territories, and the remainder to be known as the Reserve Militia.

Section 3. The organization, armament and discipline of the organized militia in the several States and Territories and in the District of Columbia shall be the same as that which is now or may be hereafter prescribed for the Regular and Volunteer Armies of the United States, within five years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Section 4. That whenever the United States is invaded, or in danger of

invasion from any foreign nation, or of rebellion against the authority of the Government of the United States, or if the President is unable, with the force at his command, to execute the laws of the Union in any part thereof, it shall be lawful for the President to call forth, for a period not exceeding nine months, such number of the militia of the State or of the States or Territories, or of the District of Columbia as he may deem necessary to repress such invasion, suppress such rebellion, or to enable him to execute such laws and to issue his orders for the purpose to such officers of the militia as he may think proper.

Section 5. That whenever the President calls forth the militia of any State or Territory or of the District of Columbia to be employed in the service of the United States, he may specify in his call the period for which such service is required, not exceeding nine months, and the militia so-called shall continue to serve during the term so specified, unless sooner discharged by order of the President.

Section 7. That every officer and enlisted man of the militia who shall be called forth in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, and shall be found fit for military service, shall be mustered or accepted into the United States service by a duly authorized mustering officer of the United States: Provided, however, that any officer or enlisted man of the militia who shall refuse or neglect to present himself to such mustering officer upon being called forth as herein prescribed, shall be subject to trial by court martial, and shall be punished as said court martial shall direct.

Section 8. That court martial for the trial of officers or men of the militia when in the service of the United States, shall be composed of militia officers only.

Section 9. That the militia, when called into the actual service of the United States, shall be subject to the same Rules and Articles of War as the regular troops of the United States.

Section 13. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to issue, on the requisitions of the governors of the several States and Territories, or of the commanding general of the militia of the District of Columbia, such numbers of the gun slings, belts, and such other necessary accouterments and equipment as are required for the army of the United States, for arming all of the organized militia in said States and Territories and the District of Columbia.

To provide means to carry into effect the provisions of this section, the necessary money to cover the cost of exchanging or issuing the new arms, accouterments, and ammunition to be exchanged or issued hereunder is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

## LABOR NOTES.

Over two thousand machinists and other metal trades workers in St. Louis struck Wednesday. Machinists demand 10 per cent and brass workers 15% per cent increase.

The strike on the Mobile & Ohio railroad was settled Wednesday. The company agrees to advance wages 7 and 10 per cent for freight and passenger service respectively.

A general strike of all brick yard employees between Kingston and Saugerities, N. Y., was begun Wednesday. Over 1,000 men are idle.

President Hall, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway, discharged 20 private detectives. They didn't detect much and told all sorts of yarns to appear busy and hold their jobs. The corporation will save \$30,000 a year and needs the money to help pay the men who recently secured a raise.

The affiliation of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees with the American Labor Union, which has been pending for several months, is officially announced. The new brotherhood is said to have 60,000 members, includes all classes of workers, and is said to be growing rapidly in the West.

At the recent meeting of the A. F. of L. executive council in Toronto, it is said that 65 national unions had representatives present to lay matters before the council which affected their trades, many of which were on the question of jurisdiction between the trades.

Puddlers are confronted by a machine which, experts claim, will mechanically puddle 60,000 pounds of iron in 12 hours and affect an enormous saving in labor, metal, fuel and other costs of present production. It is stated that the new machine will be followed by still other devices that will be economical and revolutionary.

Fully 100,000 working people went on a strike for better conditions the first week in May. All trades and every section of the country were affected. Added to these the many thousands who went out in April shows that the labor movement is very much alive despite the schemes of would-be soothsayers.

A late report from Omaha says Huston, a restaurant man, who unionized his place, was notified by the Business Men's Association that he will be unable to purchase any more groceries and provisions. Still they talk about intimidation and interfering in other people's business.

The governor of New York has signed the bill that makes it a crime for any union to order members to remain out of the militia. As might be expected, the unionists are saying harsh things, but the politician's don't care.

According to official reports, the eight-hour day experiments instituted by the French government during the past two years are giving complete satisfaction and the system will be extended.

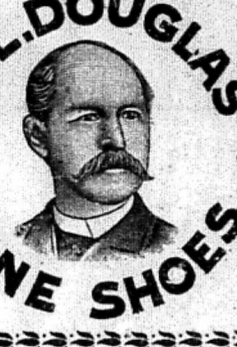
In Gneva, Switzerland, several Socialists were ordered to serve in the militia against strikers. They refused and were court-martialed and sent to prison for four months. While they were in jail the unionists collected \$2,000 and turned the sum over to the families of the men. That's solidarity.

## BOOK REVIEW.

"The Handwriting on the Wall, or Revolution in 1907," by J. C. Cooper. Cloth, 377 pages. P. H. Roberts Publishing Company, 6108 Elizabeth Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

The author of this work is an ex-congressman whose little property was confiscated by the trust by those "laws of trade" and a few tricks well known in the capitalist world. The author has collected a mass of facts bearing on his theme which he has arrayed in an orderly manner. These facts treat of the effect of machinery on labor; political corruption; child labor; trusts, etc. The author gives his own experience of the utility of anti-trust legislation while in the halls of congress by showing the insincerity of Democratic and Republican politicians when measures of this character were up for consideration. In some respects the book is one of the best to interest people and induce them to a further investigation than anything else in print. It portrays in a vivid manner the rottenness of capitalism and the futility of attempting to secure anything of even a palliative character through the parties of capitalism. The author also admits that the trust is the inevitable result of capitalistic society itself. However, with these admissions the only thing he sees in the future is visions of war and revolution and even sets the date for it in 1907. It would seem that the knowledge he has of industrial development ought to have enabled him to forecast, to some extent, the changes which must occur in the reorganization of society even though they be effected by means of a bloody revolution. But the author is silent in this respect and is for that reason disappointing. He is a poor philosopher who, realizing the necessity of a change and proving it by a large array of facts, leaves his readers at sea without the slightest intimation as to what is necessary to insure peace, plenty and happiness to those whom he has aroused to bitterness by portraying their wrongs. That the author has some knowledge as to what is necessary to successfully cope with the problem is manifest by his numerous quotations from Socialist publications of which a large part of the book is made up. However, even with this limitation, the

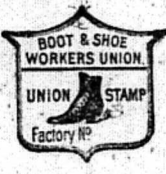
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book ought to arouse the interest of the dulled and set them to thinking and inspire them with the desire to avoid the revolution which he predicts but does not successfully prove.

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Resolved, That we have lost a faithful and sincere member, the family a loving husband and father, whose memory we cherish, and we deeply feel and sincerely regret his removal from our midst.  
Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our most earnest and sincere sympathy in their great affliction.  
Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Local Union 235 and a copy sent to the bereaved family.  
GEORGE M. MILLER,  
GABE H. YOUNG,  
WILLIAM WARREN,  
Committee.

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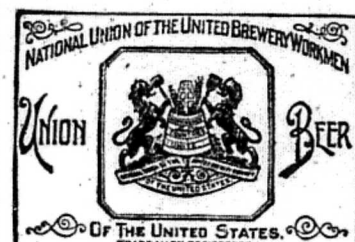
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Greensburg Socialist Comes Back With a Few Facts Regarding Cumback of That City.

It may be of some interest to you that I have been conducting a very interesting correspondence with the editorial manager of the National Economic League and circulating No. 1 of "Labor and Capital" in the hope of arousing some interest on the part of the local papers here in opposition to Socialism, thus curtailing investigation which we very much desire.

I sent Mr. Mattox a list of old line Republicans and politicians names and among the number was the "Hon." Will Cumback and the effusive thanks for same made me ashamed of myself.

My DEAR SIR—Your favor of the 11th received and replying thereto I shall say that at some future time I will avail myself of the opportunity afforded and accept the kind invitation to submit an article to run the gauntlet of approval of the editorial committee.

The following clipping from the Chicago American shows what Comrade Johnson, the newly elected alderman, is doing. The last sentence also displays the real attitude of that paper toward union labor.

In regard to your old acquaintance of former days, "Major" Cumback, will say that he is the same. When not elucidating "The Growth of American Liberty" he holds down the onerous job as President of the Citizens' Bank, this place.

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MAILY'S LETTER.

The National Secretary's Weekly Press Bulletin.

The special organizing fund is growing steadily at national headquarters, and contributions are coming in every day. The fund has now reached a total of \$227.50.

Contributions are also being received through the Socialist Co-operative Publishing Association of New York to apply on the old party debt contracted prior to the unity convention. The total receipts thus far are \$17.00.

Local Chico, Mont., is a regular contributor to the special organizing fund.

Secretary Mable writes: "Organization is the keynote now. Local Chico was organized October 1st, 1899, with five members, and until January last had only seven members. Have held our meeting regularly, paid our dues in advance and kept the literature circulating and last fall we got 23 out of 38 votes on the legislative ticket. So much for organization. Eleven members now."

Charters have been granted to new locals as follows: Tulsa, Indian territory; Phoenix, Arizona; Providence, Rhode Island.

Socialists lacked only four votes of electing an alderman in New Decatur, Ala. Comrade Fred A. Gentry writes that the white laborer who voted to disfranchise the negroes, "find that the whites are effected very nearly as bad. I guess they will have to be squeezed a little more before they come to their senses."

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Alderman Johnson, of the Thirty-third ward, the only "Socialist" alderman in the city council, had his maiden experience in the council last night.

Mr. Johnson introduced an ordinance providing that no franchise should be granted to any traction company in the city of Chicago in the future unless it contained a provision for an eight-hour day, and that no employs of such a corporation should be compelled to work more than six days a week. He asks a suspension of rules for its passage, and when the mayor put the question to a viva voce it was hopelessly lost.

State Secretary Lipscomb, of Missouri, is arranging a tour for John Chase among the locals of his state.

INDIANA SOCIALISTS.

Secretary Oneal's Weekly Press Bulletin.

The report of the national secretary on the referendum on location of headquarters shows that Omaha has been selected by a majority of 42, while on the other hand by a majority of 782 the proposed quorum composed of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin and Kentucky has been elected. This may be reversed if the vote of Ohio is counted, as it is not included in the report on account of a question as to whether the referendum was submitted in the proper form in that state.

The state secretary desires to call the attention of the locals in this state to the fact that reports thus far received on the actions of the state convention show that locals have adopted both the majority and minority reports of the committee on municipal platform. Both cannot be adopted and locals should be careful to vote for one or the other or another referendum will have to be taken on this question.

Comrade Kirkpatrick's dates for the coming week are as follows: Evansville, May 25, 26, 27; Booneville, 28, 29, 30; and in all probability he will speak in Louisville, Ky., on the 31st.

Miss Martha Biegler, of this city, has started some agitation work in the western part of the state. She spoke at Seelyville on Wednesday and at Jasonville on Thursday. She will speak in Linton on Friday and Saturday.

Socialists in North Judson in the recent municipal election polled 47 votes out of a total vote of 187, the highest being 53.

The dates are coming in better for Comrade Edwards' tour in June, and it is hoped that every local in the state will accept a date, as he is the only speaker available until the agitation starts under the new plan adopted by the convention.

Comrade John Collins will speak at Elkhart and Goshen in June, on his way home from Pennsylvania.

Comrade Kirkpatrick held a stirring meeting at Brazil Monday evening and was rewarded with an attack by one of the local papers the next day. The editor was aroused because Kirkpatrick told his audience that the paper refused to publish

the new military law which the politicians that the paper supports passed at the last session of congress.

Socialists of Terre Haute held an interesting meeting Sunday night, the occasion being speeches and music by the students who have just completed the Mills lessons: The programme was as follows: "Socialism and the Class Struggle," D. W. Kesler; "Socialism and the Trust," C. E. Kingery; "What is Socialism," James Oneal; "Child Labor," W. W. Anstead; "Objections to Socialism," Judson O'Neal; "Choosing an Occupation," Ed H. Evinger.

At the business meeting of the Vigo county socialists Sunday afternoon C. E. Kingery and Ed H. Evinger were elected state committeemen, and it was decided to take a collection once a month for the state secretary's salary, the amount guaranteed to be \$1. Those present voted on questions submitted by state convention and the ballot was left open for a week to give those not present an opportunity to vote.

Disputed Point Settled. National President O'Connell of the machinists has decreed, as arbitrator, that the blacksmith helpers' unions belong to the brotherhood of blacksmiths and not to the allied metal mechanics international.

Telegraphers Get More Money. Telegraph operators of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad have been granted an increase in wages of 8 to 9 per cent.

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