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### Socialist Comments On One Day's News

The Law and Order League of Seattle is struggling with Mayor Humes again to make him be "good," shut up the various dens and stamp out vice.

A churchly committee visited him last week to urge him to enforce the

law. He told them plainly: "When I was a candidate for election I promised not to enforce the laws, and I never told a lie and never will."

That's the exact situation in Scattle.

That's the exact situation in Seattle. This man actually said from the stump a year ago. "This is a scaport town, rice is profitable, miners demand it, I will do just as I have done for the last two years, let her go wide open. Now you know what to expect if you elect me." And they elected him, a stalwart Republican, a host of good church people and Republicans voting for him in the secreey of the Australian ballot. Now, friends, hear the Socialist explanation, the rational reason for this

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planation, the rational reason, for this state of things:

Thousands of men and women have come to Seattle, and they must get a living somehow. Me is the easiest way, almost the only-way left to many

of them. What keeps up the saloons? The host of unemployed that must get a living somehow, and saloon keeping is one of the easiest ways.

The same cause that overcrowds every profession, lawyers, doctors, preachers, engineers, clerks—the great preachers, engineers, clerks—the great reserve army thrown out of employ-ment by modern inventions—this Jur-nishes your saloon keepers, gamblers, prostitutes, burglars, hold-ups and the rest. This class of men keep their money flying, the merchants get hold of it, and so they, Christians and all, elected Humes to do their bidding— and he's a-doing it. He himself is another of the great

ramp army seeking a precarious exist-ence. Don't blame him or them. But find a means to let everybody earn an honest living and above all, to get what he earns.

#### AN INSTANCE.

A French girl tells how she was saved from the wrecked Rio de Janeiro. That recalls the question, Why such a loss of life on that Pacific steamer? The U. S. inspectors' investigation

a loss of life on that Pacific steamer?
The U. S. inspectors' investigation
brought it out plainly enough. The
employment of a cheap and inefficient
Chinese crew was the reason boats
were not ready and not well manned.
But why a Chinese crew? The
agent of the line answered frankly.
"Our competitors employ them, and
we must also or go out of business."
Cheap and old vessels—for profits.
A cheap crew for profits, Capital demands its dividends. Therefore rehands its dividends. Therefore

Cheap and old vessels—for profits. A cheap crew for profits. Capital demands its dividends. Therefore reduce the cost of labor and thereby increase the returns of capital.

Remedy: Abolish profits. Abolish a system which regards property before human life.

#### ANOTHER VICTIM.

William Miller and his fellow linemen were victims of a live wire. The intense heat melted the network of wires running in every direction, and one of them, in falling, struck a troliey wire, the other end crossing the brass nozzle of the hose, held by Miller and Snyder. Both men fell as though they had been shot. Sheckler and Griffith, in going to the rescue.

ere also caught and both were badly firned. When the prostrate men were eached Miller was dead and two of

the others inconscious.

Why not have the wires buried?
Costs too much. Diminishes profits and dividends. Life no account.

#### AND ANOTHER

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Factory girls consumed by fire.
Only one fire-escape from the seventh floor and 25 girls employed there.
Why not two fire escapes? Costs too much. Dimitfishes profits.
Capital is a Juggernaut. It demands victims. It compels victims.
The owner of the factory had to get on with one fire escape and cheapen in every direction in order to sell on the market at all algainst his competitors. Therefore he must sacrifice life or lose his own. It is the very nature of this Beast of Capitalism to demand sacrifices of human flesh and blood.

#### FROM IAPAN, TOO.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 36.—"A curious paradox exists. Owing to its habits of economy Japan is relatively one of the richest nations, but now it is in the depth of poverty, with its efforts at industry brought to almost a complete standstill. The remarkable steadings of foreigneticals industry learnings of foreigneticals industry to the complete standstill. piete standstill. The remarkable steadiness of foreign stocks in the treaty ports, in spite of general depression, is very noticeable. Dividends of from 8 to 12 per cent, are steadily up to the mark, while Japanese investment enterprises divide still larger profits."

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The correspondent calls this a "paradox." The constant paradox of Capitalism is this: "A rich country in the depths of poverty!" Just so. Always so. "Its efforts at industry almost at a complete standstill." But why? Our correspondent unconsciously gets the explanation close to his paradox. "Stocks" are steady, yielding "dividends of from 8 to 12 per cent." while Japanese investments yield even more. So are the laborers robbed into poverty, spite of their natural economy and frugality. They have nothing to buy with. The dividends that keep the stocks steady—going both to foreign investors and to Japanese capitalists—these are the riches which the laborers created, but did not get. Japan is indeed copying the western nations—and hence, too, Socialists are appearing others."

The new primary law proposed for ne state of Washington has been dethe state of Washington has been de-feated, thanks to the vigilance and en-ergetic action of the Socialists under the leadership of The Socialist of Se-attle. This is a real victory for labor, and when understood, our bustling and esteemed contemporary will receive the full measure of the people's grati-tude—Public Ownership, Erie, Pa.

Next Monday night a special meeting of Local Seattle is called to discuss a subject of greatest importance to all. Every member should attend. 8 p. m. Be on hand promptly, if possible.

It is an easy way for you to support this paper by supporting our adver-tisers. You have to spend your money

#### WHAT TO DO.

Letter From Dallas, Texas—Word H. Mills Says Good Things of The So-cialist; and The Socialist Has a Few Words to Say About Unity.

Dallas, Tex, March 8.
Editor The Socialist:—Thanks for copy of your paper. I like it. It reaches Socialism, not "Socialism." You folks evidently do not come under the category of that class of propaganda journals. I have been denouncing so vigorously in my "Letters to Texas Workingmen," in Farmer's Review. Your propaganda shines out against the hazy background of the S. D. P. press brilliantly. You people have been studying the ethics of Socialism from the class-conscious workingfrom the class-conscious working-class standpoint, and are "clear" on the class struggle. You have reached the plane upon which the entire move-ment must stand before Socialism can come a fact.

If the S. D. P. press at large were as clear as The Socialist, the S. D. P. might not have so large a membership, but it would be an educated and dis-ciplined one, and there would be no controversy over "Unity." Unity-world be accomplished.

stroll de accomplished. \*

I appreciate that education is the thing needful. When workingmen become educated in economics, the settlement of the question of Socialist unity will become spontaneous. As long as the Middle Class interests sway

iong as the Middle Class interests sway the movement through its propaganda press, so long will there be division, not over alleged "tactics," but even over fundamentals.

The Marxian propaganda is the safe one; it's the one that ultimately must triumph. Hence, while we are educating the people at large destined under the inexorable system of Capitalist expropriation to eventually become proletarians, let's educate correctly.

Yours Fraternally,

WORD H. MILLS.

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Of course we appreciate Comrade Mill's appreciation of The Socialist; though there are numerous other S. D. P. papers just as clear as The Socialist.

But we are not so sure as he is that agreement on fugdamentals will bring unity. The De Leon S. L. P. is too vivid a contradiction of such unity. If any set of men are agreed on the straightest extractions are agreed on the straightest extractions. vivid a contradiction of such unity. If any set of men are agreed on the straightest doctrine—and the Marxian doctrine too—if the Spartan band that polled 44000 votes last fall. Yet they are constantly dividing. Here in Se-attle is a conspicuous illustration. One of the strongest De Leon sections in the country is now reduced to a hand-ful by a disaffection which is mainly personal. At any rate, there is no dis-agreement as to fundamentals. They are all scientife Socialists. are all scientific Socialists

are all scienture socialists.

Read The Weekly People, the De
Leon paper. It is full of personalities,
recking with immendo, suspicion,
epithets and abuse—directed toward
men who fully agree with De Leon as
to the fundamentals of Socialism—but
who do not choose to belong to his

organization.

No. Unity of insight does not insure unity of organization.

But this remains true. There will never be unity of action without units of view and purpose. To that end we educate. To that end, it is vitally necessary that the swarm of Utopian papers calling themselves Socialist, should be taught the scientific funda-

mentals.

There is no hurry about organic unity, if such unity is to include the unceducated and aimless. There must be education before organization, there is no doubt as to that, Brother Mills. But there is Tertium Quid, a third equally essential sometiming before unity of action can be secured, and that

### Snapshot at Capitalism



### TENEMENT HOUSE ANGELS.

This is a Typical Product of Capitalism, portrayed by one of its own artists.

This The Tenement House, home of the Workingman and his Poverty. What Else do you expect of him?

Man is the product of his conditions.

We Socialists agree with you, but of this hell come the aged child, the idiot, the maniac, the hag, the thug, the gambler, the harlot, the "drunk" and Death itself.

And what do you propose to do about it, you capitalist "philanthropists?" How will you cure Poverty?

Will you keep "The Stock Yards" of Chicago and abolish the "Back of the Yards?" You cannot. The "Back" is the inevitable product of the "Packingtown." Capital and Wage-Slavery cannot be separated.

But Socialism has its perfect remedy. Abolish the private ownership of those yards, conduct them no longer for the production of dividends, but solely for the production of meats for the millions, and your Tenement-House and its Angels will disappear.

Crime comes from the Tenement House. The Tenement

gels will disappear.

Crime comes from the Tenement House. The Tenement
House comes from Poverty. Poverty comes from Capital and
Wages, the system that pays a man the least he can live on,
the system that takes two-thirds of his product\_away from
every laborer, that drives him to the Tenement House as his
only chance for shelter—all for the benefit of overgrown Cap-

Capital is the source of every crime. CAPITAL IS

is, a Human Spirit, a spirit of Personal

This does not mean "brotherly love." or anything angelic, but simple human decency in our dealings with one an-other. It means that Socialists shall have no such fundamental principle as hatred and animalism. Prof. Herron recognizes the Class struggle just as clearly as Fron. Do Leon, and he does so in a spiral infinitely more human.

We may not expect our party to be made up of such sensitive men as Her-ron, but neither can it ever be consti-tuted of such build once as De Leon Socialists among themselves must

be personally tolerant and co-operative, while ab slutely and inflexibly devoted to the fundamental truths of Socialism.

There are plenty of men of this sort our movement. And they will come to the front.

These will be the Statesmen of So-cialism, as contrasted with the mere politicians.

Out of the present discussion and

Out of the present discussion and ferment, will arise a strong, clear-eyed, class-conscious Proletarian Party, that Capitalists can neither bribe nor outwit nor outvote.

Let us be patient, and meanwhile.

Have you entered the race for the ticket-selling prize for the benefit of The Socialist, March 30?

Advertisers will advertise when it pays to advertise. Make it pay.

### Thoughts by Your Uncle

"Run Up Against a Snag," announce our daily, papers teferring to the way the Russian government headed off a cork trust that was cornering prices. What was the snag? High tan Silver and the standard of the standard? Not on your higherent stade? I should say not. Free stive? Why, bless your foolish little Popodemo heart, of course not. What was it? Oh, only what the Socialists have been telling you all along would alone head off the evils that flow from a privately owned trust—the Russian government simply went into the trust business itself, and hereafter will make its own corks without the interference of hindrance of a private enterprise run for profit. See? Run Up Against a Snag," announce vate enterprise run for profit. See

Once more has the present system rewarded a member of society for his years of toil and sacrifice, and once more may be seen the incentive that leads us to rush and hustle that we may exist today. Who the dickens is fool enough to care for tomorrow, anyway? Major Corwin, an old pioneer of Whatest counts did at the new form there cannot be seen to the control of the country of the seen to the seen to the country of the seen to the seen com county, died at the poor farm there Feb. 17. He had been an honest and hard worker all his life and his labor had done a good deal toward develop-ing that section (for the benefit of the ing that section (for the-electric the eastern land shark, whose coming is gleefully awaited by a new crop of suckers). The major had been a mem-ber of a certain lodge for many years, but latterly had failed to keep his dues paid up, the funeral expenses were met by individual donations. So goes an-other worker, worn out, worked out, and of no more value to a faithless so-

Yes, you Socialists are all right, but "Yes, you Socialists are all right, but you ask too much. Why don't you ask for less, and and you will be more likely to get it." My dear Nincompoop, you make me severely tired. The Socialists only ask for what is theirs—that the people shall have the wealth which the people have created. Is that too much? Suppose a highwayman knocked you down every Saturday night for years and took all the money you had. Suppose finally, you caught him and found on him wealth not qure equalling that which he had stolen from you? What would you do? Tell him to give you 50 cents on account. him to give you 50 cents on account, and some more the next time you and some more the next time you caught him, or would you just make him fork it all over at once? Answer that and then have the Socialist answer to your drivelling, idiotic questions.

"A rose by any other name," etc. Hence the Capitalist papers still call the imperial show at Washington with its troops, its cannon, its decorated diplomats, and its gorgeous and costly trimmings, from all of which the common people without social or financial prestige were excluded, "inauguration of the president."

The anxiety with which the small-fry politician of the Capitalist stripe is seeking Socialist votes in the coming city elections, has never been equalled in intensity save by the same politi-cian's hatred of the Socialists last fall.

While noting the death of the aged Washington pioneer in a Whatcom poorhouse it might also be well to stow away 100 our think-tank the time that the daily papers of Feb. 28 printed columns of grief over the dennis of a Mr. Evarts, a man who never added a penny's worth to the wealth of happiness of the nation. He was a lawyer, living only upon the grief or troubles of others. That he was a "successful" one means nothing that ought to be a credit to any man.

The editor of an independent weekly paper in the state in King county in suffering mental collapse. It is not to be wondered at. Any man who will attempt to balance himself on the edge of a circular saw is going to get hurt. And a circular saw isn't in it with a competitive cut-throat system. Hed ought to have jumped off long ago either on the Capitalist or Socialst side. He wouldn't have been entirely free from danger of paresis on the Capitalist side, so strenuous is the struggle to keep the old thing going. On the So-keep the old thing going. On the Soside, so strenuous is the struggle to keep the old thing going. On the So-cialist side the only danger of a col-lapse is when your stomach occasionally flaps up against your back lone. And that don't happen now so often as it did; in fact, that danger point is rapidly being passed. I simply throw out the above suggestion to worried county editors, who are trying to be independent when their very life depends upon the merchant, the type trust, the paper trust; and the thankless politician. It may be the means of saving some of them from Stellacoom when they begin to feel the wheels go fround. 

The clearing house returns in Seat tle for last month were a little over eight millions of dollars. That reas-sures me. My clearings for last month were 7 cents, and as that showed a were 7 cents, and as that showed a net loss over January of 4 cents. I was afraid that the era of prosperity had begun to shrink again. But happily it is not so, as Seattle clearings are \$130,000 larger than in January. So here goes bravely for another month of strenuous life

A boiler explodes in a Chicago lauti A boiler explodes in a Chicago laith-dry, a dozen or so people are killed and many injured. A few years ago such an accident would have been held to be an act of God, but now it is be-ginning to be recognized that God has nothing to do with it at all. It gen-erally proves to be due to an incompe-tent man, hired because he is cheap, or a massife boiler risked up to the last tent man, fired occause he is cneap, or an unsafe boiler, risked up to the last moment so as to get all the profit out of it possible. Happily, the close ap-proach of public ownership will soon forever abolish such catastrophes as are almost daily occurring in our crowded workshops and mines which are run under the private ownership scheme, of a maximum of production at a minimum cost as regards ordinary precautions and safeguards to protect the workers. They are cheaper that ever, you know, and the market place throng with slaves seeking masters.

note the papers have been full of petures of the wives and daughters of the Olmsteads and Moneys and Morgans, "able lawyers and financiers," who attended the inaugural ball. I have looked in vain for a picture of the wives and daughters of the Smiths and Jones' and Browns, "average workingmen," who built the edifice, printed the music and raised the brands that supplied the tables they also made. It was eminently a feast of the drones from which the workers had been carefully excluded. They may as well enjoy themselves on their stolen sweets as best they may, for the handwriting as best they may, for the handwriting "Socialism," is on the wall, so plain that even Hanna has read and translated to the unheeding, snivelling crowd.

I know where there's as nice two fellows as you'd wish to see, with some little money and far more brains, try-ing to run a dyed-in-the-wool demo-cratic paper. It isn't proving such a ing to run a dyed-in-the-wool demo-cratic paper. It isn't proving such a snap as might be imagined, while the number of old subscribers who have come in to stop their paper because they "have got through with the old parties and are now looking for Social-ism," is really astonishing. There is a tremendous leaven of which we know weather. Book they in the stop of the contraction of the contraction of the contraction. tremendous leaven of which we know nothing, boys, that is working quiet-ly but forcefully for public ownership. All it needs is crystallization, and that is to be done by catching every sub-scriber to a Socialist paper you can. "Agitate, organize, educate," used to be the watchword. Organization is now needed more than anything else.

There is much discussion in England There is much discussion in England as to whether the men of the King's guard shall wear pink uniforms with plumed hats, instead of the familiar red and purple. Very little is said, however, as regards the large population in London, East, changing their costumes. It is presumed they will adhere to the same uniform to which they's became attached during the Ondon's rein. The nature was to make the control of adhere to the same uniform to which they became attached during, the Quelm's reign. The pants may be wornledgehild longer, while the patches on the seat will no doubt be a little more variegated in color and somewhat larger in size. The women will still cling to their threadbare gowns and brown and black shawls of simplest pattern and lowest price. Both the King's guard and his common people object to such sudden innovations as new uniforms and trimmings throughout, as becomes "steady old England, and will probably cling to kings an queens until every mother's son is it queens until every mother's se the workhouse or potters' field

About \$5,000,000 is to be in and near San Francisco in "public utities." As upon a further reading of
the paragraph I find that Eastern capitalists are doing the investing and will
thereby own said "public utilities." it
is hard to see why the public need take and near San Francisco in "public util much interest in the affair. That kind of public utilities serve simply as a han dle which private money-grabbers car utilize to bleed the public. Probably only that kind of opportunities is called "public utilities."

UNCLE SAM

### A NEW LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALISTS.

Their Attitude Toward Trade Union Some sixty men last Monday night organized in Seattle "The Revolution-ary Socialist League" for purposes of

propaganda.

These are men who were lately expelled from the De Leon section here or who are in sympathy with them.

They have no political affiliation at present, but devote themselves to hard work in teaching Socialism, mostly by means of public meetings on the

Their attitude toward the Trades Unions is different from De Leon's in this: They regard the economic strug this: They regard the economic strug-gle represented by the unions as of little account and they consequently are rather disposed to oppose all such organizations, whether "pure and sim-ple" or Socialist. They are equally op-posed, therefore, to the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance of the De Leonites, and the ordinary labor unions. Some of them deny that they are "consested" at all to any Labor Unions.

"opposed" at all to any Labor U They declare they are simply not in-terested in them, since they can never accomplish the emancipation of the Working Class.

Working Class.
Others' occupy the position of the S. D. P., believing that by allying themselves with the Unions they can guide their blind groping toward the light and thus develop their economic class-consciousness into political class-

consciousness.

"On one point these men are quite in accord with the S. D. P.

"No Politics in Trades Unions" as such. Let the unions confine themselves to the economic struggle. We do not want any politics, Socialist, Democratic or Republican, in the unions. There may be discussion of politics galore, such as the American Feditics galore, such as the American l on of Labor counsels. But no acon, as a body, by any labor union in e direction of politics. This is also in substance what Marx

said in 1860

"The Trade Unions" said he "should "The Trade Unions," said he, "should never be brought into an inner con-nection with a political organization, nor should they be made dependent on such, if their object is to be carried out. If that is done it is equivalent to rendering a Death Blow to the un-ion. \*

The Trade Unions are schools for Socialism. In the Trade Unions, work-ingmen are educated to Socialism be-cause they are daily engaged in a strug-

gle with capital."
(See Stone's "Attitude of The Socialists Toward The Trade Unions," Price

It is a pity that the attitude of Socialists toward the Unions should be allowed to divide their ranks.

The S. D. P. occupies a rational po-sition. Namely, Help them all you can, but tell them at the same time that a mere gain in wages and hours, will alleave them still the slaves of Capital. Teach them what the real struggle is, to abolish capitalism it-self. Nothing short of that can deliver them from the bondage of wage-slav-

ery.

No "Labor Party," unless it has that platform, can ever succeed. That is what you have to learn, Brothers Gordon Rice and others.

The Socialist will always oppose any "Labor Party" such as you advocate.

"Labor Party" such as you advocat unless it demands the total abolition

uniess it demands the total abolition of wages and its twin, capital. And when you come to see that "Nngger in the woodpile" you will be Socialists and join the only "Working-man's Party." See?

Make the middle-class pay for this wage-class paper by buying your goods of our advertisers

#### CONTROLLED BY CAPITAL

The Whatcom Blade goes for the editor of The Socialist wild-eyed because he said in a speech at Seattle that ther was only one paper in this state no controlled by Capital. He was careful not to tell his readers that that paper was called The Socialist. All he did was to call the editor of The Socialist pet names, such as Damphool and Emptypate M

Mr. Blade, I did not mean to Now, Mr. Blade, I did not mean to say you were controlled by any "Capi-tal" of your own, monetary or mental, but only that you are so dead poor that you dare not do anything to offend Capital in your neighborhood. You are one of the "Slaves of Capital" you can read about at the top of our first

If you are really independent and If you are really morpenent and did not have to conduct your paper and write every "Squib" even with reference to the bread and butter problem, then you would reason and not sling epithets.

With Socialism here, my brother,

you would be following your native bent and writing poetry instead of plodding like a drudge not daring to speak the truth you know.

#### Stoon SAVED TO THE S. D. P.

At the least calculation the New Pri-mary Law would have cost the Social-ists in the State of Washington one thousand dollars in the next two years. The nominations for municipal elec-tions in Whatcom, Fairhaven, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Buckley, Hoqui-am, Spokane, to say nothing of state and national elections, would have been pretty expensive affairs for us.

There is no question this paper was instrumental in defeating the measure

### Labor Column

Conducted by Charles L. De Motte

Now that a new star of great bril-liancy has been discovered in the con-stellation of Perseus, the astronomical stately mas been discovered in the constellation of Perseus, the astronomical writers have also discovered that a ster of similar magnitude has appeared regularly in that part of the heavens about every 500 years, marking the greatest epochs of the last 2000 years. First, the coming of Christ; second, the appearance of Mohammed; third, William the Conqueror; fourth, Martin Luther. These events all produced radical social changes. Who knows but what this fifth appearance may be the writing on the wall, proclaiming the coming of social changes. Who knows but what this fifth appearance may be the writing on the wall, proclaiming the coming of social changes. Who knows that when the sands of the sea thing graven image. Profits," that now stands, an object of worship, in every market place.

every market place.

If the women of Kansas, who exhibit such vigorous muscular ability that they easily reduce to splinters, with small hatchets, the toughest and hard-land that provide in the forests. est woods that grow in the forests were called upon to split a few sticks of kindling at home, their pride would be humiliated, their dignity insulted, and their social status lost.

In looking over the work of the pres-In looking over the work of the pres-ent legislature, it requires a very close analysis to discover wherein that body has done anything that materially ben-efits the people. All railroad questions were practically ignored. The direct

#### One Thousand Tickets Must be Sold.

We are going to have a great entertainment March 30. There's no discounting that.

This affair will be the finest the Socialists have ever given in Scattle, and that's saying a great deal.

Liela Page Wilcox has won a high seputation throughout the city. You can hear it everywhere. She is a host in herself.

Instead of a prize cake walk, which is a little out of date, we have substituted a PRIZE CONTEST IN JUVENILE FANCY DANCING, including HIGHLAND FLING, the Spanish LA CA-CHUCHA and others, by Katie Hazelgrove, "Baby" Martyn and others.

Vocal and Instrumental numbers will be announced in full program, to be printed next week. To conclude with GRAND BALL, with Lueben's Orchestra for three hours. Every ticket for 25 cents gives all the above and a guess for a Ten Dollar Prize Besides.

There never was offered so much for so little. Push the sale of ets—everybody.

If the vote in the lower house by which the bill was defeated, had not been less close, there might have been doubt. But the bill had 40 votes out of 80 members in the house. One single vote more would have carried the bill

have reason to believe that more than one vote was cast against the bill because of its injustice to the Socialists as represented in The Socialist again again by word and cartoon. Every lator received The Socialist. e therefore have good right to

claim that this paper by this one fight alone, has saved the Socialists of thi state more than the total expense of the paper since its foundation.

#### SAN DIEGO SOCIALISTS ON THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The San Diego Social Democrats ave nominated a city ticket for the first time.

Here is one plank from their plat-

We hold that crime and drunkenness are necessary results of the cap-italist system, and can only be eleminated by overthrowing that system. We maintain that private profit is the primary cause of the manufacture and intoxicants and that all efforts to eliminate the evils of the liquor traffic without eliminating the element of profit will be futile. therefore demand that, produce t nationalized, municipal dispensaries be established in San Diego and liquors sold at cost."

Logislatures that are enacting laws about cigarettes have at last got down to something of their size.

primary law met an accidental death therefore the solons deserve no prais therefore the solons deserve no praise for that. Even that puny nightmare, that was wont to stalk through the halls on three lame legs, the Compul-sory Arbitration Law, was indefin-itely postponed. Outside of the pur-chase of the Thurston county count house, wherein to hold their next bi-emial revival, it has been as harmles and tame a legislature as history will have to record.

The New York Court of Appeals has decided by a vote of five to two t the "rate of wages law" is unconst tional. The labor organizations of th city spent much money and devo much time in securing the passage of the law, and now it has been swep away by one stroke of the pen of a ca talist court. About the same time California judge decides that the eight hour law, relating to state and muni-cipal work, is unconstitutional. These judges are both republican and demo crat. It does not matter which party the workingman votes for, they both serve the same master. So long as capital owns the country, labor laws will ever prove to be unconstitutional. will ever prove to be unconstitutional. The labor organizations of nearly every state in the Union have secured the passage of many good laws, only to set them deslared unconstitutional as some as they become effective. They hindered in some way the free severcise of apitalist privileges. It is time that the workingman pulled hinself together and castanis vote for the agencies that will reverse this monker and narrol. will reverse this monkey and pa game. Let us have the arena str with hair instead of feathers, it prove a decrsion it nothing else.

### LESSONS IN SOCIALISM

Place of Meeting—The best place

Expense.

I. Time of Meeting—The best time sanday afternson, one hour. Have iven minute to begin—and begin.

II. Chairman—Every week elect

III. Chairman—Every week elect chairman for the next meeting. His misses is to preside; to keep order; see that only one speaks at a time; segin and end the meeting on time, to ask the questions. If he is about elect another.

V. Speakers—No trained speaker seeded. Often a small place has not only speaker in the whole and the seed of the old-fashioned lectures and consistent with the control of the control of the seed of the old-fashioned lectures and consistent which are very well in pre places, but impossible in small establishments.

by this method you will all learn to tak before others and to the point fore long some of you will learn to tak freely and perhaps become pub-speakers. The first thing in public speakers. The first thing in pubne speaking is to have something to say and the second is to say it naturally and simply. These "Questions" wil such you to do both.

and simply. The scale of the same question he chairman may put the same question to another, if he thinks best; or, others may want to answer it differently and then a discussion will larise. Let the chairman insist on two rules: Let the chairman insist on two rules:
(1) Only one shall speak at once; and
(2) no one person shall do too much

Never Fail—Hold your meet ings rain or shine. Get the habit es-ablished. You all need to meet each other and get the benefit of mutual timulus. You will grow in spite of

nything.

Any man who lives alone and thinks

alone will grow narrow and lose his

your meeting. Two are Don't be discouraged. Meet,

tever you do, meet.

I. How to Conduct the Lesson—
chairman will read to first questo some member.

Let the member answer it. Then let the chairman read the first one of the "Suggestions," and ask an-other member how he would answer e same question

Then the chairman read some more

Suggestions," and ask the same ques-tion of a third member.

And so on with the other questions.

Before you know it your hour will

#### LESSON VI.

Read Chapter IV. of Vail's "Prin

One Advantage of Socialism.

-Is it to the interest talist manufacturers
ge amount of goods?
ge amount of mills of facturers to produce a

sign amount of goods?

Suggestions—How about the shings manufactured in the mills of washington? Why do the owners that down every once in awhile? If they produce too much, will not rices decline and profits decline, too?

Question—Is it not to the interest of the people that manufacturers should reduce very large amounts of goods? Suggestions—Do we have too many buses well built and well shingled? What makes the multitude of "shacks" light in Seattle and in every town on the Coast? Why are there any tall, arrow tenements? Why not broad-tooled, large-roomed, high-ceilinged tools for all to live in?

Why not clothes in plenty, a new mit every three months, warm and elegan?

Why not food in abundance for all? weet, rich milk, fresh eggs and poul-y, finest flour and sugar, rich fruits ad wholesome vegetables—enough do to spare for all?

Question—Is it not possible with modern inventions to produce shelter and clothing and food in abundance? Suggestions—Remember, Chauncey Depen said in the republican convention which is the product of the product of

which nominated McKinley the ond time: "The United States produces 2,000 millions worth of ds each year more than we can

Where does all this surplus go? Do you get more goods than you can consume? More food, more clothes for

your children and a better house to live in than you need? Chauncey Depew do

he knows what to do with

Question—Could we produce more tan we now do? Suggestions—"Prof. Hertzka, of Vi-nna, Austria, has shown that the five million men of that nation able million men of that nation able to work could produce, in a rightly di-rected society, with the present me-chanical appliances, that which is re-quired to support in case and comfort, and even in luxury, the 22 million in-habitants of Austria, were the five million men to work but two hours and twelve minutes per day for only two months a year.

Suppose, then, they were all to work, say, four hours a day for six months in a year, they would produce six times as much as now. But the mechanical appliances in

But the mechanical appliances in America are much superior to those of Austria, which is a country quite back-ward in the concentration of industries. Could we not, therefore, here in America, right at this day, produce Ten Times as much as would suffice

for a comfortable existence for all our Eighty Millions?

for a comfortable existence for all our Eighty Millions? Question—Why do we not produce all this wealth, so that poverty and all its crop of ills and crimes may disap-

pear?
Suggestions—If the people owned the shingle mills would they stop making shingles while a shagle ma nlacked roof over his head?

a root over his head?

Would the cotton mills shut down or the coal mines stop work or the iron foundries lie idle so long as any one needed shirts or fires or steam pipes?

Why should we not all be rich? We have all the facilities—what's to hinder?

Is it not because the interests of the owners of the great means of produc-tion, the mills and railroads, the mines and foundries, their interests are

tion, the mills and railroads, the mines and foundries, their interests are against the interests of society? They run these industries for private profit, and when they cannot make profit they cease to run them, stop producing wealth and keep the rest of us poor?

Question—Would the disappearance of Poverty be the greatest advantage of Socialism?

#### OUR NEW QUARTERS

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Socialist literature of all kinds for sale by The Socialist Educational Union, 114 Virginia Street, Seattle. 20 per cent. discount on orders over one dollar. Note our change of address. The old quarters at 220 Union were not adequate. The basement was damp and unhealthy for the printer and we had no desk room. The new quarters will give office accommodations for our staff, a fine room for our printing plant besides a salesroom for literature.

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#### SOME OF THE GUESSES.

That simple Glass Water Bottle

That simple Glass Water Bottle filled with mixed Beans of all sizes is proving a poser for the holders of tickets. All day and every day you may see men, women, girls; boys, standing in deep study before the window at 220 Union Street, trying to figure out how many beans that bottle holds. Here are a few of the guesses we have heard of: "Eight Hundred," "Four Thousand and Four," "One Million," "Fifteen Hundred," "Thirty-six Hundred and Eighty-two," "Four Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-four," "Twenty-seven Hundred and Thirty-two."

Evidently somebody is going to miss And it is dead sure somebody will Ev

NO CAPITALISM IN THEIRS

Labor Unions of St. Louis Repudiate Their Own President Because He Accepted Nomination on Democrat-

President Johnstone of the St. Louis Central Labor Union, accepted a nomination on a Capitalistic Party Ticket.

The Missouri Socialist, E. Val Putnam, editor, took him to task for violating a resolution of the Central Union

Now he has been called down by the Central Union

At their last regular meeting they asked him to resign from his position, by a vote of 95 to 71. The meeting was one of the largest ever held, and a lively debate preceded the vote.

The following are the St. Louis res olutions:

"In view of the fact that THE RE-PUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES ARE SIMPLY THE PO-LITICAL MACHINES OF THE RULING CAPITALIST CLASS. RUN AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE WAGE WORKING CLASS, the C. T. & L. U. of St. Louis hereby submit the following for the earnest consideration of our members and friends: IT IS A CRIME FOR ORGANIZED LABOR TO FOL-LOW THE BANNER OF THE OLD CAPITALISTIC PARTIES."

#### DUES REDUCED.

The Socialist Educational Union its last bi-monthly meeting, held the 1st week in March, voted to reduce the dues of members from 25 cents a week

dues of members from 25 cents a week to 25 cents a month.

It was learned that many were prevented from joining by the expense of these dues, and hence the reduction.

Comrades from various parts of the state, it is now "up to you" to apply for membership. Your application must be published in The Socialist at least two weeks before the regular meeting the first week in May.

#### CAPITALIST SILENCE.

One of the most suggestive and en-couraging signs of the times is the uni-formity of silence on the part of the capitalist press with respect to the socialist press.

cialist press.

Take the state of Washington for instance. The Socialist exchanges with one or two democratic or republican weekly papers in nearly every county in this state. Yet not a single one of them, so far as we have noted, has ever mentioned eur existence.

Singular, is it not, that all these country editors, eager for items to fill up space, have, without exception, failed to mention the appearance of The Socialist in the ranks of journal-

The Socialist in the ranks of journal

The Socialist in the ranks of journalism?

Another instance For three months this paper has conducted a spirited fight on the new Primary Law, yet not one of these papers has mentioned this fact as a matter of news even—much less quoted our objections. Yet these objections were simple appeals for liberty of suffrage—supposed to be fundamental to American institutions.

Could there be a more convincing proof of the fear of socialism which exists in both capitalistic parties?

It is encouraging, however. If we were insignificant, they would mention in order to ridicule. See how they fill columns with cowardly kicks at dead

columns with cowardly kicks at dead populism. It is the living and growing party they dread.

Comrade Burgess is contributing a weekly column of "Siftings" to The People's Press, of Albany, Oregon, A. D. Hale, editor and publisher. The column is headed by the excellent half-tone likeness of Comrade Burgess, which we published some time ago, but which we have now loaned to Comrade Usta.

"Old Man Burgess," as he is familiarly called in the state, though hardly. in his fifties yet, is sure to give the Oregonians some much-needed in-struction in the line of class-conscious socialism.

Last month we took a contract for at least one ad. of a firm which it is now rumored has become "unfair." Our secretary is investigating the finatter by communicating with the Laundry Workers' Union.

The firm was certainly all when we took the contract and w shall be obliged to carry out the con-tract. But we do not intend to recommend any firm which antagonizes Or ganized Labor, or Unorganized Labor for that matter. The Socialist will fight for the disinherited workers of all classes and in all ways.

#### STATE COMMITTEE S D P

STATE COMMITTEE S. D. P.
Scattle, Wash, March 3, 1991.
Present—H. F. Titus, Mrs. Ida W.
Mudgett and J. D. Curtis.
State Organizer, F. J. Spring appeared before the committee and tendered his resignation, as he was about to leave the state. The account with him to date was as follows:
Salaary, 2½ mos \$125.00
Expenses 65.00

Expenses	. 05.00
Total	\$100.00
Collections	.\$ 38.65
Amt. recd. on salary	75.00

Total . .\$113.65 Total \$113.65 Balance due Mar. 3, 1901...\$76,70 Comrade Spring offered to settle in full for \$40.00, which offer the committee accepted, \$20.00 of the amount being loaned by one of the committee. In view of Comrade Spring's generous offer, and the fact that considerable

of the money already received by him was paid out in the cause, and in rec-ognition of his valuable services to the party, the committee in accepting his resignation, tendered him a unani-mous vote of thanks on behalf of Washington Socialists.

Letters were then read from Puyal-

lup, Equality, Roy and Whatcom, saying that it was impossible to raise mon-ey for dues and returning the stamps sent them by the treasurer. It was moved and carried that those Locals be urged to maintain their or-

June or July.

June or July.

J. D. CURTIS

State Sec. S. D. P.

Mrs. Mary Millette, of Aberdeen, is just one woman with many children, and not very strong and not rich. But she is secretary of Local Aberdeen, and keeps sending in subscriptions to The Socialist week after week.

The Socialist week after week.
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would rather have five to-cent subs.
than one 50-cent.
And she writes, too: "The Socialist
is the brightest paper I see, and we
take seven Socialist papers." She's an
enthusiast, you see. But that's the sort

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Collection at Colfax .... 2.05
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