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SPEAKING OF LABOR DAY

The fact that Wm. J. Bryan made a Labor Day address to organized labor at Kansas City and that Teddy Roosevelt made a similar address at Minnapolis is cheering evidence that labor is at least impartial as regards choosing the various brands of capitalistic oratory.

What Labor expects to gain by list-ening to advice from Teddy Roosevelt is a conundrum, as is also the benefit hat may flow from the lips of Bryan, Both are members and representatives of the capitalist class, and it is folly to imagine that either would advocate Labor doing anything that would les-sen the lion's share that now goes to Rent, Interest and Profit.

Rent, Interest and Profit.

If a workingman ought to know anything he ought to know this; that had or creates all wealth; that said seath, under the present system, gets divided into four parts, one part Wages, and the rest more or less equally divided between Rent, Interest and Profit. Isn't that plain enough, Mr. Workingman? Well, then, ain't you an idiot to swallow, or even listen to, any kind of hog wash to the effect that your interests are in common with the other fellows? How in thunder can you get more without they getting less? Do you suppose they will stand for that? And how the dickens can they get more without they getting less? Will you stand for that? Non-sense! this talk of community of interests of the employer and employemer or the creeps.

Honest, now, wasn't the time wasted.

Honest, now, wasn't the time wasted when you marched and sweat to listen to such rot?

And what do you suppose the reason was that those who call themselves your leaders refused to invite any speaker who might advocate that labor, creating all, should get all, with no dividing up with Profit, or Interest or Rent? Strange, isn't it? But if you look into the matter you will probably find that those "leaders" of yours stand in with either the Democratic or Republican party.

Now can't you see the "nigger in the fence?" Both those parties uphold the right of private property and the right to rob Labor by Rent, Interest and Profit; hence they do not want anything said that will lessen that ex-ploitation.

Hence, also, you listened to the Roosevelts, the Bryans, etc., etc., with lawyers and ministers by the score to fringe it around with sentiment.

So another Labor Day has gone and you have shown yourselves as unworthy of freedom as eyer. And it is safe to say that as long as you let yourself be gulled by capitalist oratory and refuse to listen to truth from members of your own class you will never get freedom. A wage, just about sufficient for the merest existence, will be the share capitalism will give you, that, and nothing more.

And, come to think of it, that's all

Shaffer said on Labor Day that workingmen must unite at the Ballot Box as the only way to win. He's on his road to Socialism.

The only thing that prevents a gen-uine Labor Ticket being put up in Se-attle and winning in Seattle too is the Democratic and Republican (both cap-italist) workingmen, who do not yet understand that Socialism is the only antidote to Capitalism.

The concern of the capitalist press nowadays for the interest of the La-boring Class is wonderful, appalling, frightful.

Socialism is the only hope of the

The P.-I. Editor. "There is no text so fit for Labor Day as the essential and absolute identity on the part of all those who are engaged, in their different capacities, in doing the work of the world. Not an irrepressible conflict, but a true and enduring harmony, is the right conception of the relations of labor and capital. Whoever preaches most constantly and carnestly from that text is the truest friend of both capitalist and workingman." TEDDY TOO. "The Interests of Capital and Labor e at bottom common."--[From seech of Vice-President Roosevelt at speech of Vice-Freshold. Minneapolis on Labor Day.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT.

once for Please understand, once for all that the Socialist Party is not a duespaying organization. That is, no one is compelled to pay dues in order to be a member of the party. He may join and remain a member in good standing from now till Socialism comes and never pay a cent to support the organization, if he so chooses.

The new Constitution and the property of the pro

The new Constitution expressly provides "that the State may raise money in any way it likes" and our State Committee have now likewise provided that each Local may raise its funds in any way it likes. way it likes

each Local may raise its funds in any way it likes.

The only requirement is that the State contributes to the National organization a sum equal to five cents a member for all members in the state, and each Local will contribute a sum equal to 10 cents a member to the State organization. This is merely a convenient way of designating a minimum sum which-must be raised by the party for general hurposes, and it may sum which way it is seen to each Local. There are no stamps provided for individuals and the plan seems properly flexible.

We say as much as this because some comrades seem to hake a great abhorrence of "dues." They are not ungenerous, and will no dubt contribute far more than to cents a month, but they object to having a compulsory rate on the subject. Well, there is no such rule.

The Comrade is the name of a new Socialist magazine to be published in New York. It will be in the style of the big Capitalist magazines, with abundant illustrations and of high literary excellence. It will view the world from the standpoint of the Socialist Spirit. It will speak as the Zeit-Geist of the coming age, and pronounce a fitting elegy on the departing spirit of the present age. It will fill an unoccupied place and deserves full support. See its official announcement in our advertising columns.

If you don't get your paper regularly let us know.

Every Socialist should read the report of the Washington State Committee on the last page of this issue. Most important points were discussed and decided. Especially notice the question of holding appointive office from a capitalist party. A resolution on this point was offered at the National Convention and is to be submitted to a National referendum. But our State Committee has been forced to act at once, and has acted wisely. We want no Milleraud difficulty in this country.

The Trusts and the Strikes, taken together, are making Socialists these days.

Do you know how to use a Coin Card?

The sight of a prostitute on the street is enough to give the average citizen—who upholds the system which makes prostitutes—conniption fits. They would die before they would speak to them civilly, and their good wives, well, they'd draw their skirts aside in holy horror and sweep indignantly out of a ball room if a fallen sister should deign to enter. This is all very well. But what hypocrisy is tall!

ME TOO

"The common interests of Labor and Capital should bring about a harmoni-ous relationship between them."—[Se-attle Union Record (Capitalist Labor).

it all!

These same citizens would be tickled to death to greet in their family circle the men and women who live off the carnings of the prostitute. There's the little storekeeper who charges the girls two or three prices for their hats and finery, and above all, there are the owners of the buildings in which the girls carry on their trade. No wonder they are rich and respectable!! Who, wouldn't be, with an income of \$7 as week from each of scores of girls as rent for a miserably furnished corner room?

room?

But the girls who make the money for the rich and eminently respectable! They are the despised, the outcasts, the pariable!

Oh, ye men of little understanding and of small heart, the evil that is to come is of your own making, and you and yours will be of less value and of less worth than are those you spit upon and deride.

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IMMORAL ADDRESS.

Rev. Mr. Simonds got the cart before the horse in his theme for Labor
Day address. "The Elevation of the
Masses through the Improvement of
the Individual," should read, "The Eleevation of the Individual through the
Improvement of the Masses."
Take care of society and individuals
will take care of themselves.
When will these Reverend Messes,
Facing Backwards and their benighted
following learn that the fundamental
truth of Modern Science is, that Environment controls development?
Change men's conditions and you
change the race.
Improve the Masses, and you elevate the individual.
Socialists propose to give all men

vate the individual.

Socialists propose to give all men
plenty to cat and wear and enjoy, just
as the Rev. Simonds has, and they expect to see individuals elevated and
refined by these opportunities; just as
the reverend gentleman and his children are more moral and respectable
and cultivated on Three Thousand a dren are more moral and respectable and cultivated on Three Thousand a year, in a big, warm, convenient house, privileged with books and schools and easy chairs and roast beef and sanitary bath-rooms and so on, then they possibly could be in the Woodchuck holes of Shantytown, with six children in two rooms, with floor boards on the ground, a cesspool above the shack and the well below it, compelled to make ends meet on One Dollar and a Half a day, potatoes and fish and dirt the chief diet, children poisoned with malaria and all germ diseases, no leisure, no hope, no home, the husband driven, to the saloon for recreation, the young girls driven to prostitution for dresses. Or ye bastard moral teachers, who get fall bings for your defense of this hellish system—we Socialists will forever hold you up naked in the blaze of truth to be known and abhorred of all human-hearted men and women.

A SIMPLE MINDED PLATFORM

"Local Recognition of Organized La bor and Compulsory Arbitration."

This the Seattle Union Record calls
"A Simple Platform," and is its answer to our demand that it state a Labor platform that is not a Socialist platform.

It is a sea of the se

platform.

It is indeed a "simple" and simple-minded platform.

Compulsory arbitration, as everyone knows, will always result in favor of the employer, if it settles anything at all.

all.

And pray tell us what "Local Recognition of Organized Labor" means?

How would that glittering and meaningless generality touch the wage-slavery and cruel exploitation which now oppress the Laboring Class?

A genuine Labor Platform must be a Socialist platform and nothing else.

Try again, Brother Rice.

CLASS-CONSCIOUS MORALS

For Socialism to give up its class-conscious philosophy would be for it to sell itself out—to sell out not only all that makes Socialism potent and sible, but to sell out as well that sole, out to sein out as well that ex-perience which alone can train labor for the leadership of the will to love, and prepare society for the kingdom of heaven. The early Christians were bidden never to forget that they were the poor, the disinherited and the despised; that they were the oppressed, the enslaved and the outcast; that they would be hated of all men and persewould be hated of all men and perse-cuted and slain by all institutions, as the cost of their daring to be men in the image of find. Even the Socialist she matter on the motive of his own personal good, will give up his work, suffer starvation, and make every con-cutable to the social starvation and make every conceivable sacrifice in order to be true to his comrades and his cause, while we Christians will pivot our religion on the idea of self-sacrifice will often not make the slightest real sacri-fice of self for our Christ or the com-mon good.—[Prof. Herron.

THOUGHTS, By Your Uncle.

edemocratic party ever favors so-called "labor legisla-tion" is because that party is composed of the small-fry, middle-class capitalists, of the similarity, modificass capitalists, who would like to see the workers wring a larger wage from the big capitalist so that they might have some show to steal more from Labor at second hand. They know, even if Labor refuses to see, that no matter how high the sees. how high the wage may be it can, and will, ALL be demanded and taken by those who traffic in the necessities of

THE attention of the mild mannered "Socialist" who sees only public ownership of utilities, and who objects to the teaching of class consciousness, is respectfully called to the strange fact that in Germany at respectfully called to the strange lac-that in Germany, where most of the public utilities—railroads, telegraphs, telephones, etc.—are owned and oper-ated by the government, the workers ated by the government, the workers are really worse off than in this coun-try. Moral: That public utility and municipal ownership gush will delay real benefit more than if neither were urged or granted.

THE recent oil fires and gasoline ex-plosions in the east have uncovered the alarming fact that Seattle's water front and its shipping are also in danger, the Standard Oil Co. maintaining oil tanks within 30 or 40 feet of tide water, in diwithin 30 or 40 feet of tide water, in di-rece, violation a law which limits the distance to several bundred. But every-thing goes that the capitalists want, and why not! You elect capitalists, and they, being class-conscious, and tims different from you, naturally enforce such laws as are to their material in-

Our friend Russell Sage says he loves to work, though he admits, after all, that he doesn't exactly tell the truth, for he adds that it would not be work if there were no profit in it. This is queer. Most workingmen have found that the hardest kind of work is that in which there is no profit at least to which there is no profit, at least to those who do the work.

EVERYONE who has read the delightful book, "The Dogs and the Fleas," will at once, as they read in the daily papers, reports of Labor Day speeches by Hoosevelt, Bryan, and a host of governors, mayors, lawyers and ministers, recognize the picture of the fleas advising the dogs.

PEOPLE from Mars would doubtless wonder, if they visited this topsy-turvy world, how it is the steel trust wel-comed the strike as a means of reduc-ing the over-production, while at the same time numerous new mills are being built to produce more steel. They
would have a right to wonder. The
only explanation is that the people are
industrial idiots.

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The committee of English workingmen have discovered, says the P. L., that American workingmen are better paid and can live better than the workers in England. This may or may not be true. It is only to be hoped they will continue their exploration sufficiently to discover the fact, which the P.-L. wouldn't mention for its life, that American workingmen produce about twice as much, and labor three times as hard, as do the workingmen of England, and that even if their wages are alightly higher they get a far smaller proportion of what they do create. Considered on all sides, the only thing the American can brag of is that he is a fatter victim for the robber class to pluck than can be found anywhere else in the world. I don't exactly see how the P.-L. expects the worker to be proud of that, I suspect, however, that the P.-L. figures it out that it is always the dog that brings the most game to its master that wags its tail the hardest.

Whenever Labor does anything

Whenever Labor does anything that is praised by its employers or the capitalist press then that moment has Labor done something to its own undoing. And there can be no better evidence as to who misleads than high mention thereof in the daily press.

see," said the drummer in the smoking car, "that congress is going to do something to prevent the over pro-

do sometiming to prevent the over pro-duction of steel. "What's But" exacting the Wheat Magnate, waking up from his blissful reverte of money-making behind a made to-order, six-bit perfecto. "Congress is going to try to prevent the closing down of the steel mills be-

cause of ever-production, and the con-sequent idleness and misery of thous-ands of workers."

"Oh," sighed the Wheat Magnate, in

"Oh, "sighed the Wheat Magnate, in evident relief, as he wiped the cold sweat off his brow and settled back in-to his rudely disturbed sonomlence, "is that all! How you frightned me. I thought you said Congress was going to prevent the over-production of steal."

Well, well. And now Mayor Black of McKeesport has been SUMMONED to New York by the United States Steel Corporation to explain his obnoxsteel Corporation to explain his obnoxious stand in favor of the strikers. This contempt of corporate capital seems to be about as dangerous as contempt of ordinary courts, which latter workingmen have foolishly thought alone had the right to SUMMON anybody.

an who went in bathing a The woman who went in bathing at Narragansett Pier in pink tights, which fitted her so nicely that on her emerg-ing from the water it became necessary to call out the entire police force and to call out the entire police. club away the men who had gathered to gaze upon her, can hardly be blamed for imagining the Americans to be a race of degenerates. They thought she was naked, and their poor, debased minds craved thoughts of a lascivious nature. As this occurred at a fairly high-clas As this occurred at a fairly high-class resort one shrinks from contemplation of what might happen at a real high-toned gathering, like at Newport or Bar Harbor. Those who do nothing and find time hands heavy on their hands are often it to extremes to keep their brains wobbling with excitement of some kind.

AND now the big papers of the east are giving their annual poor children excursions, filling themselves with half-tone pictures and self-praise. This is a world of paradoxes, and the spectacle of a daily paper claiming the full est of prosperity in one breath, and in the next bragging of the number of poor people it has filled with fresh air, should not excite undue wonderment.

A BIG six-line heading in a Cincin nati paper apprises a wondering public that Russian diplomats are demanding that the czar divorce his wife, because of her alleged inability to give birth to that the care divorce his wife, because of her alleged inability to give birth to other than girls, and marry a young and more fruitful girl already picked out by an examining board of physicians. This is truly of tremendous import to the millions of American workingmen, and the press which prints such stuff and refuses to say anything as to how its readers might be relieved of dependency upon one or two individuals for the chance to support their American sons and daughters, is a fit and reeking example of capitalist journalism and the fifth it regards as news. The feelings of the czarina as an outraged mother and cast-off wife appear to be of no consideration whatever, and meanwhile my ear is to the ground, waiting for the frantic rising and fervid denunciation by the reverend Simondaes of the country of this latest attempt to destroy the sanctity and sacredness of the home. It is dollars to doughouts that the church, as a body, and the same controlly a windinger, as a class, will gracefully a windinger, as a cluster to fool the people is a material necessity; it means rubbs and kopecks to them; and hence the purely sentimental theory, though maybe highly moral, of "what God hath joined together lets no man put assunder," stands weak and shamed before the world while diplomats and priests strive to shamelessly prop an of a czar.

THE REV. MR. SIMONDS TREATED IUSTLY.

The letter of the Key Mr. Simonds

A Seattle preacher who knows better—the Rev. Mr. Simonds—joined the pack of clerical wolves who are tracking the lion hearted Geo. D. Herron. He garbled the noble letter of Herron concerning his divorce and charged him with encouraging promiscuity in sex relations.

Mr. Simonds' sermon itself contained no hint that Dr. Herron used these words: "I thoroughly believe in the vital and abiding union of one man with one woman as a true basis of the family life.

e only impression Simonds gave The only impression Simonds gave his andience was that Herron was against the family, that Herron, the Socialist was opposed to the family. He held up a copy of the International Socialist Review and regretted that such a journal should publish Herron's such a journal should publish Herron's strake on the secredness of the family. on the sacredness of the family attack on the sacreeness of the lamny. He carefully read garbled extracts and commented unfavorably. After the sermon was concluded and the final hymn sung, just before the benediction, he took occasion to say, without quot-ing or using the magazine, that Herron ing or using the magazine, that Herron did indeed profess to believe in the union of one man and one woman, but that his actions belied his professions. He saw some indignant Socialist faces in his audience and so tried to avert their worth by this late "damning with faint praise."

What we insist upon as significant in the incident is this, that here is a clergyman of the most liberal school, or who reads modern literature, and s knows better, joining the pack of un-thinking clerical hounds who attack a man because he dares to assert his dis-belief in the Current Commercial Mar-

riage System. Socialists point out that the econor slavery of woman is the chief cause of prostitution, married and unmarried. The historic fact is plain that woman The historic fact is plain that woman has got her livelihood and secured favor by ministering to the appetites of man. Socialism will furnish her for the first time in the world's history with economic independence and consequent liberty and virtue. Socialism charges Capitalism with

Socialism charges Capitalism with tempting every woman to marry for the sake of being provided for. Socialism charges Capitalism with making it impossible for poor men to maintain homes and driving them also to prostitution.

Socialism charges Capitalism with forcing the daughters of the poor to sell their virtue for a living, and hence with the perpetuation of the "social

evil".

Prof. Herron protests by voice and action against this awful state of things. And this minister, Simonds, like the most of his cloth, claiming to be a defender of morals, has not word of sympathy for Herron, but only condemna-tion. He thereby defends the present immoral system, takes his stand with the Devil of Capitalism which gives him his living, and, as we rightly said, "joins the pack of clerical wolves."

Statiles Wash., Aug. 2, 1901.

Editor The Socialist:

If you are the houses must I take you to be you will not have mirely do anyons a gross injustice. When you had not have been a constraint of the state of the format of the force of the

We need only look around us to get We need only look around us to get an idea of the number of idle rich in this country. Stand on an avenue of any city and watch the gilded equipages and liveried lackeys. One rich man stands for a thousand wage slaves. The rich unemployed do not live on themselves, because they don't work; they must live off the worker, and his returns from production must be correspondingly small; and this is what the facts show.—[Commonwealth.

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n their earnings live! Id I forget the brotherhood hat should be in our hearts, I feel another's suffering e grief to me imparts? e not all God's family, love and care for all how can we ignore the cares at on each other falls

ist reach out the helping hand, news reach out the helping hand, The sympathetic heart, djoin our lives with that sweet bond That never drives apart; hile love and charity shall rule and make our lives ideal. an shall know the joy of life, mission learn to feel.

Martha Shepard Lippincott. prestown, N. J.

WAGES. ich or Low, the Capitalist Class

Somehow Gets 'Em All Back. ally Looks as if All Time Spent Strikes is Worse Than Thrown

not the only ones to suffer. The curse of it is that those who fight sgainst this damnable extortion are also robbed. Progressive and thoughtful people are oftimes accused of desiring hard times so that stagnant humanity will be forced to make some move toward better conditions. The fact is, it is not a question of whether or not we want hard times. The proposition is: Are we getting them? Present price lists and the decreasing purchasing power of the dollar indicate that we are.

What are you going to do about it? We know what we are going to do. We are going to work tooth and toenail for a big vote for the new, combined Socialist party. That will be a notification to the thieving gang of monopulists, speculator and politicians that we have dug up the hatchet and are camping on their trail. Those who are satisfied with the present state of affairs and the stage of the proposition of the state of the s A wail of dissatisfaction is heard in mr midst. The cause is found in the teady increase in the price of food coducts, and one daily says that ne-ssities are becoming luxuries. It is reguely hinted that late and short crops. h, spots on the sun, and other re combined to send meats, ver t, fruit, berries, etc., skyward.

les, fruit, berries, etc., skywaru.
for and then some organ hints mysously that probably the trusts and
dicates and pools might have someage to do with the advance of prices.
s noticeable that none of the capist newspapers have the hardihood
charge that the higher cost is trace-

ble to higher wages.
The Cleveland Press furnishes the fine Cleveland Press furnishes the following table of average prices on July 31, 1901. These prices should be empared and carefully studied by every man who works for wages, for a penny or two more for each purchase at the market or corner grown. the market or corner grocery is ivalent to a reduction of wages! re are the figures:

1900.	1901
Tomatoes fig at	12
Tomatoes, 6c qt	\$2.0
Cabbage, 5 to 6c each	6 to 8
Green peas, 15c to 20c pk	50
Green onions, 8c to 10e doz.	15
Bermuda unions, 15c pk	30
Butter and string beans, 3c o	. 10
Beets, 10c doz. bunches	.9
Carrots, 15c pk	20
Celery, 5c bunch	6 to 7
Green Cown 10 to 190 doz	15
Green Corn. 10 to 12c doz Cucumbers, 2c each	3 to 4
Leeks, 1c each	9
Head of Lettuce, Ic each	9
Leaf lettuce, 3c lb	5
Cantaloupes, 5 to 6c each	10 to 12
Squash, 2c each	4 to 5
Annies 30c nk	40
Apples, 30c pk Pineapples, 10 to 12c	15 to 20
Cherries, 10 to 12c qt	10 to 18
Currants, 4 to 5c qt	5 to 6
Stongehorries 30 at	4 to t
Blueberries, 8c qt Lemons, 25 to 30c doz	1
Lemons 95 to 30c doz	30 to 3
Peaches, 5c qt	1
Pears, 8 to 10c	1
Plums, 10c	1
Eggs, 16c doz	1
Chickens, 11c lb	12
Coffee, 12c	1
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This list, it will be noticed, does not chelude meats, fish and other edibles, or clothing and shoes, nor tinware or distance, nor tobaccos and a score of ther things that have become regarded a necessities, and nearly all of which essities, and nearly all of advanced in price to some

se necessities, and nearly all of which have advanced in price to some extent. A few years ago there was a wide-spread clamor for "higher prices," and thousands of workingmen recklessly joined in the hne and cry, as though their material interests would be imby such a procedure. The higher prices are here now. Is the working class being benefited or in-jured? That is the question before us, and we are of the opinion that every wageworker can solve that proposition without racking his brain very hard. civilization be guilty of!

"On my ranches in California," says H. Gaylord Wilshire, "tons of oranges.

peaches, plums, apricots and other fruits are rotting on the ground. I lose money to buy crates and hire men to box the fruit and send it east. Why!

Because, for example, I receive one mill for one orange, a cent for ten, or 40 cents per crate. The railway trust

road and wholesale combines are clean-ing up tremeadous profits. Millions of men, women and children in the east

men, women and children in the east are craving for the luscious fruit, ber-ries and vogetables that are rotting by the ton in western states, and all be-cause the capitalistic hog must have ex-

orbitant profits."

It's a pity that those who vote and endorse this capitalistic condition are not the only ones to suffer. The curse of it is that those who fight against this

orbitant profits

40 cents per crate. The railway treceives about twice as much for hing fruit as I do for raising it. My this year will be \$3,000, and the

curinzation be guilty off

During a recent strike in the anthracite coal fields there was a procession
of the boys who work in the minesThomas I. Kidd was there, and laying
his hand on a little fellow's head, asked:

"How old are you!"
"Sixteen," was the reply.
"And you!" to the next.

"I am 15.

"And you!" to the third.

"Fifteen."
"Well, well—how small you all are!
Why, I have a boy at home at Chicago
who is only 12, and he is bigger than
an; of you," said Kidd.
"Do he work in the mine!" asked one!

"No."

"What do he work?"

"Why, he doesn't work at all—he goes to school," said Kidd.

"Oh!" they all chimed in, as if that solved the mystery. "We'd be bigger, too," said one, "if we'd go to school!" Irrene Ashly tells pathetic stories of the couth—little, gray-faced, silent figures, old before their time. The employment of children means the early retirement of the adult workers—mer, little ones in the princes, the said of the south—little gray storing. The solution of the figure working.

"Sorrice, Love—all these good things: but they are far removed from the folling, overworked masses. Their incessant labor and (paradox of the ages!) accompanying poverty, means hopelessness and care, ill-nourished bodies, sickly offspring; it means is deadening of the soul, the sapping of moral courage and self-respect; it means is comfort. Living in squalor, in wretchedness, in crowded quarters, where it is impossible to keep clean, some member of the family hort, or in or room ling of virtue and good temper!

Marion Craig Wentworth.

GIVING WHAT IS NOT HIS.

The profit-seeking class are spiritually starved. What boots it for a man's soul if he gives away libraries and dools from his "profits" on other men's toil, when he has not justice and brotherly love in his heart! Said a toiler at Carngie's works: "A man who gives away libraries and makes us work Sundays is false." He might have said: "He who takes all that we produce, and which rightfully belongs to us, giving us only the merest fraction, barely enough to subsist upon' who keep's ne working twelve hours a

ing on their trail. Inose who are satisfied with the present state of affairs will continue to vote the republican or democratic tickets. Those who are not will vote the Socialist party ticket.—[Cleveland Citizen.

tion, barely enough to subsist upon; who keeps us working twelve hours a day; who builds his wealth on our bodies, our souls, is false—whether he keeps or gives away that which never belonged to him." What follows this breaking of the law of the human commonwealth, the law of co-operative service? The physical exhaustion of those upon whose backs the idle live—and physical exhaustion means no chance for the soul to grow; it means spiritual starvation. How can Carnegie's men use the

to grow; it means spiritual sat valor.
How can Carnegie's men use the
libraries provided for them at Homestead after twelve hours heavy labor!
How can they do more than as their
suppers, loaf an hour or so, and go to
bed? Think of the millions throughout

suppers, four an hour or so, and go to bed? Think of the millions throughout all lands who toil from dawn to dark in the fields, mills, mines, factories, shops everywhere! What a drain on the physical health and strength of the masses! Drudge, drudge! And all the beautiful things and useful things which they produce and care for, and and which rightfully belong to them, are taken from them by sheer economic might (but little better than fist-force). Not only do the working people suffer physical exhaustion, but they are underfed, owing to a lack of nutritious food. During the recent strike at Hazleton large numbers of nursing babes died because their mothers could not get food enough to eat. How do the sweat-shop garment workers live! How can a woman, sewing buttons for sixty hours a week at 40 cents, a week, get nutritious food! It is the poor, not thelvich, whose food is adulterated.

Would it not seem that our society might stop its starvation processes here! No, it must penetrate further toward the sacred founts of life; it reaches out for the children, helpless, defenceless children—robs them of their playtime, of their right to health and growth. What more monstrous crime can our

NATIONAL PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Adopted at Indianapolis, July 31, 1901.

The Socialist-party, in National convention assembled, reafirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the prosent system of private and distribution into collective ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools production were simple and off by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is an opposed and more developed in the production, is owned by the copitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists ownership of the mans of production and distribution is responsible for the ever increasing uncestainty of livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society in two hostile classes—the capitalists class and the working class. The possession of the means of ilvelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and sehools, and enables them to reduce the workingment to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

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The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

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