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THE U. P. MACHINISTS.

Special Representative of Strikers in Butte on a Business Trip.

G. A. Ochsenbell, the special representative of the Union Pacific Mechanics who are out on a strike, is stopping in Butte at present, the guest of labor unions. Mr. Ochsenbell is touring the country raising a fund for the benefit of the strikers and is meeting with a hearty response on the part of kindred organizations throughout the West.

During the past two or three weeks the strike has spread considerably, and there are now a great number of men out of work in the country about Omaha who are in need of financial assistance. The fund that has been raised so far enables the organization to pay the idle men about \$6 a week, or, in case they have families to provide for, the amount is raised to \$7.

The success of the strike is assured, though it may require many weeks to bring it to a financial conclusion. The engineers and firemen are protesting against the engines which are supplied them by the company; they say their personal safety, as well as that of the passengers who are behind them, is in danger.

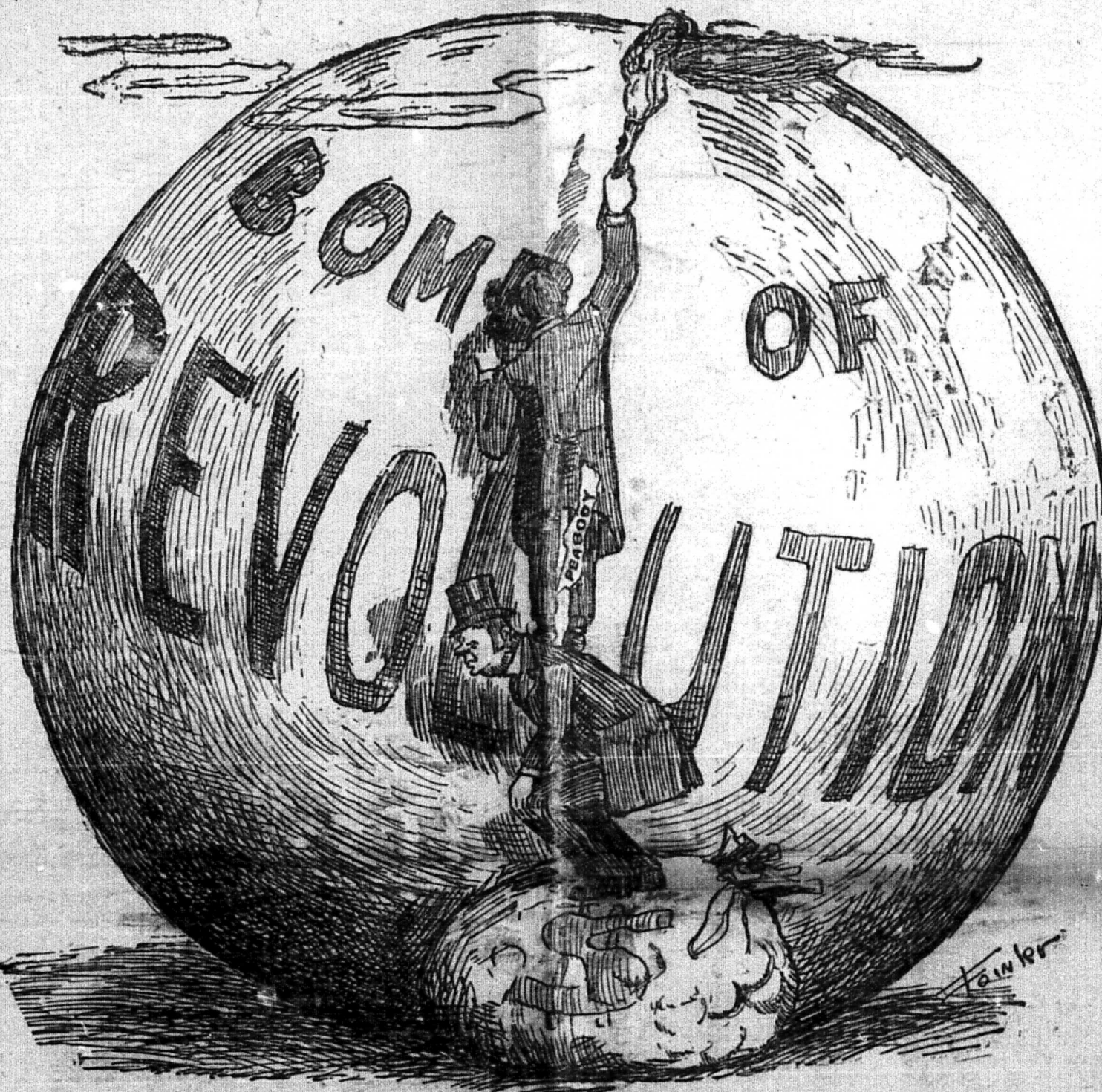
The falling off in traffic on the road has been enormous and the loss to the company heavy. On more than one occasion the road has had to pay for stock that was depreciated in value through the failure of the road to get them to market on time.

A wreck a short time ago, in which several cars were smashed up, resulted in no loss of life FOR THE REASON THAT THERE WERE NO PASSENGERS ON THE TRAIN. The traveling public are letting the road severely alone. At Omaha the company has been forced to provide board and lodging for several hundred incompetent "scabs" which they have herded together for the purpose of breaking the strike. This in itself, is an item of expense that is very large. If the labor organizations continue to respond as liberally in the future as in the past to the appeals of the machinists there will soon be added to the list another scalp of a company which went down before the organized might of labor.

GENERAL LABOR NOTES.

The first organization to file articles of incorporation in the State of Connecticut is that of the Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers, Holders and Brass Workers Union No. 73, of Meriden. The objects given in the application are REDUCTION IN THE HOURS OF LABOR, MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF MONOPOLIES ABOLITION OF GOVERNMENT BY INJUNCTION, AND THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE LABORING CLASS.

The Brotherhoods of Trainmen and Conductors are expecting trouble with the Chicago and Great Western over the question of double-headers. Un- at, the employees of the road will be



No, these gentlemen are not Anarchists: simply the Governor of Colorado and one of his Employers "trying to start something."

RESOLUTION.

Adopted by Butte Clerks' Protective Union No. 12, A. L. U., and Endorsed by the Teamsters' Union and Also by the Silver Bow Trades and Labor Assembly.

Whereas, An insidious attempt has been made by the school trustees of Anaconda and Butte to infringe the rights of wage-earning school teachers in the matter of uniting with their fellow workers; and,

Whereas, This outrageous pro- scription merits the united condem- nation of all wage earners, there- fore, be it

Resolved, By Clerks' Union, No. 12, A. L. U., that it hereby urges all the members, male and female, to regis- ter for the coming school election; said registration will take place March 25, 26 and 27. Be it further

Resolved, That this union appeals to kindred unions to take similar ac- tion and have their fellow craftsmen and sympathizers registered so that they will be prepared to cast their ballots for school trustees on April 4 for Candidates Hannafin, King and McMullen, as a protest against this presumptuous interference with the common rights of citizenship.

T. H. YOUNG, President.

H. LAMBRECHT, Secretary.

GENERAL LABOR NOTES.

Seattle has no building trades coun- cil.

The Musicians' Union of St. Paul in- dicated 39 new members at their last meeting.

Teamsters' strike at Toledo, Ohio, has been settled, and the strikers have returned to work.

The Crofton Smelter at Concover Island is about to start up. Arrange- ment for continuous operations have been made, ore in some instance be- ing shipped from South Africa.

San Francisco street carmen are de- manding \$3.00 a day and nine hours to constitute a day's work.

Unless the coal operators of the Fifth Ohio sub-district concede the miners demand for an increase in wages, 8,000 will strike April 1.

Contractors of Vancouver, B. C., conceded an eight-hour day at 40 cents an hour to carpenters and thereby averted a threatened strike of the building trades.

Six thousand spinners employed in the mills of the Manville-company at Woonsocket and Manville, R. I., struck last week for a 10 per cent. in- crease in wages.

Blacksmiths' and Helpers' Union of St. Paul donated \$50 to the cause of the striking machinists on the U. P. system. The Plasterers' Union do- nated \$10.

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less an agreement is speedily arrived polied to determine the advisability of striking to enforce the demands.

A trades council has been organized at Havre, Mont.

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NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

Lumbermen of British Columbia are organizing.

Roseburg, Ore., gives us a big new union with more than 100 members.

Half a dozen new unions have been chartered in Nevada during the last 40 days.

St Regis Lumbermen's Union gave a grand ball on the 26th that was a pronounced success.

Montpelier Union, Montpelier, Idaho, is coming to the front, and the membership is steadily increasing.

The St. Regis boys are looking for large crowds in the camps this summer. The big mill is expected to start.

See Crescent City Union grow. Al- ready more than 225 members in good standing. How's that for a baby union?

Organizer Salter, of Park City, Utah, has done great service during the last few months. Half a dozen new, strong unions are to his credit.

Division No. 4, United Brotherhood

of Railway Employees, at Portland, Ore., has issued a beautiful souvenir. Every railroad man ought to have it.

Among the many unions recently chartered by the American Labor Union, one alone at Dayton, Ohio, has more than 500 members in good stand- ing.

Unionists of Anaconda, Mont., have nominated candidates for school trustees. This is in defiance of the school board which recently forbade teachers organizing a union.

The increase in the membership of the American Labor Union during the first half of March, from newly char- tered unions alone, exceeds 2,600. Old unions are also growing rapidly.

Local divisions of the United Broth- erhood of Railway employees are as- sessing their members 50 cents a month to carry on the Canadian Pacific strike. They are determined to win.

Robert Dudley, a well known union man of St. Regis, died last month in the Parsons hospital at Missoula from pneumonia. His funeral was taken charge of by Union No. 59, A. L. U.

If you love the cause the American Labor Union stands for, and there is no local in your town, become a member of the Union at large. Particulars will be sent promptly upon application to headquarters.

Helena, Mont., reports the possibil- ity of the Northern Pacific building shops at that place to care for the business of the N. P. and also for the Montana Central. These shops are ex- pected to be much larger than those at Livingston.

The Colorado City trouble is only partially settled. The employees of the Standard Mill are still out. Secretary- Treasurer Haywood, of the Western Federation of Miners, writes that the Federation is prepared for a long and bitter struggle.

Lumbermen's unions in Idaho and Eastern Washington want a uniform union scale of wages, and it is prob- able a conference of representatives of all those unions will be called in the near future for the purpose of arranging such a scale.

Several hundred A. L. U. buttons have been sold in the Massachusetts

district the last ten days. The boys of the Bay State are anxious to show their colors. Remember, we have two qualities of buttons for sale at head- quarters, one bronze at 10 cents, and the other in gold at \$1.00 each. Post- age paid in all cases.

A California contractor has been spending some time in the vicinity of Greeley, Colorado, endeavoring to af- fect a deal with the sugar beet grow- ers to employ Japanese labor, which he is prepared to furnish in car lots. If the sugar beet industry goes up against the business end of an Ameri- can Labor Union boycott they will re- gret not having paid fair wages to their employes.

Lothrop Lumbermen's Union, No. 108, has adopted resolutions calling upon the secretary-treasurer to pre- pare a statement showing the names of Montana legislators who voted for and against the initiative and refer- endum bill in the last legislature, and to publish such list in the official jour- nal. "In order that members of or- ganized labor and their friends may be able to distinguish their friends from their enemies." The request will be complied with.

A clash occurred between the union and non-union men at the ship-yards at New York. Two union men were cut and a non-union man roughly handled.

Three hundred freight handlers at New Haven, Conn., are demanding an increase of 15 per cent, double time on Sundays and time and a half for overtime. A strike would involve the entire system.

GENERAL LABOR NOTES.

Seattle Newsboys' Union has scored a victory against an evening paper.

Spokane Gravel Boosters have or- ganized. The Biscuit Workers are al- so getting in line.

National Brown Manufacturers' As- sociation are making a fight on convict made brooms. Look for the label.

Chicago carpenters have gained an increase of 5 cents an hour. Seven thousand five hundred men are bene- fited.

Father Van Alken is much worried about Socialists putting the children in kindergartens. It affords us such satisfaction to assure the reverend father that if he has been true his vows no such liberties will be taken with his offspring.

The Golden Smelter has shut down for good. The reason assigned is the opposition of the unions to the meth- ods of the management.

Coal miners of District No. 2, of Pennsylvania, rejected a proposed in- crease in wages on a nine-hour basis. The men insist on an eight-hour day, and declare they are willing to con- cede a part of their wages to secure it.

The Mine Owners' Association of California has been organized to fight the Western Federation of Miners. The mine owners understand the class struggle, whether the workingmen do or not.

The Kansas City & Southern shops at Pittsburg, Kan., are assuming a warlike aspect. A stockade is being built, rifles are distributed about the grounds and foreigners are being brought in under guard.

The 2,000 miners of the Massion, O., district have decided to strike on April 1st. The decision came as a result of a joint conference between the miners and operators which split on the de- mand of the miners that a four-foot standard vein of coal be established. The operators refused to grant the de- mands.

Kansas City transfer companies have agreed to the union demands, and the strike of the teamsters and ex- pressmen has been declared off. Un- der the new union scale drivers will work ten hours a day and will receive \$1.25 for driving single wagons, \$1.50 for light double wagons and \$1.75 for heavy wagons. The result is a com- plete victory for the strikers.

Coal Strike Report.

The report of the coal strike com- mission, which is signed by all the members, makes recommendations for a general increase of wages, amounting in some instances to 10 per cent.; some decrease in time; the settlement of all disputes by ar- bitration; fixes a minimum wage and a sliding scale; provides against dis- crimination against persons by union or management; that there awards shall continue in force till March 31, 1906. The commis- sion discussed at some length the re- sultion of the Miners' Union but no recommendation regard-

The Socialist Party of Ireland

Following is the platform of the SOCIALIST REPUBLICAN PARTY OF IRELAND:

"The great appeal great to us only because we are on our knees: Let us rise."

OBJECT.

Establishment of an Irish Socialist republic based upon the public land ownership by the Irish people of the land, and instruments of production, distribution and exchange. Agriculture to be administered as a public function under boards of management elected by the agricultural population and responsible to them and to the nation at large. All other forms of labor necessary to the wellbeing of the community to be conducted on the same principles.

PROGRAM.

As a means of organizing the forces of the democracy in preparation for any struggle which may precede the realization of our ideal; of paving the

way for its tide of realization; of restricting the tide of emigration by providing employment at home; and, finally, of palliating the evils of our present social system, we work by political means to secure the following measures:

1. Nationalization of railways and canals.
2. Abolition of private banks and money-lending institutions, and establishment of state banks under popularly-elected boards of directors, issuing loans at cost.
3. Establishment at public expense of rural depots for the most improved agricultural machinery, to be lent out to the agricultural population at a rent covering cost and management alone.
4. Graduated income tax on all incomes of over £400 per annum, in order to provide funds for pensions to the aged, infirm and widows and orphans.
5. Legislative restriction of hours of labor to 48 per week, and establishment of a minimum wage.

6. Free maintenance for all children.
7. Gradual extension of the principle of public ownership and supply to all necessities of life.
8. Public control and management of national schools by boards elected by popular ballot for that purpose alone.
9. Free education up to the highest university grades.
10. Universal suffrage.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. THE IRISH AMERICAN REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Holds— That the agricultural and industrial system of a free people, like their political system, ought to be an accurate reflex of the democratic principle by the people, for the people, solely in the interest of the people. That the private ownership, by class, of land and instruments of production, distribution and exchange, is opposed to this vital principle of justice, and is the fundamental basis of

all oppression—national, political or social. That the subjection of one nation to another, as of Ireland to the authority of the British crown, is a barrier to the free political and economic development of the subjected nation, and can only serve the interests of the exploiting classes of both nations. That, therefore, the national and economic freedom of the Irish people must be sought in the same direction, viz., the establishment of an Irish Socialist republic, and the consequent conversion of the means of production, distribution and exchange into the common property of society, to be held and controlled by a democratic state in the interests of the entire community. That the conquest by the Social democracy of political power in parliament, and on all public bodies in Ireland, is the readiest and most effective means whereby the revolutionary forces may be organized and disciplined to attain that end.—Chicago Socialist.

Strikes of Workingmen

Sermon by Rev. Hudson of Brockton, Mass.

Following are extracts of a sermon delivered by Rev. Alan Hudson, pastor of the First Congregational church of Brockton, Mass.—the oldest and wealthiest church in the city, organized by the Puritans long before the revolutionary war.

The church was crowded, the Building Trades Council with all affiliated unions being present by special invitation.

The subject of the discourse was "Everyday Religion in the Life of a Mechanic."

Rev. Mr. Hudson took for his text: "Is not this the carpenter's son?"—Matt. 13, 55. He said in part:

"The greatest man that ever lived was a mechanic. He was a carpenter. Nineteen hundred years ago he stood amid the shavings of the Bethlehem workshop and placed his royal seal on hard work, and hard work has been dignified ever since.

"In the evolution of our modern industrial life the value of the simple worker has been overlooked. Statecraft can boast of such names as Chatham, Bismarck and Webster. Science glories in the memory of Newton, Harvey and Darwin. But the greatest man who ever lived—greater than all of these, was neither statesman nor scientist, but a humble carpenter. His memory dignifies work. He shows the worth of the toiler. Sweep the whole collection of idlers aristocratic and otherwise off the earth and the whole world would

go on as usual. Take the workingman out of existence and the world would come to a sudden pause.

"The first thing necessary in the every day religion of a mechanic is the consciousness of his rights as a child of God. These rights are often denied. The capitalist claims that all efforts of labor to combine is wrong. What right has President Baer and the men of his class to claim that they are God's representatives on earth, and that labor has no rights of its own, save as they are granted by these self-appointed agents of Deity? Labor has as much right to sell its labor for money as the capitalist has to sell his money for labor.

"Human rights are not so much a matter of law as they are of nature. They are God-given. It is for this reason that a strike is justifiable. When rights can not be secured by reason or arbitration, then the strike is a righteous necessity. It has recently been stated by an eminent publicist that a strike is morally wrong. When greed and monopoly refuse to recognize the simple rights of the worker, then the strike is not only necessary, but it is the poor man's God-given right. Will any man say that the strikes that redeemed children from a 15-hour day in the factories are wrong? Will he say that the strikes that have transformed the lives of millwomen from slaves to that of human beings was wrong? Strikes may have brought about temporary distress, but they have

done much to better the condition of the toiler. They have made the factories healthier, they have transformed the worker from a serf to a man, they have made it possible for a child to study instead of slave.

"Unless he is compelled to, what does the railroad magnate care about the brakeman or engineer who falls beneath the wheels? What if some poor devil of a mechanic falls from a building and dashes out his life? What if he is mangled by a machine like an old rag? Throw him aside, put another in his place, he must not interfere with the piling up of the dividends. In the face of these facts the worker should express and demand his rights. He should call for the fulfillment of the Golden Rule, 'Thou shalt do unto others what ye would that they should do unto you.'

"The next thing necessary in the everyday religion in the life of a mechanic is sympathy for his fellowmen. This was the one great attribute of the divine carpenter. Personal interest of one's fellows. The individual worker may have his own rights, but they should not stand in the way of the greater rights of his fellows.

"We were told a few weeks ago by an eminent educator that the strike-breaker is a hero. I believe, on the other hand, that the man who has no sympathy for the needs and rights of others and cares only for himself and betrays their cause is not only not a hero but a traitor. He well deserves the expressive name of 'scab.'

Industrial Despotism

Written for The Journal By Father Thomas McGrady

The fathers of this republic established a political democracy, but, unfortunately, political democracy has degenerated into industrial despotism. Political freedom has been used to destroy economic freedom. Political freedom can not subsist without economic freedom, and political democracy, which is the embodiment of political freedom, can not subsist without industrial democracy, which is the embodiment of industrial freedom. Industrial democracy is the spouse of political democracy, and the Socialists protest against the divorce, for the dissolution of the marriage bond disintegrates the family life and sacrifices the rights of the children. In ancient times the heir apparent to the throne was betrothed to a royal princess in thirteenth infancy, but the nuptial ceremony was postponed till the parties had come to the required age. When the Declaration of Independence was adopted the betrothal of political democracy with industrial democracy was pledged, though unknown to the fathers of the republic, and the marriage was to be celebrated when industrial democracy should reach the age of maturity. But political democracy broke the engagement and formed an unholy alliance with capitalism, and industrial despotism is the illegitimate child of this sacrilegious union. The Bible says that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bond woman and the other by a free woman. But he who was of the bond woman was born according to the flesh, but he of the free woman was by promise. The slavery and servility and corruption and hypocrisy of this age is the fruit of capitalism which, like the illegitimate spouse of the biblical character, has dishonored democracy with its vile progeny. Capitalism is the religion of materialism, the cult of carnal bondage, for it places the dollar above the soul, wealth above the mind and sacrifices morality on the blood-stained altar of Mammon. The children of capitalism, the defenders of the system, are born according to

the flesh and can see no merits in the sublime teachings of Socialism, which aims to bless the world with light and love, freedom and justice. Industrial democracy develops morality, mentality and spirituality, and those who sigh for the new age are the children of promise, the offspring of the free-woman. St. Paul says: "He that was born according to the flesh persecuted him that was born after the spirit, so also it is now." He that is born according to the corruption of capitalism persecutes him that is born according to the spirit of Socialism. In the name of Justice and humanity

respectively of party affiliations. The scholarly and accomplished Leamy, the erudite and earnest Dale, and the sterling worth and high integrity of Mike McCormick, not to mention the merits of the other candidates, should inspire the soul of every honest man in the coming election. Socialism stands for justice to all, regardless of race, creed and nationality. It teaches the Brotherhood of Man, and wishes to bless every life and adorn every soul with all the glory of the highest civilization. The toilers have created every home, built every mansion, excavated every mine and established every smelter in Butte. Do they own these properties? No; the wealth of your city is owned by the capitalists. And why do not the toilers own what they have created? Is not the laborer entitled to the wealth that he produces? Why, then, are not the mines and smelters and palaces of Butte the property of the toiling army? Because the capitalists say that the laborer is only entitled to a living, and the balance belongs to them, and the capitalist party sanctions this exploitation. Labor power is a commodity which is sold at the cost of production, and wages can never increase till the toilers abolish industrial bondage, which is the foundation of capitalist supremacy. The workman makes a machine which multiplies the productivity of his effort for the glorification of the exploiter. The capitalist takes the machine and uses it for his personal advantage. The employer hires a man who creates \$1,000 of net wealth, and he takes \$500 and gives the employe \$500. Then the employer expends his \$500 in the purchase of a machine which, operated by the laborer, creates \$6,000 and the employer takes \$5,500 and gives the laborer \$50. Again the capitalist expends his \$5,500 in the purchase of another machine with which the laborer creates \$2,400, and the capitalist takes \$2,350 and gives the laborer \$50. The laborer gets \$500 because it requires \$500 annually to purchase the necessities of life, and if his product-

ivity should increase a thousand-fold he would get no more than \$500, for that sum will enable him to live and work, and being a merchant, he is sold at the cost of production. How long will wage slavery continue? Till the laborers shall put an end to it by using the power of the ballot in the election of the party which advocates the collective ownership of the machine. Labor leaders often advise their followers to keep politics out of the unions, and these men are responsible for the injunctions issued against the toiling armies, and the incarcerations and massacres of the laboring hosts. Are the capitalists ever enjoined? And why not? Because the capitalists make the laws and own the courts and employ the officials. Men of Butte, arise in your might and power and give the nation a lesson in freedom by the assertion of your manhood. Drive out the plutocrats and demolish the throne of despotism. Cover the minions of capitalism with defeat and disgrace. There are thousands of toilers in the mines of Butte who could furnish a dozen of Clarks with brains, and yet they labor to create millions for the financial king and his rotten son. Elect the Socialist candidates, and in a few years more the temple of iniquity will fall and the corruption of plutocracy and the bane of pauperism will be swept from the land and America will be glorified with the light of freedom and the reign of justice.



FATHER THOMAS McGRADY.

The Socialists demand that the people cast out the bondwoman and her son (capitalism and the capitalist), for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. The citizens of Butte have a magnificent opportunity to emphasize the cause of Justice, for their candidates have the confidence of all classes ir-

gry. "To clothe the naked," "To harbor harborers," "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not steal," "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods," "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." By far the most effective weapon with which you can castigate these anti-Socialist Catholics is their own church and its teaching. Say to them: "Your church which you say is infallible, commands you to feed, clothe and harbor and love the needy, and here you are, their professedly authorized guardians, actively upholding the system under which they are robbed of food, clothing and shelter with hate! Ask them what they think will be the thoughts and feelings of Catholic toilers toward them when they come to understand the cruelty of their attitude as Socialists understand it? You can thus knock the very life out of them with

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Is Not Opposed to Socialism—How to Argue the Case.

St. Paul, Minn., March 3, 1902.

Editor Chicago Socialist, Chicago. Dear Comrade—In your editorial, "Socialism vs. Catholicism," you have stated the economic attitude of Socialism very nicely and correctly, but you make a very serious mistake when you claim that organized Catholicism is arrayed against Socialism. The Catholic church, its dogmas and precepts are God's work, and are the very principles on which Socialism rests, and therefore cannot be in organized opposition to what they imperatively sustain. The Catholic church teaches us in God's name and by His authority "to feed the hun-

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Aggressive unionism is the kind that counts.

Arrogant, unheeding capitalism will work its own destruction.

All the fruits of plutocracy cannot stay the onward march of Socialism.

Congress has adjourned. Teddy is preparing for a pleasure trip and the trusts still live.

More work is done by Socialist volunteers than by the paid hangers for the old parties.

One cannot be too radical in support of the right. It is only the wrong who need to be conservative.

American labor must forever divorce itself from the spirit of compromise. The world belongs to the workers, and, in the words of Pullman, "there is nothing to arbitrate."

Gompers, Mitchell and the American Federation of Labor offer no hope of relief from the wage system. The American Labor Union is the star of hope in the sky of American unionism.

It is reported that the Northern Securities company will extend the Great Northern railway line along the Pacific coast to San Francisco. Teddy does not appear to have annihilated the trusts yet.

Last week inhabitants of Portugal openly rebelled against unjust taxation. Several were killed by the police. Just as well be shot by the capitalist police as to be taxed to death by a capitalist government.

Men's material interests nearly always determine their opinions and actions. Thus Clark, Rockefeller and Heinze cannot see the justice of the Socialist declaration: "Labor, the creator of all wealth, is entitled to all that it creates." If those fellows were in our class they might see things as we see them.

A New York dispatch states that Mr. Ernest F. Walton, member of the New York stock exchange, was awarded \$70,000 damages against the New York Central railroad for injuries received. Wonder how much a New York laborer (whose life is infinitely more valuable to society) could have secured under like circumstances?

Machinists complain that the Union Pacific strike is being grossly neglected by the American Federation of Labor. In fact, the strikers have received more support voluntarily from the American Labor Union and affiliated bodies than has been given by Gompers' organization. The impotency of the A. F. of L., and the effectiveness of the American Labor Union is being demonstrated daily.

In spite of the spirit of irony conveyed, there is a deep significance in the resolution of Philadelphia's local Socialist branch, thanking J. Pierpont Morgan for the work he is doing for Socialism. It is true that the modern organizers of industry are simply paving the way for the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. Morgan, Rockefeller and Schwab are working out the details of a system which, when complete, will be taken possession of by the people and operated for themselves.

No Socialist can foresee or describe the exact character or petty details of the Socialist Commonwealth. The best we can do is to state that human evolution is inevitably in the direction of the collective ownership of the material means of production, and to indicate the general character of the Co-operative Commonwealth, without regard to the detail of its operation. The positively reassuring feature of the Socialist program is that Socialist government will be guided absolutely by the will of the majority, as expressed through the principle of the initiative and referendum. Socialism will give us a truly a government of, by and for the people.

Hearst, he of the newspaper fame, is in contemptible business these days. It is nothing less than printing deliberate lies, purporting to be interviews with prominent Socialists, regarding the Hearst boom for president. An interview that was wholly false was one in which Debs was quoted as saying that he would support Hearst and the Western Federation of Miners would do likewise. Debs brands the statement as a falsehood, and says he will support none but the Socialist candidates. Another dispatch that was manufactured by Hearst himself was one in which John C. Chase, the Socialist lecturer, was reported to have

CLEAR CASE OF TREACHERY.

If, after their desertion of the A. R. U. in 1894, there was ever any doubt as to the capitalistic tendencies and treacherous character of the American Federation of Labor and the old railroad brotherhoods, that doubt has been dispelled by the open attempt of Samuel Gompers and the officers of the brotherhoods to destroy the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

The United Brotherhood of Railway Employees is founded upon much the same principle as underlied the old A. R. U., offering, as it does, a union for every railway employe from the conductor and engineer to the track-layer and section hand. A perfect insurance feature and a carefully worked out plan of organization, makes the Brotherhood of Railway Employees a real friend and protector of every railway workman, and a foe man worthy the steel of any or all railway corporations.

This young giant of unionism has experienced a wonderful growth, until now it is reported to number more than 50,000 dues-paying members. It has become so powerful that the railway corporations have determined to crush it before it becomes more dangerous.

The Canadian Northern started the fight—and lost. The Canadian Pacific next entered the arena with the United Brotherhood, and had all but lost, when, lo! and behold, Samuel Gompers and the officers of the old brotherhoods came to the rescue of the corporation. Just as the company is about to surrender, these traitors propose an arbitration plan by which they, themselves, are to be the arbitrators.

Of course, such an arbitration would mean destruction to the United Brotherhood, as the "grand masters," "grand chiefs" and king fakirs of railway conductors, engineers and firemen would not render a decision favorable to a railway organization that must ultimately embrace the members of the old brotherhoods, and, consequently, confiscate their jobs.

In proposing this arbitration plan the brotherhoods and Gompers have played directly into the hands of the companies, and none knew it better than they. It is a treacherous stab in the back of the grandest railway labor union ever conceived, and Gompers' connection with it only confirms our opinion that he would destroy any movement that becomes really dangerous to the capitalist class.

Our advice to the members of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees is that they promptly and decisively reject the proposed "arbitration" which is really nothing more than a deliberate plan of destruction. Better by far face the enemy openly and alone than to accept the hand that would secretly murder you.

Be independent, be brave, be determined, for more than a million railway workers in America are watching you and wishing you success. A solid front will surely win. The slightest faltering will lose all. Be true to yourselves.

said that Hearst would have the Socialist support in 1904. Chase publicly denies the report, and styles Hearst as a liar of the most contemptible type. And this fellow Hearst wants to be president of these United States! Shades of Jefferson!

A movement is on for an Association of Labor Editors throughout the nation.

And Helena had an earthquake! Who says the Capital City can't get a move on herself?

Dan McDonald, president of the A. L. U., has been appointed by Gov. Jos. K. Toole to represent the state of Montana in making the necessary arrangements for the preparation and installation of the state's exhibit at the St. Louis exposition. The appointment was made to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of A. J. Davidson.

There is a difference of opinion as to the cause of the shock which Helena experienced, some holding that it was simply the Mother Earth adjusting herself after being relieved from the strain and burden of the Eighth assembly, while others declare the trembling was caused by a stampede of mountain lions who had heard of Teddy's coming.

The Chicago Socialists have engaged the immense Auditorium for the McGrady-Mother Jones lectures. Not a single political party has ever been able to fill this immense building in spite of the free meetings, brass bands and eloquent orators. The Socialists have announced their intention to pack it from cellar to dome, and charge an admission of 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Law, religion, politics, correspond in character to the economic system upon which they are based. This explains why, under a capitalist government, we have laws favorable to capitalism, preachers and priests defending capitalism, and politics reeking with capitalist corruption. So it is and so it must remain as long as the capitalist system of production remains. By ending production for profit and inaugurating production for use, Socialism will introduce a new code of law, ethics and politics. The animal struggle for existence being unnecessary, the animal greed and selfishness will disappear. For the first time in human history we will witness the fullest and freest development of the human race.

Price of Lead. Eugene B. Braden, manager of the East Helena, Mont., plant of the American Smelting and Refining Co., yesterday received notice that his company had decided to raise the price paid to consumers for lead from \$3.50 per 100 pounds to \$3.75. The American Smelting and Refining company practically controls the lead market and the announcement of the raise in the price to be paid shippers for the lead will be received with delight by many leading silver mine owners in Montana and northern Idaho, especially in the Coeur d'Alene district, which produces practically one-third of the lead bearing ores mined in the United States. It doesn't cost any more to produce lead than formerly nor will wages be raised, but the "demand has increased" and the trust is in a position to avail itself of the circumstance.

Wonderful Growth Continues. In eleven towns in Massachusetts, where the Socialist party had a ticket in the election of March 2, the total Socialist vote increased from 1,822 last November to 4,425, a gain of 275 per cent.

"Were it not for the papers that stand by labor, the labor movement would not be what it is today, and any man who tries to injure a paper of this kind is a traitor to the cause. If you don't agree with the policy of the paper, go to the office and say so in a many way, but don't go around throwing out insinuations. Corporations will give papers that stand by them loyal support and if a labor organ is to be successful in securing justice, labor papers must be supported."

IRELAND A NATION.

John Redmond presided over the St. Patrick's Day banquet given at the Hotel Cecil, London, and at which 700 persons sat down. The United Irish League of America sent a cablegram of greeting.

"Ireland a Nation." John Edmond, proposing the toast of "Ireland, a Nation," said that the aspirations of Irishmen was not an ignoble dream of gain or vengeance. Ireland was making rapid advance toward the realization of the ideal of Thomas Davis.

Full of Hope. The present movement was never fuller of hope and triumph than at the present moment, and in justice to themselves, they must recognize that the success thus achieved was directly due to the unity, courage, self-sacrifice and organization of their people.

The Irish Patriots. They could not forget this in the presence of those Irish members of parliament who, since last St. Patrick's day, had suffered in English prisons. They might also congratulate themselves on the beginning of a great educational and industrial revival in Ireland which would enable it to compete with foreigners and last, and not least, there was a revival of the cause of temperance.

A Proud Record. That was a record, continued Mr. Redmond, to gladden the hearts of Irishmen wherever they might be assembled on St. Patrick's day. Never had the scattered children of Ireland more solid reason for absolute faith in the delivery of their race.

DON'T FORGET MILLS' LECTURES. Noted Speaker Will Expound the Socialist Message.

Walter Thomas Mills, "the eloquent little giant" of the Middle West, will speak in Butte during the municipal campaign. Mills is known as one of, if not the very best, Socialist campaigner in America. He has made sacrifices to come to this city and comes only because, as he writes, "it's a hot fight, and I can't keep out of it."

His dates are as follows: Auditorium, Thursday evening, March 26th. Auditorium, Monday evening, March 30th. Other dates will be arranged later, and will be announced by the Journal. It is likely Comrade Mills will remain until election day.

The carpenters' and woodworkers' controversy was decided in favor of the woodworkers by the arbitration committee at Indianapolis last week. The carpenters are rebellious and will appeal to the A. F. of L. convention.

Socialism would end, not create, class struggles.

Official Department

AND NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

Quarterly Reports. Butte, Mont., March 18, 1903.

To Local Unions of the American Labor Union. Sisters and Brothers: I am enclosing herewith quarterly financial report for March 31st and password for the ensuing quarter.

The law governing locals in the matter of financial reports is found in Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution, and reads as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each local union to make a quarterly report on the proper blanks furnished by the Secretary-Treasurer. Said report must be attested by the Auditing Committee of each local, and must be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer not later than the 25th day of January, April, July or October, as the case may be. Any union failing to comply with this request shall be fined \$5.00."

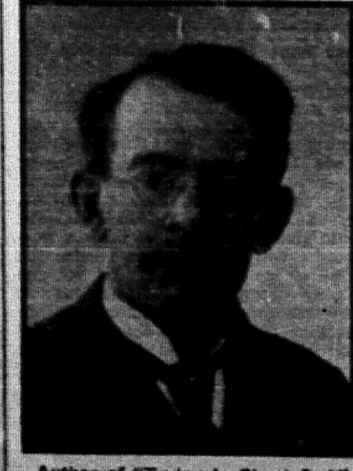
Your union is respectfully requested to comply with this law, and I will consider it a special favor if you will have this report made out promptly, properly signed and sealed, and sent to this office at once after your last meeting in March. You will notice that the Constitution imposes a fine of five dollars for failure to have your report at headquarters not later than April 25th. Kindly hand the enclosed password to the president of your union. As usual, the password is in cypher, but your union is in possession of "key to cypher" with which it can be read. Asking that the report be forwarded promptly, and wishing your union success, I remain, Yours fraternally, DANIEL McDONALD, President. CLARENCE SMITH, Secretary-Treasurer.

Ancient Fables Modernized

No. 6 Written for The Journal by Marcus W. Robbins

The Farmer and the Snake. A farmer found in the winter time a snake stiff and frozen with cold. He

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THE WALKING DELEGATE.

By P. J. Cooney. Dr. Hillis and President Elliot have described the scab as a "hero-martyr" and the walking delegate as a "fiend." The walking delegate and not the scab is the hero and martyr of the trade-union movement.

Out on the firing line he stands, In knowledge dim, in thought unclear. No scorn from church or press can stay

His daily task—he knows no fear. To beard the lion in his den, to wrest From Mammon's clutch a puny gain Of bread and life, of sleep and rest, A little easing of life's pain. Not always wise, but ever true, Even as those who send him forth, A house he builds not made with hands That tell his earnest, sterling worth.

And when, in later, sadder years, The snows of time his temples deck, A younger man his comrades seek To face the foe. They little reck How he, their Achilles of old, Must beg from those he worsted sore, From men of might, and place, and gold. For leave to toil—and nothing more: As Nazareth's Carpenter had naught Nor place nor couch to lay his head, So in the land he dreams his own The blacklist bars his right to bread.

Fight on, O Martyr of our class, For better strife you clear the way, Through struggle blind, through storm and stress, Unto the surer, clearer day. For blow on blow from masters' hands Cleaves not the workers of the world, But welds them close; a unit firm Will bring forth their defiance, hurled Against the plunderers of the weak, Against the spoilers of the small; No more to ask, no more to beg, When they who make shall take their all. —The Agitator.

UNION MEN

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News Notes from the Field of Labor

FROM SUNNY CALIFORNIA.

Comes News That the Growth of the American Labor Union Goes Merrily On.

Tuolumne, Cal., March 17, 1903.

Ed. American Labor Union Journal. It is some time since I have written anything about our unions, so I will make up for it now.

The A. L. U. has five unions in California now. If we had a good, paid

The Sierra Railway company is building an extension to their line and are bringing a lot of cheap foreign labor in the country to do the work.

organizer in the field, California would have twenty-five instead of five by next fall.

L. Hughes' visit to that country is expected to bear good fruit, writes A. W. Foster.

Yours fraternally.

HERBERT S. LEVINS, Sec. Treas. Sequia Union No. 274, A. L. U., Tuolumne, Calif.

A Word From Lynn.

The Lynn war continues. The A. F. of L. boot and shoe workers are still scabbing on the Knights of Labor.

TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS

around whatever agreement is made as the basis of negotiations the offer of the government will be rejected.

Brother Foster feels confident of the ultimate victory of the strikers. Many factories refuse to longer use the scab label.

The inconvenience caused the public at Vancouver is most serious and we cannot help but feel great sympathy for them.

Should the proposition made yesterday by the government not be accepted, I feel quite confident that more satisfactory overtures will be made within a day or two.

Again thanking you for the kind service you have rendered us and assuring you of our heartiest approval and co-operation in all the work of the A. L. U., I beg to remain, with kind wishes,

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THE C. P. STRIKE.

Kind Words for the American Labor Union From President Geo. Estes of the B. of R. E.

The following extracts are from a letter addressed to Dan McDonald by Geo. Estes, whose organization is now engaged in a bitter fight with the Canadian Pacific railway.

"In addition to my various expressions of appreciation for the kind feeling and the more kind spirit that has been manifested toward the U. B. of R. E. by the great organization which you represent, I am sensible to a degree of an added obligation to the A. L. U. and to you as its executive officer for the very prompt response and hearty compliance with which my request for your co-operation in our great struggle on the C. P. R. R. was received.

"I am very glad to say that while at the time this request was made the C. P. R. R. was very seriously handicapped, and, in fact, particularly tied up yet, the action of the A. L. U. and the Western Federation of Miners in compliance with my suggestion very materially increased the inconveni-

ence under which the company was then laboring.

"The situation is from day to day growing more serious from the company's standpoint, and it has finally ceased to attempt to do any business other than the running of passenger trains, either by water or rail and the last boats to arrive at Vancouver, which came from Victoria, were at once returned to that point and tied up.

"The co-operation of organized labor in general, not only at Vancouver but throughout the entire western portion of Canada, has grown more general and more complete from day to day, and the company now is unable to command any assistance or obtain any labor on the part of any class except that of the train service and a few of the class organizations, which already have contracts and are not directly involved in this controversy.

"At the suggestion of the Conciliation committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Vancouver a proposed agreement was reached between that committee and the general committee of the U. B. of R. E., which agreement was submitted to General Superintendent Marpole and by him referred by wire to Vice-President McNeill, who

LABOR EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

ELBOW CREEK MINERS' STRIKE.

Weight and Tonnage Are the Questions at Issue.

A strike of considerable magnitude is on at Joliet, Mont., as a result of the failure of the men to reach an agreement with the company on the questions of weight and tonnage.

MORRISSEY DENIES IT.

Gives Out Statement Regarding Chicago & Alton Road.

P. H. Morrissey, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, when shown the dispatch from Chicago stating that the trainmen on the Chicago & Alton road had decided to strike unless their demands for an increase in the wages is agreed to by the officials of the road, said there was not a word of truth in it.

A REJECTED POEM.

The following poem was sent to the Chicago American, but was respectfully refused because it was too "strong."

(These lines were suggested by the reading of a multi-millionaire, who gave a princely sum for a Refuge for Fallen Women; at the same time so underpaying his help it was almost impossible for them to live as they ought.)

The Working Girl's Protest.

Ay, give of your gold for a refuge. Then blazen the good deed on high! Ay, give as a salve to your conscience You Molochs, who help us to die.

Yet hear us, you men who have daughters, And daughters so virginly white; Who ran when you cross the threshold, Whose lips seek your kisses at night.

We know, were they thrust from your heart-fires, To grapple with hunger and cold; To fight with slow death for existence, Those maidens of delicate mold!

As this is Gods truth so we fling it All glowing and nude, in your face; To shame your cold, wanton compassion

Then give, head the list of subscrip

IMPORTED MEN ALL DECLINE.

Refuse to Take Places of Striking Structural Iron Workers.

After waiting several weeks for the striking structural iron workers of Pittsburg to resume work, the American Bridge company decided last week to immediately import men, and accordingly thirty-eight men were sent to Pittsburg from Louisville.

SCORES OF MEN IN NEW YORK EAGER TO EARN \$5.

Scores of men in New York's army of unemployed are willing to sell the blood in their veins for \$5. Dr. Ernest E. Smith, a pathological expert, has been besieged with letters with offers to sell him as much of their blood as he wants for \$5.

National Headquarters Report.

Table with 3 columns: State/Territory, Number of Members, Total. Lists data for various states like California, Colorado, Connecticut, etc.

TALK OF A SMELTER.

One May Be Built on Coeur d'Alene Branch.

From Iron Mountain, a small station on the Coeur d'Alene branch of the Northern Pacific west of Missoula, comes mining news that has aroused much interest in that community.

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Why I Am a Socialist Written by W. R. Healy For The Journal

Dear Comrade—Replying to your request to write a few lines for the American Labor Union Journal, it would have been more in my line if the request had been to build you a house; I am a carpenter, not a writer. However, if you want a reason why I am a Socialist, my reply must be, that, being a man, and an American, I have a reason for the faith that is in me; I cannot conceive of any worker, or for that matter, any one else in this twentieth century not being able to give a reason why for his belief and actions.

My reason why is that I believe the principles set for in the Declaration of Independence were inspired, that a system of government based upon those principles must be right; I have very carefully looked into the governmental system in these United States, and to my surprise there is not a vestige of that famous document in our constitution and laws, instead of a government of, for and by the people; the people haven't got a scent of the real purpose of government as set forth in that declaration of principles.

Socialism is the only system of government that has any principles about it; I defy any one to show wherein any of our capitalist or so-called reform parties have any proposal that can be called by any stretch of the imagination a system at all, not to mention principles; no one in their senses will attempt to claim that his government has anything to do with the preserving of life, liberty and happiness of the people as a whole; in fact, the government is nothing more than an advance agent and policeman for the money power. Talk about the government looking after life, God bless you, they never had a dream of such nonsense; let any one who doubts this take a loaf of bread to sustain that life, and the aforesaid guardian of life will at once start the whole machinery of the law, to prevent and punish any such thing; why? because there is no profit in it; if you will be good and starve to death, the coroner, a lot of officials and the coffin trust will make a profit out of the carcass.

Socialism is the only system that has a principle, a full length principle, a scientific principle. Because the majority of the people do not as yet understand it does not effect the proposition in the least.

What is it that Socialism proposes

to do? Fulfill the mission of workers of all ages; to make this earth a paradise for mankind to dwell in, and what the Creator intended it to be; where, as the Carpenter of Nazareth said, we should "Call no man master."

ernment, which will make the desert blossom as the rose, and remove every species of crime, drunkenness, poverty and selfishness that is now dragging millions of the only people in this country who are deserving of

they have been the tool of labor leaders and politicians, they will find out where they are at; and then, good bye to those labor leaders who wear dress suits and stretch their legs under any plutocratic tables. Then they will come to the Socialist party as naturally as a wayward boy returns home, to find that they have been eating the husks when they might have had the best the country affords as theirs, by virtue of being the producers.

It is one of the most remarkable things to me that the works as a whole do not see that the trade union cannot fulfill its mission until it goes into the political field on a platform of economic justice, viz.: That the products of labor belong to the producer; these include the instruments of production. This platform, carried to its logical conclusion, puts the whole tribe of "Rent, Interest and Profit" mongers out of business; it further follows, that, as production will be carried on for use and not for profit, the parasites will have to go to work, or become objects of charity.

To a student of human nature, one of the signs of the times is the change of physiognomy that is observable in the so-called "better classes." If the face is an index of the mind, we will have a lot of people to take care of in sanitariums, when we begin to straighten things out.

We appreciate very highly the visits of the American Labor Union Journal; it is a bright oasis in the desert of wage slavery; to see a labor paper fulfilling its whole duty to the workers, and not leading those who look to it for advice into the capitalistic shambles; it is perfectly nauseating to see labor papers, so-called, booming "Hearst," and advising the workers to beware of Socialism; they are whippers in for "Capital;" whether they do this for ignorance, or other motive, does not alter the result; the man who sets himself up for a guide, without first learning the road, is none the less guilty with those who lead the traveler into the ambush, prepared by those who have always found tools who would betray their brothers for a little money or a smile.

Thanks to the overruling Providence, the sun of a better day is rapidly rising, when the workers will reward every one according to their deeds. Longwood, Fla., March 6, 1903.

W. R. HEALEY.



National Committeeman, Socialist Party, of Florida.

Born, Liverpool, Eng., Jan. 1859; public school intermittently until nearly 12 years, and then bound apprentice to wagon building for seven years, at the end of which time machinery had ruined the business. Moved to Canada (Ontario) 1882, followed carpentering and railroad; came to Florida in 1895; I have been carpentering, orange growing, farming and propagating Socialism ever since

This is the ultimate of the trade union movement; of which I am proud to be a member, but we must see to it that all our members do as the A. L. U. have done, as individuals, if not collectively, investigate this wonderful philosophy and science of gov-

any consideration at the hands of government, the workers—those toilers of the factory, field and mine who are bearing the world's burden and getting such a small pittance for their service. When their eyes are opened, as they soon will be, to the fact that

Methods of Capitalism Written for The Journal by Father McGrady

Ed., American Labor Union Journal. Dear Comrade—I have just read an account of the big demonstration of Socialist sentiment in your city, and I see from the speech delivered by Governor Coates that the Butte Miner is endeavoring to divide the laboring people by appealing to their religious prejudices. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF CAPITALISTIC DUPLICITY. The ruling class depend on the division among the proletariat for the maintenance of their supremacy, for they realize that, if the laboring hosts would eliminate discord from their ranks, and consolidate their forces, the empire of despotism would fall, and the angel of democracy would bless the world with the radiance of her smiles. THE CLASSES COULD NEVER RULE THE MASSES IF THE LATTER WERE UNITED, and the

apostle of exploitation has always been the agent of discord, and has built his throne on the racial, national and religious prejudices of his victims. For 200 years the Saxon lord has inflamed the sons of Erin with hatred for their oppressed brethren by the establishment of rival altars and the claims of rival shrines, and while the Catholic and the Protestant proletariat met on the field of blood to fight for the interest of their masters, the Catholic and the Protestant pro-reveled in the wealth of the island and laughed at the vulgar herd who failed to see that their dissensions strengthened the power of their rulers. No intelligent man will believe that the Butte Miner is sincere in warning the Catholics to abandon the ranks of Socialism. If the Catholic Church should endorse the principles of Socialism, or if it should say that the laborer is entitled to the product of his toil, THE BUTTE MINER

WOULD HURL ANATHEMAS AT THE VATICAN AND DENOUNCE THE POPE, and tell the people to barricade their doors at night for the adherents of Rome are pledged to assassinate every honest Protestant in the land. The story of the Inquisition would be revived and every Socialist would be a Jesuit in disguise. A few years ago capitalistic politician, who had formerly been an A. P. in an eastern city, announced himself for office, and in reply to the Socialist candidate, said that the Socialists were against the Church of Rome, and promised that he would protect the Catholics if they would give him their support. He went so far as to say that he would give a portion of the school fund to the Catholic school if he were elected. He was elected, and the next day he denounced the pretensions of the church. The Butte Miner is now playing the same role. The Miner would disfranchise

Catholics and burn their churches, if it could make money by its ignoble methods. The Miner has no love for the church. It is trying to arouse prejudices to defeat the Socialists. This scheme would have been successful ten years ago, but the public is too well informed to swallow such fish stories now. The people are familiar with capitalistic duplicity and they can be deceived no longer. I am a priest and a Socialist, and I know more about Catholicism and Socialism than the Miner, and I wish to assure the adherents of my creed in the city of Butte that there is no antagonism between science and religion and Socialism scientifically applied. Not only can a person be a Catholic and a Socialist, but if he be thoroughly acquainted with the teachings of the church he cannot be a consistent Catholic unless he be a Socialist. Bellevue, Ky., March 11th, 1903.

Our Propaganda Brigade

Wishing the Journal a large circulation, and hoping it will be a great factor in creating a Socialist sentiment in the West, I remain, yours for Socialism, OTTO HELMAN, 120 Magoun St., Bloomington, Ill. I read your paper, and, allow me to say, it is a good, live one. WILLIAM BLACKMAN, Labor Commissioner, State of Washington.

Comrade Slick, of Philadelphia, says he will build up a large circulation in that city. Comrade Hadcock, of Oakland, sends up a pair of names this week and promises more. Comrade W. R. Apperson, of the U. B. of R. E., orders thirty copies and says he wants them to distribute among the boys. Comrade O'Hare, of Great Falls, writes that the Journal is making many converts to Socialism. "Let the plutes and fakirs howl," he adds.

The Twentieth Century Press, of New York, says that after seeing our letter-heads and envelopes, they were prepared to see a handsomely printed edition, and were not disappointed. See the ad. of this company on another part of this issue. Billings Socialists are on deck with a city ticket. Five hundred copies of the Journal will be used each week until election, for propaganda work. Silverton (Colo.) Socialists have nominated the following city ticket: Mayor, Casper Machus; marshal, P. J. Clifford; night watchman, Daniel Pettijohn; aldermen, Arthur Castongary, D. W. Williams and Thomas Clarke. All are leading union workers. It's a winner, boys. Vote it straight. Show the mine-owning capitalists and the boot-licking business element that the working class is going to have its inning.

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RESOLUTIONS OF LOCAL QUORUM

Headquarters Removal. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the local quorum of the Socialist State Committee of North Dakota at Fargo, N. D., March 4, 1903: Whereas, The National Committee of the Socialist party at its last meeting held in St. Louis, among other acts, removed headquarters from St. Louis to Omaha, Neb., as we believe they had a right to do under the constitution, but, Whereas, the interpretation given by the National Committee to the word "subject," in Article 7, has been questioned, be it therefore Resolved, That this article be so amended as to make its meaning clear even to the proverbial wayfaring man. Resolved, That we believe that the interpretation given by a majority of the National Committee to Article 7 is the only reasonable and logical one. Resolved, That only when any act of the National Committee is unsatisfactory to at least "five locals in three states," do we think it necessary or sensible to ask for or take a referendum on it. Resolved, That the object of the referendum is to give to the membership the power to amend or approve any acts or acts of their officers with which at least "five locals in three states" are dissatisfied.

Resolved, That there is nothing to justify any member or local in stating that the National Committee refuses or will refuse to submit the removal of headquarters to any other of its acts to referendums, as soon as requested to do so by "five locals in three states" as provided in the constitution. Resolved, That it is straining the meaning of the word amend to claim that to remove headquarters is amending Article 7, as there is a different provision made therein for removal. Resolved, That we believe removal of headquarters can, with as much safety, be left to the National Committee with a mandatory referendum as the election of either the national secretary or the local quorum. Resolved, That any effort to substitute the initiative for the referendum is and must be confusing, and that any initiative for change of headquarters, local quorum, national secretary or any other act under the guise of a referendum is unconstitutional, otherwise there will ensue endless confusion. Resolved, That the action of the National Committee for North Dakota, Comrade R. C. Massey, in the last meeting of the National Committee is unqualifiedly endorsed as representing the wishes and sentiments of the Socialist party in North Dakota; and, Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be given to our national com-

mitteeman to use as his judgment may determine. Signed: T. THAMS, State Committeeman. ARTHUR BASSETT, State Secretary. WM. BALLOU, WM. MILLS, T. OSTYBE, J. P. DALQUIST, A. M. BROOKS, State Local Quorum. BILLINGS IN LINE. The Socialists of Billings, at a meeting held March 15th, 1903, decided to put a complete Socialist ticket in the field this year for the municipal elections. It was: first thought undesirable to do so, owing to the understanding that there was to be a non-partisan ticket in the field they could conscientiously support. It devolved, however, that there was a movement on foot to push the fight along party lines, hence the Socialists have done their war paint and are whetting their hatchets for scalp.

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TRADES COUNCIL NOTES.

Attendance was good.

Don't forget the school election.

Pissot did not show up for once.

The A. D. T. was declared unfair.

Lindsay was absent and Frankel had no one to debate with.

Sayley's claim against the plumbers' was referred to the engineers.

Mahoney, the shoemaker, will adjust his trouble with the shoemakers.

The committee on Symons and the Musicians' Union reported progress.

Jos. B. Flaherty was obligated as a delegate from the Stenographers' Union.

Martin Elliott spoke at some length on the new trades unionism and won applause.

The Assembly endorsed the Clerks' Union resolutions on the school trustee question.

The lecture at the Auditorium Tuesday night was mentioned and attendance urged.

Dan Staten protested against the indifferent manner of many members in making out the cards.

The Teamsters' Union adopted resolutions similar to those of the clerks on the school trustee question.

The lady delegates are regular in attendance and take a lively interest, particularly the delegate from the Woman's Protective Union.

The Building Trades Council has finally decided to "turn down" the plumbers' demands on Walker.

The Walker case committee report progress. The Trades Assembly will give him all honorable assistance.

The daily papers refused to print the resolutions of the Clerks' Union, except at regular advertising rates.

The striking A. D. T. boys have established a messenger service of their own at the headquarters of their union. When in need of service give them a call.

Requests will be sent to all political conventions to announce the need of every citizen attending to registration.

The Brewery Workers' Union submitted their contract for endorsement. This was done after some discussion.

Walter Holden neglected no opportunity to bring the question of registration and the duty of voting early before the body. Reber supported him as did Lea and others.

The striking U. P. machinists have received the following donations as reported by delegates: Musicians, \$50; engineers, \$100; brewers, \$10; mill and smeltermen, \$25; clerks, \$25; cooks and waiters, \$25.

Attention was called to the utterance at the mass meeting of the "better" element at city hall, where it was resolved that teachers might join "respectable" organizations.

One lone delegate was opposed to "politics in trades unions." The type is becoming beautifully scarcer each day. Ten years from now they will be as scarce as the egg of the great auk.

Several visitors who came in the hope of hearing Mills were disappointed, as he had not returned from Anaconda.

The Tipp and Dragstadt difficulty came up for an airing. The Assembly committee made a report, which was resisted by a member of the Butchers' Union. On motion of the committee, its report was rejected and a new committee, composed of Messrs. Pierce, Murphy and Bromley, was appointed.

Have you registered?

If you think that labor is not "reputable" just vote the Miner's school trustee ticket.

Mr. G. A. Oschenbell, who is representing the striking U. P. men in Butte, has asked the evening paper which published an interview with him to make the following corrections.

First—There are only 1,899 men involved.

Second—The A. F. of L. has done nothing to aid the strikers.

Third—The International Association of Boilermakers and Shipbuilders, also the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, were the organizations that attempted to settle the trouble.

Butte Clerks' Union, No. 12, A. L. U., have adopted resolutions condemnatory of the Butte and Anaconda school boards, and urging on all its members and all friends of unionism to support the labor ticket, the nominees of which are Messrs. Hannafin, King and McMullin, and thus rebuke the self-appointed Czars who seek to deprive American citizens of the few vestiges of liberty yet left them by injunction judges.

A SOCIALIST ROOSTER.



We Have Got Them Going.

In spite of the fact that this is only the second campaign of the party of the laboring man—a party which owes its rapid growth to the impetus given it by the adoption of its principles by the American Labor Union and the Western Federation of Miners—plutocracy has been forced to show its hand and expose its game of befooiling the voters through the division of labor in politics. Socialists have always contended that the republican and democratic parties were the two wings of the

capitalistic bird of prey. How true was our criticism is shown by the celerity with which these parties lay aside party differences and combine under the name of a "Citizens' Ticket" to defeat Socialism. This action is due to the counsel of the old, shrewd manipulators who have their thumb always on the public pulse. The younger and more hot-headed of the capitalistic class do not appreciate how near is the end to private ownership of public goods, and they are inclined to demur. The scheme of the two parties has proven so profitable in the past that they are loth to abandon it. But the line is now clearly drawn. On one side are the wealth-makers and on the other the wealth-takers. Workingmen have not been slow to choose between these two. The next mayor of Butte will owe his election to workmen and those who have the love of justice so strong at heart as to espouse the cause of workmen. To those who love principle will he be obligated, and those alone will he serve. Patrick Leamy was prominent enough in our social and political life to have commanded recognition from the "masters of bread," yet he elected to cast his lot with the Party of Justice, though it boasted at that time of but thirty members. He was true to his

convictions. His nomination was unsought by him. The office, indeed, sought the man. Manly, upright, untrammelled, he will make an ideal mayor, and he will fill that office in spite of the machinations of all the tricksters in Butte and out of it.

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News of The World of Socialism

A charter has been granted to a local in Washington, D. C., which starts out with 28 members.

The new platforms are ready; \$1.00 per thousand. Locals in organized states should order from state secretaries, and locals elsewhere direct from national office.

The Kansas senate, last week, killed the child labor bill, which provided that no child under 12 years of age should be employed in any factory, shop or mine. Children are cheap in Kansas.

The National headquarters will cooperate with the Nebraska state committee in promoting State Secretary Morgan's organizing tour of that state. Morgan will make a special effort to firmly establish the due stamp system.

Inquiries for information on organization were received at national headquarters the past week from states so far apart as Arizona, Florida, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Virginia, Wyoming, Massachusetts, Texas, West Virginia Louisiana Vermont and the Indian Territory.

Socialists at Barre, Vt., are increasing right along. In 1901 they polled 222 votes, in 1902 246 votes and at the spring election just held they polled 352 votes, while their opponents polled 352 votes. Republicans and democrats are already talking of uniting. Debs'

lecture in Barre, recently, helped greatly.

Comrade Costley, organizer of San Francisco local, writes National headquarters that "Fusion here is dead and buried. We are building up rapidly again, and will soon have a membership of 400 in good standing, and expect to make it a thousand before next fall election." An organization boom is on all over California.

Comrade George M. Boomer will make a short tour of Idaho in the interest of organization, the national headquarters co-operating upon his expenses. Boomer has spoken in Kentucky, Chicago, Cincinnati, W. Va., Omaha and Grand Island, Neb., since the National Committee meeting and reports progress everywhere.

Comrade John C. Chase fills dates in Louisiana as follows: March 20, Covington; 21, Clinton; 23, Lake Charles; 24, New Orleans. He begins a two weeks' stay in Arkansas at Pine Bluff on March 26, and Little Rock on March 27th. He will visit the various Arkansas locals and facilitate the formation of a state organization.

Socialism has broken out in Minnesota. At the town election in Austin on March 10th the Socialist party elected its candidate for alderman at large, P. H. Zender, by a vote of 497 out of a total of 904. Socialists are also crediting with defeating new charter which attempted to limit right to

hold office to freeholders only. Let the "campaign of education" go on.

The Omaha World-Herald, Bryan's leading daily in Nebraska, is troubled about the Socialist party. In a two-column editorial the World-Herald admits that "The Socialist vote is now a factor to be reckoned with," and that the only solution for the democracy is in retaining Bryan's leadership. All of which is an admission that the democratic party will soon be as dead as Jefferson.

Comrade John W. Slayton, Socialist councilman and business agent of the Trades and Labor Assembly of New Castle, Pa., will make a three months' lecture tour of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Missouri and Virginia, among the Carpenters Unions, under the directions of National headquarters. The tour opens at Pittsburgh April 1st. Applications for dates are coming in rapidly.

In view of Comrade Enrico Ferri's prospective visit to this country next fall, the National headquarters would like to hear from the various cities where French and Italian comrades are located, relative to the arrangements of meetings for Ferri. By this means the National officials will be able to estimate just what responsibility to assume for Comrade Ferri's tour. It should be easy to arrange for meetings in the larger cities. Address the National Secretary, Omaha, Neb., as soon as possible.

be voted for on May 4th, 1903.—Margaret O. Floaten.

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A Workingman's Ticket.
Telluride, Colo., March 19, 1903.
Ed. American Labor Union Journal:
I enclose herewith the Socialist platform and candidates for our spring election in the city of Telluride, Colo. Although we had only 25 per cent. of the votes in the city at last fall's election, our activity this spring has so scared the plutocrats that they have gone to bed together. There is neither republican nor democratic ticket this spring, but they hold two conventions to pretend that there are two parties and called one the "Citizens" and the other the "Taxpayers," but they nominated the same men on both tickets, except for such offices as we had made no nominations for. We had no lawyer in our party, hence could not nominate an attorney, and we could not find a man in our party who was willing to run

for marshal. The unions are keeping a close boycott on all unfair houses. One hardware firm which has been unfair to union labor has just failed. Otherwise things are moving smoothly. Yours truly,

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