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In France sawdust is mixed with cereals as an adulterant, the adulteration in some instances, amounting to 40 per cent.

Sweden exported 29,000 tons of butter to England last year and 12,000 tons of oleomargarine at home.

Texas has just passed an anti-monopoly bill so sweeping in its character that labor unions are included in its restrictions.

The capitalist class were able to find lots of men who were willing to sell what little blood they had at \$5 per pint, but the New York lady of fashion who has been advertising for a nose tip has not been successful.

Now that the election is over, let us forget that we were republicans, democrats or Socialists, says the Leavenworth Labor Review.

The Great Northern railway has been making arrangements to put in a telephone service so as to be able to dispense with the services of telegraph operators at short notice.

The Boston papers declare that Socialism has, since the town elections, become somewhat of a spectre to the legislators.

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It is some years since that arch toady, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, declared that the "opinion was every day becoming more and more common that we ought to have a king."

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First Japanese congress of Socialists will be held in April.

Slavery is the price we pay for voting simply with the "winning side."

The California Socialist, after waiting four months has finally been admitted to the mails.

A new style hot air syringe has been devised "for the use of physicians and dentists."

An effort will be made to bring John Spargo, the eminent writer and publisher of The Comrade, to Butte to speak in behalf of Socialism.

If the claim is true that the parasitic capitalist is also a worker why is it that only the man who toils with his hands is called a "workingman"?

That St. Louis court forgot to authorize the Washab to sell or to lease its trammels. Will do better next time.—Labor Leader.

Some of the papers call the result in Butte a Heinze victory. Heinze and all the other capitalist politicians may well say with the old Roman general, "One more such victory and we are lost."

"The editor of the American Labor Union Journal, the leading Socialist organ in the city, evidently speaks from experience when he writes: Well, it is more profitable to be a rogue than an honest man."

One of the prettiest souvenirs of the "greatest mining camp on earth" yet gotten out is a solid copper paper knife with an engraved handle.

A St. Paul attorney was recently examining a German witness. The point involved was to ascertain what condition the defendant was in from drinking liquor.

In order to discourage the study of political economy the capitalistic teachers in the universities have labeled it the "dismal science."

"Most of the Socialist speakers insist that Socialism brings a man closer to the teachings of the Divine Master—a presumption not sustained, the Miner regrets to say, by the personnel of the Socialist leadership in Butte."

The expressions "class consciousness, class struggle and class hate" occupy a prominent place in the language and writings of Socialists.

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The Indiana law fixing minimum scale of wages on public work has been declared unconstitutional because it interfered with "freedom of contract."

Farribault, Minn., has just been the scene of one of the hottest contests in its history. The fight was between the democrats and the Socialists.

HUGHES' SHARPSHOOTERS

Pithy Paragraphs by a Member of the Executive Board.

The Socialistic hope is capitalist despair.

We will have a reign of justice in this country when the worker understands his class interests as well as the moneybags understand capitalist interests.

There is no doubt about this being an era of prosperity—John D. Rockefeller gobbled up during the first quarter of this year \$25,000,000 of property that the workers did not get.

Mark Hanna still maintains his reputation as a solid man—it is said of him that he would not betray a trust. Neither would Theodore Roosevelt, although he does talk about the men behind their backs.

It is the man out of a job who sets the rate of wages—the present competitive system of production creates a labor surplus. Before we can get relief from the wrongs that now bear down upon labor we must have a system that under which all can have work—under which there will be no labor surplus to pull down the rate of wages.

Let the workers understand that the Democratic and Republican parties stand for the same system. Tweedle-dee and tweedledum represents their only points of difference.

To the Socialist it is perfectly clear why the employers wish to organize with their employes in opposition to the trades unions as they are constituted today.

REMONSTRANCE.

(A Poem by Thomas Beresford.)

To youthful minds how bright the future seems With what gay thoughts Hope's flow'ry pathway teems; What dreams of Joy and Love and Wealth and Fame,

Ancient Fables Modernized

No. 10 Written for The Journal by Marcus W. Robbins

The Bear and the Fox. A bear boasted very much of his philanthropy, saying: "That of all animals he was the most tender in his regard for man, for he had such respect for him that he would not even touch his dead body."

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SOCIALISM IN MASSACHUSETTS.

A Criticism of Its Growth by the Capitalist Press.

The Hon. David B. Hill of New York, ex-governor and ex-senator, and the Hon. John J. Jenkins of Wisconsin, late chairman of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives and representative-elect to the Fifty-eighth congress, should be interested in some resolutions now pending in the Massachusetts legislature favoring national ownership of the coal mines.

The Salt Trust.

The salt trust has got its work in, in good shape. They have held up the public to the tune of several hundred thousand dollars by doubling the price of salt.

Socialist Dues.

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Psychological Effects Of Environment

Written Expressly for The Journal By May Wood Simons

It is a psychological fact that a man having been formed by his environment is most often the least capable person to judge of the good or evil qualities of those surroundings.

The sweatshop worker born and bred in the slum or ghetto, having never known clearer air, cleaner dwellings, or less hard work, is often so numbed that he cannot conceive of a change.

with the rise and fall of the hammer that strikes a piece of steel. The garment worker sits endlessly sewing seams in coats, or vests, or pants, the same in cut and material.

MAY WOOD SIMONS,



Associate Editor of the International Socialist Review.

tomated to seeing the goods they produce taken from them, and the stultifying effect of all this has made them mentally unable, in many cases, to understand their condition until it is pointed out to them.

him from "the death in life" that his work has brought him to. Our very system of production is admirably fitted to dull the mental activity of man and to destroy, his power to rebel against his environment.

Damned, Not Born, Into the World By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Before the assembly on labor at Albany recently Doctor Louise Fiske Bryson and others revealed the facts in connection with the child labor question that ought to make us all blush with reddest shame.

answer is plain: The people do not fully realize what child labor means. They have never clearly seen the extent to which it injures the bodies and minds of the children, leaving them before they are fairly grown physical and mental wrecks.

ered thing. Is it the same in our eyes? If it is we will stop the unspeakable crime of child labor. We will rise up and end the system which is working such harm to our little ones, which is undermining their health, cramping their minds, embittering their lives and making their existence a curse instead of a blessing.

Twenty thousand children in New York City, so Doctor Bryson informed the committee, "too tender to even know what work means, are at work in the mills, stores, factories, and stunted and diseased bodies are to be their heritage. They are old at seventeen; their lives are over at forty. They are rather damned than born into the world. Under the conditions in which they are brought up we are producing a nation of dwarfs. To thousands of little children the country is free only in one sense—free to die in.

We claim to be a Christian people. Is it not about time, then, that we had furnished some proof of the fact that our claim is other than a lie? The first and greatest of Christians said one day: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for such is the kingdom of heaven"—a very tender, beautiful word, indeed! And when the little folks came to him, he "took them up in his arms and blessed them."

The glory of a city—whether the city of New York, London or Timbuctoo—consists in the quality of the human life it can show. The greatest city is the one that is able to show the most, the fullest, the sweetest, the richest human life. By the time the great anniversary is ready, therefore, we will hope that something will have been done at Albany to save our children from the blight of the iniquitous system of child labor.

WHEN SOCIALISM COMES.

Common Sense of Most Will Dictate Methods to Be Pursued.

When the morning of the Co-operative Commonwealth dawns on the world no one will be quite so surprised as the Socialist himself. It is always the unexpected that happens and the coming of Socialism will be no exception to the rule.

pioneers in an earlier phase of the Socialist movement often find it most difficult now to adapt themselves to the rapidly changing conditions.

"Clear in conscience, broad in tactics" must be our motto from now on. Wider and wiser our influence must extend; more and more liberal our propaganda must become. Old class lines are breaking up. The intellectuals, small land-owners, shopkeepers and small factory owners are losing their economic security. Their lot becomes a parallel to that of the wage-earner. One mighty exploiting class, small in numbers, is over all. Our exploiters are crushing us all in to one mighty melting pot, and thus the new humanity is being moulded.

the same relation to religion as it does to medicine, surgery, art and historical and scientific research. It has nothing whatever to do with any of these for the simple reason that Socialism is purely an economical and political question. Will anyone say that the democratic party is a Catholic institution because Bishop O'Sullivan was elected a democratic member of the Vermont legislature? Certainly not. Religions belief or unbelief is not a test for membership in the Socialist party. The supreme test is whether a person believes in the complete overthrow of the present wage system and the substitution thereof of the co-operative commonwealth. You may be a Protestant, a Catholic, or of no religion at all, but if you believe in this you are a Socialist.

REV. FATHER HAGERTY.

As It Should Be.

Unionism and Socialism seem to be getting closer together many of the big cities, and the smaller ones as well. Politics is accountable, and after all, politics rule the man as well as the hours. It is the one theme that is now on top in Jacksonville, and will be till the end of the city contest—Jacksonville (Fla.) Journal.

And when the hosts actually arrive, there will be some of our markings that they will not observe. This will disappoint us some. However we will then have to learn that we are to rejoice that humanity has arrived at its new reconstructive period, and adapt ourselves gladly to the conditions as they are and not as we thought they would be.

What is and What is Not. Socialism is not opposed to religion. Neither is Socialism an ally of religion. The Socialist party bears

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