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## Do You Know that the Unions of America Can Name the Government they Want?

#### NO DICTATION.

MANY people think that socialism would subject all life to dictation by a (very likely) unintelligent majority, and lead to endless "town-meetings," discussions, squabbling, interfering with things better left alone.—A Reader,

Such people, however well-intentioned, do not understand the conditions that will flow from public ownership of industries. They have in their mind a political organism and not an industrial one. The trouble today is, that the voters are not intelligent on the subjects that they vote on. They are not trained in statecraft, but are mere machines at the ballot box, voting on problems of which they are totally ignorant, and therefore easily de-ceived. In its final analysis, socialism has no political government. It is purely industriai-has to do with the vocations of men in light on the matter.

I feel that I am only stating a truism when I say that no one can judge the qualifications of another for a place unless he knows somewhat the duties and requirements of the place. Thus no one can of his own knowledge affirm that a physician is competent unless he knows the profession. If he assumes to judge from the general reputation, he is taking other people's opinions who are as likely as ignorant as himself. We cannot judge those of higher knowledge than we possess. A teacher on the opening day of school, questioning the pupil sent him, can assign each to their proper class and grade, but should one come who has a greater fund of knowledge than the teacher, such pupil could not be assigned because the teacher could not tell how much more of knowledge he had than himself, nor whether such knowledge be false or true. We cannot judge

what we do not know. Socialism puts every person under environments that makes no need of each to judge of what he or she has no knowledge of. That is where it is wholly different from a political government. For instance, the public knows little or nothing about the operation of the printing business and therefore cannot vote intelligently on matters pertaining to it. But those who have been brought up in the business have all the knowledge of it and they are competent to have a voice in its rules and-regulations, each in his special de-partment—to the highest level of his knowledge. Thus the printers should elect their own foreman, but should not vote for the foreman of the press department, for that would be a field in which they are more or less ignorant, but of which the workers in that department are wholly competent, else there are no competent persons on earth. And so on in the mail room, the stereotyping room, the clerk or office room, the ink making department, the various department of the paper mills, the type f oundries, ma-chine shops that make the machinery of the whole industrial system is thus operated. gaged in the struggle of competition. Then each department will be operated by rules of which each voter in that department No person would then vote on matters of which he had no knowledge. A govof people by a few for the beneult of a few.

When each line of industry were thus conNo one of trolled, you would have industrial harmony. What use would you have for any other kind of government? When society made a place in the industries for every person, there would be no idle unless they desired idleness, and successful people are not happy, they are such persons would have no part of the benefits of the public products. Any place in the public service would provide a reward that the stress of business weighs upon them and would supply every want of any person, for they are old before their time. To them the when all industries were thus operated no one world is one vast Vanity Fair, in which they workers and throw no one out of employment. sanity run mad! But you will likely reply that there are some things that require action that do not refer to shops, such as public institutions. you must remember that ALL things under socialism will be public institutions. The schools will be directed by those in it, the theater, excursions, etc., will be directed by those in the department of entertainment. If a great amount of the labor of the nation is to be diverted to some extraordinary development, such as building immense permanent exposition buildings, perhaps fifty fold greater than the World's Fair at Chicago, that is a matter that the dullest mind can decide whether it wants it or not, that will be submitted to the vote of the whole people. And by the way that is one of the things that the government today should build and sustain, that every child might visit and brighten its mind more

You see you would have no use of governors, judges, lawyers, sheriffs, court clerks, deed recorders, treasurers for money handling, constables, justices. There would be nothing for such people to do. The action of each person would be responsible to his fellows in the department to which he was attached. But if each had the same opportunity to be educated, clothed, instructed, and receive a reward for labor that would supply

than by years of book study.

all his wants (not limited to needs) there would be no crime.

Congress would be selected from each vocation, more as a body of statisticians than anything else. This body, comparing the results of the labor of the nation, would know how much wheat, corn, leather, etc., would be needed for the year's supply and each department would then be instructed about its

There would be no need of having one place receive a greater reward than another, for ANY place would enable the worker to have every thing he could use, provided he did his little meed of labor. Positions as foremen, superintendents, directors, congressmen would only be accepted by the competent, because there would be nothing additional attached to them except honor, and productive channels. I will try to illustrate this for the writer of the above who seeks would not be honor but humiliation, for would not be honor but humiliation, for those who had selected him would know the requirements of the place and could judge him from a definite knowledge. There would be no town meetings, no squabbling, no interfering. The reward being the same there would be no scheming for places where one could rob and deceive. Every person who lived without association to some line of industry would be recognized as a thief and bear the mark to all men. No one would desire that distinction.

> THE great publishing house of D. Apple ton & Co. New York, N. Y. bathing in the

#### FAILURE OF SUCCESS.

great wave of Prosperity was drawn in the undertow and followed the great publishing house of Harper Bros. into the vortex of failure, to

which we are told 97% of men who engage in business find their commercial graves.

We will probably be told that these great houses were lacking in business ability or that all the rents, taxes, heats, lights, intercapital. The fact that they had built up ests, advertising, bad debts, delivery wagons, business amounting to millions is no proof that they had business ability or that the millions they possessed was sufficient capital! There was one factor in these failures, and tainly as you would have to pay these things all other failures, of which they were more or in an increased price of water if you had 30

The men who manipulate the money of a country are the men who control all the other business and these houses went into debt and were therefore helpless before men who had their capital in money while these houses had their capital only in goods. And so they fell, and so will millions of other business men, great and small, fall. The accumulations of two or three generations of active business men is in one moment swept away and they are left practically paupers.

How much better it would have been for brings certain reward, and enable them to chine shops that make the machinery of enjoy all the good things of life with none of printing and other lines of production, until the mental worries that now beset those en-

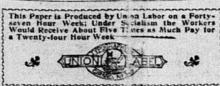
The tendency of all business today is to do everything on the most gigantic scale. The has full knowledge. These foremen and su-perintendents will not make the laws, but will in debt, by the fellow who can handle the simply execute such rules as the majority has largest aggregation of capital, using better decided will be good for the department and machinery and methods than is possible to produce harmony with other related depart- the little fellows. If he branches out to increase his business so he can better compete with others of greater capital, he is then at the mercy of the money-lender, and in time

would benefit by having a dozen little plants are engaged in picking pockets of all the un-where one great one would enable the work-suspecting millions. And other pick-pockets ers to use higher ideals in machinery and are on the lookout to get the booty from methods, and increase the average production of wealth per day which would go to the Rons. What a delightful system! It is in- erty and dependence that men fear to assume

the greatest achievement of the race, as an evidence of superior civilization, as divinely appointed. But it is running its course, the last sands of life are rapidly going out of its hour-glass of time. It reminds me of agreat oak in the forest, that has stood the ravages of generations of time. Its great bulk and heavy bark betoken a tower of strength, and some day when a gentle zephyr topples it over we discover that its heart has been rot- fear of its burdens. The News, ignorantly ting for years, its strength sapped and it had or maliciously blames the socialists with the only the appearance of strength.

The Commercialism of today is tottering to its fall and ten years will see the world embracing the idea that things should be produced for use and not for profit, that gamb ling (now called business) is immoral and destructive of all that is good and noble in humanity.

THE Madison, S. D., Outlook, a democratic paper, says that the struggle of the coming century will be between conservatism and so-



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LET me illustrate a problem in economics Suppose the citizens of a community should desire to have water THROUGH YOUR works to supply the

#### MUDDY BRAIN needs of the people.

They would have to pay the cost of such service, whether private enterprise did it or whether they did it pub-

Suppose, now, that instead of having one large plant sufficiently great to meet that supply, regardless of how owned they should build 10 or 20 or 50 little plants, which combined would give the desired services. Which would be the reasonable way?

You can readily see that if a number of small capitalists owned these small plants, that they could not operate them with the same economy as one large plant. The same conditions, of course, would be attached to plants if owned by the public.

What I want toget you to see is, that many little plants would be a very wasteful method, regardless of how owned, to supply the products they want, and that the citizens, somehow and somewhere, would have to pay the necessarily added cost. This proposition is so plain that you will likely laugh at me for trying to get you to see something that everybody can see. But your vision is not so clear when I substitute the word "food" for water. For you insist that the more stores, the more competition you have, the cheaper get goods, and you refuse to see ests, advertising, bad debts, delivery wagons, idle time of clerks waiting for customers, are expenses that many stores must put upon you in increased price of goods, just as cerless ignorant, and that one factor caused or 40 water corporations as you now have their downfall. things; and just as you would be at the mercy of one water company, if it were owned by individual laterests, so you would be at the mercy of one store if it were owned by a large

corporation. BUT if you own I the water works collectively you would get the lowest possible cost in one plant as you would get your goods in one store if the public owned that store, just as it now owns the postoffice. There is no more sense, reason or logic in having from a dozen to a thousand stores in a place than them to have a system in which every effort there would be in having from a dozen to a thousand postoffices or water plants.

Can't you get that through your noggin?

THE Deseret News of Salt Lake city, after fairly stating the aims of socialism, quotes the following to infer CONVICTING that socialism is against

# THEINNOCENT morals:

The idea that socialism would be the panatea for all human ills must be dismissed. In Germany it seems to have a tendency to loose mossis, which in the end will prove fatal to any social structure. Mr. E. H: Steiner, in a recent humber of the Outlook illustrates this. He tells of an interview with Dr. the mercy of the money-lender, and in time goes down.

No one can stand still. He must either go backward in the race of capital or go forward by risking, like a gambler, all that he had not being married, to which Dr. Kunert are the fact that so many young people lived to gether without being married, to which Dr. Kunert replied.

"You must live somewhere in the backwoods be girn the wild scramble to get on ton. The table as to risked at that, we are beginning to be

astonished if they get married. you any figures how many couples live that way, nearly everybody has a mistress. They find it more convenient; they can both keep at work, the responsibilities are less, and when they gettired of each other they separate."

Nothing could better prove the moral aspirations of socialists in Germany and every. where else. Germany'is NOT controlled by socialists but by the same commercial spirit that controls this country, which has reduced the responsibility of a family and the above And yet we are asked to bow down and is the result. It is getting the same way in worship this Moloch of Commercialism, as the United States, more and more every year. When Germany succumbs to the socialists, as it surely will in the next few years, the means of production and distribution will be furnished by the people for their mutual use and benefit, and as the entire products of their labor will go to them, their income will be so great that women and children will no longer be necessary for the family support, and marriages will no longer be shunned for crimes of the men scho are opposing socialism. It might as well blame socialists for upholding monarchy, seeing that a monarch sits on the neck of the German people. The income of each worker will be more than \$5000 a year under socialism, in every land, and there will be no need of both the men and women avoiding marriage because they both have to slave for enough wealth to keep soul the members of society today are the effects

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any land.

WILL the Cincinnatian please tell the AP PEAL what else but labor there is in a hat? Of course there is fur

THAT TROU- and the skin of a sheep,

BLESOME HAT. etc., but these are made by nature and not by man and man has no right to charge those who use that which man has not made. The 40 cents noted as paid for the production of a hat pays the men who do any needful thing in taking the elements and fashioning a hat. Society is organized on such an insane basis that no set of hat makers would be permitted to produce hats unless they paid those who hold the titles to the natural and artificial elements that are necessary to the production and distribution of hats. It would require every social factor to be inside the co-operation before it could be done. The production of a hat involves every vocation in life. It does not stand alone, something that can be produced independently of any other ar-ticle. It involves coal and iron mining for the material of the machines, the chemists and the machinists, the house builders and the clothing makers, the food producers and the transporters. But if all were on the same basis of production, eliminating all the items of tribute in any phase of any thing, then the exchange of time on hats would bring the hat maker anything that took an equal time to produce wear and tear of tools being of course a part of the cost. Under such conditions, using even greater economics than now prevail by the keeping up of many hat factories, a hatter would get ten to twenty times what he new does for his work. And

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Evolution of Trades-Unions. Political power, how gained, tained

so would every other vocation.

ained. The Union Label, uses and abuses. Why all workmen should be union

Where unionism rules-New Zealand Statistics of production and wages. Dangers that threaten labor unions. Facts that startle. Valuable data of leading unions.

THE New York legislature has just passed a bill providing for the erection in New York city of a Municipal Bath A PATERNAL House, patterned after BATH, the one in Boston that BATH. was built under Mayor

Quincy and which is the finest establishment of its kind in the world. This is how municipal ownership in Boston is a failure, as the capitalist papers are busy telling their readers now. But even the New-York republicans do not believe it a failure, for they have examined the workings of the Boston Muni

The inconsistency of these legislators never seems to dawn on them. This bath house operated by the public, practically free, will seriously interfere with the profits of privateowned bath houses. If private enterprise is better than public enterprise, why should the state authorize the city of New York to appriate large sums of money when private enterprise has plenty of idle capital, they tell us, to do all the things necessary to be done?

It always strikes me as exceedingly silly why people should want to own a house in order to get away from the exploitation of a landlord, and do not want to-own an interest in the factories and railroads and banks and stores that they may avoid the exploitations of the gentry who manipulate such things. If it is better for a lot of capitalists to own these things than for the people to own them, it is better for the capitalists to own all the homes and all the farms than for the people to own them. If not, why not?

A REAGAN, I. T., render wants to know the labor cost of a farm wagon. On page 36 of the 13th annual Unit-COST OF A ed States Labor Report WAGON. I find the following:

Farm wagon, body brake double box, spring seat, 32 skein. wheels 3 feet 8 inches and 4 feet 5 inches, 14 inch tread, is made in the average time of one person in 48 hours and 18 minutes, and the wages paid for its production is \$7.19.

This does not include the putting of the wood and iron in the factory, for which you might allow \$1 as being more than ample allowance for what the workers are paid for doing that part of the wagon. It is safe to say that such a farm wagon is produced from the time the wood is in the forest and the iron in the earth for less than \$9 in wages, and less than five days work of 10 hours of one person.
All the difference between this cost and

what you pay for such a wagon is what the crude system of production and distribution costs you to sustain, for which you get no benefit directly or indirectly. The difference does not go to the manufacturer, but is absorbed by the costs of competition, in items like tax, insurance, advertising, commissions, and body together. All the ills that affect profits, interest dividends, etc." By the way, you should send to Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Washington, D. C., for this report. It will be of the present competitive system, and not Washington, D. C., for this report. It will be of socialism, which has never yet controlled sent you free and you will find the time and money cost of several hundred articles that will surprise you. It is the most revolutionary report ever issued by any government on

ONE in a position to know writes me that the mail matter passing through the Jack-

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HOW THE during the month of POSTOFFICE March weighs three times as much as the average IS ROBBED. for the rest of the year.

It was weighed during March to determine on what basis the railroads should be paid for four years. This condition of affairs is not only in Jacksonville but all over the nation. By this means the roads get paid for many times the service they perform out of the postal receipts, taking fully \$20,000,000 a year more than they are entitled to, even un-der the extortionate rates charged the public. Great quantities of second-class matter are mailed and remailed during the month, and the congressmen and senators set a number of their clerks, paid by the public, to send out immense and unnecessary documents through the mails during the weighing month so it will increase the weights on which the adjustment of the pay of railroads is made for the four years. This is another beauty of private ownership of railroads. If the roads were owned and operated by the publie such schemes would not profit any one and would therefore not be perpetrated. But then the public likes to be skinned. They would prefer to be taxed into the poor house if their political masters tell them that it is best for them. They are as wedded to their superstitions and ignorance as the fetich worshippers of Central Africa. They are great on being democrats and republicans.

The city of Pelzer, S. C., with a population of 6000, is owned body, stock and barrel by the Pelzer Manu-A CAPITAL- facturing Company, whose

ISTICHEAVEN. will is supreme. It has no city government, councils,

mayor or police; no newspaper is allowed to be published in it, and it permits no courts, saloons, theaters, politicians or negroes in it. The president of the company is all of these things, owns everything, directs everybody—is monarch absolute. This place is 17 years old and employs 1500 working people. The savings bank has \$100,000 deposits, which, as there is no private property allowed, may be said to represent all the surplus except a few household goods, of all these 17 years labor of 1500 people! To bring it into close range, we have the following factors: Seventeen years of 300 days mean 5100 days for each worker during the time; then 1500 workers have worked 1500x5100—7,650,000 days. For this they got grab, a place to sleep, some clothes and \$100,000—or 1; cents a day in cash above their keep! It that is not a capitalistic heaven, what would be? And I will bet that most of the people there actually think they have a pretty good thing! But then people can be trained into believing any old thing.

Now please note the function of money in

this transaction. Being no other place to put their money, the people put their little savings in the savings bank provided by their master. On Saturday the master takes these savings of the people and pays them their wages out of it—pays them their own money. This money drifts right back to the savings bank ready for paying the wages on the next pay day. No need of script. The people furnish the money to pay their own wages. Great plan, ch?

Public ownership means that the people should own something and not corporations own everything. If it be desirable that the peo-ple own their homes, it is equally desirable that the people own the shops, farms and transportation. If it is better for the corporations to own the latter then it is better for them to own the former. And is paying rent better than owning and not paying, rent? Is paying rent in the way of profits on the products of labor of others less burdensome than paying rent for a home? Isn't it the same If it is desirable to own stock in corporations that are paying, even though you do not have absolute personal control, why is it not as desirable to have an equal interest in all the industries of the nation? You would then have an equal voice in the management of them and each could protect himself against extortion. If such interest would not be worth anything because so small, then your vote might as well be taken from you secause its interest in the whole political machinery is so small as to be of no protection to you. There is no line of reaoning that can be construed to favor other than ourselves owning and operating the industries. And the only way we can all own and have a voice in them is for the public, the government, the collectivity, to own and operate them for the equal interest of all.

Tue hearts of the American people and their love for Liberty and self-government, are with the Cubans, Ports Ricans the Filippinos and the Boers, but the mailed hand of Government of Trusts is against all these peoples. If the people had the privilege of expressing their pleasure on this subject independent of party successes, if they could have one line for each of these subjects printed on the ballot this fall, opposite to which "yes" or "no" could be written, the sentiments of the American people could be taken in one day and there would be no question of what they desired in this matter. But the rulers do not wish these people to know of their own sentiments or power. Hence they will not be given such an opportunity.

## THE PARABLE OF THE WATER TANK

taken a broader range than I expected, and "But the capitalists answered: "Not so to complete the subject we shall need to have. The water is ours. Ye shall not drink thereof offer a little contribution of my own. The their manner, Business is business. struck me that probably our lesson might

"There was a certain very dry land, the because they could not find it.

\* Howbeit, there were certain men in that name of these men was called capitalists. And it came to pays that the people of the land came unto the capitalists and praved they had gathered that they in ght drink, for their need was sore. But the capitalists answered them and said

G. . Ge to, ve silly people! why should we give you of the water which we have gathered for then we should become even as ye are, and perish with you? But behold what we will do unto you. Be ye our servants and ve shall have water.

And the people said, "Only give us to drink and we will be your servants, we and our children." And it was so,

"Now, the capitalists were men of understanding, and wise in their generation They ordered the people who were their servants in bands with captains and officers, and some they put at the springs to dip; and others did they make to carry the water, and others did they cause to seek for new sormers And all the water was brought together in one place, and there did the capital its make a great tank for to hold it, and the tank was called the market, for it was there that the people, even the servants of the capitallisis, came to get water. And the capitalists said unto the people:

" For every backet of water that ve bring to us, that we may pour it into the tank, which is the Market, behold! we will give you a penny, but for every bucket that we shall draw forth to give unto you that vemay drink of it, ve and your wives and your children, ye shall give to us two pennies, and the difference shall be our profit, seeing that if it were not for this profit we would not do this thing for you, but ye should all perish.

"And it was good in the people's, eves, for they were dull of understanding and they diligently brought water unto the tank for many days, and for every backet which they did bring the capitalists gave them every man a penny; but for eyery bucket that the capitalists drew forth from the tank to give again unto the people, behold the people rendered to the capitalists two penales.

" And after many days the water tank, which was the Market, overflowed at the top. seeing that for every backet the people poured in they received only so much as would buy again half of a bucket. And because of the excess that was left of every bucket, did the tank overdow, for the people could drink no more than others. Therefore did the tank overflow.

water overdowed, they said to the people

more water till the tank be empty. '

the pennies of the capitallats for the water the people that this affliction was sent to they brought, they could buy no more water them of God for the healing of their souls. bought water of them, they were troubled after they had given up the worst they dull; we must advertise.

. But the people, answered, saying them. "How can we buy unless we here us, for how? "Now, when the capitalists saw that the else shall we have where what to buy? How people still marmured and would not be still. ye us, therefore, as before, and we will neither for the words of the soothsayers nor have no need to advertise." talists said to the people. "Shall we hire dagers in the water that overflowed in the you to bring water when the tank, which is lank and wet the tips thereof, and they afterward shall ye with the overflow make therefore, first water, and when the tank is fingure abread upon the people who thronged empty, through your buying will we have the tank, and the name of the drops of water And so it was because the cap. was charity, and they were exceeding bitter. you again." And so it was because the cap. was charry, and may were exceeding officer. Salaris hired them no more to being water to And when the capitalists saw yet again

number of words ever penned so fitly himself, seeing that the capitalists had taken ye have abundance of water, that ye perish thing was very good to them. Lizewise the poor, an put a stop to charity. Don't describes the present industrial an- all the springs, and the wells, and the water not, ye and your children. archy as the following extract from wheels, and the vessels and the buckets, so , ... And the mighty men and they who were voice they cried out. So let it be as ye have Beilamy's great work "Equality." It must that no man might come by water save from be a dull mind indeed that cannot be awak. the tank, which was the Market. And the ened to the servitude of labor under which people muratured against the capitalists and It is allowed to produce the world's wealth said "Behold, the tank runneth over, and thirst constrained them, and they went within the shouting and what the people said, and it is allowed to produce the world's wealth said "Behold, the tank runneth over, and unto the capitalists and became their the false priests heard it also and likewise and swords were put in their the false priests heard it also and the water, that we perish not."

That will do, George. We will close the we die of thirst. Give us, therefore, of the and staves and swords were put in their the false priests heard it also and the water, that we perish not."

bands and they became a defense unto the who were a defense unto the capitalists; and

a brief session this afternoon -And now, by unless we buy it of us with pennies." And way of concluding the morning, I propose to they confirmed it with an early, saying, after in the tank, for the capitalists did make

Revolution, with a view to finding something they had no more any profits, and they spake that might illustrate our thems. I came one to another, saving "It seemeth that our across a little pamphlet of the period, yellow profits have stopped our profits, and by read that was empty, they said. The crisis is thanks to God because of the deliverance and almost undecipherable, which, on example went and did all prepare us to appreciate it, and I made a fore send for the southsayers, that they may for them

people whereof were in sore need of water in dark sayings, who joined themselves to a time did the tank again overdow even as unother," and every woman said unto her And they did nothing but to seek after water the capitalists by reason of the water of the before. from morning until night and many perished capitalists that they might have thereof and live, they and their obtainen. And they spake for the capitalisis onto the people, and had thirsted till the water therein had been land who were more crafty and diligent than dot their embassies for them, so ing that the

" And the capitalists demanded of the thing unto them, wherefore it was that the them that they would give them of the water people bought no move water of them, although the tunk was full. And certain of the soothsayers answered and said, "It is by reason of overproduction, and some said, "It is glut"; but the signification of the two words is the same. And others said o'Nav but this thing is by reason of the spots on the And yet others answered, saving. . It is neither by reason of glut, nor yet of spots on the sun that this evil bath come to pass, but because of lack of confidence.

"And while the soothsayers contended among themselves, according to their manner, the men of profit did slumber and sleep, and when they awoke they said to the south-sayers. It is enough. Ye have spoken comfortably unto us. Now go ye forth and speak comfortably likewise unto this people, so that they be, at rest and leave us also in

But the southwers, even the men of the dismal science. Yer so they were named of some were loath to go forth to the people lest they should be stored, for the people loved them not. And they said to the capitalists:

... Masters, it is a mystery of our craft that if men be full and thirst not but be at rest, then shall they find comfort in our speech even as ye. Yet if they thirst and be empty, field they no comfort therein but rather mock us, for it seemeth that unless a man be full our wisdom appeareth unto him but employees," But the capitallate said, sale ve forth. Are ye not our men to do core continuentes?

sen And the soothsavers went forth to the people and expounded to them the mystery must needs perish of thirst because there was overmish water, and how there could not be enough because there was too much And skewise spoke they unto the people concerntag the sun spots, and also wherefore it was that these things had come upon them by reason of lack of confidence. And it was even as the soothshivers had said, for to the people their wisdom seemed emptiness. And the people revised them, saving . Go up, ye hald heads! Will ye mock us? Doth plenty breed familie? Doth nothing come out of much?" And they took up stones to stone them.

people still macmured and would not give ear And when the capitalists saw that the leared lest they should come upon the tank to the soothea ers, and because also they and take of the water by force, they brought . See ye not the tank, which is the forth to their certain holy men (but they were Market, doth overflow? Sit ye down, there false priests), who spake unto the people that fally with tears. But if ye know a way, tore and be patient, for ye shall bring us no they should be quiet and trouble not the cap- speak unto us quickly." italists because they thirsted. And these see But when the people no more received holy men, who were fulse priests, testified to capitalists, having mought where and that if they should bear it in patience And when the capitalists saw and lust not after the water, neither trouble that they had no more profit because no man the capitalists, it would come to pass that And they sent forth non, in the highways, would come to a country where there should the byways, and the hedges, deving off any be no capitalists but an abundance of waters thirst let him come to the tank and larg water blowbox, there were certain true prophets of of us, for it deth overflow. For they and God also, and these had compassion on the among themselves, "Rehold, the times are people and world not prophesy for the caphallsts, but rather spake constantly against

dly buy water, for we thirst and ye, will of the false priests, they came forth them-But the capi- solves unto them and put the ends of their doth already everdent? Buy we scattered the drops from the tips of their

that the people could not buy the water they that neither for the words of the soothsayers, good to us?" had brought already, and because the people nor of the hely men who were false priests. d brought already, and because the people for of the drops that were easied charity. discreet men to go in and out before you and ald not buy the water they had brought nor yet for the drops that were easied charity. discreet men to go in and out before you and ald not buy the water they had brought nor your labor, but raged the to marshal your bands and order your labor. And the saying went abroad, more, and crowded upon the tank as

craftily with them, saying:

in with the capitalists? If ye will be their ye shall choose other discreet men in place of we've got an' give the money to the poor? men and serve them against the people, that the first to order the labor."

An' didn't he say, "The poor you have ROBABLY no article of the same fore them, for everyone to seek water for they break not in upon the tank, then shall

> skilled in war hearkened unto this speech and said, for we will do it!" thronged upon the tank.

for their pleasure.

wasted by the capitalists, it came to pass ever. the rest, and these had gathered stores of capitalists were not a folk quick of under-that there arose in the land certain men who water where others could find none, and the standing neither ready of speech. were called agitators, for that they did stir no the people. And they spake to the peosmothsayers that tany should interpret this ple, saving that they should associate, and then would they have no need to be servants! of the capitalists and should thirst no more for water. And in the eves of the capitalists were the avitators pestilent fellows, and they would fain have crucified them, but durst not for fear of the people.

And the words of the agitators which they spake to the people were on this wise: " "Ye foolish people, how long will ye be deceived by a fie and beli-ve to your part that which is not? for hehold all these things that have been said unto you by the capitalists and by the soothsayers are conningly devised fables. And likewise the holy men. who say that it is the will of God that v should always be poor and miserable and athirst, behold! they do blasphone God and are liars, whom he will bitterly tudge though he forgive all others. How consech it that ye may not come by the water in he tank? Is it not because we have no money? why have ye no money? Is it not because ye receive but one penny for every bucket that ye bring to the tank, which is the Market, but must render two pennies for every bucket ye take out, so that the capitalists may have their profit? See ye not how by this means the tank must overflow, being filled by that ye lack and made to shound out of your emptiness? See ye not also that the harde ye toil and the more diligently ye seek and bring the water, the worse and not the better it shall be for you by reason of the profit and

" After this manner spake the agitators for many days unto the people, and none heeded them, but it was so that after a time the people hearkened. And they answered and said unto the agitators!

....Ye say truth. It is because of the apitalists and of their profits that we want, seeing that by reason of them and their profits we may by no means come by the fruit of our labor, so that our labor is in vain, and the more we toll to fill the tank the sconer doth it overflow, and we may receive noth og because there is tog much, according to the words of the soothsavers. But behold, the capitalists are hard men and their tender mercies, are cruel. Tell us if ve know any way whereby we may deliver ourselves out of our bendage unto them. But if ye know of no certain way of deliverance we beseech you new basis, by substituting the principle of asso-to hold your peace and let us alone, that we chain for that of competition in every branch may forget our misery."

And the agitators answered and said, We know a way.

" And the people said: "Deceive us not for this thing bath been from the beginning, and none bath found a way of deliverance until now, though many have sought it care-

. Then the agitators spake unto the peo-

ple of the way . And they said: " Behold, what need have ve at all of these capitalists, that ye should yield them profits upon your labor? do they wherefore ye render them this tribute? Lot it is only because they do order you in bands and lead you out and in and set your tasks and afterward give you a little of the water yourselves have brought and not they. Now, behold the way out of this bondage Do ye for yourselves that which is done by the capitalists namely, the ordering of your labor, and the marshaling of your bands, and the dividing of your tasks. So shall ve have no need at all of the capitalists and no more yield to them any profit, but all the fruit of your labor shall ye share as brethren, eone having the same and so shall the time

but these shall be for the delight of all "And the people answered, "How shall we go about to do this thing, for it seemeth

pleasant fountains and fish ponds to delight

rourselves withal even as did the capitalists;

"And the agitators answered: "Choose ve and these men shall be as the capitalists were

ters and servants among you, but brethren is the first principle uv it. Didn't the "Come, now, why cast ye not your lot only. And from time to time, as ye see fit, good Lord say we should sell everything

seemed it not a hard thing. And with one you know the Lord loves a cheerful giver?

so that their knees smote together, and they ... And after many days the water was low said one to another, ... It is the end of us!

... Howbeit, there were certain true priests fountains and fish ponds of the water thereof, of the living God who would not prophesy petition, an make men think they wuz other day, at the museum I was delving so But the capitalists were disquieted that and did bathe therein, they and their wives for the capitalists, but had compassion on brothers an' all that kind uv thing an' git among the rebes of literature of the great the people bought no more water whereby and their calidren, and del waste the water the people and when they heard the shouting dem to workin the Golden Rule, what they had they re-delve would the ministers do? Sich irrefor the people and what they said, they re-And when the capitalists saw that the joiced with exceeding great joy, and gaye

And the people went and did all the ination. I found to be a rather amusing skit make no more profits. How is it that our people that they should bring water to fill it things that were told them of the agitators to give my son a tip-top edication, an' git him or satirical take off on the profit system. It profits are becoming unprofitable to us, and aguta. And for the water that the people do. And it came to pass as the agitators ready for the ministry. There waz a mortour galus do make us poor! Let us there brought to the tank they reserved for every had said, even according to all their words. gage outo the farm onet fur about twelve bucket a pengy, but for the water which the And there was no more any thirst in that copy. It is estilled 'The Parable of the interpret this thing unto us," and they sent cantalists the water with the And there was so more any thirst in this thing unto us," and they sent cantalists drew forth from the tank to give and, nother any that was always red, nor water Tank, and runs this way. again to the people they received two pennies. naked, nor cold, nor in any manner of want; of Now, the soothavers were men learned that they might have their profit. And after and every man sald onto his fellow, "My companion, "My Asser," for so were they "And now, when many times the people with one another as brethren and sisters have to work, that's what he would, an' he had filled the tank until it overflowed and which do dwell together in unity. And the blessing of God rested upon that land for-

## Definitions of Socialism E

GREAT many people believe that they, know what socialism means, but they do hot. They vainly imagine that it refers to bursting bombs, burning buildings, rapine and plunder, But tuese folks have never looked for the definitio in Wabster's dictionary which says that socialism is

A theory of society that advocates a more pree.sc. orderly and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of manking than that weigh has hitherto prevaded.

Of course that does not sound so very bad, Still for fear that Noah 'Webster may have been out of his head when defining social sin, let us go to some other authority and read carefully the definition in the Standard dictionary, which says that socialism is

A theory of policy that aims to secure the re construction of society, increase of wealth, and a more equal distribution of the paodicts of labor through the public collective ownership of labor and capital (as distinguished from property) and the public collective management of all industries. Its motto is "Everyoue according to his deeds."

Ha, Ha! "Everyone according to his deeds!" Are you in favor of a system which will give you all you earn? Do you want all the wealth you produce or do you prefer to give the Hannas and Rockefellers and Vanderbilts and Gourds a rakeoff on all the creations of your labor? But possibly you are not satisfied et as to whether socialism has been properly lefined or not. Let us get an up-to-date dictionary. Maybe things have changed since Noah Webster died. We have it here. changed The Century dictionary defines socialism as

Any theory or system of local organization which sould abolish entirely, or in a great part, the individual effort and competition on which modern secrety rests, and substitute co-operation, would introduce a more perfect and equal diswould introduce a more perfect and equal dis-tribution of the products of abor, and would make land and expecul, as the instruments of prowould quetion, the joint possession of the community

It is very sait, isn't it? You have been thinking all these years that you knew what socialism meant and it isn't what you thought it was at all, is it? . But let us go the whole hog Let us have all the authorities. Let us look into Worcestor's dictionary, which plainly states that somilism is

A science of reconstructing society on entirely

one of the above named dictionaries and are your circumstances and are trying to trick cialism: Have you then an Imperial diction-It save that socialism means

The abolition of that individual action on which modern societies depend and the substi-tution of a regulated system of do-operative

Then, again, there are our religious friends who have vaguely, but wrongly; believed that socialism was the enemy of religion What great thing What have you to say of this statement made by the Encyclopedia Brittanica?

The othics of socialism are identical with the

## An Indignant Critic

R. EDITER: I've been readin your paper far some time, an I don't like it, an' I fist tho't I'd write you a few lines about it. I can't write myself, but I git my niece to take never overflow until every man is full; and down, my letters, an do it jist like I tell her, allegiance before the altar and the servant of too. No fine language fur me-I'm right the Lord. You are still too young to comout an' out

I beerd tell uv sich outlandish, oureasonable idees as you put in your paper sometimes. I wuz talkin to the parson about it yisterday. lows the stench uv sich docterns to git into the nostrils uv his beloved saints. He says bring water. And the saying went abread, more, and crowded upon the tank as if they wand take it by force, then took they counsel that a crisis.

And the saying went abread, more, and crowded upon the tank as if they wand take it by force, then took they counsel but, behold, they shall not be your masters the suffering uv Job. But by gum! when I read your stuff I can't seem to think uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect their fathers, when the land was open be-mightiest among the people and all who had their fathers, when the land was open be-mightiest among the people and all who had they shall not the saying fur patience though, remembering the suffering uv Job. But by gum! when I read your stuff I can't seem to think uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad. You sin't got as respect to the suffering uv Job. It makes me mad the

-not even religion, er charity, which the first to order the labor."

An' didn't he say, "The poor you have
"And the people hearkened, and the always with you?" An' yit you'd abolish

Course, if a man's poor an ain't got nothin he can't give none. But he ort to, if suffered themselves to be persuaded for their ... And the capitalists heard the noise of he wants to fulfill the Scriptur an git the thirst constrained them, and they went within the shouting and what the people said, and good will uv the Lord. An somebody's got unto the expitalists and became their men, the soothsayers heard it also, and likewise to be poor, if anybody's to git that love. Ain't we got lots uv millionaires what would hands and they became a defense unto the who were a defense unto the capitalists; and miss the love uv Heaven if it wuzn't fur the capitalists and smote the people when they when they heard they trembled exceedingly, poor? Where'd they git their money to give, an' who'd they give it to?

As I wuz sayin', you ain't got no respect fur religion. Why, if you wuz to stop comem to workin' the Golden Rule, what the deuce would the ministers do? Sich irreligiousness! I hope to the Lord I'll never see that day. I've slaved, an' saved, an' schemed nigh onto twenty-five year, now, to year; but my son never had to touch a plow hartfie. He's a scholar an' a gentleman; but he don't know nothin' outside uv books. Now, what if you was to git in with yer Golden Rule bizness? Why, half the churches 'u'd combine, an' he'd be out uv a job. He'd don't know how, an' wouldn't if he did. All my religious plans 'u'd go to thunder. You'd arrest a man fur not workin'-make criminals out uv the finest an' best people in the neighborhood. It's jist simply blasphemy, that's what it is. You socialists beat Job's biles all holler,

beenz you're sent on us by the devil, an' you're spreadin' like-sixty. Yours truly, SAM'L BUBDOCK.

Hope Corners, Ind.

### The Coming Man Under Socialism.

CHARLES FAMELE RANSES 

VERYWHERE today the belief is
expressed that we are on the eve of
wonderful discoveries in the world
of mind. Everybody is intensely interested in physical studies and research. Man possesses physic powers not now dreamed of. Man's greatest discovery will be when he discovers himself. Prof. Chas. Richet says: We possess numerous gifts often or most always imperfect, which allow the supposition that human nature has extraordinary resources, and that it contains forces -which it does not even suspect."

Man, as a type, has reached physical perfection, but evolution has not yet done with him. The new man under socialism, will be intellectual and spiritual. That is now what evolution is doing for him.

The environment of the coming co-operative commonwealth will be conducive to the development of the true man-the real man made in the image of God and not the miserable effigy produced by the present social conditions under the competitive system.

Even heredity will be overcome, which will greatly contribute to the creation of the etter man. Jacob Riis, in his book, "The Children of the Poor," shows conclusively. that the child is the creature of environments and opportunities, and that heredity has less to do than has been thought.

We are evolving into a higher manhood. The brute nature is doomed by the logic of growth, and evolution's probhesy of the Coming Man.

The commercial and competitive or base man can no more survive the transition to the new and higher social conditions, of which we just see the dawn, than could the megatherium and plesiosaurus survive the transition from their geological age and live. in the higher physica But possibly some of you may not have with the unfolding into a new geological age.

A writer in a popular magazine, says of suspicious-jou may believe that we know the "strong man of the future," under so-The strong man of the future will be strong in knowledge and in social sympathy; and his strength will be spent, not in efforts to perpetuate his personal ascendancy, but in efforts to develop all that is best in the society of the time. The strong man, as we conceive him will have no greed for power; his greed, if such it may be called, will be for usefulness; and he will show his strength by his willingness to retire at any moment from a public to a private position rather than prove unfaithful to his convictions or do anything unworthy of a man of honor."

Ella Wheeler Wilcox writes of the Coming Man:

Mourn not for vanished ages With their great heroid men Who dwell in history's pages.
And live in the poet's pen.

grandest times are before us. And the world is yet to see.

The noblest worth of this old earth
is the men that are to be.

The Manacles of Militarism. "Recruits! You have given us the oath of

prehend the true meaning of what has been I waz born an' raised a democrat, an' I've said here; but first of all take care ever to been a free siler, an a green backer, an a follow the orders and instructions that are prohi, an a poplist; but I'll be deried if ever given you. You have taken the oath of allegiance to ME; this means, children of my guards that you are now my soldiers, that you have given yourself to ME. body and soul. an' be says he can't understand why the Lord But one enemy exists for you-ar enemy. With the present socialistic intrigues, it may happen that I shall command you to shoot your own relatives, your brothers—even your parents (from which God preserve us)!—and then you are in duty bound to obey my orders without thingly."—The Kaiser's Address to Cartain Bacruits, 1891.

#### THE SONG OF THE PLUTOCRATS.

Tune-Let us Gather up the Sunbeams. Let us gather all the earnings Of the poor along our path;
Leave them thorns but take the roses,
Wring from him that nothing hath;
Let us fill our homes with comfort,
Roll in luxury each day.
While the laberer is toiling
For a very little pay.

Let us steal the people's acres.
Till we own their fertile soil:
Then exact from each producer,
All the profits of his toil.
We'll monopolize the coal beds
Which the Lord hath hidden here;
Buy the sugar, wheat as alcohol Buy the sugar, wheat or clothing, Fix the prices very dear.

Let's increase the price of dollars,
So the poor but few can raise;
And we'll get to close the mortgage,
An old game which richly pays. Then if they cannot pay rental.
We will put them in the street;
Caring not their need of shelter,
Nor the fate their families meet.

Strange they never prized their freedom Till they found it nearly gone!
Strange they did no thoughtful voting
Till this social slavery dawn! Strange they guarded not their treasure
With an ever watchful eye:
But they trusted our old parties,

ut they trusted out on they die.

Till'in wretchedness they die.

-Socialist.

#### THE INDEPENDENT WORKMAN.

He's an "independent" workman, He san 'independent' working
He tolls from sun to sun,
And he's perfectly contented;
He labors just for fun.
That pitaple on his shoulders
Must be devoid of brains. It's a wonder that he knows enough To come in when it rains,

He's very economical (It's compulsory, you know), He would not be a spendthrift For, anything! Oh, no! And when election day arrives He votes the boss to please: He'll never have the gout, you bet, He lives on bread and cheese.

His clothes are rather seedy. He has lost all manly pride, He dwells inside a hovel But then he's satisfied. He never strikes nor grumbles, He's as happy as can be For he knows he's" independent,"

'Tis wasting time to argue With such a man as he, He clings to his opinions With strong persistency. But then its almost certain The day will come to pass
When the "independent" workman
Will discover he's an ass.
—Thomas H. West.

#### THE AMERICAN WORKINGMAN.

(A Spanish view, translated from El Pais, Madrid) He's free to live in a tenement gay,
If he's money to pay the read. If he's money to pay the rent; He's free to work for a dollar a day

Till all his bones are bent. He's free to swallow the tainted air. If a job he can obtain:
He's free to rant "dear brother" can't
"Jehovah did ordain."

He's free to gnaw of turkey-claws On national days of glee; He's free to vote for eloquent shams, Or jump into the sea.

He's free to sing "God save the ring" (That rules his life like fate),
And he's free to yell "We've got no king" While the brigands loot the state.

He brands his gold 'in God we trust'
But he must slave to get a mite;
The crops are great, the barns well filled,
Yet he must trudge to get one bite.

Oh! what a land of peace and joy,
Is now "Prosperity,"
Where wealth and greed vile means employ
To bleed and crush Liberty!

### ARE YE TRULY FREE

Men whose boast it is that ve Come of fathers brave and free, If there breathes on earth a slave, Are ye truly free and brave?

If ye do not feel the chain When it works a brother's pain, Are ye not base slaves indeed— Slaves unworthy to be freed?

They are slaves who will not choose Hatred, scoffing and abuse, Rather than in silence shrink From the truth they needs must think.

They are slaves who lear to the For the fallen and the weak;
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three!
—James Russell Lowell.

#### OBSERVATIONS.

I have scared above great citles,
Listening to the ceaseless roar
That resounds like mighty billows,
Breaking on some rock-bound shore,
have viewed the people surging,
Like the waves upon the sea,
and they seemed to be emerging,
From the bonds of knavery.

the slums where life is blacker. Than the fabled Mouth of hell: That the langed should of help here exists such hase oppression of which language fails to tell that human seething maeistrom, Where poor souls in anguish cry; have seen the love-gleam glimmer, That will free them by and bye.

—Henry M. Edmiston.

THE beathers down in Porto Rico are plending for free trade. If there is anything that would go to prove they are unfit for selfgovernment, surely this would. Want free-dom to trade! Saying they are actually starving because they cannot ship in and out the wealth they want to exchange without paying a fine at the custom house! Why, if they were not fined this way they would all starve. That fine protects them from the pauper labor of the United States, and the fools can't see it. Protection, don't you see? Great thing. Our paternal government ought to raise the tariff twice as high, and give the proceeds to the fat officials, and the Porto Ricans would seen all become millionaires. If not, why not?

### Two Pictures THE CRITIO.

WO men with heavy burdens were toiling wearily along a dusty road. In front was a steep hill, over which they must climb. Arriving at the foot of the hill they sat down to rest. Nat-urally, the climbing of the hill was the theme of conversation.

One suggested that in order to add zest to the journey, that the man who first reached the top of the hill should become the possessor of both packs. To which, after some parleying, the other agreed. It was further decided that the man losing should carry both burdens from thence to the end of the jour-

The men started up the incline, both confident of reaching the top first-where he would be relieved of his burden, yet his worldly possessions would be doubled. They toiled under the hot san, great drops of perspiration stood out upon their prows

Gradually the stronger of the two forged slowly ahead. Withen sudden spurt of energy he reached the crest of the hill. His companion, discouraged sank be eath his lead, while the mocking langh of his success ful companion rang in his cars! The man at the top threw his burden to the ground and congratulated himself on his luck-no more burdens for him.

The beaten man made one more effort and reached the top. His rival buckled both burdens to his back and the journey was resumed.

From the top of the hill a beautiful view presented itself to the eye. Broad prairies whereon grewall @mainer of grain and fruit. The man with the burden could not raise his head, and hence could not see the beauties of the landscape. For the same reason accould pluck none of the tempting and delicious ruit which grew on the trees. His companion, however, enjoyed the pretty scenery, add at will plucked the fruit. He soon tired, and much eating and feasting made him weary, and he began to devise ways and means by which he could be relieved of the necessi y of walking.

On the roadside was a cart. "The thing, cried the successful man. "How can 1 induce him to hand me? Ah! I have it. He needs a new pair of shoes and some clothes. In the bundles on his back I have these articles. I'll make a proposition."

He touched his struggling companion on the arm. "You need a new pair of shoes and some better clothes. Now I have some in that pack which I will give you if you wil haul that cart for me. Besides, the stuff take out of the pack will lighten your load."

The burden bearer looked at his worn shoes and tattered garments, and said, "I'll do it."

The change was made. The successful one mounted the seat of the cart, while his com-panion took the shafts, and the procession

"This is fine, ' said the successful one to himself, as he plucked a ripe red apple from an overhanging bough. "Life is pleasant, and times are prosperous. Competition is a good thing, without it I would be trudging as this poor fellow." And he chuckled to himself as his mind wandered back to the time when they made the wager at the foot of the "He doesn't know that just before we started I threw away a portion of my burden. I lost that, but I gained his possessions and this easy seat." He was counted a shrewd

The scene changes. Again we find two weary travelers at the foot of a steep hill. Both have heavy burdens. They sit down to rest, and the theme of conversation is the

climb up the hill.
"I have a plan," remarked one. "Suppose I leave my bundle here and assist you to the top of yonder hill. Then we will return and take mine, thus relieving us both."

"Agreed," replied the other, and soon the burdens were deposited on the crest of the hill. Before them spread out the beautiful landscape-broad prairies and in the distance

" Tis pretty and refreshes one to gaze upon it," remarked one.
"Yes," replied the other.

After resting the journey was continued. One of the travelers was a mechanic, and in his pack he carried a kit of tools.

"Let us make a cart," he said to his com-panion. "Nature will furnish the material and we the labor. We can load our burdens upon it and our tasks will be lightened."

The other acquiesced and the cart was made. The mechanic, however, was not satisfied, and finally he devised a motor which would propel the cart. It was attached to the vehi-Mounting the seat, the two continued their journey, with their burdens stowed snugly away. The road was pleasant, and of the bounties of nature they partook freely.

Now, reader, you have a true, though imperfect, picture of competition and co-operation. Which do you prefer?



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What is interesting in this sale of coal at seventy-five cents a ton is this -so it seems

The American coal miner used to be a man a voting his attention to extracting coal from the carth The actual TRUST coal miner is an institution devoted to digging money out of the

The coal trust has secured the right to sell as all our coal. It no longer bothers about the amount of available coal in the coal pockets. It figures out how much money there is in the pockets of the coal consumers and arranges to get that. Putting up the price of coal brings out all the coal moneyand at the same time DECREASES the consumption of coal. That is an excellent economical arrangement for those who own the American coal supply. Every American idiot who lives under trust government is compelled to economize in the use of coal, and

Such a nice arrangement makes it possible to sell two millions of tons to Englishmen for seventy-five cents a ton, a mere fraction of what Americans pav.

at the same time he pays out to the trust as

much money as though he had used coal

The extra English money is simply velvet. All the American coal money being raked in, a million and a half dollars from England now and again is acceptable.

Various other trusts are engaged in this same business of charging Americans what they like MINING the people scientifically, as it were, and selling to foreigners at ridiculously low rates.

American oil can be bought anywhere heaper than in America. American steel is sold on the other side of the Atlantic for less than YOU, an idiot American, could buy it at the works in Pittsburg.

We have built up industries through protection-and foreigners get the benefit while we still pay the trust prices, which means

The change from this system is going to to be very interesting. It will not come soon —money can buy whatever it wants in this country. It can get laws at bargain prices, and officials at reasonable rates, from the president down. Therefore be sure that you idiots who pay the freight will have to show energy before you get a change. You will not get it without seeing soldiers called out to quiet you, as they were called out in Idaho. You may not believe this, but you will see it sooner or later. Then you will believe, it.

The present system means hundreds of millions yearly for those in power. Do you imagine that they are going to give

justice to the character of the American He may be a corrupt rascal. He IS a

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Ar the Milwaukee election on the bottom of the ballot were two lines. One read "For a city electric light and power plant." The other read "Against a city electric light and power plant." The people decided the matter without a quarrel or hard feelings between any of them. There is no doubt of what the people wanted. The votes showed that the people wanted the publicly owned improve-ment by a majority of 12 to 1! That was direct legislation. Is that practical? Or is a set of boodle aldermen the only competent ource to tell what the people want?

ALL the railways in New York City have en consolidated. Stocks advanced many pints! Got a tighter cinch on the public,

### MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

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BARYLON, L. I., will vote on public ownership of light and water at the next election. THE New Zealand Life Insurance Co., be ing a state function, has a special postage stamp for its use.

The K. of L. of Houston, Texas, have declared in favor of municipal ownership of all public utilities. It grows.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., council is preparing to have the city do its own lighting, being tired of paying two prices to some capitalists for poor lights and corrupting lobby. Annapolis, Md., is moving against the

public enemies for the ownership of its own water works. The public enemies will of course resist and if possible defy the public. SAN DIEGO, Calif., authorities are trying to arrange for the city to acquire itsewater plant. Getting tired of the delightful, progressive private ownership by philanthropists.

Helena, Mont., voted \$500,000 for the erection of a municipal electric light plant. Result: The local monopoly reduced the price of service one half! But then they were not making anything before!

THE authorities of San Francisco have held a meeting looking to arrangements for the city to acquire its light, water, telephone, and all other public utilities. It is funny how the disease is spreading.

There was no socialist ticket in Houston. Texas, but the light was sharply drawn between the friends and opponents of municipal ownership. Result: Municipal ownership won by electing mayor and every alderman by 245 majority. Straws of the century.

The last statement of the water works belonging to Cleveland, O., shows that the city cleared \$160,000 last year, besides having a rate one half of what other cities have to pay where private ownership prevails. Akron O., is moving to own its own water system.

NORFOLK, Neb., city water works not only paid all expenses last year, but paid \$2,000 of its bonds and \$4,000 in extending the system. If capitalists had owned it they wouldn't have done a thing but put the whole of it in their pockets and then charged the people a profit on the gains.

The electric light franchise holder at Joplin, Mo., has enjoined the city from furnishing lights to its citizens! The city put in its own plant and the corporation does not want the people to get out of its clutches. Sock t to 'em, Mr. Judge. The corporation has rights—the people have none. No such injunction would ever have been issued by a ocialist judge, on your life.

The New York Press is against the city ownership of street cars because it assumes that people would not be allowed to board a car that was full and that, in this country, would cause a riot! Just as though it would be impossible to provide seats for all who pay for seats! The real reason the Press is against city ownership is because its owners are stockholders in the street cars that get pay for seats that are never furnished.

Notwithstanding that the democrats of Kansas City demanded the public ownership and operation of all the franchises, and other things of such an awful nature, it elected its entire ticket, where it had been hopelessly in the minority before. The socialist ideal seems not to be so horrible to the public as it was sometime ago, though I fear the democratic administration there will not carry out the program. But then it shows the drift of things.

When some one advocates municipal ownership, the agents and attorneys for the corporations begin to weep at the great debt that Do you imagine that they are going to give it will create on the dear people—just as up the power or the millions without a fight? though the corporations were letting the peo-If you have that idea, you do a grave in- ple use their capital without any interest! All capital invested in plants is a debt on the people, whether the capital is real investment or water. It is a debt on which the people corrupt rascal, beyond any question. But pay any interest the capitalists can squeeze he will fight like any other rascal for what he has got.—New York Journal increased cost. If public property there is no water in it, and, when once paid for, the interest ceases forever; but if owned by a corporation the debt is never paid and the interest is for all time. The public can get money at a lower rate than any corporation.

. The board of trade of Jacksonville, Fla., has resoluted that municipal ownership is not desirable, and a judge said that the city cannot operate street cars. The city has been saving the people too much money on the water, lights, etc., and the profit mongers have no chance to skin the public, and are therefore ferninst the city doing business in which they could so easily fleece them. The labor unions of the city have demanded that the city shall proceed to operate the street cars. Hence this action of the useless, parmovement toward public ownership has set in Send & for 10 Hard Times and 50 Trusts. Closing outpresearnestly in this country and will never go Notwithstanding the great corruption ex-

isting in Chicago's politics, notwithstanding that the city electric light employees work but four and a half hours per day, the city plants produce lights for the streets at a cost of \$55 per year, while the cost to the city before it installed its own plants, was \$250 a year! And now where the city hires lights of private companies, which it does because the city plants have not the capacity needed, the "better system" of private enterprise charges the city \$103 a light. That shows how much better private than public ownership is, even admitting the corruption of politics. And the employees of the private piants work longer hours for less pay than the city employees. You will find these fig-ures and more that are along the same line in the New York Tribune, April 2. That ought to be good authority for you republicans.

When cities own and operate all the things that require a franchise, there will be no lob-bies and corrupting influences about city offi-

cials. The city that frees itself from the franchise grabbers and puts into the city treasury, or better, reduces the cost to the people after providing pensions for superan-nuated employees, will be the city that will outstrip all other cities. I am not unmindful of the fact that for a time the landlords will increase the price of lots and rents and absorb most of what now goes to corporations operating these industries, but when the lob-by has ceased its work for lack of opportunity, a new public conscience will be awakened and a new set of men will take an interest in the public affairs. These will be freer to solve the land question than the ones now to solve the franchise. When the spirit of public ownership and its advantages infuse the public, the strides in that direction will come with a speed that has never been known in civic life. It is good sense to push municipal ownership. By the way, since the city ownership edition of the APPEAL was printed 60 weeks ago, there has been an increasing amount of matter pertaining to the subject in all the press of the country. That issue started the agitation, which is growing every day. Hardly a paper can be picked up today that has not something on the subject, 90 % of which is favorable. "The little paper out in Kansas" thus started one of the greatest economic revolutions of the century.

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The Platform.

The Platform.

The Social Democratic Party of America declares that life, liberty and happiness depend upon equal political and economic rights.

In our economic development an industrial revolution has taken place, the individual tool of former years having become the social tool of the present. The individual tool was sowned by the worker who employed himself and was master of his product. The social tool, the machine, is owned by the capitalist and the worker is dependent upon him for employment. The capitalist thus becomes the master of the worker and is able to appropriate to himself a large share of the product of his labor.

"apitalism, the private ownership of the means of production, is responsible for the insecurity of subsisteine, the private ownership of the means of production, is responsible for the insecurity of subsisteine, the private ownership of our people; but the same economic forces which have produced and now intensity the capitalist system will nocestitate the adoption of socialism, the collective ownership of the means of production for the common good and veilare.

The present system of social production and private ownership is rapidly converting societ into two snargonistic classes—i.e., the capitalist class and the propertyless class. The mind c class, ence the most powerful of this great mation, is disappearing in the mill of competition. The issue is now between the two classes first named. Our political identy is now of little value to the masses unless used to acquire economic liberty.

Independent political action and the trade union movement are the chief emascipating factors of the working class, the one repressesting its political, the other its coonomic wing, and both must co-operate to sholish the capitalist system.

Therefore the Social Democratic Party of America declares its object to be:

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tailst system. Therefore the Social Democratic Party of America declares its object to be;
First—The organization of the working class into a political party to conquer the public powers now controlled by capitalists.

Second—The abolition of wage slavery by the establishment of a national system of co-operative industry, based upon the social or common ownership of the means of production and distribution, to be solutionized by society in the common interest of all its members, and the complete examelpation of the socially useful classes from the domination of capitalism.

The working class and all those in symmathy with their historic mission to realize a higher eivilization should sever connection with all capitalist and reform parties and units with the Social Democratic Party of America.

The control of political power by the Social Democratic Party will be tentampoint to the abolition of all class rule.

The solidarity of labor connecting the millions of class-connection fellow workers throughout the excilized world will lead to international socialism, the brotherhood of man.

As steps in that direction, we make the following demands: Pirst—Revision of our federal constitution, in order to respective for sex.

Second—The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

Third—The public ownership of all railreads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of trainsportation and communication; all water works, gas and electric plants and other public using the public ownership of all gold, silver, copper,

nation; all water works, gas and electric plants and other or its utilities.

Fourth—The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, end, from coal, and other mines, and all oil and gas wells.

Fifth—The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion of the increasing facilities of production.

Sixth—The insuguration of a system of public works and mprovements for the employment of the unemployed the noble credit to be utilized for that purpose.

Seventh—Useful inventions to be free, the inventor to be emmerated by the public.

Eighth—Labor legislation to be national, instead of local, indicaternational whea possible, Ninth—National insurance of working people against secidents, lack of employment and want in old age.

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Tenth-Equal civil and political rights, for men and women, and the abolition of all laws discriminating against

Eleventh—The adoption of the initiative and referendum, reportional representation, and the right of recall of repreproportional representation, and the right of repair or repre-sentatives by the voters.

Twelfile—Abstition of war and the introduction of inter-national arbitration.

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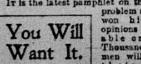
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A DISPATCH from Chicago states that dead horses, horses that have died of disease, have been sold to butchers of that city and made up into sausage. Well, what of it? It's a good easy way to make money and beat your competitors who have not got on to the racket:

And what are people living for if not to make money and develop their genius? Is that not what you tell us socialists? You would not for a moment have the public own the slaughter houses like they do in France, so that no such impositions on the people could be committed. That would tend to dry up the springs of individual effort, you know! You prefer to eat diseased meat. Well, you have your system in full running order, so you ought to be happy at its effects,

A READER asks the authority for the state. ment that coal oil costs but a cent a gallon. The statement is based on the testimony of the Standard Oil Company, in the anti-trust suits brought against it in Ohio courts last year, prosecuted by Hon. Frank S. Monnett, republican attorney general of Ohio, who was defeated by the influence of the corporation for renomination to the office. It was to quash these suits that Monnett testified that he was offered \$500,000, and while the offer was proven the courts held that it could not be fastened on the Standard Oil Company The testimony was that the Standard Oil company bought its refined oil of the smaller members composing the great company, and the price it paid for refined oil was less than 50 cents a barrel on board track. And this paid a profit to the firm furnishing it. I think you can get a copy of the proceedings of this trial by writing to Hon, Frank S. Monnett, Columbus, Ohio, for it. You will find a history of the Oil Company in the Lloyd's great work, "Wealth Against Com-

#### \* THE APPEAL EVERYWHERE.

DEAR COMRADE—I heartily congratulate you upon the great work of the Appeal in every part of the country. During the past of the Union and in every village, town and city I have been welcomed by the Appeal. It is friendly face appears everywhere. It is literally honey-combing capitalism. Wherever the Appeal is at work, and that seems everywhere, socialism has at least a muleus and the light is spreading. You have a faceuity of reaching the average man, more than anything else it is your pointed paragraphs. anything else it is your pointed paragraphs that do the work. More power to the Appeal that do the work. More power to the Appeal that the time propose that each reader of the Arpeal thirty days. It can be done. Let all unite and increase the propaganda ten fold.

Terre Haute, Ind. Eugene V. Dens. 6666333666663333333333333333333

HON. BIRD S. COLER, comptroller of New York City, at a great banquet of the industrial nobles of that Sodom, told them:

'I want to say, without being an extremist, without being an alarmist, that if the great corporations of this city, do not quit dodging and evading fair system of taxation, the day will come when the social conditions of this country will be such that vested rights will be attacked or destroyed. If they do not quit you are going to face one of the greatest problems in this country."

The funny part of the affair was that he was wildly applauded by the diners! These people did not comprehend the situation a little bit, for they were the very ones he was condemning, though he mentioned other specific corporations. We socialists know the full meaning of his statement, though he is not one of us. We see that the corporations are, like the chattel slave owners of antebellum days, doing the very things that will pull down the present industrial anarchy which will be replaced with socialist harmony. Nor will these men who are making real effects of their action until the inevitable is on them. These great corporations are undermining the confidence of the public in by preparing the public mind for the change perjury and bribery of public officials to get —by driving them into it. But so great is their franchises. Men who will corrupt pub. not stop this effect if they wanted to. If that in every city, will not hesitate to misone great firm were to stop accumulating un-represent the facts in this matter. Glasgow, necumulation prevents any check-up in the ownership idea will aid it greatly, if you will operation of the system. All of which furnishes water for the mill that is turning out should get a copy of 'The City for the People State of the People Sta socialists.

THE Mail and Breeze man of Topeka has sometime, somewhere gone out fishing and found in the party a percentage of lazy people, even with the equality which he says such parties are composed, and therefore assumes that socialism is impracticable, or words to that effect. The present system has produced much laziness, greed, shiftless-ness and crime, even from the time of Sclomon and before. And what wonderful philosophizing to assume that a little fishing trip would eliminate the education not only of a lifetime but of generations of it! All the objections to socialism are about that farfetched. The objections are against the effects of the private-property, competitive system, and yet they urge it as against soblessed the earth. The absurdity of all the people having a voice in the government was urged against a democracy in this country by the troops in Havana to stop a strike! The the supporters of the king, asserting that it labor unions should strike Ludlow through There is one thing sure, that unless one produced under socialism he would not eat. the people who produce have the least to eat dent. and the meanest houses and clothing. The protection, capitalists will have some respect workshops would be open to all, and if they for them. Until they do, capitalists will use would neither cut bait nor fish, there would the army the workers are taxed to support be no seat at the table for them. the Mail and Breeze have it otherwise?

## WHY THE POSTAL SYSTEM DON'T

Here is the Corrupting Influence of Private Ownership of Railroads.

Every Sack of Fake Mail is Paid for at 8c Per Pound Every Day for 4 Years--1460 Times!

These Railroad Owners Tell You it Would Ruin the Government to Own and Operate the Railroads!

This Thlevery is Done on All Railroads and They "See" Postal Officials to Wink at It.

WASHINGTON, March, 27.—The padding of mails at a time when the average weight is determined for four years' contract between the railroads and the government is exposed in clear, convincing form by the remarkable affidavit of B. C. Fechtig, a former employe of the Colorado Midland Railway company.

Letters, telegrams and photographed fac similies show the methods by which the government is annually robbed of millions of dollars. Railroad employes are forced to assist in this robbery, though they do not share the spoils.

Tons and tons of "faked" mail, congressional records and franked documents are shipped and reshipped in the United States mail sacks between points on the same road for a period of about thirty consecutive days, when the average weight is obtained and used as a basis of compensation, for the four years following. Fechtig in now a government employe.

In an affidavit now in the possession of the postmaster general Fechtig swears that in April, 1894, while employed as a station agent on the Golorado Midland division of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, he assisted in the padding of United States mails by direction of his superior officers.

While stationed at New Castle, Col., he received two United States mail sacks containing congressional records, each weighing 125 pounds. Each sack bore a tag addressed to B. C. Fechtig, and the contents came through the mails as franked or free matter. Fechtigs affidavit reads in part:

FOUND A SACK OF DUMMY MAIL. When I received the first sack I supposed it was legitimate mail. I intended to deliver it to the postmaster on the following morning, as was my

custom each day.

"After I had locked the mail in the baggage room I found a letter addressed to me among the railroad business letters that arrived on the train with the fraudulent mail. Such letters are sent in care of the baggage master of the train and require no postage." The letter reads as follows

"THE COLORADO MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.

Superintendent's Office. "Colorado Springs, April 26, 1894.

"PERSONAL.

"B. C. F.:
"There will be a mail sack full of congressional record books reach you on No.

5 this p. m.

"You will, of course, understand in connection with the reweighing of mails that

"You will, of course, understand in connection with the reweighing of mails that "You will, of course, understand in connection with the reweighing of mails that is at present going on as to this matter. After retaining them a day or so retag this sack to E. A. Baty, trainmaster at Leadville. This, of course, should be considered confidential and this destroyed after reading.

"Mr. Baty will also send you a sack in a few days, and after holding for a day or so return to me here. Answer if understood. As you have Colorado Midland cipher code No. 4, use this in reply.

On the margin of the letter is this annotation: "Received by No. 905, April 26, Sent to E. A. B. by 906 April 28. Received by 905 May 1. Sent B. H. B. by 906 May 3."

May 3."

A letter to Fechtig, dated Colorado Springs, May 14, reads.

"905 tomorrow will have two or three sacks mail addressed to you. Please send them to Mr. Bryant at Colorado Springs on 906 the 16th. I '13.' You '13.'

"H. U. MUDGE."

PECHTIC OBEYED ORDERS.
41 13" is the cipher for "I understand." Mr. Fechtig carried out instructions, as shown by the marginal notes on the first letter. B. H. B." referred to was B. H. Bryan, general superintendent of the

Colgrado Midland.

In May, 1896, Mr. Fechtig was in the employ of the Southern Railway company as stenographer in the superintendent's office at Columbia, S. C. Company as stenographer in the superintendent's office at Columbia, S. C. Two weeks later the newspapers were filled with accounts of the padding of mails of the Scaboard Air Line. It was openly charged that 300 sacks of mail passed over that line, Mr. Fechtig says:

I then learned through several men who were in the United States mail service and through an official of the Southern Railway company, that that company had been engaged in the padding of mails on a large scale in March, From what the mail service men told me I am satisfied that the frauds existed on a number of railroads in the east and south.

"From what I know of the mail revenues of the Southern Railway com-

pany I am satisfied that the fraud is carried on in a gigantic way, and that the government is annually defrauded of from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 by the railroads of the United States."

articles condemning municipal ownership. millions out of the rest of the people see the All are inspired from the same source. Seeing the wonderful growth of the sentiment, the owners of franchises have employed the best talent to write articles against it, and vested rights, not only of franchise holdings they have started their campaign of misreprebut of industrial properties. They are the sentation. They are as reckless of facts in greatest factors in bringing about socialism, this matter as they are about the cases of the conflict of their interests that they could lie officials, and you all know they have done needed wealth, leaving more in the hands of and other British cities have tried both meththe people, other great firms would raise the ods, and that they are pushing the municipal prices of their products and absorb all that ownership idea into new channels is the best he permitted them to retain. Greed that proof of its satisfactory workings. This centrols those who have devoted their lives to method of stopping the growth of the public ple." 600 pages of official facts, which is mailed to you for 50 cents. When they call your attention to this failure, draw the official documents on them while their minds are on the subject. In that way you will turn these articles to advantage to the movement.

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McHanna's emissary, Gen. Ludlow, used produce chaos and other things, the man who is really responsible-McHanna. The polls are where the working people are strong—elsewhere they are weak and depen-dent. When they use the ballot for their

THE Social Democratic Party is the world wide name of a world wide movement for the

each family in the United States, but because it was collected indirectly the poor dupes do Storz & Brown, Kansas City, Mo. it was collected indirectly the poor dupes do not know that it cost anything. Had that sum been levied and collected as are local taxes it would have caused a political upheaval that would have hurled any party into oblivion. But the men who study statecraft know how to tax the people into the poor house and yet be glorified for the act, just as people who ped it up for the most tyrannous

THE Labor Journals are pretty generally advocating the opening of the unions to discussing politics. This will be the beginning of the end with the tyranny of capital, for when There will be no less houses on earth because labor, the great majority, once recognizes the fact that capital controls by con trolling politics, labor will soon use its vote for its own interests. How insignificant would appear the votes of the trusts beside the votes of the workers! The ballot is the bullet by which labor can take the citadel of the capitalists and trusts

Don't Forget Them.

lent messengers and they cost you only 60 use. Take any given ten years of time and cents per 1000, post paid (10 kinds). They a certain percentage of all labor is paid in the will start a moss-back like a live coal on a building trade, strike or no strike. turtle. Use them liberally,

A Word to Appeal Workers. In the past I have had hundreds of letters

asking for employment at such pay as would sustain them in the field. This has not been possible until some plan could be worked out. for them. Until they do, capitalists will use the army the workers are taxed to support to kill the workers who will not submit to be paying employed. If you really want good willing slaves of the employers.

#### APPEAL ARMY HELPERS.

Well, the boys have been a little more successful this week than last, as the list of clubs shown below will evidence. There are thousands of communities in this country where such clubs could be raised, if some one would take the interest, where the APPEAL is scarcely known. No greater factor to induce the people to examine into socialism could be created than to give a socialist paper a million circulation. That one statement would attract the attention of everpbody in the nation. You know if they examine socialism that they will become advocates of it. Push the

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THE capitalist papers are full of calculations of how much wages the workers have lost by the building trades strike in Chicago which has been on since last Feburary. is put at over five million dollars. The workers will not lose anything. All the money that would ever have gone into buildings will go into buildings sometime just the same. It may cut off the sum being paid them for a time, but it will be paid to them later. men strike for a time. It is a great incon-venience to the men, but no permanent loss. If they had been at work the buildings that will yet be erected would have been further on toward completion. That is all . The capitalists have the money, and they must spend it, and will spend it, if not in building in something else and regular average will go into buildings through changed channels. Money not spent "The boys" have done splendid campaigning with drop cards in almost every is lost. Money of itself does nobody any city in America. Don't forget the little, si. good. It has to be spent to be of value or

> Duning the first quarter of the year the postage for mailing the APPEAL was \$657.85. As the postage is one cent per pound, this shows there were 65,785 pounds mailed. There are 20 papers to the pound, which shows the total number of papers mailed in the thirteen weeks was 1,315,700—or a trifle over 100,000 per issue. "The little paper out in Kansas" is all right.

> Reuss, a German state returns one member to the reichstag. He is a socialist.

### ONE COMRADE'S WORK.

In a certain city some one started an agitation for municipal ownership of the lighting plant An Argran reader knew what No. 220 could do. Sent for a bundle of 192 cepies (59 cents). And now the local papers are publishing columns upon columns and THE PEOPLE are demanding a change. You can do as much—possibly more. If you prefer, send in a list and cach copy will be forwarded direct. No. 220 is still "pulling." Keep her rolling boys: Every hundred counts to make up that Half Million. If you are having a local discussion, organize and put out 5000 cepies and secure one column of local matter. It may carry your town right.

#### Socialists at the Bat.

From the dispatches I read that B. C. Decker, socialist, was elected mayor of Hoxie, Ksn.

The social democrats cast 107 votes at Redlands, Cala., the other day against four last year. Pretty fair percentage of increase.

At Spring Valley, Ill., the socialists cast 264 votes the other day. Last year they cast only 125. Nearly 100% increase per year is very good, thank you.

The social democrats elected two candidates in Amesbury, one in Georgetown and one in Merrimac. They made big increases in all the other Massachusetts towns.

The mayor and council of Cleburne, Texas, were elected on an issue demanding an 8-hour day and municipal ownership. The laboring people are slowly waking up to realize the power they have in the ballot.

The people's party national convention will be held in Cincinnati on May 9. Secretary Jo. A. Parker is now at the Dennison hotel that city, where he may be addressed. The railroads have given half rates.

At Pacific, Wis, last spring the socialists polled only 12 votes; this year 29, lacking only 5 votes of electing over a fusion of the two old parties. The farmers are getting ripe for a change of systems. Next year the socialists will control that village.

The Social Democratic party polled 783 votes at the late election in Sheboygan, Wis., and gave the old party a surprise, but not such a one as they will give it at the next election now that it has started. A year ago it cast only 453. That is the way socialism grows in every country where it gets a start.

Akron, Ohio, at the recent election had submitted to them the question of buying or building a water works system for the city. What did the voters do? Didn't do a thing but vote 5050 to 521 in favor of buying. And that is what they will do with buying the railroads of the United States if congress would submit the proposal to the people. But as congress acts as a paternal guardian over the incompetent, the people will not be permitted to vote on the matter. The people have not sense enough to know what they want, don't you know!

Go 'way Gemima! Don't bother us! Listen to this tale of woe. At Faribault, Minn., at the election last week occurred an incident —yes, an incident, gentlemen, that tells a story—a story that can be repeated in every place where you will make the effort. The democratic-republican boodlers, bankers, tax-dodgers combined against the social democrats in the city election. It was the first time the social democrats had a ticket. Behold the result: Old party combine, 848 votes; social democrats, 523 votes! This result is largely due to the work of Editor Ford of the Referendum, aided by APPEAL sharpshooters. Next year the social demo-crats will have that town, body and boots. Go thou and do likewise, or words of similar import.

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