

Socialists Not Purchasing Gold Bricks.

A Great Democratic
Scheme to Repeat the
Tactics of 1896.

BELOW we publish an extract from an editorial comment on our Populist edition by the "Nebraska Independent," a populist paper published at Lincoln, Neb. The Independent is the only paper of GENERAL CIRCULATION in the United States, that still pretends to teach Populism. The others have all died. It is difficult to account for the continued existence of this paper on any other ground, than that it has been necessary to the Democracy, and has been sustained by them. Its make-up and general appearance is almost identical with that of Mr. Bryan's Commoner. The Independent through the last six years of its existence has exhausted its vitality in attacks on Mid-Road Populists and Socialists. Both of these organizations have interfered with the successful issue of the disgraceful surrender of Populist leaders in the fusion of 1896. The Independent has never exhibited any affection for the straight Populist or the Socialist until the past few weeks, when there has been a studied effort to please both. Jo Parker's Mid-Road manifesto has been published in its columns, and now we have a bouquet thrown in our direction as follows:

We acknowledge the good-will implied in the above article, but the closing lines cannot be permitted to pass without comment. Now the editor knows full well that the People's party can never again become a factor in the politics of this nation, as a distinct party organization. The reason is obvious: its leaders sold out the movement to the Democrats in 1896, and none of these men would be trusted again. There is no use to argue that the logic of the situation made it necessary for the Populists to nominate Bryan at St. Louis in 1896, for you know that Mr. Bryan and the Populist leaders arranged months before so that the People's party would be placed in this humiliating position. Mr. Bryan so stated to the writer in 1897. We cannot but be distrustful of the good intentions of the Independent for we know that there is another deal on foot to arrange another logic of events. W. R. Hearst, the millionaire owner of the New York Journal, the Chicago American and the San Francisco Examiner, has had himself announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1904. He proposes a platform similar to that of the Democracy in New York at the last election, which contained a demand for government ownership of the coal mines, etc. Democratic resources seem to be inexhaustible. Its leaders change their platforms as easily and readily as an individual changes his coat. One year it is free silver, the next it is tears for the Filipino, and now it is proposed to take up State Socialism. Now what is State Socialism? It is precisely what is pointed out to be the "VICIOUS THING" that so many believe is REAL SOCIALISM. State Socialism, or government ownership, means the transfer of private monopoly from private hands to that of the government. Who is the government? It is precisely the POLITICIANS who are in control at Washington. Do you suppose that the sensible people of this country will want to try the dangerous experiment of turning the great utilities of the nation over to a body of BRAINLESS POLITICIANS, to be used as a great PUBLIC GRAFT, such as Tammany has in New York? When this latest move of the Democratic machine is correctly understood there will not be found, outside of the ranks of the "heelers," a respectable quorum who would give such a plan their endorsement. This Democratic play will serve one good purpose: it will draw the line sharply between the State Socialists, or rather the state capitalists, and the scientific or Real Socialists. SOCIALISM comprehends the transfer of the means of production and distribution from the hands of the capitalist class to that of the working class, the entire people thus absolutely controlling the CAPITAL, and creating wealth to suit the POPULAR NEED instead of the PRIVATE GREED as now. Government ownership means the transfer of utilities to the government, to be administered as POLITICIANS direct. The politicians now annually steal millions from the people. Do we want to increase their opportunities? BUY SOME BOOKS ON SOCIALISM AND STUDY THE SCIENCE OF SOCIALIST ECONOMICS. YOU WILL FIND NO FLAWS IN ITS PROGRAM, WHILE THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP ADVOCATES CAN BE EASILY OVERTURNED AT ANY POINT. We are wary of the apparent friendship of the Independent. As stated previously, it has published the Parker manifesto and thrown kisses at the Socialists, all, we fear, inspired by tactics learned since the editor "attended the Democratic school."

While "The Independent" is talking peace in the Populist ranks and advising everybody to get together, the agents of Hearst in the cities are busy organizing independent labor parties, to form a new political alignment for the Union men. These labor parties must not declare for anything radical, such as a recognition of the class struggle, for that would upset the whole scheme. They must not go farther than municipal ownership, and government ownership of telephones or some such senseless drivel.

Now comes the Democratic convention in midsummer, 1904. There is another "crown of thorns" and another season of fervid oratory and W. R. Hearst, millionaire and journalist, is nominated. Then the Populists meet and, of course, the "logic of events" compel them to endorse the candidacy of Mr. Hearst. The independent labor parties meet and are in the hands of the same "logic of events." There is more fusion, another trinity---and---well, this is only the picture taken from the mind of the Opportunist Democratic politician.

It will never be realized, for there stands in the way, a stone wall of strength and firmness, an UNCOMPROMISING SOCIALIST PARTY. There is a strong press, among which is the Appeal to Reason, that long before this Democratic scheme can be consummated will have a million circulation and will circulate side by side with the sensational publications of Hearst, and will replace Democratic fallacy with Socialist truth. Only in one of those centers where the Hearst journals are published has he been successful in forming independent labor parties, but his agents are busy in Chicago and New York. FOR THE UNIONS TO MIX IN THE CORRUPTION OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICS IS THE MOST DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT THEY CAN UNDERTAKE AND CANNOT FAIL TO DISRUPT THEIR ORGANIZATIONS.

While Hearst's papers occasionally publish articles on Socialism, you will notice that THEY NEVER TEACH THE CLASS STRUGGLE. This proves their insincerity and you cannot take Republican union men into the Democratic party, by the crooked lane of an independent labor party. The attempt to unite the People's party will be equally futile. A personal letter from Mr. Parker to the writer conveys the fact that that astute leader has also analyzed the Hearst program. As for the fusion Populists one would suppose they were tired trying to accomplish reform through a party that the people absolutely WILL NOT PLACE IN POWER.

The Socialist party is organized in every civilized nation on the globe,---its mission is to acquire the reins of government by and for the working class, in order to establish industry on a basis whereby he who does the work will get his product. To do this, it teaches the class struggle in order to make the worker conscious of the class to which he belongs, and the necessity of acting unitedly as a class, in all economic and political movements. To this class belong the exploited, those who are robbed of the fruits of their toil by surplus values created by labor over and above what is received in wages, and which is called profit. This class includes the wage earner of the city and country and the small farmer. The interests of this class are opposed to the capitalist class, for the capitalist exists for no other purpose than to take profit. The Socialist teaches that the working class must organize to gain control of the government in order that the law-making power may be taken away from the capitalist class and bestowed on the working class. This is most eminently just, for since all wealth is the product of labor it follows that LABOR should CONTROL the PRODUCTION and DISTRIBUTION of WHAT it CREATES. The Socialist party is uncompromising. It seeks no alliances with any organization. It does not ask for the support of unions as unions, but the support of union men, whose battles we are fighting and whose sole hope we are. It does not seek the support of the Populist party as a party, but the support of the Populists for the battle begun by them in 1892, and turned into defeat through the cowardice of their leaders has been renewed by us and this time we have no leaders, to destroy, but instead have the Socialist movement which is invulnerable to assaults of open enemies or secret foes.

Here's success to your populist edition, Mr. Wayland. May it do a world of good. If you can unite the warring factions in your party---and we fail to do so soon---you will get a big share of the populist vote. But if we quit fighting among ourselves---and it begins to look as if we may---the "scattered forces of populism" will be reformed in line of battle under our own banner.---Neb. Independent.

Populism and the Farmer of Today

A. M. SIMONS.

THROUGH all history there has been no class more rebellious than the farming class.

The Populist movement was one of these sudden uprisings. The farmers of the Western States of America arose against an oppression and exploitation as desperate as any that ever confronted the peasants of the Middle Ages.

The early Populists' and farmers' idea was largely that of saving the remnant of private property which they had been able to obtain under capitalism.

These men were naturally fighters, indeed, they were the picked fighters of the nation, the men who striking once or twice against intolerable social conditions in the East, finally gave up whatever benefit social organization might have conferred.

Although much of the Populist philosophy was crude and ill-digested, yet in a way, it was feeling after the truth, and it was not far from the mark when it located the seat of the enemy's strength in "Wall street."

The farmers of the West sought in vain to rouse their fellow farmers of the eastern states. These had been too long crushed to have any power of resistance left, and besides, when these fighters of the West left their eastern home, they took with them in their own persons the only people who might have rebelled.

The only class possessed of any rebellious instinct, or whose instincts were in any way identified with those of the Populist farmers, were the wage-workers of the great cities.

The laborers of the cities, however, were still blind to their own interest. While the western farmers saw their only hope of release in the remnant of private ownership which they still held on their farms, the wage-workers of the cities had not yet risen above the idea that the one great blessing to be desired was a job.

But the time is now here when the laborers of city and country are both in rebellion against a common master. The wage-workers of the city have come to see that the marvellously improved tools that make up the modern factory, and which great armies of men are using collectively, must be owned as they are used—collectively.

The farmers, too, are discovering at last that it is these same tools which they must use in common in order to market and complete the production of the articles raised upon their farms whose ownership by the few keeps them in continuous poverty.

The whole machinery of government, national and state, is used to further the interests of the profit receiving class. While this machinery of government remains in their hands, exploitation must continue.

Hitherto, the producers have been so foolish as to devote their strength to fighting each other over questions of interest only to their exploiters. There is no hope of victory by any fraction or division of the working class.

But when once the farmers come to realize that their only hope of relief lies in the abolition of private ownership in the great complex and improved instruments by which the wealth of the world is produced at the present time, they at once gather to themselves new and powerful allies.

There is nothing short of this upon which these divisions of the workers can unite, and nothing short of this will serve to release the workers from economic slavery.

When the machinery of government is controlled by the working class and is used as a means for the organization of those industries which are collectively used today, instead of being used, as it is at present as a shield for the exploitation of the workers, then all the benefit of improvement in production, transportation, storage and distribution of goods will come to the benefit of the working class who will also be the users of the means by which wealth is created.

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Relation of Populism to Socialism

By W. E. CLARK.

There are men, having the reputation of being well informed, who speak of Socialism as though it were something that you can measure with a yard stick, or cut into thin slices, like breakfast bacon, and weigh on the new scales that will tell you the exact cost, if given the price per pound.

Why should any one sneer at populism? Before answering that, or in answering it, consider what Socialism is.

Socialism is that philosophy which treats of economic development, by which it is seen that each stage in society is a necessary product of its predecessor, and that the next step in civilization is collectivism, or the collective ownership of that which is collectively used in order to permit the private ownership of that which is privately used.

The Socialist movement cannot be confined within the narrow limits of those who are commonly called wage workers. It includes all who work, those who are too old or too weak, and in fact all of society.

Now why did the populist movement spring into existence?

Take the words of the Omaha platform beginning with the second resolution: "Wealth belongs to him who creates it and every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery."

Again from article 5 of the platform: "Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people."

"The land, including all the natural sources of wealth, is the heritage of the people and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, etc."

There is no use quoting further to prove that the populist movement was the result of a changing economic system. The members of the Omaha convention saw that "wealth belongs to him who creates it."

In the third resolution of the Omaha platform declared: "We believe the time has come when the railroad corporations will either own the people or the people own the railroads."

That is not Socialism. No; but it is the evidence of Socialism. The populists saw that the old economic system had to be given up, that something else was necessary, and they thought that they were advocating the step necessary to get out from under the old and adjust themselves to the new.

Of course it was not Socialism. Neither is the Socialist platform. Socialism is a Socialist testimony; it is nothing more nor less than a political program based upon the philosophy of Socialism.

The populist movement, then, is not to be laughed at; its failure is not to be wept over; it is to be considered. It was a step in the development of a program, by which those who create wealth can secure the full social value of that wealth.

If you think the old parties can be trusted in the struggle of the people against the thrall-dominion of the trusts and combines, just notice how quiet your old party papers are regarding the robberies now being committed by these barons.

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FOREIGN NOTES

By AGNES WAKEFIELD, Boston, Mass.

HOLLAND. The dock-workers strike in Amsterdam has ended in favor of the workers...

NORWAY. The new organization of the Norwegian Socialist party will not be fully established before the next party congress...

SPAIN. In a meeting of the Spanish minister held Dec. 22, under the presidency of the minister...

SWEDEN. The Swedish municipal suffrage injustice, which gives a single vote, according to his tax-paying ability...

ENGLAND. In West Ham, at least 15,000 workmen are unemployed. The anti-reform members of the city council wanted to throw away \$10,000 on soup kitchens...

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exactly eight hours! For having made the longest speech in the history of the Reichstag...

Comrade Vorwaerts' name now shines high up on the roll of fame. Vorwaerts of Dec. 17, reports that at the second ballot in the Bremen legislative elections...

Luebeck has decided on still further restriction of the suffrage. The legislature, Dec. 15, passed the bill, already approved by the senate...

Berlin Vorwaerts of Dec. 20, gives the following statistics on incomes and taxation which show that a serious matter is present...

The German Socialists are having great success in the municipal elections. Berlin Vorwaerts, for Dec. 17, reports that in 32 towns over 300 Socialists have been elected common councilmen...

The Social Democrat of London, the monthly review of the S. D. E., now enters its seventh year of publication. Beginning with the issue of January 15, it will be enlarged to 64 pages...

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Garnered From the Silence

By A. W. R.

WRONGS THAT WE SHOULD RIGHT.

He works in mine, and shop and crop, His weary limbs don't get to stop, Until his form is old and bent; Each year he pays a higher rent.

Big, healthy sons he leaves behind, Hard workers, truthful, good and kind, Their lives are like their father's spent, Each year they pay a higher rent.

Until they, too, have grown too old, To labor in the heat and cold, Their forms are bent, their heads are gray, And then these boys are in the way.

Their children's children, endless chain; As old ones died, they'd come again, And thus the generations went, Each year they paid a higher rent.

Until a son, when but a tot, Was cradled in a poor man's cot; He struggled up, with life's great aim, To try and win both wealth and fame.

And when success had crowned the man, As great achievements saw a can, His pride for what he own'd on earth, Caused him to scorn the humble birth.

He seemed to think it was God's will, That he should own both land and mill, And as employes came or went, To rise a little on the rent.

This Christian man oppressed the poor, He let the wolf go in their door, He'd shave their wages down a cent, And raise a little on the rent.

Today, it is such men as he That is oppressing you and me; And claiming too, most all the time, That lawfully, it is no crime.

They live in luxury today, With all their millions stacked away; Declaring that it is no sin, To watch sweet millions rolling in.

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THE STARS FOR SOCIALISM. Special Telegram to the Dispatch. New York, Dec. 31.—Hazelrigg, the astrologer, makes the following forecast for the coming year:

The year will be one of momentous development in our national economy. This perhaps will be more apparent in statecraft than in the industrial fabric...

Another Whiff From the Skunk Camp. "The Socialist Labor Party and Social Democratic Party" is the title of another one of the malodorous effusions that emanate periodically from De Leon's trade union smashing headquarters...

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Writes a comrade at Leiford, Pa.: "We have about completed our nominations for borough and ward officers for the election that takes place in Leiford on the 22nd inst. We are in the hope of carrying the borough, horse, foot and dragons. The old parties have combined under the name of 'Citizens' party.'"

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