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INTERMEDIATE TO EMPLOYEES WANTED TO FIGHT SHY OF INVESTIGATORS

State's Investigators need Expect Little Information from Employees When It Means Losing Their Jobs if Truth is Told — Some New Light on Conditions of Lockport Disaster.

On the opening of the investigation of the wreck on the Lockport division of the International Railway President E. J. Connette is said to have warned the employees to keep them on the proposition and to fight shy of investigators. But there are other avenues of information and the Buffalo Socialist was in possession of an array of facts as to the rotten conditions on this one horse track line before Mr. Connette saw fit to take this precaution. The staff was easily come-at-able. Conditions have long been known to regular passengers.

standing out prominently is the significant fact that there is neither dispatcher nor operator on this line from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. And with trains moving all night manifestly there should be someone to direct their operation. Formerly three dispatchers and an extra man were employed and the line was covered every hour in the twenty-four hours.

MOTORMEN COLLECT FARES ON NEAR-SIDE CARS

Corporate greed would seem to have been carried to the limit by the Buffalo and Lake Erie Traction Company. The roads had dispensed with the services of conductors on cars operated on the Ridge Road from the Hamburg Turnpike and South Park avenue.

The citizens of Lakewanna are naturally indignant and have appealed to the Public Service Commission. The service is necessarily much slower under the new conditions, with the motorman operating the train, gathering fares and issuing transfers.

ALDERMAN FISHER AT IT AGAIN

When Alderman Harry Fisher of the 20th ward is out for reprisals there are no lengths to which he will not go. But he has put one over on his constituents that he will hear on next November, maybe.

Two years ago the city acquired land at Grider street and Leroy avenue for a ten-room annex to School No. 61. This school was even then congested to the limit and the new building was imperative. Plans and specifications were had and it seemed the building would be up with the customary delay in such matters, of course.

And now the city fathers have decided to erect a two-room frame structure instead. Think of it! A city that "means business" putting up frame schools! This is in the Kensington district of Fisher's ward and the roads are outraged by the city's action. They object to wasting money on a makeshift wooden building and their unavailing protest was made to the council by J. I. Dietrich, of the ward.

NEW REGULATIONS FOR THE HOTEL WORKERS

LAFAYETTE HOTEL. Buffalo, N. Y., 1913. I hereby agree as a condition of my employment in the Lafayette Hotel to obey strictly all the rules and regulations of the said Hotel now in force, or that may be issued hereafter; to work by the day at the monthly rate of \$10.00, as named on reverse side of this card; that this contract shall terminate by my resignation or discharge at any time without notice on either side.

Kensington District Taxpayers' Association. The trick was turned by the Alderman from the twentieth and while it may seem odd for an Alderman to oppose such a needed improvement in his ward, Fisher is uncharacteristically opposed to progress anywhere and everywhere. He is of the birds that foul their own nests. But in this matter, it would appear he was actuated solely by motives of revenge. Kensington folk made a mortal enemy of him a couple of years ago when they named their new park Kensington Park instead of Fisher Park, as their representative in the board of Aldermen wanted it.

NO MORE RED FLAGS FOR PENNSYLVANIA

The capitalist politicians of Pennsylvania have introduced a bill in the assembly prohibiting the carrying of the red flag in parades in that state. No matter what flag is carried if the mill owners and mine operators keep on starving the workers the spirit of revolt will grow apace with the conditions.

GOVERNOR SULZER AGAINST WORKERS

Ask the strikers at Mineville, N. Y., if Governor Sulzer is to be "not only" he puts himself up to be. "Not only" has Sulzer refused to listen to the workers' side of the private-property brutality but through some apparent pull the State Labor Department has reported the strike as "unjustified." Adding insult to injury Sulzer has ordered Organizer Cannon of the Miners Union to refrain from inciting trouble. The mine has affidavits of ill treatment and abuse heaped upon them by the mine owners and private-property after suffering intolerable conditions, as this capitalist government has the nerve to answer that plea for justice by telling them to "refrain from inciting trouble." How can any public official represent worker and employer?

POLICE CRAFT TAKEN BY HIGH OFFICIALS

The daily capitalist exposure of police craft and crime. The confessions of ex-gamblers, robbers themselves, but tired of being robbed by city officials, are bringing to light the real character of some of New York's leading politicians. Every crime in the category is placed at their door and if justice is done some of the higher-ups in the old political game will be drinking champagne in the wardens' quarters ere long. Nothing else can be expected of any system of government based on robbery and exploitation.

WORKERS PRESENT \$10,000,000 TO JOHN D.

The Standard Oil Company has been "crushed" by the Republican administration so badly that it has just made a distribution of \$39,332,500 on the company's capital stock at the rate of 40¢ a share, including watered stock. John D. Rockefeller's share of the spoils is \$10,000,000.

What a generous set of human beings the American workers really are! So much so that we make Mr. Rockefeller this handsome present that he does not need while we go without proper food and clothing ourselves.

J. STITT WILSON REFUSES TO ATTEND CHARITY BANQUET

"In behalf of Lazarus, lying at the gate," J. Stitt Wilson, Socialist mayor of Berkeley, declined today to attend the banquet of the Associated Charities of San Francisco which gave him a \$2 a plate will watch moving-pictures illustrating "how needy families live" and "illustrating battles with poverty and distress."

BOY SCOUTS WANT TO CARRY REVOLVERS

In answer to criticism of articles appearing in the Buffalo Socialist antagonizing the Boy Scout movement a training school for the Army, an institution of the capitalist class which justifies murder if done on a large scale, we reprint from the Express of last Friday the following article which proves our argument:

PLAIN BILL AIDING NEW YORK CENTRAL

The bill transferring land under water from the state to this city was passed by senate and assembly. Then Governor Sulzer recalled it, whatever that means. Why should one man have the power to substitute his judgment or that of the interests he represents for the judgment of the elected representatives of the people in state or nation?

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE DANCE

Whatever you do, comrades, don't forget Saturday evening, as it will be a party of the best dances ever held in Franklin Hall, 52 West Eagle street. It will be a social evening to be remembered. There will be dancing, good music and refreshments. Don't forget to bring your friends.

SIBERIA IN CANADA

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The situation in the Porcupine mining region begins description. The winter is a mild one and yet it is 35 degree below zero.

Many people are blaming the miners for coming out at this season. The winter is a mild one and yet it is 35 degree below zero.

CHICAGO POLICEMEN RECEIVE BEATING FROM CITIZENS

Eleven brave cops loaded with booze entered a hall in Chicago where a private dance was being held and attacked the men and insulted women. Chicago's police are notorious as bullies when they have an opportunity to beat up workers on strike and know they have the capitalist class courts at their back. But on this occasion they got in wrong. After standing for the insults of the uniformed bullies in a saloonkeeper who had them in tow with an auto, the men present attacked the policemen and threw them out.

THIS WILL NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CASE. What good are resolutions? There is a better means at hand and this is the opportune time to carry it into effect. IF THE CAPITALIST CLASS COULD BE INDUCED TO IGNORE THE MASTERS IN THIS STRUGGLE ENTIRELY THEY COULD STRIKE A BLOW FOR FREEDOM THAT WOULD ENSURE THEM THE EIGHT HOUR DAY. IF

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There may be some peculiar situation which has developed in Rochester in connection with the Boy Scout movement in that city which would warrant applications being made for such permits and their being granted, but it is hard to conceive that such a situation might be. A revolver is no less a dangerous weapon in the hands of a boy merely because he is a Boy Scout. Moreover, "weapon training" is entirely foreign to the professed spirit and purpose of the Boy Scout movement. The revolver has no place in healthful and useful recreation or character building. It is an influence which tends to develop cowardice rather than courage.

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Five Famous Speakers will Talk on Subjects that Appeal to Everyone Interested in the Business of Getting a Living — Will Be Held in Three Sections of City — If You Want to Learn Something, Here is Your Opportunity.

Within the next six weeks five of the best speakers in the Socialist Party will deliver fifteen lectures in this city. The lectures are arranged in conjunction with the National Lyceum Bureau of the Socialist Party.

What is the Socialist Lyceum Course? you inquire. The Socialist Lyceum Course is a series of five consecutive constructive lectures on the great economic and political struggle of today. By five authorized representatives of the Socialist Party.

The first speaker on the course for this city is Oscar Ameringer of Oklahoma. Ameringer possesses a remarkable gift for saying things in humorous language. According to his formula, the idea that goes down with a giggle can be dignified with less wear and tear on the mental capacity. He thinks that an hour of laughter, if devoted to the assimilation of a single thought, is well spent for both speaker and audience. His outline will be "The Socialist Challenge." In considering this topic he will invite the audience to make the time being an impartial view, and separate them from their various occupations as butcher, baker or candlestick maker and resolve them selves into a committee of the whole to laugh at the ludicrous mixture of funny ideas, funny and funny actions and funny people—the thing we call "modern civilization."

George Willis Cooke, author and lecturer and one of the most prominent speakers in the Socialist field, will be the next in the series. Mr. Cooke has a wonderfully effective power of stirring people into pleasurable activity of thought. A polished and entertaining speaker, his lecture on "What is Socialism" is a rare treat showing with a masterly touch the living connection between the history of the past and the issues of the present. He shows that Socialism is not a mere scheme thought out by some day-dreamer and endorsed by others of his kind, but that it is the natural result

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SHAME ON INTELLIGENCE OF EDUCATIONAL DEPT.

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STRIKERS AND SCABS FIGHT AT PITTSBURGH

The strike of the Steel Workers at Pittsburgh has taken on a new phase. Classes between strikers and scabs are taking place. The Bankin Company has dismissed some of their "private guards," but the sheriff is adding extra deputies to make up for it. In a fight between the workers and scabs the other day five men were stabbed; two strikers, two scabs and a boarding-house keeper.

LUNN AND CARMODY DEBATE AT PHILADELPHIA

George R. Lunn, Socialist Mayor of Schenectady, and Thomas Carmody, attorney-general of the State of New York, debated the question of the practicality of Socialism at Philadelphia last week. Mayor Lunn gave a great presentation and in summing up ridiculed the arguments of Carmody.

FRED D. WARREN TO SPEAK IN BUFFALO

All the readers of the Buffalo Socialist will be pleased to hear that Fred D. Warren, the fighting editor of the Appeal to Reason, will speak in Buffalo at the Elmwood Music Hall, Saturday evening, April 6th. Warren has never spoken in Buffalo before and a capacity house is assured. Requests are already being made for tickets.

The meeting will be held at the Elmwood Music Hall instead of the Broadway Auditorium because of the poor acoustical qualities of the latter. Fred D. Warren is now under indictment for libel, but we have every reason to believe are trumped-up charges. Every Socialist is acquainted with the pervasiveness of the Appeal and its editors by the federal authorities. The

AWARDED LIFE SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BUFFALO SOCIALIST.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Socialist Publishing Company, David Alexander of 204 Riverside avenue, as the purchaser of the largest amount from our advertisers during the month of January, was awarded the life subscription to the Buffalo Socialist. Geo. J. Johnson and I secured the prize this month.

SOCIALIST NEWS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

In order to improve our Western New York Socialist news service, we desire every Socialist leader in this vicinity to select a representative...

NIAGARA FALLS

During the past week one of Niagara's most wealthy citizens has died. Socialists extend their sympathy to the bereaved family because we believe that even though there is no immediate danger of the remaining members of the family suffering from want, they at least loved a good husband and father...

WINTER SOAP-BOXING AT ROCHESTER

Soap-boxing in the very middle of winter! Yes, that's just what we have been doing right here in Rochester. When the Young People's League had been appointed. A good sized soap-box was placed up in front, and the show was ready for the fireworks. And they came.

SPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY MEN'S ORGANIZING ASSOCIATION

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ONE WAY TO MANAGE

Under the above caption there appeared in Everybody's Column of the Evening News of Feb. 7, a recipe by Mrs. E. C. J. showing all you working mums how to reduce the cost of living along the milk and water route. Listen! Put one quart of milk in three parts of water—a kind of three to one shell game—add three table-spoons of sugar, one-half pint of condensed milk, let boil five minutes and you have—wait! An insipid concoction that contains about as much nutrition compared with pure milk as ground peanut shells would compare with the peanut in food value. Think of hauling out that mixture to your husband when he returns from a hard day's work, or giving it to growing child!

Facilities and Appointments ARE THE Finest in Buffalo

No undertaker in Buffalo has as large and complete stock of funeral supplies as is shown on 50 W. Walden Avenue by E. WEDEKINDT. It is an error of the fact that the Undertaker who belongs to the Trust will tell you that Wedekindt will cover supply the outfits as quoted below.

- MY ANSWER That you save this advertisement and at any time I refuse to furnish these outfits herein quoted you need never pay a cent, and may hold this advertisement as your receipt.
Outfit No. 1 Whitewood finished coffin, studded and lined with monogram, embalmng, black horses, two coaches, chairs, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$37.00
Outfit No. 2 Walnut finished coffin, slat, black horses, two coaches, chairs, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$43.00
Outfit No. 3 Walnut finished coffin, polished and lined, six silver handles, engraved name plate, outside case of pine, burial suit in black or brown habit, black horses, three coaches, embalmng, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$55.00
Outfit No. 4 Plain oak casket, covered with black cloth or imitation oak or rosewood, lined with white or cream lining, pillow, six handles, engraved name plate, outside case of pine, burial suit in black or brown habit, black horses, three coaches, chairs, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$60.00

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hopes to propose. He talks with the straightforward earnestness and eloquent simplicity of true greatnes. George H. Goebel. While the other speakers will show the wrongs of the present system, the Socialist remedy and program. George H. Goebel, the fifth and last speaker in the series, will leave the field of theoretical discussion and explain just what the Socialists are doing today. Goebel's course will be the most effective and popular speakers in the Socialist Party. Last year he worked in Alaska, where he traveled hundreds of miles on foot and in sledges, organizing many locals of the Socialist Party in the land of God, Guggenheim and Greit. He is extremely well qualified to speak upon the various phases of the Socialist forces, for he has long been intimate with the movement, and some familiar with the antecedent movements of American Socialism. Goebel's course will be the fitting cap to a remarkable series of lectures.

How to Hear Them

We have now told you who the lecturers are and their subjects, and your next question, naturally, will be, when, where and how can we get the advantage of this remarkable series of educational lectures? The complete course will be delivered in Buffalo three times, as follows:— at Kieck's Hall, Levey Street, beginning consecutive Saturday evenings, beginning Saturday evening, February 23d. Columbia Turn Hall, 1201 Genesee Street, five consecutive Saturday evenings, beginning Sunday evening, February 23d.

The Cost

The most remarkable thing about these lectures is that they are free. You purchase a card for fifty cents, which entitles the holder to six months' subscription to the Buffalo Socialist or any other Socialist Party publication, if you wish, fifty cents worth of Socialist literature. The same card entitles you to any further charge admits you to this wonderful series of lectures. You will always regret it if you miss even one of the lectures. Their educational value cannot be over estimated, for the listener is receiving in five evenings from five of the best speakers in the Socialist Party, knowledge which has taken them years of study to accumulate.

A series of lectures have been secured for Buffalo by the Socialist Party Branches at great expense, and big crowds are expected to greet the speakers. We advise all to purchase tickets as early as possible, so that they will avoid the big rush at the last minute. Remember, the time is drawing near, and it will be your loss if you miss this educational treat.

INVESTIGATION OF LOCKPORT DISASTER

On Saturday at Lockport Coroner Ewert held the first session of his investigation of the wreck of the Eagles' special on the Lockport division of the International Railway on January 23th. The coroner Ewert announced that he had received from Chemist Albert P. Sy of the University of Buffalo, an analysis of the contents of the stomach of the motorman James L. Mack, who was killed in the wreck. It showed 93.00 per cent of alcohol. This is probably accounted for by the testimony of Arthur Handley, who says he gave Mack a drink of whiskey after the wreck in order to revive him. If it has been sought to prove that the motorman was intoxicated, the theory is evidently exploded. Mr. Mack was wholly trustworthy wage slave of the International and was twenty years in the road's employ. The coroner granted the request of Attorney Pranchot, counsel for the International, that President Connetto be allowed to change an opinion he gave in testimony at the first hearing to the effect that he believed a block signal system or double track would have prevented the wreck. This is a surprising change of front on Mr. Connetto's part to say the least. If it is the railroad expert who is cracked up to be he knows full well that the block system is an absolute necessity on all roads. And as for the public track the traffic on this line has demanded it for long. But the installation of safety devices and increased facilities would cut into profits and Mr. Connetto's function is to produce dividends for his shareholders were publicly owned and operated instead of being privately owned and conducted for private profit, existing conditions would not obtain. And incidentally someone would not be killed or injured every seven minutes of the night and day in this country as is the case now.

THE SOCIALIST FARMER

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FUTURE PROGRESS AS YET

(By John W. Bennett.) This is an epistle in which the connecting links of a world which are being rapidly put together. Nature's forces have been explained and controlled. By their intelligent use infinite wealth and comfort is in reach of all, yet poverty and misery grow apace. In France, the world's center of culture and learning, the population has decreased, and the standard of living is falling. But with the most essential questions of racial interests, conventionalism does not deal. Scientists tell us how the commonest food can be cheaply and artificially made by chemical process, yet not how to distribute equitably the vast amount we already have. They have discovered the bacterial basis of disease and epidemic, but have not yet done tell us how to eradicate venereal disease. We have automatic machinery that does better work, and twelve times as much as can be done by hand, yet we do not tell us how to eradicate vocational disease. We have automatic machinery that does better work, and twelve times as much as can be done by hand, yet we do not tell us how to eradicate vocational disease. We have automatic machinery that does better work, and twelve times as much as can be done by hand, yet we do not tell us how to eradicate vocational disease.

PUBLICITY BILL ONLY A BLUFF

A bill has been introduced by Assemblyman Saffin of New York urging an amendment to the penal code making it a misdemeanor for an employer to do anything to prevent a public meeting, or to restrain the fact. A similar bill was introduced last year and no doubt this one will go the same way. Capitalist politicians do not making laws for the working class. I hope the day will come when the enterprises of the country will be managed in the interest of all the people—Lincoln. FREE

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A HATRED WORTH WHILE

In its latest issue, the Saturday Evening Post takes occasion to describe, in more or less humorous vein, the personality of Comrade August Bebel, the Socialist lion of Germany.

From the standpoint of the capitalist class, the Post has acquitted itself as a good and faithful servant. It has cunningly and adroitly avoided telling the worth-while truths about the splendid solidarity, comradeship and irrepressible forward progress of the German-Social-Democratic party.

Charles Edward Russell never spoke truer words than his splendid epigram herewith quoted from the International Socialist Review: "Any man who has been able to feel an adequate hatred of Capitalism cannot find room in his heart to hate anything else."

In a sense, the gospel of Socialism is the gospel of hatred for this horrible monster; but above all things, the gospel of Socialism is a gospel of love—love for the sweated wife, the soul-starved husband, and the exploited child who have been robbed by the masters of their heritage.

Not the personality or cleverness of "leaders" will free the working class, but the education of the mass itself. Don't be afraid to read.

Capitalism is not kind, even to the rich, since it makes of him a loafer and of his children syphilitic sap-heads.

Politics is the gentle art of getting away with the doughnut while the common "prepaid" are rejoicing over their possession of the hole.

We hear that William J. Connors, the eminent, so to speak, journalist, is again occupying a position in close juxtaposition with the state pie-cutter.

One unusual thing about the Socialist movement is the fact that it considers principles above individual honors. When Socialist party officials are nominated, they are voted for on the principles for which they stand, without regard to who they are, where they live, or how many "followers" they may be supposed to have.

A WORD TO MR. BARNES

We are assuming, Mr. Barnes, in addressing these remarks to you, that, as a high-salaried traffic expert for the Public Service Commission, we shall not be far astray if we state that it is your DUTY to investigate the wreck of the Eagles' Special on the International Railway at Lockport, in order to fix the blame, promote the safety of the public and prevent future repetitions of such catastrophes.

We take it that your possession of \$150,000-per-annum worth of superior brains will not prevent you also having ordinary intelligence, nor prevent your making ordinary observations, so that you will at least know as much of the truth as is apparent to the lay observer.

Do you know the real condition of these cars, which Mr. Dunlap, with fine irony, calls "the modern-type cars"?

- (a) That most of these cars are anywhere from 12 to 15 years old.
(b) That they are racked and rickety from constant hard usage, many of them being, like the famous "one-hoss shay," ready to fall apart.
(c) That they are equipped with the type of air-brake which releases the brakes when the air-hose is broken?
(d) That the breaking of an air-hose on Gooding street, Lockport, would mean an awful calamity?
(e) That the wages of the men running, whistling or head-light in good working condition on the entire line?
(f) That that very few of the "dead man's buttons" are in working condition?
(g) That frequently crippled cars are taken from the barn and put in operation without repairs?
(h) That "trailer" conductors are, in many cases, unfamiliar with railroading and know comparatively nothing of train orders and signals?
(i) That the wages of the motormen and conductors is so low that the men are forced to eagerly seize upon every opportunity to work overtime in order to eke out an existence?
(j) That on the night of the wreck at Lockport, James Mack, upon whom the International is now trying to saddle the blame for its murderous service, had been on duty no less than 20 hours and 50 minutes?
(k) That there is no despatcher on duty after 12:30 a. m. until the regular morning traffic begins?
(l) That the various joints at all road sidings are in such poor condition that there is extreme danger in passing them at any time while running at a speed exceeding 15 miles an hour?
(m) That the cross-overs of the "Peanut" junction, Tonawanda, and Oliver street, North Tonawanda, was so badly twisted that it is necessary for cars to simply crawl over them in order to keep on the track?
(n) That the so-called "recreation room" of the employees at the Lockport station is in such filthy condition that the men commonly call it the "bull pen"?

You do not deny these things, Mr. Barnes, is it not your duty to use your common sense to find out that they are ABSOLUTE, INCONTROVERTIBLE FACTS, regardless what the legal gentlemen who so ably assist the International in its blood-sucking policy, may whisper into your ear? They are very expert little whisperers, when the company's paw is at stake, are they not, Mr. Barnes? We are not \$150,000-a-year experts, Mr. Barnes, but we were able to establish the truth of the foregoing statements put to you in the way of questions. We found it out by simply making observations without the "aid" or "advice" of the International's lawyers. It is not necessary for mechanics to find out that much by a little spare time effort, what do you think the public expects of a \$150,000-a-year expert with your technical attainments and your power to summon witnesses to testify? It is your opportunity to show the people of Lockport, Buffalo and the rest of the state of New York whether you are indeed the servant of the state or whether you are a committee of one to whitewash the greedy corporations and to assist them in fleecing their gory profits from the blood and tears of a helpless people. Mr. Barnes, it seems to be up to you.

THE FACTORY WHISTLE

One of the factors that make sport of the ridiculous pretension to individuality of capitalist society in the factory whistle. The factory whistle tells a man when to rise and when to breakfast, when to leave home, when to begin working and when to stop, when and how fast to eat his dinner and when to quit work and go home. Consequently even the family life of the worker is to a large extent regulated by the factory whistle. Obsequiously individuality!

THE DEBT OF LIFE

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another," said Dickens. This holds good for the poorest laborer, as well as for the most famous scientist who discovers some new process of wealth production, or some new life saving appliance. In civilized society a man's existence depends upon the existence of others, and his worth is determined by the service he renders to the community of which he is a member. We all have a debt to pay, and we can pay it only by our work. He who lives on the labor of others, without rendering any adequate service for it, increases his debt of life. He is a "dead-beat!"

LAWS AND VOTES

You cannot improve men by laws; you cannot vote the sense of justice and brotherhood into the masses; you cannot uplift society morally by acts of legislation. No doubt about that. No serious thinker ever thought of anything of the kind, or proposed the regeneration of our social world by legislative machinery. But if laws and political institutions are to be the development of social conditions, why do our masters constantly emphasize the never-ending necessity of more laws? Why do they insist on the enactment of new laws and political institutions, and the enlargement of the powers of the state, and the raising interests and powers of today are not those of the working class. How is the working class to overcome its present disability to make its interests count in the disposition of the organized forces of society, how to make its powers felt in the shaping of our social conditions? By working class political action, by taking part in practical politics, by persistent effort to take hold of the levers of government, in order to embody its interests in laws conducive to the ultimate elimination of the causes of poverty, misery and all other social diseases springing from the present system of economic exploitation.

SELFISHNESS

Sometimes the working people, organized for the purpose of promoting and safeguarding their common interests, are accused of selfishness, of thinking only of themselves and their own interests, and of neglecting the needs and ideals of society as a whole. But when workers join the Socialists and sacrifice their spare time, their energy and their money to the ideals of their class, they are ridiculed as impractical dreamers who, instead of advancing their immediate personal interests, waste their time in rainbow-chasing. So you are reproached for whatever you do or do not. By whom? By people who are busy with their own selfish interests, by thriving on other people's industry, by speculating on the ignorance of their fellow men.

PLAIN TALES OF THE "REDS"

he wonders why they call him "Morning Place." If he'd "light" in one place for a week, at least long enough to get no issue, he'd be the "Red" of the Buffalo Socialist. It is these "flying squadrons" that gather in the subs and help open the eyes of the workers. Give us enough determined Comrades working in the ranks, and we won't need to worry about "leaders" and spell-binders. Comrade Leary says it's easy to get "em to subscribe, but it's hard to get 'em to stay."

ON A FALSE TRAIL. Charlie Haines was only one out of a dozen who trailed up to Headquarters last Wednesday night, thinking there was a Central Comrades meeting. Charley traveled about 100 miles to get there, only to learn what any calendar would have told him—that there were five Wednesdays in January, so that there was a three-week stretch between Central Comrades meetings.

IN WHOLESALE LOTS. Comrade Meyers of Branch 2 sells his Lyceum tickets "by the book," it seems. Furthermore, he gets everybody to use the subs for the Buffalo Socialist. He has already "put out" one book, and is half-way through the second. He always has a sample copy of the Buffalo Socialist on hand to show, and never fails to lend "em for his own paper."

THE "LEAN" IN OLEAN. Comrades A. Phillips and P. F. Leaflet of Olean, N. Y., get into Buffalo about every two weeks, and never fail to drop into the Buffalo Socialist office to deposit a bunch of subs. They say that the capitalists are the guys who have put the "lean" in the workers of Olean.

THE PREMIER HUSTLER. Some of the Comrades will probably get jealous of the way we keep harping on the fact that Gordon Hines is being off the subs from the Branch 5 district; but

SOCIALISM IN A NUTSHELL.

The International Socialist Party is issued a declaration of principles on September 28, 1884, which has formed the keel and ribs of practically every Socialist platform from that day to this. It was written by Karl Marx. terse, vigorous and clear-sighted, it is worthy of a reading by every seeker after knowledge of what Socialism really means. And here it is: "In consideration of the fact that the emancipation of the working class must be accomplished by the working class itself, and the struggle for this emancipation does not signify a struggle for class privileges and special rights, but a struggle for the equal rights of all, and that the economic dependence of the workman upon the owner of the tools of production, the source of life, forms the basis of every form of servitude, of social misery, of spiritual degradation, and of political dependence; that, therefore, the economic emancipation of the working class is dependent and to which every political struggle must be subordinated as a simple auxiliary. "That all exertions which up to this time have been directed toward the attainment of this end have failed to drop into the account of the solidarity between the various branches of labor in every land and by reason of the absence of a brotherly bond of unity between the working classes of different countries; "That the emancipation of labor is

THE PASSING WEEK

Local North Tonawanda doesn't get in much for tactical wangles, and nobody can improve upon the way in which Comrade Stanley explained the fact that the Industrial Union is not to which Comrade that growing local.

"Suppose," he said, "that we had all made up our minds to go to Buffalo, but were in doubt as to the best route to follow. One man would want to go to Buffalo, another would want to go to Gettysburg, another on the steam-railroad. That would be a tactical difference. We would be agreed as to what destination we desire to reach, whether it is Buffalo or the Co-Operative Commonwealth. Wouldn't we be clumped together fighting with one another over which is the best route to follow? Why, we would fight all night over such silly questions, and in the end we would never get to our destination. Any route is good enough, so long as it leads where we want to go."

AMONG THE "HEROES." The Buffalo Express points to the fact that in Rochester a large number of Boy Scouts have asked the police permission to carry revolvers. These boys are the "heroes" of the "Scouts of America," a "non-militant" organization, according to its "common" literature and the statements of its leaders. The Rochester Express says that they could be "heroes" and kill somebody. You can't get around it—if a boy is a hero, he's a hero, whether he has a gun with which to do his heroism. Who ever heard of a hero who never killed anybody? Certainly, nobody.

JOHN AND GOD. How John Hayler, a dead capitalist, kindly took God into business with him, and the creation of a sermon by a level partner in the enterprise, it seems that God took his promotion most enthusiastically and with some gusto.

THE ASTRAL WORLD. A detailed account of the "spirit world" and the doings therein, was given to a flock of books at the Hotel Statler the other evening, according to the more or less extensive daily-contemporaries of the Buffalo Socialist. Wonderful tales were told of the "astral bodies" and the "physical bodies" and the "etheric bodies" of which, as it appears, distinct and separate.

Now, when you think it over, the thought of a "spirit" is a "great many people" and "involvement"—insofar as anything is ever cleared up by metaphysical speculation.

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