



Comrades Frederick G. Strickland and Charles Oliver Jones of the Strickland-Jones Lecture Team came to Dubuque on February 8 for a series of five lectures, and in the language of Alexander, "Veni, vidi, vici." They came, they saw, they conquered. This plan of a series of lectures by two men of such different styles of speaking as Comrades Strickland and Jones is certainly a good one. If Jones, with all the dash of a D'Artagnan, fails to carry the crowd by storm, Comrade Strickland's clear and convincing lecture is sure to make a hit. Lack of space forbids giving even a synopsis of these lectures. Suffice it to say that they are on the educational plan. Comrade Jones opens with the "A. B. C. of Socialism" and leads up to the "Historical" and "Scientific Arguments for Socialism" of Comrade Strickland. In his opening lecture Comrade Strickland took occasion to reply to Rev. F. G. Smith's recent objections to Socialism, Mr. Smith having declined the invitation to meet Comrade Strickland in debate. Following is part of Comrade Strickland's reply:

"The burden of Mr. Smith's objection is that we will cut the nerve of competition, making the arm of industry helpless. What is it that is destroying competition now? Socialism or capitalism? The trust magnate came to show us that competition is needless waste. Out of chaos and confusion he brought order and system. He has taught us the lesson of co-operation and whether we want to or not, we must heed the lesson."

"But will there be no competition under Socialism? In human attainments, yes. To get our bread and butter, no."

"We have now an incentive—the incentive of pigs: 'Root, hog, or die!' We live in a pig sty civilization. The first pig to get to the trough drinks all the swill he can and then lies down in the trough to keep the other pigs away."

"We believe, with Jesus, that men should not be anxious about what they should eat, drink or wear; and if they will seek a government of God instead of a government of gold, all these things will be added unto them."

"If Mr. Smith has no answer to the world's great problem, except possibly, rummage sales, second hand clothing and soup houses, why should he reject the Socialist plan? He has condemned us and yet he refuses to meet a Socialist in discussion because he is 'not making the matter a special study.'" If he is not and has not, why open his mouth on the subject at all?

"I speak in kindness. I understand his point of view, for I have studied it. But why will he not listen to our side of the case and suspend his judgment until he does?"

"We present the only solution of this terrible trust problem. It is that there be no private ownership of any trust or any co-operative plant of industry, but that the people own in common the trust and all means of making a living so that every man may be given the full product of his toil. If Mr. Smith will prepare himself to meet us on this question, I shall be glad to return to your city if I am chosen to be your spokesman"

All in all these lectures were the most successful ever given in this city under the auspices of Dubuque Local. Come again, Comrades.

In accordance with the action of the National Committee at the meeting just adjourned, the National Headquarters of the Socialist Party on and after February 3, 1903, will be located in Omaha, Nebraska.

All communications, etc., should be addressed to the National Secretary Socialist Party, Omaha, Neb. We ask your aid in giving notice of this change as wide publicity among party members as possible.

(Signed.) SAM'L LOVETT, Acting Secretary.

The new Local Quorum of the National Committee is composed of the following well known Socialists. J. P. Roe, Nebraska; Ernest Untermann, Kansas; John M. Work, Iowa; Sam'l Lovett, South Dakota; G. H. Turner, Missouri.

Dubuque will be headquarters in the central states for the Strickland-Jones Socialist Lectures. E. Holtz, Manager, 295 Sixth St., Dubuque, Iowa.

Strickland-Jones Socialist Lectures

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Immediately after the election of last November our work began. We have (one or both of us) spoken in six different states as follows:

In Kentucky: Covington and Newport. In Ohio: Cincinnati, Yellow Springs, Xenia, Springfield, Columbus, Lexington, Mansfield, Fostoria, Fremont, Findlay, Leipsic, Wauseon, Edgerton and Montpelier.

In Indiana: Fort Wayne, Huntington, Wabash, Bluffton, Elkhart, Monticello, Terre Haute and Sullivan.

In Michigan: Battle Creek. In Illinois: Chicago, Peotone, Cairo, Sandoval, Centralia, Pana, Decatur, Bloomington, Peoria, Dunlap, Elgin, Dundee, Belvidere, Rockford and East Dubuque.

In Iowa: Dubuque.

This has been a long and happy trip. We send our greetings back all the way down the line. We haven't time to write the history of our pleasant experience now. But, hereafter, we will make notes as we go. Correspondence has heaped upon us until we must substitute the printed page for the written page and let The Iowa Socialist serve from week to week as our personal message to many a comrade in our common cause.

F. G. S.

Itinerary

Table with 2 columns: STRICKLAND AND JONES dates and locations; STRICKLAND dates and locations; JONES dates and locations.

"The movement to abolish universal suffrage in Germany is taking such defined shape that something like a crisis exists both within the Social-Democratic Party and the ranks of the conservative and reactionary agrarians. Figures show that the Social-Democratic ideas are growing. In the general election of 1898, the Socialists polled 2,107,100 votes, but are allowed only 57 members in the Reichstag, whereas the Roman Catholic Center Party with only 1,455,100 votes is allowed 103 members. This is the result of under-representation of the cities, but it has failed to destroy the Socialist strength. Hence a revolutionary proceeding is contemplated. The anti-Socialist Press says there is no doubt that the Social-Democratic Party has brought about an intolerable condition in the German Empire. Respect for the throne and the altar has been undermined. The land is pervaded with notions from the United States. The peril calls for constitutional remedies and the men at the head of affairs will not be daunted by necessity."—Literary Digest.

From the United States, eh? Funny. Over here they oppose Socialism because it is a "foreign importation." So the Socialists have brought about an intolerable condition, have they? The kaiser and the men at the head of affairs didn't have anything to do with it, oh no. The captains of industry over there must be pretty small potatoes. And then the law of evolution—doesn't that operate over there.

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There are over one hundred editorial contributors and others who will look after the distribution of literature for the National Economic League, organized "for the purpose of combating the pernicious doctrines of Socialism." These contributors and distributors are from all parts of the country, and with the exception of one "labor leader"—God save the mark!—are all college professors, editors, bank and trust presidents, Christian (?) ministers, lawyers, manufacturers and capitalists. Ex-president Cleveland is also on the list. Well, say, they're a class-conscious bunch anyhow. All their various differences are lost sight of. They all get together—republicans and democrats, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Agnostic, Irish and Dutch—to fight Socialism. Oh no, there's no class struggle; not in these free United States.

After all, this talk about Socialism being impossible should be one of the most encouraging things to the Socialist. There was never a great movement in the world's history of which the same was not said by a lot of ninnies, but which became a possibility just the same.

"Employers of the United States must get together and stick together, else they are lost," says D. M. Parry in his latest circular to the National Association of Manufacturers. Too late, Brother Parry, the working class are going to do that very thing.

A question frequently asked the Socialist is: How are you going to settle with the capitalists when Socialism comes? Better ask the capitalists how they are going to settle with the working class for what they are now daily robbing them of.

Comrade Jones, of the Strickland-Jones team, says it isn't necessary to make Socialists any more. All you've got to do is to discover them and put the label on them. The woods are full of undiscovered Socialists.

As the warm, balmy days of spring draw near, memory fades and the old love for the coal trust begins to glow afresh. By election time everything will be forgiven and forgotten.

Comrade John M. Work, of Des Moines, one of our best contributors, is a member of the new local quorum of the national committee. Congratulations, Comrade.

John D. Rockefeller has warned congress not to pass any anti-trust legislation. That settles that question. Congress can now devote its time to something else.

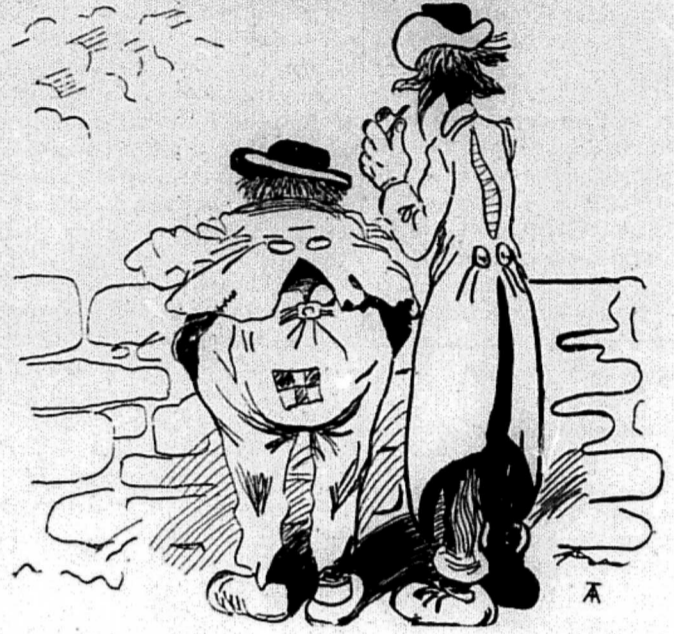
If you think municipal ownership is Socialism, apply this test: Will it give the workers the full product of their labor?

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The Fat One—"Say, Bo, I believe Socialism would be all right except for one thing." The Lean One—"And what's that?" The Fat One—"I don't believe we would have any incentive to work."

Socialism and Definitions

By Charles Oliver Jones

"Socialism is a theory of a more precise, orderly and harmonious arrangement of the affairs of mankind than that which has hitherto existed."—Webster's Dictionary.

The above definition is sweet music to the trained ear of the literati, consequently the Socialist, searching for sweet morsels to tempt the appetite of the epicure, offers it as a tempting bait for intellectual gourmandizing. It seems strange that certain people, who have been attracted to Socialism because they think it has ethics, must hunt up something that someone not socialistically inclined has said of Socialism.

As soon as one person, in the public eye, says something pretty about Socialism they pounce upon it like famished wolves, and parade it as a gem of truth. It would be well for the Socialists if they dissected some of these definitions before passing them indiscriminately to the public at large.

There is a type, calling themselves Socialists, who are seeking "to raise Socialism out of the gutter" and "give it an air of respectability." They would sit up on the pinnacle of the ethical temple with a fishing pole baited with morsels to catch the unwary.

The public ownership of all the means of production and distribution, democratically administered in the interest of the whole people, is not good enough for them.

They do not know that the emancipation of the working class can only be achieved through a class conscious political action at the polls; they are not aware that the Socialist's position is based upon the culmination of certain evolutionary tendencies in economics. The sentimentalist "does not like to get down into the gutter" and do the real work of the movement. The common people are to them a disgrace; they would have a little monopoly of Socialism where they could get off to themselves, where they would not be caught associating with "the common herd." This class furnishes the material to make up the confusionists, and the class-conscious, international, revolutionary militant Socialists must guard against this class which furnishes the movement with our opportunists who are ready for fusion or anything else to make a hasty step toward the co-operative commonwealth.

Socialism is not a theory as stated in Webster's definition, and has nothing to do with theories, reforms or anything of a like nature.

Socialism is the sum total derived from a given number of historical events which have been in the process of evolution for centuries. These evolutionary tendencies have reached a period in which today the wageworkers (a part of the evolutionary process) cannot attain their emancipation from the capitalist class (also a very necessary part) without at the same time and once for all, emancipating society at large (capitalists included) from all exploitation, oppression, class distinction and class struggles.

I would refer those Socialists who insist upon using Webster's definition to a copy of A. M. Simons' "Philosophy of

Socialism," 5c., or the Communist Manifesto, by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, 10c., published by C. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago, and for sale at this office.

The basis of the Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. Price, 10 cents. For sale at this office.

"In every historical epoch the prevailing method of economic production and exchange, and the social organization necessarily following from it, form the basis upon which is built up, and from which alone can be explained the political and intellectual history of that epoch; consequently the whole history of mankind (since the dissolution of primitive tribal society, holding land in common ownership), has been a series of class struggles, contests between exploiting and exploited, ruling and oppressed classes. That the history of these class struggles form a series of evolution, in which today, the exploited and oppressed class, the proletariat (working class) cannot obtain its emancipation from the sway of the exploiting and ruling class, the bourgeoisie (capitalist class) WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME, AND ONCE FOR ALL, EMANCIPATING SOCIETY AT LARGE, from all exploitation, oppression, class distinction and class struggles." CHARLES OLIVER JONES.

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X RAYS

By JOHN M. WORK

The actions taken by the national committee at its recent meeting are very encouraging.

One of the most encouraging features was the fact that the anti-fusion resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Another feature calculated to give the movement of the entire country a feeling of satisfaction is the fact that the national secretary and the national headquarters were selected, one from the East, the other from the West.

The differences existing between the Eastern and the Western Socialists are by no means to be dignified with the name of schism. They are merely differences in point of view.

William Mailly's life has been spent in the East. He is one of the strongest men in the movement. The Eastern comrades have the utmost confidence in him.

The new national secretary, William Mailly, is an old timer in the Socialist movement. He is a high-minded man, entirely above reproach.

Now for a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, for a big vote next fall, preparatory to the election of a Socialist president and congress in 1904.

It is fortunate that Socialists do not have any serious disagreements over principles. Whenever we disagree, it is about the minor question of tactics.

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the poor man who is growing old (dreary unless he is a Socialist), the slaughter of the innocents, the driving of the young women into lives of shame, and all the rest of the agonizing category, you feel that of all the tragedies ever enacted on the face of this old earth we are in the midst of the most heart-rending.

Capitalism stifles the humanities. So many calls are made for assistance that it is simply impossible to lend a willing ear to more than an insignificant fraction of them. Then, one has to be hard-hearted in order to make a living for himself and family.

There are many fine Socialist agitators in America, but the National Economic League comes very near taking the plum. It would seem as if a fool ought to know better than to organize a league for the purpose of fighting against Socialism.

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Socialism and Definitions

By Charles Oliver Jones

"The Ethics of Socialism and the Ethics of Christianity are Identical."

The above definition, accepted and used so carelessly by some Socialists as ammunition to fire at the members of certain churchianity sects with the idea of converting these followers of the creeds dedicated to the ideal of Jesus the crucified, is positively misleading.

In the first place, the definition is strictly non-socialistic and unfitted to the broad principles of Socialism. Socialism is all embracing and does not drift any closer to the ethics of Christianity than it does to, the ethics of any other religion or advanced ideal among the progressives.

Why should the ethics of Socialism be specialized with the ethics of Christianity whose idealism is "The Golden Rule," any more than the "Love thy neighbor as thyself" of the Hebrews, or "Do not do unto others that which you would not they should do unto you" of Confucius, or "the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" of Thomas Paine?

If we accept a definition which is designed to especially cater to and jolly some religious belief, we antagonize all others.

The amusing part of it all is that the "churchianity" Christian usually accepts this alleged definition of Socialism in all seriousness as satisfactory and with the narrow, limited consciousness of his egoism, swells with pride and answers: "I am a Christian; don't tell me any more, that is enough."

It amuses me to hear the comrades speak of such and such a minister of the gospel as being a Socialist "and his sermons are socialistic—of course, he don't mention Socialism, but—etc., etc."

If these Socialists would use a definition that would do justice to any who, in their conceit, deem themselves to be the advanced thinkers of modern ideal religions or thought, they should formulate it upon the basis that "the ethics of the highest ideal of morality or religion, within the most advanced existing state of progressive so-called civilization, is a promise of the new ethics that will be produced in humanity after Socialism is established."

Every man of any religion is striving to attain the highest ideal his mental qualities are capable of allowing him to conceive. When the ethics of a religion are not broad enough to meet his highest conception of that which is his ideal he has evolved beyond, and he is no longer of that which was his religion.

Socialism will be the highest ideal attainable, religious or otherwise, so far as we know, by the highest developed civilization. The highest developed civilization will be ethically a civilization where all have equal opportunity to develop their intellectual and moral faculties and all their higher natures and increasingly so with the advance of the necessities and luxuries of life, otherwise than upon the backs of animate slaves; for ideal civilization is Socialism and Socialism is ideal civilization. We have neither at present. To have one is to have the other.

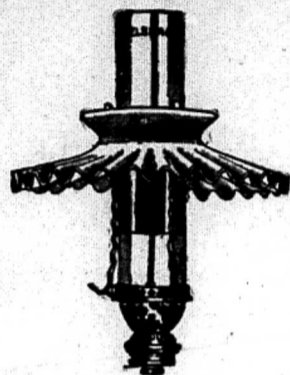
Socialism will be, then, when humanity has conquered nature to the extent that machinery, the inanimate slave, performs in all its completeness all the drudgery of civilization.

It is impossible to have culture without slavery, but animate slavery will not allow culture to endure. And history proves the series of class struggles which have destroyed the existing forms of governments, when these animate slaves have risen and overthrown them. The inanimate slave, or machine, cannot think, so will not strike back and destroy the civilization it will build, but will go on producing for mankind, and machines will create machines as the wage slaves propagate their species and doom their progeny to do the drudgery of society, allowing Socialism to endure without animate or human slavery.

Next month Oelwein will again be in the giddy whirl of the city politics. A mayor and half of the council will be elected, also treasurer, attorney and assessor to fill vacancy. It will doubtless be mighty interestin' as usual. We are informed that there will be at least three tickets in the field, republican, democratic and Socialist. And from what we learn the third party will make a pretty good showing, and will corral a good bunch of votes. The candidates are being talked up, and the circus will soon open.—Oelwein Register.

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Correspondence

From Sioux City

SIoux CITY, IOWA, Jan. 10, 1903.

Last Sunday's propaganda meeting was well attended and there was more than the usual interest manifested by all present.

Comrade E. J. Hanson read a paper on "Competition" which was ably prepared and brought out many good points.

The government of this United States, when it declared it one by the people, of and for the people.

Are not these substantial foundations? Could we ask a stronger reason for striving to increase the spread of Socialism?

It was the sufferings of his fellow man that aroused the sympathy in the heart of Christ.

It is that same kind of sympathy that has stirred the great intellects, the originators of this movement, to alleviate the sufferings arising from the foundations of existing governments resting on classes—on privileges arbitrarily assumed or stealthily and selfishly acquired.

What greater boon can we confer upon the most abject of these slaves than to give them a remedy for that miser's fever that is eating up their hearts, destroying what little conscience they have left, dwarfing their souls and shutting them out from all the higher and real enjoyments of life?

Go to the business failures of today that strew this land with corpses of the financial dead, and ask them if competition is the life of trade.

Competition the life of trade—never. It is the death of trade, of honesty, of truth, of manhood, of life.

It is the death of the joys of childhood; the death of manhood's grandest aim; the death to all that is good and pure in life; it is the curse that holds this world in bondage and servitude.

But what of the future? What is our destiny? Are we to travel this rocky road of competitive commercialism to its logical conclusion, the complete annihilation of the human race so forcefully presented by Ignatius Donnelly in that wonderful book, Caesar's Column? No; never.

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palace of the drone, and place them all on a plane of equality of opportunity, and established in its schedule time the brotherhood of man and peace on earth.

Following Comrade Hanson's paper Mr. H. C. Moore presented the following paper:

PAPER NO. ONE.

Jesus Christ was the first great Socialist.

"What right have you for this assertion?" Because He taught the brotherhood of man, and overthrew the money changers in the temple.

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Socialism remedies these evils as far as it is possible, under our limited abilities. We are not angels, in fact our wings are only beginning to sprout under the vivifying rays of the sun of Socialism.

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PAPER NO. TWO—THE AMERICAN CIRCUS.

In answer to a capitalistic toast recently delivered at a banquet, inviting the Filipinos to come to the United States.

You Filipinos don't know what you are missing by not becoming citizens of this grand country of ours. There isn't anything like it under the sun.

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Other comrades made good talks but space will not permit a report of the same.

The executive board has decided to open the spring campaign with a series of meetings to be conducted by George R. Kirkpatrick, formerly of the Chicago university.

From Davenport

To the Editor: Davenport is still alive and doing business at the old stand. Comrade Strickland will be with us next month at which time some of our old party politicians will be forced into doing "one thing or the other."

At the last regular meeting of Local Davenport the following officers were elected:

- Recording Sec'y—B. W. Wilson. Financial Sec'y—Wm. Stelk. Organizer—C. M. Osborn. Literary Agent—Carl Pingel. Treasurer—A. K. Gifford.

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SOCIALIST PLATFORM

Adopted at Indianapolis, Ind., 1901.

The Socialist party in convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by individual workers. Today, the machine, which is an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage workers.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order

that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines; no part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the taxes of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, and to the improvement of the service, and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected from the revenue of the capitalist class, and to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in advocating these measures in steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements, as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.



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