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The earth was made for man, but the hogs have got it.

When you step on a cur's tail he is sure to yelp. Guess we've been doing it.

Capitalism is at least honest in its confession that there is "no sentiment in business."

President Roosevelt threatens to have typesetting machines installed in the government printing office. They certainly can't go on strike but—neither can they vote.

It is sometimes said the republicans stand for the large capitalists and the democrats for the small capitalists, but their scramble for the nominations when there is a chance of election inclines us to believe that both stand only for the spoils of office.

The sensational story that evidence has been discovered of a conspiracy on the part of union men to take the life of D. M. Parry is all bosh. Parry is unwittingly the union man's best friend. His tirades against the working class has started many to thinking.

The Catholic church seems to have dropped its incipient fight on the International Typographical union oath. Perhaps it has taken the hint of the Catholic printer of Milwaukee who is reported to have said that "Were it not for the typographical union we could not pay our pew rent."

If you are satisfied with concessions from the capitalist class, permit us to suggest that the easiest way to get them is to vote the Socialist ticket. A few million Socialist votes will wring more concessions from employers in five minutes than the trades unions will be able to get in five hundred years.

It is amusing to see a man who does not own a thing but the clothes on his back fight shy of the Socialist because he imagines the Socialist wants to "divide up." And yet the feeling is natural enough. He has been compelled to divide up so long and so often that like a hungry dog he is ready to fight over the last bone.

As one of the notable phenomena of modern life is the advancement of the millionaire into the billionaire, a book treating of the billionaire as monarch of society will be received with interest. The J. S. Ogilvie Company have just issued "The Monarch Billionaire," by Morrison I. Swift, which is a study of the bearing of the unfolding billionaire upon American liberties, and upon the ideas of equal opportunity for which the nation is supposed to stand.

The capitalist papers, which at the time of the German election claimed the Social Democracy of Germany was only a sort of wishy-washy reform party, now record that the annual convention of the German Socialists at Dresden voted down the proposition of the government that the party accept the vice-presidency of the reichstag (to which they are entitled as second largest party in the reichstag) on the ground that it would be a compromise with the existing order. There were twenty-one votes for and 238 against. There is still more revolution than fusion in the Socialist party of Germany.

President O'Connell, of the International Association of Machinists has sent circular letters to the subordinate lodges of machinists throughout the country urging them not to embarrass the employers at this time with demands for increased wages or shorter hours. The trade union, we understood Sam Gompers to say, was to keep on demanding more and more until finally (about a million years hence) its members would receive the full product of their labor, and thus do away with the necessity of independent political action in achieving the co-operative commonwealth. Are the machinists getting the full product of their labor?

There are two kinds of "scabs." The man who takes a striker's place, and the union man who "scabs" at the ballot box. The former is quite often compelled to scab by necessity, but there is absolutely no excuse for the latter.

The issue between the republicans and democrats of Iowa this year is to be protection vs. free trade. This issue is of as much interest to the working class as the Homeric question. However, as a means of keeping them divided it is as good an issue as any other.

In an argument over unionism with a union man, one of D. M. Parry's non-union employes was struck on the head with a cane, and later died from the effects of the blow. Another yelp from Parry is now in order. This is the first time that an argument has ever led to blows.

Some people insist that we must change human nature before we can have Socialism; that people would become lazy and refuse to work. With the working class so anxious to work that they are willing to sacrifice four-fifths of their earnings for a chance to toil, it appears to us there is no danger from that source.

The republicans of Dubuque county held their convention on Sept. 23. The fact that they were unable to nominate a full ticket would seem to indicate that their chances of election are smaller than those of the Socialists. The convention adopted resolutions in favor of good roads. This will insure them a solid farmer vote, but the republicans have thrown away their chances of getting the labor vote by neglecting to reaffirm their allegiance to the full dinner pail. Some of the candidates nominated have been running on the ticket away back beyond the time where the memory of the oldest inhabitant runneth not to the contrary.

We printed something last week that displeased one of our subscribers so much that, although he claims to be a good Socialist and secured a club for the paper a year ago, he not only orders his own paper stopped but writing "Stop my paper at once" on a number of blanks secured the signatures of those whom he induced to subscribe a year ago. One of these subscribers lives out of the city and to save trouble his name was presumably forged to one of these blanks, as his subscription expired six months ago, and it doesn't seem reasonable that a man in his right senses will get up on his hind legs and hysterically scream "Stop my paper at once" six months after he received his last copy. It is perhaps unnecessary to add that this sanctimonious hypocrite prides himself on his piety and "holier than thou" attitude. Of course we are sorry that we should have been the innocent cause of this terrible blow to the great International Socialist movement, from the effects of which it will take years to recover.

The politicians of Illinois are laying plans for the state election next year. At a recent conference of the leading republicans of Illinois it was suggested that one of the minor places on the state ticket be given to some "prominent labor leader." The opinion was expressed that such nomination would insure thousands of votes to the ticket. Thus is the wool pulled over the eyes of the "pure and simple" trade unionist. Thus "scabs" the prominent labor leader who shoots off his mouth all summer preaching about "union principles" and who wouldn't eat at the same table with a "scab" by going on the ticket with the men who pat the laborer on the back before election and hand him riot bullets and injunctions after they get in office. And it's really pitiable to see how hard some of these poor suckers work for the success of these tickets. (We have a few in Dubuque.) Yes, by all means "keep politics out of the union." Let a Socialist so much as chirp in his union hall and every pure and simpler in the

Socialist State Ticket

- For Governor, JOHN M. WORK, Des Moines.
- For Lieutenant Governor, A. K. GIFFORD, Davenport.
- For Judge of Supreme Court, I. S. McCRILLIS, Des Moines.
- For Superintendent of Public Instruction, MRS. FLORENCE A. BROWN, Delta.
- For Railroad Commissioner, OAKLEY WOOD, Lake City.



JOHN M. WORK, Socialist Candidate for Governor will speak at the following places:

- North McGregor, Oct. 2.
- Ryan, Oct. 3.
- Clinton, Oct. 5.
- Davenport, Oct. 6.
- Vinton, Oct. 7.
- Webster City, Oct. 8.
- Winterset, Oct. 10.

room (who isn't asleep) gets up on his hind legs, lays back his ears, dilates his nostrils, paws the air with his front feet and brays about "disrupting the union by bringing politics into it." The poor suckers don't know that the votes of union labor are being sold at so much per head by the "conservative leader" who accepts a place on a capitalist ticket.

The only time the constitution is ever upheld by the powers that be is when it offers the latter an opportunity of giving organized labor a black eye. The Central Labor Union of Washington, D. C., has issued circulars to the central bodies of organized labor asking that they protest against the "open shop" ruling of President Roosevelt in connection with the Miller case in the government printing office. It is intimated that unless the president's order is modified he would be knifed at the polls by union labor next year if nominated for the presidency. A large number of central bodies have already complied with the request of the Washington union. Naturally this has caused every administration organ in the country to rush to the support of the president with the claim that he was simply upholding the constitution of the United States. This appeal to uphold the constitution like the appeal to patriotism is "the last refuge of the scoundrel." But the point is this: It is really remarkable how zealous the administration becomes in guarding the constitution against any violation, however slight, by the working class. Let the capitalist class trample every law into the dust and the administration is blind and deaf.

But this use of the constitution to club union labor contains a valuable suggestion to the latter. It can make no difference whether the club is wielded by a Roosevelt or a Cleveland. A few able-bodied amendments to the constitution, such as would be proposed by a Socialist congress, would be more effective than substituting a democrat for a republican or a republican for a democrat.

Comrade L. J. Smith writes: "Tell my Iowa friends that I am still fighting the battle of those who would murder me for the deed if it were not for what is called law. I am glad to see the names of J. A. Shepherd and M. C. Morrow in The Iowa Socialist. Boys, do all in your power to push The Iowa Socialist in every home in Iowa."

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Dissolution of Partnership



"Brother" Labor, of the "Partnership of Capital and Labor," having grown too old, "withdraws" from the firm.

The Sharpers and the Surplus

Wm. R. Fox in The Toiler

Business was booming. Everybody was on the rush. New machines were put in. All the men and women were at work. They took the children out of school and put them to work.

The Simpletons had always been howling for work. They didn't seem to care about the product. So Grab & Keep gave them the work and kept the product.

Yes, the Simpletons got wages. But the more they produced the less they got. They howled down an agitator who proposed "eight hours for work."

"Why, we can't hardly make a living working ten and twelve hours!"

And they ran out of town a Socialist who told them to strike at the polls for their full product. They said he would scare away Grab & Keep who were kindly furnishing them with work.

They were grand Simpletons.

And the surplus grew. It would have become an enormous evil if no one had taken it into consideration. All the Simpletons, those sublime fellows, would have lost their jobs.

Luckily for the human race, there are always splendid, noble beings, who will throw themselves into any breach—minds able to grapple with any crisis.

The landlords, seeing the surplus piling up, and understanding what a calamity it would be to the Simpletons, increased their income at the expense of the bosses. The workers couldn't stand any more pressure or they would have put it on.

Railroad kings benevolently increased their rates. They got some of the surplus. The Simpletons perspired some more for them.

The bankers in their patriotism hurried to the nation's capital and some financial legislation passed that squeezed more surplus out of Grab & Keep.

Lawyers brought suits for Tom, Dick and Harry against the firm to get some of that awful surplus, and other lawyers defended the firm for a section of the surplus.

Legislators threatened to pass laws that would smash the business of Grab & Keep, and these gentlemen fed huge slices of the surplus to the hungry solons.

Speculators, anxious that the Simpletons should continue to sweat, came on with a thousand schemes. They kept Grab & Keep busy investing in oil wells, silver mines, gold diggings and diamond fields. The surplus was hurried on all kinds of legs to all parts of the earth. It was sold away, paid away, given away, flung away.

Thousands were dining and wining upon it. They were enjoying vacations in the mountains, on the sea shore, in Europe. They spent and wasted sixteen hours a day in their magnificent attempt to use up the surplus and provide steady employment for the poor Simpletons.

In fact everybody was much concerned about the surplus except the Simpletons who produced it.

All they wanted was work. They were American citizens. Yes, sir! Any one who told them they deserved a vacation was in danger of tar and feathers.

But that monstrous and intractable surplus grew. Patriotic tourists were working overtime, but they couldn't work it off.

Suddenly some one had an inspiration.

Why not give some of it to the Simpletons?

The suggestor got the icy mitt, the frozen eye, a back seat. What! tempt the Simpletons with filthy material stuff! Work's best reward lies in its full performance. No one as yet had been heartless enough to think of making less work for the Simpletons.

A soldier stepped forward. "A foreign market!" he shouted. "More foreign markets! That's what you want!"

Agreed. Navies swept the seas, consuming the surplus. Armies devoured it. Heathens got some of it as lead and some of it as rum. All agreed that this was a glorious way to get rid of the surplus.

And the Simpletons worked on, their wives worked on, their children worked on; and every eve upon their weary knees they fell, thanking high heaven for the noble masters and magnates and lawyers and soldiers who were keeping them alive by eating up the vast surplus.

Such brains do not fall to the lot of common mortals. But we have lots of them here in America.

Debs tells the following story of an English porter and a Member of Parliament: "Make way there, don't you know," cried the pompous M. P., "that I'm a representative of the people?" "Hell!" retorted the porter, "Don't you know that we ARE the people?"

Notice to Stockholders

Dubuque, Iowa, Sept. 22, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The Iowa Socialist Publishing Company will be held at Socialist Headquarters, Sixth and Main Streets, in the City of Dubuque, State of Iowa, on Monday, the 5th day of October, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m. A. A. TULLER, Secretary.

Trade Union Politics

A. M. Simons in A. L. U. Journal

The cry of "No politics in the union" is one of the most ridiculous phrases ever used to conjure ignorant minds.

The whole opposition to politics in the union is based on the idea that the political organization of society is determined by some impartial body.

At the same time most people frankly admit that the present government and political machinery are really controlled by the capitalist class.

Then it becomes a question of methods. The pure and simplers say let us send a begging, whining committee, called a lobby, to ask favors of the officials whom our masters control.

As the weakness of the lobby grows more apparent, another method is suggested. Laboring men are advised to offer themselves to the highest bidder among the old political parties.

made by democratic legislatures and in states controlled beyond dispute by that party, little children are ground into profits under conditions long ago outgrown in almost every corner of the civilized world.

There is still one more direction towards which union labor can turn ere it exhausts the possibility of blunder in the political field.

The political problem of the laboring class is to abolish the exploitation of that class, to see to it that none share in the social product who have not assisted in its creation.

The political problem of the working class then is seen to be no local problem. Already on the economic field state, national and even continental bounds are being dissolved.

This problem is no transient one. No trade union is organized today for a single strike.

It is not a problem of only a portion of the working class. All unionists now recognize the common brotherhood of all workers, and call for solidarity of the whole in all great battles for better conditions.

The political problem of the working class is no superficial one. It must be fuller, stronger, broader, deeper than the economic one to correspond with the greater efforts to be made, and the greater power to be used.

from a ruling master class, but should declare its intention of seizing the political power for itself and by making the workers masters and all persons workers abolish at once and forever all rulers and all-masters.

To all these tests, and nothing less is sufficient, and many more might well be added, there is but one party that conforms, and that is the Socialist party.

An Archangel in Rags

His name is H. T. Graves. Address, Anywhere, Nowhere.

He is old and gray, a wanderer on the face of the earth. In plain words, H. T. Graves is a tramp.

He is also an archangel in rags. The man risked his life to save the life of a woman who was determined to die.

It happened in Chicago last week. The woman jumped into the lake. The old tourist was asleep on the grass nearby. He was aroused by the cries of a boy, and as he sat up he saw the woman disappear.

His shoes were not much. He kicked them off. His coat—a mere reminiscence—was easily doffed. He swam for the ripples and dived. He caught the woman's dress and brought her to the surface.

Both were taken in the wagon, she to the hospital, where she recovered, he to the police station to dry his clothes.

Once dried out, the old fellow shouted a cheerful goodby to the sergeant and walked out into the darkness of the night.

He will get no medal. You would have to hunt all the haystacks in Cook county, possibly, to find him at home.

"Pish! Editorial melodrama! Nay, it's vaudeville in print! A measly tramp. Dirty. Lazy. A sneak thief. And a liar besides."

That may be true, all of it. But— Des Moines News.

Democratic orators and journals are making political capital out of the scandals connected with the Postal Department, but few words of denunciation to offer when the odium of a democratic hoodling legislature of Missouri is held up for public inspection.

P. C. Murray, the lawyer in the office building, makes a specialty of drawing wills and settling estates.

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By Heaven! I half believe the Time Is linked and leagued with lowest Hell— The leprous soul of Wrong and Crime Performs its work so well.

A golden passport unto Hell Seems the full stretch of our desire— To cheat, and hoard, and buy, and sell, And make high Heaven a liar.

Great God! Is this our life? Must all Our high thoughts that once burned within Be crushed in this vast carnival Of pomp and painted sin?

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Table listing various books of scientific socialism with authors and prices. Includes titles like 'A Study in Government' by Henry E. Allen, 'The Student's Marx' by Edward Aveling, and 'The Evolution of Socialism' by Wm. T. De Witt.

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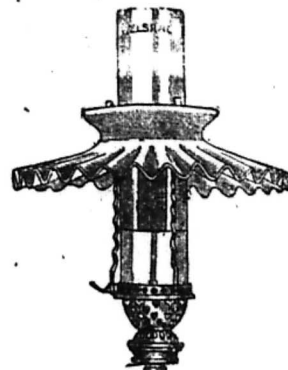
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Socialistic Assumption

By Rev. A. Doremus

Yes, there is such a thing. Socialists assume. Is there not "republican assumption?" and "democratic assumption?" When these parties come annually, or quadrennially, before the people, do they not also ask the people to assume? That they mean all that they say; that they will administer the public affairs in accordance with the principles of the constitution, and make and administer laws as near as possible in strict justice to all, rich or poor, high or low?

of every individual within its precincts to an extent, and all maintain the government. The state government goes farther than the general government. Is there not taught art in various crafts? Why not in all? Is it not injustice to teach an individual how to be a doctor, a school teacher, a dentist, a musician, and refuse another instruction in carpentering, plastering, and so on. The assumption is offered that the government could not take charge of so much detail. Who takes charge of it now? Think of this. Individuals who are educated by the government for this very purpose. The government educates men to take charge of the army and educates men to be soldiers. Why not to be efficient in every department and detail of the various departments? They are educated to take charge of the various departments of large capitalistic corporations, and do the work efficiently without oversight. Is the assumption valid that they would not if educated by the government? No, Socialism is not without demonstration as to its practicability either in so far as it has been tried or from the working of capitalistic corporations from the smallest to the largest. The management of the vast railway systems—and soon to be system—is a clear, plain illustration of the possibility of the unifying of all industries under one governmental management. Again, the demand is that there shall be a demonstration that "equal and exact justice to all" shall accrue in the Socialistic state before it shall be adopted. Shall we then go back, a long way, abandon our public schools, our normals, our state universities, asylums and so on? In the establishing and conducting of these is there "equal and exact justice to all?" Is it injustice to take an individual's property who has no children and educate the children of another. Is it not injustice to take A's property and give it to B to have and to hold, and his heirs and assigns forever, as their private property? In other words, is there no injustice under the capitalistic system? Is it a reason that a system shall be abandoned because of the impossibility of administering it in "equal and exact justice to all?" Then, if not, why is it reasonably an objection on the basis of the assumption of a possibility that it might not be so administered under a "co-operative commonwealth?" It is not to be expected that perfection shall exist, at least not at once, perhaps never, under the Socialistic state. It is no reason for its rejection in the one case more than in the other.

Socialism operates more justly to all in so far as it exists than the capitalistic state. Therefore it is a right inference that if wholly applied to the ownership and management of the means of production and distribution—in other words—the condition changed so that a man cannot live off of another, but must earn his own living and have all the living he earns and no more, it will be vastly more productive of equal and exact justice to all than the present system, by which the lion's share of labor's product is confiscated by a few.

The common error appears in this editorial: that of assuming the continued existence of the very root of the present deplorable evil, the profit system. Under Socialism the individual will reap only the profit of his own energy, but not by the energy and toil of another. The conditions of the fishing story will not continue under Socialism. If a man has no hook he will be given one and he must fish for himself. In other words a man will be given employment and he must earn all he gets by his own energy. He cannot despoil another of his earnings or compel others to work for him. It will not be as under the present capitalistic system. This is the "false assumption." Surely if the prognosis are not right the prognosis are quite certain to be wrong. If the premises are false the conclusion will be. This false assumption is what leads many to false conclusions. It is also false to assume that perfection must exist under Socialism else Socialism cannot exist. It is a long way to the perfect state, but not so far to the Socialistic state.

Foreign Notes

Compiled for the National Headquarters, Socialist Party, by Agnes Wakefield, Boston, Mass.

GERMANY.

As a drowning man grasps at a straw, so the small traders, threatened by large capital, try to save themselves by opposing the most modest reform in trade. Years of investigation of the fifteen, sixteen and seventeen hours' day in the retail shops, resulted in the introduction, on Oct. 1, 1900, of the 9 o'clock p. m. closing of the shops. At that time the small traders did their best to prevent the passage of that law, which is weakened by all kinds of exceptions and is often broken. The employes are now trying to obtain a shorter working day by an 8 o'clock p. m. closing of the shops. Again, a part of the small traders, who were glad when thousands of persons had their occupation taken away from them by a law limiting and forbidding street traffic, began to storm against the employes' efforts. A federation of shop-keepers was founded for the sole purpose of opposing the 8 o'clock closing of the shops. Those gentlemen can always speak in the employes' meetings, but in their meetings they arrogantly forbid the employes to speak, or excluded them.—Berlin Vorwaerts.

able visitors retreated from the factory hall. Avanti, the Socialist daily journal of Rome, reports that the minister of the Italian navy, Morin, visiting the new battleship Queen Margherita criticised its magnificent furnishings. As the minister saw the elegant rooms for the officers, he said: "Where do the men sleep? Probably with the guns! That is not right. There is too much luxury, far too much luxury!" Avanti remarks: "If Morin came oftener, he'd see many other things that are 'not right!'"

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