

LABOR DAY PICNIC

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
CENTRAL TRADES AND LABOR UNION
AND
BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL
TO BE GIVEN AT

West End Heights, Monday, Sept. 7, 1908

The Labor Day picnic of the C. T. & L. U. and B. T. C. will be given Monday, Sept. 7, at West End Heights. There will be speaking at the Theater, as the program will show. One of the speakers will be **Comrade Wm. L. Garver** of Chillicothe, the Socialist candidate for Governor. There will be theatrical performances in the afternoon and evening, with "Lost Paradise" on the program at both performances. The speaking will be from 4 to 8 o'clock p. m. Admission to the park 10c a person. Children under 14 years free.

Race Prizes.

- 1 Race—Boys under 12, ball, bat and glove.
 - 2 Race—Girls under 12, pair of union label shoes.
 - 3 Race—Boys, 12 to 16, union label hat.
 - 4 Race—Girls, 12 to 16, union label garters.
 - 5 Race—Mens, a 100 yds. free for all; prize, box of cigars.
 - 6 Race—Ladies, free for all, pair union label shoes.
 - 7 Race—Union men only, silk umbrella.
 - 8 Race—Wives of union men, silk umbrella.
 - 9 Race—Potatoes, for boys, union label shirt.
 - 10 Race—Potatoes, for girls, union label belt and bag set.
 - 11 Race—Fat men, union label shoes.
 - 12 Race—Fat ladies, union label belt and bag set.
- The races begin 2:30 p. m. sharp. Speaking will take place at the theater, between 4 and 8 p. m.
- Speakers.**—**W. S. Cowherd**, Democratic Nominee for Governor. **H. S. Hadley**, Republican Nominee for Governor. **W. L. Garver**, Socialist Nominee for Governor.
- Committee of Arrangements:** Phil Hofher, Peter Beisel, John Riegert of C. Trades and Labor Union; M. Goodwin, Dick Debarry, M. Brickley, of Building Trades Council.
- Beginning 12 o'clock at noon, "Lost Paradise". Matinee and evening. Admission 10c a person, children free.

LATEST NEWS FROM DEMOCRATIC SOUTH

Democratic Organ of Birmingham Advises Killing of Mr. Fairley, the Organizer of the United Mine Workers in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 31.—The Birmingham Age-Herald, a Democratic and pro-Bryan newspaper, has come out in another vicious attack on the striking miners which is a direct incitement to murder. The Age-Herald says: "If Fairley and his black co-conspirators have invaded South Alabama and perpetrated the same damnable deeds he has inflicted on the people of Jefferson county, nothing further would be needed but the coroner."

Then the Age-Herald says: "Let's start things up."

Full Text of Article.

The murderous article, which was written by J. V. Allen, appears in the front page under big headlines. Its full text is as follows:

"Birmingham has won the admiration of the world for its enterprise, splendid achievements and the ability of its citizens to do things, but in the recent coal miners' strike she has been a distinct disappointment to all liberty-loving Alabamians.

"If Fairley and his black co-conspirators had invaded South Alabama and perpetrated the same damnable deeds he has inflicted on the people of Jefferson county nothing further would be needed but the coroner.

"The time for discussing the promoters and directors of the guerilla warfare who have brought shame and disgrace on the state and wrought wreck and ruin to this district, should be past; the time for action is at hand. Our property interests, our personal liberty, the happiness and lives of our people are involved. What more is necessary to arouse a brave people against the instigators of assaults from the midnight assassin? They seem willing and anxious to sacrifice this entire community, even the blood of innocent women and children, for personal gain. They are guilty of an attempt to overturn our social status and break down barriers sacred to the whole south. They construe liberty to mean license and long suffering of our people as cowardice.

"Dynamiter" and "Assassin."

"There is not an intelligent man in this district who does not know that the work of the trouble maker, the dynamiter and the midnight assassin has been directed by a conspirator located in the very heart of this city. This community has gone through an ordeal that few communities would suffer. The people have been patient to the limit.

"We are told of a message from Indianapolis from President Lewis asking a conference with the coal operators, with a view of arbitration. The operators will accept no compromise and the people want no compromise.

"No right-thinking man can tolerate the thought of seeing his fellow-citizens coerced into signing any kind of contract or agreement. The idea is repugnant to every sense of justice and is abhorrent to all honest and brave men.

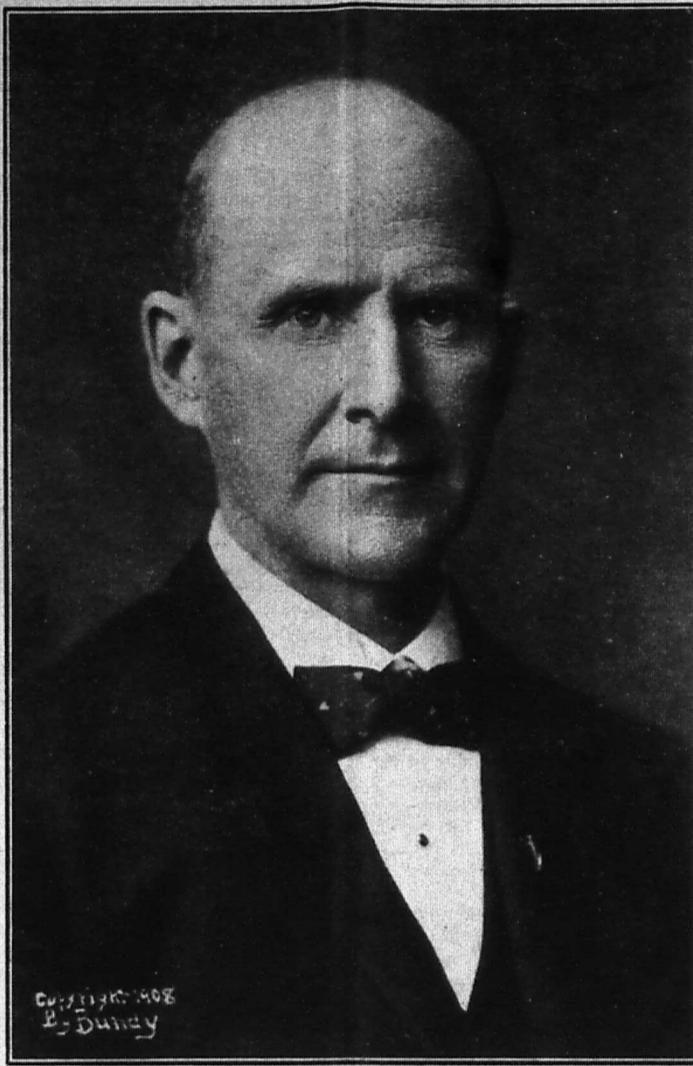
"Let's start things up."

Mine Workers Sure to Win Out.

In speaking of the miners' strike in Alabama the "United Mine Workers' Journal," editorially, says:

"At this writing the strike in Alabama is in good shape. The turmoil, from whatever cause, has subsided, and everyone is getting down to business for a siege of a peaceful nature. Whether this is due to the fact that a number of the guards have been indicted for wilful murder has had a sobering effect on them, or what is the cause we do not know. It is sufficient to know that there is comparative quietness, and that in spite of the fact that the 'scalawags and carpetbaggers' have not been deported.

"In this we see a hopeful sign of ultimate victory to the miners



EUGENE V. DEBS,

The Honest, Sincere and Faithful Servant of the Working Class, Who Was Cowardly and Maliciously Attacked by Mr. Samuel Gompers in the Editorial Columns of the American Federationist.

ANNUAL SOCIALIST PICNIC AND CAMPAIGN DEMONSTRATION

SAT. SEPT. 12 **LEMP'S PARK**
SUN. SEPT. 13 **LEMP'S PARK**

SPEAKERS FOR BOTH DAYS—



MAX S. HAYES, of Ohio.



WALTER THOS. MILES, of Washington.



WM. L. GARVER, Socialist Candidate for Governor.

You are cordially invited to attend this Tenth Annual Autumn Picnic and 2 Days' Campaign Demonstration of the **SOCIALIST PARTY** and the **Socialist Press**, "St. Louis Labor" and "Arbeiter-Zeitung" at Lemp's Park.

Park opens at 2 p. m. both days. Admission, 10c. Children free. Concert, Singing, Dancing, Children's Entertainment.

if the law is obeyed and if they conduct the strike within the statutes of the state they can not and will not lose the fight.

"There will be no let-up in the fight; everything is in good shape, and if conducted in a peaceable manner the end will be the final triumph of the miner, as it deserves to be.

"To the miners of Alabama we say, stand by your officers. Now is your opportunity to conquer or go back to work as slaves. You know the condition your lack of organization brought you to. If you do not stand by one another in this strike your condition will be worse. You have nothing to lose but your chains if you stand together; nothing to win but slavery if you betray your trust. It is up to you to choose between loyalty to yourself and your fellowman and your organization, or the black, withering conditions against which you struck. Which do you choose, Liberty or Slavery? But show while you are fighting for liberty that you are worthy of it by obeying the law at all times."

The Socialist Special

THE RED SPECIAL LEFT CHICAGO.

(Press Dispatch.)

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Eugene V. Debs, candidate for president on the Socialist ticket, who is to leave for a tour of the West tomorrow on a special train, addressed a crowd of 10,000 persons at a Socialist picnic at Lemont, thirty miles south of Chicago, today and for two hours hurled broadsides of exhortation against Republicans and Democrats. Much of the force of his speech at the beginning was lost through interruptions attending the efforts of John Peterson, owner of the park in which the gathering was held, to eject thirty or more men from the roof of the pavilion, from which elevation they shouted and whistled their appreciation of Mr. Debs' statements.

Mr. Debs shouted to the men to stay where they were, since

EVERY VOTER MUST REMEMBER

THAT THE GENERAL REGISTRATION IN EVERY PRECINCT OF ST. LOUIS WILL TAKE PLACE

MONDAY, SEPT. 14, 1908
TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1908
WEDNES., SEPT. 16, 1908
THURSDAY, SEPT. 17, 1908

UNLESS YOU REGISTER DURING THESE FOUR DAYS YOU CANNOT VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. THE POLLS IN THE PRECINCTS WILL BE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION ON THE FOUR ABOVE NAMED DAYS FROM 8 O'CLOCK P. M. TILL 9 O'CLOCK P. M.

the roof had stood the strain for half an hour without breaking, but to keep still, whereupon Peterson subsided.

Just before Mr. Debs concluded his interrupted discourse somebody in the crowd shouted: "How about Gompers?"

"Oh, Gompers," rejoined the speaker. "I'll pay my respects to him later. Today I am discussing only live topics."

ITINERARY OF "RED SPECIAL"

List of Stops the Debs Train Will Make on Big Western Trip.

The itinerary of the western trip of the "Red Special" is as follows:

- Aug. 31—Monday—Chicago, Joliet, Ottawa, Spring Valley and Davenport.
- Sept. 1—Tuesday—Muscatine, Iowa City, Grinnell, Newton and Des Moines.
- Sept. 2—Wednesday—Creston, Corning, Clarinda, Burlington Junction and Kansas City, Mo.
- Sept. 3—Thursday—Leavenworth, St. Joseph, Mo., and Omaha, Nebraska.
- Sept. 4—Friday—North Platte, Denver, Colo.
- Sept. 5—Saturday—Salida, Colo., and Leadville.
- Sept. 6—Sunday—Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction.
- Sept. 7—Monday—Ogden, Utah; Salt Lake City.
- Sept. 8—Tuesday—Las Vegas, Nev., San Bernardino, Cal.
- Sept. 9—Wednesday—Riverside, Cal., San Diego, Cal.
- Sept. 10—Thursday—Oceanside, Cal., Orange, Cal.; Pasadena and Los Angeles.
- Sept. 11—Friday—Los Angeles, San Louis Obispo, San Jose and San Francisco.
- Sept. 12—Saturday—Oakland, Stockton and Sacramento.
- Sept. 13—Sunday—Ashland, Ore.; Medford, Ore., and Grant's Pass.
- Sept. 14—Monday—Roseberg, Ore., Eugene, Albany, Salem, Woodburn, Oregon City and Portland.
- Sept. 15—Tuesday—Centralia, Tacoma, Wash., Seattle and Everett, Wash.
- Sept. 16—Wednesday—Harrington, Spokane.
- Sept. 17—Thursday—Spokane, Wardner, Wallace, Mullen, Missoula, Mont., Butte.
- Sept. 18—Friday—Billings, Mont., Sheridan, Wyo.
- Sept. 19—Saturday—Deadwood, Rapid City, S. D., Pierre.
- Sept. 20—Sunday—New Ulm, Minn., Mankato and St. Paul.
- Sept. 21—Monday—St. Paul and Duluth.
- Sept. 22—Tuesday—Hancock, Mich.
- Sept. 23—Wednesday—Hancock, Escanaba, Mich. and Green Bay, Wis.
- Sept. 24—Thursday—Appleton, Wis., Manitowoc.
- Sept. 25—Friday—Chicago, arrive 6 a. m.

The Red Special on the Road.

(Daily Press Despatch.)

Chicago, Aug. 21.—A special train, carrying Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for the presidency; James H. Brower, candidate for Governor of Illinois on the Socialist ticket, and several other men of that political party, left here to-day over the Chicago & Alton Railroad for San Francisco. The trip is to be in the nature of an "educational campaign," and stops will be made at all important cities and towns between here and the Pacific Coast, where speeches will be made and Socialist literature distributed. The train is known as the "red special," and is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco September 11. The trip will end upon the return of the special to Chicago, which will be on September 25.

National Organizer, Guy E. Miller, reports from Sknowhegan, as follows: "Republicans had a band concert and rally in opposition to our meeting. About fifty attended the Republican meeting; there were five hundred or more at ours. There will certainly be a heavy increase in the Socialist vote here."

ST. LOUIS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE RED SPECIAL FUND.

Phil Heuer	50	Mo.	100
"Max"	50	H. Kilwinsky	100
Nic Berlinger	25	(Collection by F. Stocker.)	
John Lyons	1.00	Mr. Heiske	50
"H. L."	1.00	P. Harding	25
Frank Denk	50	F. Stocker	50
Peter Weisz	50	Gus Rashek	25
Joe Glader	1.00	A. Weber	25
Francis J. Krause	5.00	L. Drexler	50
H. Olsen	1.00	L. Krueger	25
Frank Mittendorf	1.00	Rotteneck	25
W. H. Scott	1.00	Reuf	50
Fred Werner	1.00	P. Weber	25
Jos. Dialer	1.00	(Collection by J. Sturtz.)	
O. Poeschmann	1.00	D. K.	25
Jos. Enghauser	50	H. S.	25
J. A. Scott	1.00	F. Miersche	25
Phil Heberer	50	J. F. Rathen	10
Kollekte "A. H. A."	1.00	Richard Daly	10
Collection by Carl Sauer	55	C. Weld	25
J. T.	1.00	J. Sturtz	50
Wm. Reim	50	Previously reported	230.55
G. D. Knapp, Cuba	5.00	Total	\$264.55
Jno. Hack	50	OTTO KAEMMERER, Secretary.	
Charles Kaess, Cape Girardeau,			

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CALL.

Remember That There is But One General Registration Every Four Years. This New General Registration Takes Place September 14, 15, 16 and 17 in the Precincts. Every Citizen of St. Louis Must Register During These Four Days. To Neglect It Would Be Unpardonable.

Remember That the St. Louis Socialists Will Give a Two Days Campaign Picnic and Demonstration at Lemp's Park, Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13, to Which You and Your Family and Friends Are Invited. Come and Lets All Have a Good Time.

MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM

But Neither Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan, Nor Their Parties Have Anything to Say About It.



EUGENE V. DEBS, in a recent speech in New York, said: "According to the most reliable reports at our command, there are at least four millions of working men vainly searching for employment. Have you had to go up the street begging for work, in a great city thronged with surging humanity—and, by the way, my friends, people are never quite so strange to each other as when they are forced to artificial, crowded and stifled relationship. I would rather be friendless out on the American desert than to be friendless in Chicago or New York. Have you ever walked up one side of the street while your wife was waiting at home with three or four children for you to report that you had found work? Quite fortunately for me, I had an experience of somewhat similar nature to this quite early in my life. Quite fortunately, because, had I not known from my own experiences just what it is to have to beg for work, just what it is to be shown to the door as if I were a very offensive intruder; had I not known what it is to suffer for want of food; had I not seen every door closed and barred in my face; had I not found myself friendless and alone in the city as a boy looking for work, and in vain, perhaps I would not be here this afternoon. I might have grown up as some others have who have been as they regard themselves, fortunate. I might have waved aside my fellow men and said, "Do as I have done. If you are without work it is your own fault. Look at me. I am self-made. No man is under the necessity of looking for work if he is willing to work."

GO AND EAT GRASS

The Republican Corporation Party and the Men Out of Work.

The national convention of the Republican party has demonstrated that the party's leaders are mad and blind. Old Burrows talked of a "temporary panic" while 5,000,000 desperate men were vainly searching for work. He babbed of the 4,000,000 of immigrants who had landed on our shores in the last four years. But for months past and while he was talking emigration exceeded immigration.

Senator Lodge was eloquent about the traditions of the Grand Old Party and Burrows dolled out a phrase to the effect that the candidate must have the qualities of a Lincoln and a Grant—then the convention nominated the Taft-Injunction Bill Taft.

And not one word on the floor of the Republican convention and not one word in the Republican platform about the 5,000,000 men out of work.

And why should there be? If the Republican party had anything to do for the unemployed it would have been done long before the convention. The Republican party has been in control of all branches of the federal government for years. The Republican party controls the United States supreme court—that makes the blacklist lawful and the boycott unlawful. The Republican party controls the United States senate by a majority of 29 out of 91 members. The Republican party controls the United States house of representatives by a majority of 56 out of 391 members. The Republican party controls all the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the federal government. For years the Republican party has had power, and it must not be allowed to shirk responsibility. It should be held no less responsible for the decisions of a Republican supreme court than for the acts of a Republican president and the laws of a Republican congress.

And this Republican party, without a single decent attribute except a name stolen from the graves of its dead—this Republican party had the power before congress adjourned to provide productive and remunerative employment for every idle man in the United States. But it did not do one thing for the relief of the man out of work. And when congress adjourned its members came to Chicago and in convention assembled told the millions of hungry people in the country that owns \$110,000,000,000 worth of property to "Go and Eat Grass!"—Ben Hanford, Vice-Presidential Candidate of the Socialist Party.

Wm. Taft, Injunction Bill, Will Make as reliable a president as the big capitalist corporation interests of the country can desire. He will serve their best interests.

"Thou Fool!" is the Title of a Novel published this week. It ought to have a circulation of 7,623,486. That is the number of persons who voted for Roosevelt and Prosperity.—N. Y. Call.

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee," is Not a song for the man who has no home of his own, and if sung only by the home owners and their children it would never be heard.

Every Vote for Taft and the Republican party will be a vote for Roosevelt and Militarism. Every vote for Debs and the Socialist Party will be a vote for International peace and Labor's freedom.

Who Furnished the Money That oiled the political machines that furnished the funds to the politicians who paid the Republican and Democratic ward bums who stuffed the ballot boxes in the recent primaries that made Cowherd the Democratic candidate for governor? Who did it? The same capitalist corporations that furnish the campaign funds for the Republican machine with Hadley as the gubernatorial candidate.

If Christ Came to America Today He would certainly use a good-sized cowhide on the Democratic and Republican party machine politicians and drive them into the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The only political party the Carpenter of Nazareth would or could join today is the Socialist Party, because the principles, program, platform and policy of the Socialist Party are in line with the best teachings of Christ.

A Campaign Document

Here is an item which the Republican party managers and prosperity apostles might use as a campaign document: "It might be said in this connection, that what occurred at Camden, N. J., on Aug. 10 is by no means an isolated case, as the columns of the daily press testify. The article in question is as follows:

UNEMPLOYED FIGHT FOR JOBS.

Fifteen Hundred Answer Advertisement Calling for 400 Men.

Camden, N. J., Aug. 10.—A large detail of police had considerable difficulty in controlling about 1,500 men who had answered an advertisement issued by the Joseph Campbell Co. of this city, who desired to employ 400 workmen. In the crowd which responded to the call were many former employees of the company, and these were given preference. In their desperation to be among the favored ones, the other men fought among themselves, using bricks and stones. Four arrests were made and a guard was placed around the factory. Republican papers, please copy!

SOCIALIST PARTY TICKET

Presidential, Congressional, Legislative and City Nominations.

Day of Elections: Tuesday, Nov. 3, '08.

- President Eugene V. Debs
Vice-President Ben Hanford
Governor W. L. Garver
Lieutenant-Governor U. F. Sargent
Secretary of State F. Baker
Auditor Frank Foster
Treasurer C. E. Etherton
Attorney General J. F. Williams
Railroad Commissioner U. S. Barnesley
Supreme Court L. G. Pope
Court of Appeals Otto Vierling
Electors-at-Large—

- W. W. Baker and G. A. Lafayette
10th Cong. Dist. G. A. Hoehn
11th Cong. Dist. Phil H. Mueller
12th Cong. Dist. Wm. C. Crouch
29th Senat. Dist. Wm. M. Brandt
31st Senat. Dist. Wm. Kreckler
33d Senat. Dist. Wm. E. Kindorf
1st Legislat. Dist. Wm. Ruesche, Wm. Klages, H. Siroky.
2d Legislat. Dist.—Wm. Reznicek, Chas. Goodman, Chris. Rocker.
3d Legislat. Dist.—Dan Burkhardt, J. Wuensch, F. W. Schulz.
4th Legislat. Dist.—Hy Schwarz, F. Rosenkranz, A. Kean.
5th Legislat. Dist.—E. B. Story, Walter Abling.
6th Legislat. Dist.—F. L. Robinson, Jos. Barratt.
Judges of Circuit Court—William Worman, Otto Pauls and Frank Heuer; Circuit Attorney—L. E. Hildebrand; Sheriff—T. C. Stephens; Public Administrator—D. M. Haskin; Coroner—Dr. Emil Simon.

Prosperity! Prosperity!

The following daily press dispatch needs no comment. It is a picture of the Republican prosperity from the wealthiest city on the American continent:

"New York, Aug. 27.—Two hundred men and women, many of the latter with babies in their arms, slept in the city's morgue at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, last night. They were glad to accept the gruesome hospitality of the municipality, and to rest side by side when the city's unknown and pauper dead.

"It was the first time in the history of the city that the "dead house" has been used for a lodging house.

"The demands of the homeless men and women were too great for the capacity of the municipal lodging house.

"During the height of the rainstorm last night they appeared for shelter in such numbers that every bed, bench and chair was taken before the usual hour. Hundreds of men and women were turned away and told to seek shelter elsewhere.

"Finally the situation appealed to the city officials in charge, and the doors of the spacious morgue were thrown open. Only a few declined the invitation to enter. Some, controlled by superstition, turned away, taking again to the streets, rather than resting in close proximity to the unidentified dead." Amen!

What Do You Think of the Republican Platform? Well, it is good enough for fooling workmen who are foolish enough to be fooled by the big corporation party.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Socialist Vote in the United States in Presidential Elections. Rows: 1892 (21,164), 1896 (36,274), 1900 (96,931), 1904 (450,000)

Will You Throw Your Vote Away?

Will you be throwing your vote away if you cast your ballot for other than Taft or Bryan? Take home this thought: What act on the part of labor will buy for it a greater return than the piling up of a huge Socialist vote? This great vote will prove an awakened conscience, an intelligence, organization, and wise revolt that will demand attention. Two million votes for the Socialist ticket this fall will crystallize into effect in less than six months from the 3d of November more beneficial law in the interest of labor than will be put upon the statute books by the election of Bryan for twenty years. Legislators, state and national, will have their political vision so enlarged by the increased horizon of two million Socialist votes that they will be able to see the crime of government by injunction; the range of their vision will be so increased that they will be able to see one million nine hundred child slaves of this country; they will see more of the crimes of capitalism in one minute through this two-million telescope than they have heretofore been able to discover in one hundred years; they will see things, but the biggest and most fearful thing they will see will be the fact that labor is coming to its own and is organizing for the conquest of the powers of government—and two million votes this year will mean ten million votes and complete victory in 1912. Will you throw your vote away?—The Laborer, Dallas, Tex.

Capital and Labor Are Brothers before election. After the first week in November, Brother Capital finds it very easy to forget the relationship.—New York Evening Call.

A Daily Paper Reports That Upton Sinclair in his new book, "The Money Changers," was trying to prove Wall Street immoral. We think the proof of Wall Street's immorality were furnished many years ago.

How Can Any Workingman Who does not own his own home find any pleasure in voting the Republican or Democratic ticket? Both parties believe in keeping the enslaving wage system as it now is.

Every Election Judge and Clerk found guilty of fraudulent work should go to the penitentiary. But what about the politicians "higher up" and the corporations who financed the Cowherd, Hadley and Stapel campaign clubs?

In 1896 the Entire Socialist Vote throughout the United States was about 36,000. Eight years later Debs polled about one-half million votes. And in 1908? Just watch and vote with us, and you will be surprised when the Socialist vote is an ounce Nov. 4.

The Congress of the United States has shown its contempt for the interests of labor as plainly and unmistakably as have the other branches of government. The legislation for which the labor organizations have continuously petitioned has been rejected. The scant legislation apparently passed for their benefit has been so distorted as to injure those whom it pretended to help.

The Ruling Class Has Seized Upon the present desperate condition of the workers as an opportunity for a renewed onslaught on the Organized Labor movement. The highest courts of the country have within the last year rendered decision after decision depriving the workers of rights which they have won by generations of struggle. The attempt to destroy the Western Federation of Labor, although defeated by the solidarity of Organized Labor and the Socialist movement, revealed the existence of a far-reaching and unscrupulous conspiracy on the part of the ruling powers against the organizations of labor.

Who is Who in the "Big Cinch?" We read in the Post-Dispatch: "The United Free Bridge Committee has decided to its own satisfaction the composition of the 'Big Cinch' after many of the ablest financial and legal minds in St. Louis had failed to do so in the symposium published in the Post-Dispatch recently, and which everybody remembers. Here is the 'Big Cinch' as voted upon unanimously: North American Co., Terminal Railway Association, Union Electric Light and Power Co., Laclede Gaslight Co., United Railways Co., their bondholders and subsidiary companies." But what about the banks and trust companies, and certain newspapers tied up with the "Big Cinch?" And what about the political machines controlled by the "Big Cinch" corporations?

Wanted—Somebody to tell us when St. Louis will get the free municipal bridge for which the people voted two years ago.

The Republican National Convention resembled a big circus with a few managers, many performing animals and a horde of parasites in the audience.

Speaker Cannon, Better Known as "Uncle Joe" the enemy of Organized Labor, is largely responsible for the vice-presidential election on the Republican ticket. That is what the Globe-Democrat said in its issue of June 20.

Taft and Sherman Make a Fine team. With a joint avoirdupois of 500 pounds, the one with an injunction record, the other with the record of a successful trust manager, this team certainly is entitled to the workmen's consideration.

While the "Democratic" Courts Decided against the opening of the ballot boxes, the "Republican" court of Judge Taylor decided that the ballot boxes shall be opened and the votes of the recent primary elections in certain wards be recounted. What influence party politics will have on some of the "honorable" on the bench.

After Fifty Years of Republican party rule, fifty years after Abe Lincoln's death, the city of Springfield, Ill., is the scene of the most disgraceful, the most murderous lynch-mob outrages ever recorded in the annals of this republic. Where is the educational influence of the Republican and Democratic parties?

With Four Millions or More Wage workers unemployed it is indeed an outrage that neither Mr. Taft nor Mr. Bryan has a single word to say about the industrial crisis, its cause and cure, and about the pitiable conditions of about 25 per cent of the American people.

There is an Idle Army of More than 200,000 in the city of New York. The charity organizations are forced to acknowledge that they are swamped with applications for relief. A Mark Hanna is needed to raise the hopes of the people by the promise of another "full dinner pail."—Miners' Magazine.

Ten Years Ago There Were But Five or six local Socialist Party branches organized in the state of Missouri. Today Missouri has 145 Socialist local branches in as many different cities and towns, organized under the banner of the Socialist Party. The active dues-paying membership has increased from about 150 to 2500 within the last ten years.

One Morning Last Week a Local machine manufacturer in the western part of the city advertised for six skilled mechanics. Between 7 and 8 o'clock there were over two hundred mechanics assembled in front of the shop, practically blockading sidewalk and street, all clamoring for a chance to work. And yet Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan have nothing to say on this most serious problem of the unemployed.

There is Little or No Difference between Taftism and Bryanism, between the Republican and the Democratic parties. This also seems to be the opinion of the St. Louis Star-Chronicle, which says editorially: "The two great parties are practically advancing the same important measures. It would bother any partisan Democrat or Republican to give good reason for changing his coat because of more attraction in the other fellow's declarations. It is a choice between men, the nominees, and to all those who don't care for party it is a very difficult choice.

Considerable Noise is Made and Indignation expressed about the crooked work in the polling places of the "Snake" Kinney district. It is proposed that quite a number of election judges and clerks should be sent to the penitentiary. Agreed! However, the following questions will be in order: Does anybody believe that those wretches of judges and clerks acted on their own initiative? Don't you think that they were merely the tools of politicians higher up? And whose tools are the politicians higher up? Are they not in the employ of powerful capitalist corporations? Who financed the Cowherd primary campaign? Who is financing the Hadley campaign? Tell us, please! Don't think for a moment that capitalist corporations spend thousands of dollars for the Democratic and Republican machine campaigns without having some good assurance of getting something for their good, hard cash.

An United Press Dispatch From Washington, D. C., says that the leading politicians are all agreed that the Socialist Party, headed by Eugene V. Debs, will poll a much larger vote this year than ever before.

Cowherd, the Victorious Democratic candidate for governor, received more votes from citizens sleeping the eternal sleep at the St. Louis cemeteries than any other candidate in the field. Mr. Cowherd may be the dead candidate of the dead at the November elections.

The St. Louis Republic Told a Bare-faced lie when it came out two weeks ago stating that the Central Trades & Labor Union had endorsed Bryan and the Democratic party. It was one of those cheap campaign lies on which the Democratic party seems to depend for its miserable existence.

Wm. Jennings Bryan, the Democratic trust buster, has become so "respectable" since the radical Bryan campaign of 1896 that even the old capitalist press sewer in New York, known as "New York World," embraces him most heartily. And Tammany Hall, the rottenest of the rotten political capitalist party machines on American soil, endear Mr. Bryan with their kisses and smiles, with their embraces and with their corruption funds.

There is No Doubt in the Mind of any intelligent man or woman that the noise and howling about the ballot-box stuffing in Snake Kinney's banner wards is made for political campaign purposes. Mr. Sager can help his party considerably by pushing the primary fraud cases before the November elections. About Christmas and New Year all will be forgotten and the Republican and Democratic crooks will then get their plans ready for the municipal elections in April.

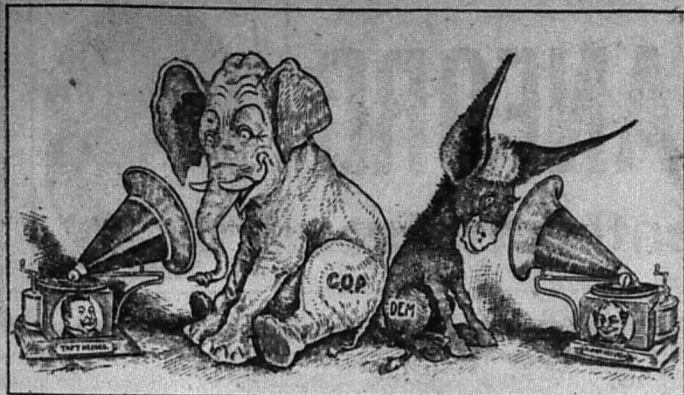
Six Socialist Votes Were Cast in Precinct 18, Ward 10. They were counted, too, but not one of these votes was reported to the Election Commissioners' office in the City Hall. We hereby serve notice on the Democratic and Republican judges and clerks of election that the Socialists will watch them closely and insist that the Socialist vote be properly counted and reported. If not, we shall devise ways and means to have the careless or mischievous election officials properly advertised and punished.

Facts Are Facts, and Facts Should become known and should be repeated until they will be known to everybody. It is a well-known fact that Gussie Busch is a Democrat in local politics. He tried to be elected to the City Council some years ago.

DON'T FAIL TO REGISTER Mon. Sept. 14, Tues. Sept. 15, Wed. Sept. 16, Thurs. Sept. 17. Socialist Sunday School. Fifteenth Ward Socialist Sunday School meets every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at 1832 Carr street.

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—Bartholomew in the Minneapolis Journal.

BILL TAFT AND BILL BRYAN, BOTH MASTERS OF "CANNED SPEECHES," WILL SING THE SAME CAPITALIST CORPORATION SONGS IN THE 1908 CAMPAIGN.

Socialist Pete Curran On Moral Influence of Parliament

Same Thing Is True About Our National Congress.

Mr. Pete Curran, M. P., speaking at Tottenham on Sunday, said that being in the House of Commons did not tend toward a man's moral or intellectual improvement, and he questioned whether he was equal intellectually to what he was years ago. He was doubtful whether he had ever been in such bad company as that which he had been compelled to associate with in his experience as member of Parliament.

On Tuesday Mr. Curran's statement was the subject of a question in the House, Mr. Markham, the Liberal member for the Mansfield division, called the speaker's attention to the speech of the member for Jarrow, who was reported to have said that being in the House of Commons did not tend toward a man's moral and intellectual improvement. "Agreed, agreed!" shouted laughing members.

The report of Mr. Curran's speech went on: "He questioned whether he was equally intellectual to what he was years ago" (more laughter) "and doubted whether he had ever been in such bad company as that he had been compelled to associate with in his experience as a member of Parliament." The House laughed merrily, while Mr. Markham inquired whether this was not a libel on the assembly, particularly on the members among whom Mr. Curran sat.

The speaker (gravely): "If the honorable member asks my opinion of the speech, I shall give him no answer. If he asks me if it constitutes a breach of privilege, I shall say not. The honorable member is entitled to form his own opinion of the company among whom he sits."

This brought down the House, and Mr. Curran, as he whispered to some of his colleagues, was the only member whose face bore any semblance of seriousness.—United Mine Workers' Journal.

Socialism in the Hell of Capitalism.

The Pittsburg, Pa., Socialist report are very encouraging. As the result of the active propaganda work carried on here during the past eighteen months the membership of the Socialist Party has increased over 200 per cent, and the audiences that attend the Sunday morning lectures have become so large that the party organization has been obliged to hire a hall that seats over a thousand people in order to accommodate the crowds that come to listen to the Socialist doctrine expounded by J. W. Slayton.

Free Speech Fight in New England.

Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 22.—Believing that in Massachusetts the right of free speech prevailed, R. T. Paine of Hoboken, N. J., secured permission from the chief of police, W. G. White, to hold street meetings. While addressing an interested crowd at North and Depot streets, where the Salvation Army holds its meetings and where all the open-air meetings are held, two officers arrested Paine. After having been detained about a quarter of an hour, Paine was released, but was soon rearrested on the charge of "obstructing the sidewalk." He was bailed out by L. W. Kimball, an electrical worker organizer. When arraigned in court Paine was fined \$6. The case has been appealed and will be contested vigorously.

A Capitalist Paper on Free Speech.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch publishes the following editorial which our readers may take for what it is worth. It is capitalistic, of course! The P. D. says: "The Socialists of Boston desiring to hold a great meeting to be addressed by Eugene V. Debs were denied the use of Tremont Temple and the People's Temple. They now propose to assemble on the common. Error will not last long in free debate because the truth is free to combat it. This was Jefferson's doctrine, and the experience of this country has vindicated the truth of it. As long as people discuss their notions, creeds and vagaries without disturbing the peace the wisest plan is to let them alone to blow off steam. It is the repressed fallacy that explodes in violence and rebellion."

That Milwaukee Baseball Incident.

The baseball incident still continues to furnish excitement in Milwaukee. The unprintable abuse which Mayor Rose hurled against the Socialists for refusing to play ball with the grafting aldermen from Philadelphia has merely reacted in our favor. Comrade Victor L. Berger gave the mayor a spirited reply and a stern rebuke in the last issue of the Social-Democratic Herald. This issue accordingly made a great sensation. It was sold at 10 cents a copy on the streets of Milwaukee, and an extra edition had to be printed. The result is that newsdealers who before ignored our paper are now anxious to keep it regularly on sale. Thus the mayor's abuse has helped us in the end. The mayor's "friends" are urging him to sue us for libel. But he is in no hurry to do this—probably feeling that Comrade Berger's charges against him are only too true.

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If you want to learn English, thoroughly and quickly, join Mrs. S. Woodman's private classes. One course of private instruction will help you more than many months in the public night schools. Call on Mrs. Woodman, 2106 Lafayette avenue, for particulars.

THE PRESENT SITUATION

"These Are the Times That Try Men's Souls." Thomas Paine's Words May Well Be Considered Today.

The situation is grave. No intelligent man or woman will deny this.

About a year ago the financial panic aroused the American people. The panic was followed by the industrial crisis which is still on today, which will continue until next spring, if no longer. Then gradually, but slowly, business will pick up again, but it may take three or four years before the millions of men and women who have been out of work for many months, will recover from their impoverished conditions.

Queer, Mr. Bryan and the rest of the Democratic politicians have nothing to say on the most serious problem of the day, which is the unemployed question. Mr. Bryan has good reasons not to touch that problem. It was in 1893, when under Grover Cleveland's administration, a similar industrial crisis broke loose, the grave effects of which were felt for over five years.

The assertion that the anti-Roosevelt gang of the American high financiers made the crisis, willfully and artificially, is a flimsy political trick, because the present crisis is the natural result of the criminal capitalist speculation and reckless exploitation of the people.

In Congress, Legislatures and Municipal assemblies the Democratic and Republican parties alike assisted the wholesale robbery of our money plutocracy. It is a well known fact that men like Russell Sage and Rockefeller prophesied this present crisis several years ago, claiming that it was unavoidable.

By the way, Bryan and the other Democratic politicians are straining every nerve to catch the labor vote. The Democratic party is even more rotten than the Republican, and we cannot see any reason where their claim for the labor vote comes in.

Let us not lose sight of these facts:

Whether under Republican and Democratic administrations, the trusts, monopolies and corporations have flourished. The fact of the matter is that both parties are owned, financed and managed by the trusts and monopolies. Taft or Bryan, Bryan or Taft—what's the difference?

Mr. Taft is known as a capitalist corporation agent; his party is known as the capitalist party par excellence.

Mr. Bryan pretends to be something different from Mr. Taft, but as a politician he is not. He may weigh about 25 pounds less than the Republican nominee, that's all. Take St. Louis, for instance, where the leading "Big Cinch" capitalists are leading Democrats who support Bryan. In New York the Democratic Tammany Hall, Bryan's main support in that part of the country, does most of the criminal political work for the capitalist corporations.

In 1892, under Republican Benjamin Harrison's administration, the Homestead strike broke out. Andrew Carnegie, the Scotch Highlander and builder of libraries, declared war on the Association of Iron and Steel Workers.

Then and there a Democratic Governor Patterson of Pennsylvania ordered 10,000 State soldiers to Homestead to help Republican Carnegie kill the strike. And they killed it, too.

Grover Cleveland was elected President. Under his administration there were some of the most serious labor troubles in American history.

Republican Pullman caused the hunger insurrection of 1894, among his employes. That strike became known as the great Debs strike. What did the Democratic administration do? Help the working men and women struggling against millionaire Pullman?

No, not by any means!

President Grover Cleveland sent the Federal troops to Chicago to break the strike. Debs and other strike leaders were arrested, the strikers' headquarters were destroyed, their property confiscated, and Eugene V. Debs and his fellow Union leaders were sent to Woodstock jail, without a jury trial!

This was a dose of "Democratic labor friendship!"

Then came the strike troubles in Buffalo, Brooklyn, Cleveland, Cripple Creek, Tonawanda, Pana, Hazleton, Coeur d'Alene—most of them under Grover Cleveland's Democratic administration.

One of the first acts of the next Republican administration consisted in ordering Federal troops to the Coeur d'Alene to help the mine owners kill the miners' strike.

In Colorado, for a number of years, Peabody's Republican administration, supported by Roosevelt, proclaimed a reign of official anarchy and a war of annihilation against Organized Labor. "Undesirable citizens," so baptized by President Theodore Roosevelt, were kidnapped. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were deported to Idaho, thrown in jail, accused of murder, kept there for about 18 months. Yet, they were innocent. Pettibone died—he was murdered by the Republican administration and the Orchard-Pinkerton crime agency.

At this very hour nearly 20,000 United Mine Workers are on strike in Alabama; they ask for better conditions. What is the answer of the Democratic State administration? Governor Comer of Alabama, a great

Bryan man, ordered the State militia into the mining district to assist the Mine Owners in fighting the striking miners.

How any thinking, self-respecting working man can get enthusiastic about the Democratic or Republican parties, or for Bryan and Taft, is hard to understand.

Under the conditions as pointed out in this article, there remains nothing else to do but to join the Socialist Party in this great political struggle, and on November 3 vote for Eugene V. Debs and Ben Hanford and the entire Socialist ticket.



SOCIALIST NEWS REVIEW

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

As next Monday is Labor Day, the Executive Board will not meet until Sept. 14. All delegates please take notice.

Otto Kaemmerer, Secretary.

CLYDE A. BERRY IN ST. LOUIS.

Our candidate for Congress in the Fifteenth district, Clyde A. Berry, will speak at Olive and Twelfth streets, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 9. Comrade Berry is doing fine work out in the state and desires to become acquainted with St. Louis comrades. Come to Twelfth and Olive on next Wednesday and hear him.

Comrade Hickey's Successful Meetings in St. Louis.

A street meeting, held at Thirteenth and Franklin avenue, on Sunday night, was addressed by Comrade Hickey on "The Cause of the Panic." The speaker used a blackboard to give the figures, introduced in his speech, and his remarks were received with great interest. Comrade Hickey is known as "Piano Box Hickey" and claims to be the oldest soap box orator in the country. Monday evening Comrade Hickey addressed a good crowd on Olive and Twelfth streets.

Comrade Sherlie Woodman in Hannibal, Mo.

A Hannibal (Mo.) local newspaper published the following item: "Quite a crowd assembled at the park last night, having been attracted by the announcement that Mrs. Sherlie Woodman, of St. Louis, would make an address. William M. Mason, one of the prominent members of the Socialist party in Hannibal, made the first address of the evening. He talked only a few minutes and gave way to Mrs. Woodman, who had for her subject 'The Workman's Ballot: What Should He Do With It?' Mrs. Woodman is a good speaker and one who understands the art of holding the closest attention of her audience. She will deliver an address tonight, tomorrow night and Sunday afternoon."

The Elections in Finland.

A Finland correspondent says: Possibly the total number of votes polled by the various parties may give an even clearer idea of the predominance of Socialist opinion. They were given by the "Nya Pressen" for July 11 as follows:

Socialist	393,744
Old Finns	201,063
Swedish Party	101,400
Young Finns	111,663
Agrarians	4,242
Christian Workers' Union	19,807

It is to be remembered that the nine Agrarians will work with the Socialists. The strength of the Liberty Party is, of course, arrived at for practical purposes by adding together the Swedish Party and the Young Finns.

Socialism Scaring the "Solid South."

Comrade Terlisner, state secretary of Tennessee, in reporting recent election in Shelby county, states: "We made the Bourbons hustle as they have not hustled since the war. They had to call out the police force to beat us. The order went out at 3 p. m. that every policeman had to vote or the Democrats would lose the race for Attorney General. We are now the second party in Shelby county. The highest Republican got 1,010 votes and the highest Socialist vote was 1,485 for Melvin Rice, candidate for Attorney General. This showing is most remarkable when we consider that the working class is practically disfranchised. The polls close at 4 p. m. and it costs \$2 to vote. Many workmen could not afford to lose the time, and many others were too poor to pay the poll tax."

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Rocker to Speak in Springfield.

Comrade Chris. Rocker will speak in Springfield on Labor Day, not in Sedalia, as was erroneously reported last week.

THE FACT IS

the Court of Equity of the District of Columbia declared against the boycott and ordered the American Federation of Labor to discontinue in the columns of the American Federationist under the "We Don't Patronize" list the name of

The Buck's Stove & Range Co.

This court decision does not make this nor any other unfair concern fair; neither does it make the Union men and women of America forget the fact that Mr. Van Cleave is still fighting the Labor Unions, and that so long as he is pursuing his present Union-killing work he can not expect them to forget the fact that he

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THE EDITOR OF LABOR welcomes and appreciates any recommendation or co-operation from any comrade or sympathizer tending to improve our paper, both as to its contents and its appearance.

SOCIALIST VOTE OF THE UNITED STATES.

1888	2,000
1896	36,000
1900	122,000
1904	408,000

SOCIALIST VOTE OF THE WORLD.

1867	30,000
1877	494,000
1887	931,000
1893	2,585,000
1898	4,515,000
1903	6,825,000
1906	over 7,000,000

1908-LABOR DAY-1908

LET THIS LABOR DAY, 1908, BE A DAY FOR SERIOUS THOUGHT, MR. FREE AMERICAN WORKINGMAN!



Labor Day—1908.
What does it mean to you, Mr. Workingman?

Mr. Free American Workingman!
Look about you.
See how the machines are being speeded up.

See the superintendant and foreman watching you—that you do not lose a moment of your employer's time.

See the time clock watching you.
See the spies watching you.
See the Boss, himself, watching you.

See the dirty little sub-foreman, with every little gang of workers—he has nothing to do but to get the last atom of energy out of them.

See the old man with the grey hair strain—to keep up. See the young man sweat—to keep up.

Only the exceptional man, only the very strongest, in the brief prime of life, can go the pace. For all the others it is a treadmill, going faster, ever faster, till the feet stumble and the body drops from exhaustion.

How hard it is to hold your job, Mr. Free American Workingman—if you have one to hold. FIVE MILLIONS of your fellows have no jobs. How hard it is to get a job, Mr. Free American Workingman—with FIVE MILLIONS on the watch.

What a struggle it is to keep the wages up. What a struggle it is to make the wages buy the NECESSARIES of life.

What a struggle to keep the children in school. The wife, ill perhaps, and not so strong as she used to be needs a rest in the country, so the doctor says. Out of your wages you can't save money to give her a vacation, so the doctor gives her drugs and poison as the next best thing. And you? No vacation for you—except the lay-off. You sweat for the boss and try to pay the doctor, and one day you drop.

So much for you as an individual, Mr. Free American Workingman. How about you socially and collectively?

How much REAL progress have your unions made since LAST Labor Day?

How have the OLD laws in the interest of labor been ENFORCED?

How many NEW Laws in the interest of labor have been PASSED?

How many of the OLD Labor Laws have the Judges declared UNCONSTITUTIONAL?

How stands the wage scale of your union to-day as compared with this day a year ago? How much dues and assessments do you pay to your union as compared with a year ago?—and what benefits do you get from your dues and assessments?

The lawyers and courts—how much in fees and costs do they take out of your union treasury every year for robbing you of your liberties and your legal rights?

It cost you hundreds of thousands of dollars to prevent the murder of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone by the mine Bosses of Colorado. Had the workingmen of Colorado elected an honest man Governor of that state, those labor leaders would never have been arrested.

What the capitalists TRIED to do LAST year to the labor organizations of Colorado and Idaho they will try to do and WILL do NEXT year all over the country—IF THEY CAN and DARE.

Look the ground over carefully, Mr. Free American Workingman, and solemnly, and seriously, and intelligently.

But NOT hopelessly. Albeit things are somewhat discouraging. See if there is not some way out of the wilderness of struggle and strife.

What CAUSES the struggle? Is it not true that it is caused by the opposing interests of an owning class and a working class?

Cannot the CAUSE of that struggle be removed? Think it over.

Why not make the owners workers, and make the workers owners?



DEBS and HANFORD

Labor's Presidential Ticket



Not swap places. Not put one in the place of the other.
But make those who are to-day owners and NOT workers—make them owners AND workers.

Make those who are to-day workers and NOT owners—make them workers AND owners.

Make ALL owners and ALL workers.

Collective owners and social workers.

Wouldn't that solve the problem, Mr. Free American Workingman?

That would almost be Socialism, terrible to state. But not terrible for you, Mr. Free American Workingman. Terrible for the capitalist—as he thinks.

Think it over this Labor Day.

And work for a BETTER day.

Hope ever, and WORK ALWAYS for that better day.

A vote for Eugene V. Debs for President of the United States will bring that day nearer.

This is a wonderful year, Mr. Free American Workingman and it has a wonderful opportunity for you. You will not have another such opportunity for FOUR long years. Many of you will be DEAD before then. Some of you killed BY your work. Some of you killed by OVER-work. Some of you killed by LACK of work. Every form of homicide and other deviltry goes with capitalism.

You can vote for Capitalism and Bryan, and he will look out for the STOCKHOLDERS in the railways and other industries.

You can vote for Socialism and Debs, and he will look out for the WORKERS on the railways and in all other industries.

You can vote for Capitalism and Taft and the men who issued injunctions against labor organizations and sent their leaders to jail, and you will get more of the same—but WORSE!

You can vote for Socialism and Debs and the man who disregarded injunctions and went to jail to serve you and the working class—and things will be BETTER for you.

Should you vote for either Taft or Bryan, things will be no better with you, Mr. Free American Workingman—and YOU KNOW IT. Do not take my word for it. Just ask yourself that question. Answer yourself honestly. Don't FOOL yourself. Don't lie to YOURSELF. You KNOW what you have received from Democratic Governors and Republican Governors. You KNOW what you received from a Democratic President and Republican Presidents. You KNOW what you have received from Republican Judges and Democratic Judges.

For you to REALLY and TRULY expect benefits from Republicans or Democrats would be to almost class you among the feeble-minded.

In the future as in the past both old parties will give you nothing but the WORST OF IT, and YOU KNOW IT.

On the other hand, you have the Socialist Party—and Debs. Debs went to jail for YOU! The Socialist Party places him at the head of the ticket.

DEBS IS THE WORKINGMAN'S CANDIDATE—and YOU KNOW IT. (Ben Hanford, Socialist Candidate for Vice-President.)

SAM

Sam?

Not Uncle Sam!

Sam Gompers, the writer of the tape-worm editorials in the American Federationist, and President of the American Federation of Labor.

What about him?

He is feeling bad. He is sick, politically sick. Just now he is a psychological study. Being very seriously afflicted with a kind of Democratic appendicitis, poor old Sam is suffering intense pain which affects his entire nerve system.

How do we know this?

Why, we have read it in the editorial columns of the Labor Day number of the American Federationist. We have read it between the lines of those tape-worm editorials; we have read not only the dead letter of that "Debs the Apostle of Failure" editorial, but we have read the spirit of it, that spirit which makes a fellow's mind move like a merry-go-round operated by an electric motor.

The Frenchman would say: "Monsieur Gompers, c'est une ivresse lamentable!"

On another page in this week's St. Louis Labor we publish in full the Gompers editorial on "Debs the Apostle of Failure."

Shall we defend Eugene V. Debs against the attacks made upon him by Mr. Gompers?

No. We do not need to defend him. Debs' record of brave work and faithful service in behalf of the working class is an open book. Debs' participation in the A. R. U. strike of 1904 fills a golden leaf in the history of the American labor movement. That great uprising in behalf of the victims of the hunger revolt in Pullman was one of the noblest acts ever chronicled in the American proletarian movement.

Debs was defeated, but not conquered. The A. R. U. strike was broken by the brute force of the Federal troops ordered to Chicago by the Democratic President Grover Cleveland, but the sacrifices made during the heroic struggle were not lost. For the last fourteen years the million of railroad employes of this country have reaped the benefits of the A. R. U. strike. Never since 1894 have the railroad corporations risked such a Herculean struggle.

Ever since the stormy days of 1894 has Eugene V. Debs been in the limelight of publicity. In every large city, in thousands of towns, he addressed tremendous crowds. Hundreds of thousands of working men and women listened to him, applauded him.

Neither friend nor foe dared to assail the honesty and sincerity of the man, with the exception of two individuals:

Professor Daniel De Leon of New York, who, by his puerile,

systematic vilifications and billingsgate work, helped Sam Gompers to climb the ladder of "fame," and the second individual is

Mr. Samuel Gompers, the editor of the American Federationist. Gompers' attacks on Debs are unworthy of a man who stands before the country as president of the American Federation of Labor; they are mean, cowardly, malicious.

What has Debs done? What has he said to arouse, volcano-like, the Democratic indignation of Sam the Great?

We read through the four-page Gompers editorial and we fail to find anything of Debs' "howling."

Mr. Gompers, please take this and paste it in your hat: "It is the most damnable, the most despicable, the most cowardly kind of journalism that attempts to besmear a man's honesty and character with a 2500-word editorial without quoting even a single line of what the "victim" had really said that would justify such abuse. It is the journalism of your friend, Prof. De Leon, and it is your own journalism. Whether you are De Leon's master, or his pupil, is a question which we shall not waste any time on."

Sam practically charges Eugene V. Debs and the Socialist Party with enjoying the financial backing of the Parry-Post-Van Cleave gang. Mr. Gompers goes so far as to charge that the Socialist Party's Red Special Campaign tour is financed by the "Parry-Van Cleave-Taft-Debs opposition to unions."

Poor old Sam! You are losing ground mighty fast. You seem to feel like the personnel of a shaky French ministry five minutes before asking the Chamber of Deputies for a vote of confidence!

Mr. Gompers reads the Socialist press. He knows that every cent received for the Socialist Party campaign fund is publicly receipted. He also knows that monthly bulletins are sent out from the National Socialist headquarters giving detailed accounts of every cent received and expended.

The Red Special call was issued July 18th, 1908; the first contribution was received at National Socialist headquarters in Chicago on July 21, 1908. On August 15, a little over three weeks later, National Secretary Barnes published a four-page leaflet giving Red Special receipts to the total amount of \$6,019.06. This sum was received up to August 15, inclusive.

That receipt leaflet showed the names of over 1,000 contributors to the Red Special fund, including many contributions from Socialist locals, which means that by August 15 about 5,000 Socialists had sent in their nickels and dimes, their quarters and dollars. There were but several large personal donations receipted, these coming from the so-called millionaire Socialists: Robert Hunter (\$100); J. G. Phelps Stokes and wife (\$200); Wm. English Walling (\$100); Joseph Medill Patterson (\$100). In looking over the long list we even discovered a \$2 contribution from Owen Miller, St. Louis, undoubtedly the president of the local Central Trades & Labor Union.

Within a week or two we shall publish the full list of contributors as issued by National Secretary Barnes.

Eugene V. Debs has no campaign fund; it is the membership and the voters of the Socialist Party who pay for the Red Special or any other campaign expenses.

St. Louis Local has collected about \$275 for the Red Special up to this date. Over 500 local Socialists (mostly Union men, too,) contributed to make up this sum. If Mr. Gompers comes back to St. Louis on Friday, as we expect he will, he may go to the union cigar shop of the Rice Mercantile Co. and he will get the information that most of his Union cigarmakers employed there contributed to the Red Special.

We are informed that quite a number of Democratic Bryan papers throughout the country have already circulated Gompers' Democratic lie about the Parry-Van Cleave-Taft financial support.

Those desiring to know where the money came from may find out by inclosing a stamp and a request to J. M. Barnes, national secretary of the Socialist Party, 180 Washington street, Chicago.

Of course, Mr. Gompers don't want any information. It might operate with fatal results on his Democratic appendicitis.

Again, we shall ask: What has Debs said that induced Mr. Gompers to throw his big editorial ink bottle at him?

Under date of August 13, 1908, Debs wrote an article on "Labor Forced Into Politics." We hereby reproduce the Debs article in full:

LABOR FORCED INTO POLITICS.

Girard, Kan., Aug. 13, 1908.

"In their platform of declarations and campaign methods the dominant political parties concede the tremendous political power of Organized Labor. But this power is latent, and has never yet produced any really important result for the benefit of the workingmen as a class; much less has it been effective in shaping any of our great principles or policies of government. There is a very good reason for this non-effectiveness of the so-called labor vote. And there is also a good reason, one that is rooted deep in the salient facts of our wonderful industrial developments, why the power of Organized Labor to produce political results for its own benefit must be reckoned with from this time forth.

"That the economic interests of labor and capital are identical is an argument that has controlled the political course of labor for many years. In this belief the workingman has voted for the political party favored by his employer, on the theory that what was good for his employer must necessarily be good for him also. Recent developments in the industrial world have cast doubt upon the correctness of this theory and caused workingmen to become somewhat suspicious of it.

"Since the campaign of 1876 the vote of Organized Labor has been pretty evenly divided between the Republican and Democratic parties, except that four, eight and twelve years ago the railroad employes most generally voted the Republican ticket, because that was the course dictated by their employers, and they believed their economic interests lay in that direction. This year will mark a decided change. Through the activity of such organizations as the Manufacturers' Association and the zealous and unremitting way of such leaders as Van Cleave, Parry and Post upon the fundamental principles of labor unionism, a vast number of workingmen have perceived the hollow mockery of the plea that the interests of labor and capital are identical. They know that their interests lie in organization, and if the interest of capital lies in destroying their unions then the two interests can not well be identical.

"They know, too, that courts have declared their unions criminal conspiracies; they know that an attempt to boycott an unfair employer of labor has been declared illegal by the highest court in the land, and they know further that this same high court has declared that Congress has not even power to pass a law forbidding an employer of labor to boycott and blacklist a workingman simply because of his membership in a labor union. These results have been hailed with shouts of satisfaction by the capitalists, which joyful attitude

on the part of their employers workmen can not reconcile with the theory that the interests of labor and capital are identical.

"Also, when the representatives of Organized Labor, smarting under the injuries inflicted upon their unions by the decisions of the courts, have appealed to Congress for some measure of relief through legislation, they have found themselves opposed by a vigorous and successful capitalist lobby and their pleas for justice treated with contempt. Again, this attitude can not be made to fit in with the theory that the interests of labor and capital are identical.

"Therefore workmen have been forced to develop what our strenuous president denounces as that evil thing which is called class consciousness. Finding themselves shut out from these methods of economic relief with which they are familiar, they naturally turn to politics. They feel the necessity of controlling the government and the lawmaking power, just as the capitalists now do in order that their interests may be protected.

Labor Forced to Act.

"Never before in the entire history of trade unionism has a leader representing the whole field of Organized Labor, as does Mr. Gompers, boldly and publicly advised workmen to vote for a particular political party. Such advice is contrary to one of the most sacred traditions of Organized Labor, namely, 'we must keep politics out of the unions.' This is an important and highly significant phase in the development of that 'class consciousness' which Mr. Roosevelt contemplates with such holy horror, and of which the Washington Post says editorially: 'It would be difficult to conceive a greater calamity that could overtake labor than its entry into the field of politics as a class.' What these superficial observers fail to perceive is that labor can do nothing else. Labor did not create the issue. It has been forced upon workmen by industrial development, and they must accept it willy nilly.

"What is to be the effect of Mr. Gompers' pronouncement? First and foremost, it will tend to the political solidarity of the working class. It can not be expected that the vote of Organized Labor will be delivered solidly to the Democratic party simply because Mr. Gompers favors that party and publicly announces his preference. Indeed, it may well be doubted that his attitude will have any appreciable effect on the general result. Nevertheless it marks an epoch in the labor movement.

"Naturally this change in the attitude of Organized Labor will be productive of some political surprises when the votes are counted next November. The truth is, politicians are at sea. No one at this time can estimate the effect of the labor vote on the general result this fall.

"EUGENE V. DEBS."

Why, Debs committed lese majeste by criticising "Mr. Gompers' policy." Debs did more. He challenged Mr. Gompers to public debate on his Democratic labor kite policy. That was worse than lese majeste, that was a crime, an unpardonable crime!

We understand that Mr. Gompers was in St. Louis last week. At least the capitalist newspapers said so, and the Democratic Big Cinch boodle organ, St. Louis Republic, gave him a long send-off with a two-column Gompers picture. Mr. Gompers will return to St. Louis on Friday, so the capitalist press says.

Undoubtedly he will talk Democratic and Bryan labor politics. That's his privilege. He will call upon the Union men of St. Louis to follow his Democratic Bryan policy. That's also his privilege.

But it is **Our** privilege to call the St. Louis Union men's attention to these plain facts, that neither Mr. Gompers nor any of the local Democratic \$10-a-day-and-expenses "labor leaders" will be able to refute:

Fact No. 1.

Who are the constituent parts of the Bryan Democracy in St. Louis?

First—The Jefferson Club machine crowd who for years have carried on the most corrupt and criminal political work in St. Louis. The Harry Hawes-Charlie Lemp-Stuever-Snake Kinney-Mathew Kiely gang.

Second—The Ed Butler-Selph St. Louis Democratic Club gang, the "Indian" ballot-box stuffers and election thieves, who showed their hands in the recent primaries in the Third and Sixteenth ward election frauds.

Third—The almighty capitalist corporation interests, commonly known as "Big Cinch," under the manipulation of Dave Francis, Rolla Wells, John I. Beggs, Huttig and others.

Fourth—That conglomeration of out-of-job "labor leaders" who operate in the "Bryan Cowherd Union Labor Clubs" and similar homes for political invalids of the labor movement.

Fact No. 2.

Lincoln Stephen, some years ago, published a magazine article on "The Shamelessness of St. Louis." The article was a true picture of the political conditions of St. Louis then; the same picture can be applied to the Democratic rule of St. Louis today. The same old corrupt political machine has charge of the Bryan campaign today.

Fact No. 3.

The Citizens' Industrial Alliance, under Van Cleave's leadership, had absolute control of the Democratic police department of St. Louis. By means of this Democratic police machine and by means of the Democratic police courts Van Cleave & Co., assisted by the Big Cinch capitalists, broke every local strike of any importance.

Remember the Democratic police outrages against Union Labor during the Carriage Workers' strike! More outrageously Organized Labor has never been handled by any political machine.

One of the local political "labor leaders" who is today president of a "Cowherd-Bryan Union Labor Club," knows from his own experience that, thanks to Van Cleave's Democratic police work the Union of which this "Cowherd-Bryanite" is the principal officer, has been practically forced out of business. From many hundreds of members this union (the Foundry Employees' Helpers) dwindled down to a dozen or less members.

The Machinists' strike furnished another example. Here again the Citizens' Industrial Alliance manufacturers used the police department of the local Bryan democracy against Organized Labor.

Such is the Bryan Democracy in St. Louis.

Now, Mr. Gompers, talk about the Republican Parry-Van Cleave-Taft outfit, and we'll show you a Democratic Parry-Van Cleave-Bryan outfit in St. Louis.

Fact No. 4.

Mr. Gompers asks the Union men of St. Louis to fall in line with this Democratic Bryan machine for the good of Organized Labor.

Sam, what do you take the St. Louis Union men for? Mules, monkeys or fools?

You are adding insult to injury by asking them to vote for a Parry-Post-Van Cleave-Francis-Wells-Kiely-Snake Kinney-Hawes-Huttig Democratic Bryan machine at the November elections.

Kalmar Berne's Enthusiasm Is of the Real Kind.

Editor St. Louis Labor—Please find inclosed \$1 to be expended in sending out copies of your issue of August 20. I hope that the readers thereof may become interested in the 'Red Special,' the local Socialist campaign, the defense of Pouden and the striking bakers.

Kalmar Berne.

Socialist Labor Day Speakers.

The following St. Louis Socialists will deliver Labor Day addresses: Wm. L. Garver, in St. Louis (West End Heights); Wm. M. Brandt, in East St. Louis; G. A. Hoehn, in New Athens, Ill.; L. G. Pope, in Mascoutah, Ill.; Chris. Rocker, in Springfield, Mo.; Comrade Adolf Germer of Belleville will speak in Breese, Ill.

EDITOR SAMUEL GOMPERS' DEMOCRATIC APPENDICITIS

The President of the A. F. of L. Makes the American Federationist a Sewer of Personal Abuse on Eugene V. Debs and Charges of Corruption Against the Socialist Party. The Little Tailend of Bryan's Democratic Machine Kite Insinuates That the Parry-Van Cleave-Post Outfit Finances the Red Special for Debs' Campaign Tour. Mr. Gompers Suffering with Most Painful Attacks of Democratic Appendicitis, Which Seems to Affect His Great Political Heart and His Master Mind. As the American Federationist Has Less Than Twenty-five Subscribers in St. Louis, We Hereby Publish Mr. Gompers' Declaration of Political Bankruptcy in Full. Every Union Man Should Read It Most Carefully, and Then Make His Own Comment and Have His Own Opinion About It. Also Read Our Own Editorial Article on Page 4 of This Week's St. Louis Labor.

Editor Samuel Gompers of the American Federationist, who is also President of the American Federation of Labor, as the whole world knows, seems to be in a very pitiable condition just now.

In these hot days of the summer sun his political conscience compels him to grind out about 25 full pages of editorial wis-



SAMUEL GOMPERS.

President of the American Federation of Labor, and Writer of the Cowardly and Malicious Editorial Attacks on Eugene V. Debs and the Socialist Party.

dom, and that is too much for any man, too much for any mind, even for such a giant master mind of the size of Mr. Gompers'. This over-exertion, so it seems, led to a severe case of Democratic appendicitis, and in the midst of these painful feelings Editor Gompers, as a kind of relief, got the idea of writing a four-page editorial on "Debs, the Apostle of Failure."

It was stated on the floor of the local central body some weeks ago, semi-officially, that the American Federationist has not got 25 paid subscribers in St. Louis. This is too bad. But this being the case, we hereby submit Gompers' Debs editorial in full to the Union men and women of St. Louis, so they may enjoy the mental Dog Days troubles of Editor and President Samuel Gompers. Here is the Am. Federationist editorial in full:

Debs, the Apostle of Failure.

So Debs has joined the mob of howling dervishes who are kicking up a great dust and trying to discourage the men in the labor movement from using their political power in conjunction with their industrial forces in order to protect the rights of the masses who toil. Abuse by Debs was to be expected. His past history is all in the direction of harming rather than helping the labor movement. His hostility would not be worthy of notice except for one thing. We especially desire to call attention to this because Debs' abuse is a type of what may be expected during the whole campaign. Compare anything Debs may say with the most virulent attacks upon Labor by the Parry-Post-Van Cleave gang. Note the remarkable similarity between them—then it becomes an easy guess as to where Debs gets his inspiration, and possibly even his financial backing.

The attack by Debs is the more despicable because he poses as a friend and representative of Labor—even as a Labor martyr forsooth!

His sort of attack is one of the insidious methods adopted by our opponents to disorganize the workers, lead them astray from the vital issues and then corral their votes into some adjunct or side-light assistance to the Republican party, and thus by indirection defeat the efforts of the intelligent and patriotic workers.

Mr. Debs denounces all those who differ from him as tricksters, frauds and fakers. To listen to him it would appear that one Mr. Debs has the monopoly of all honesty and virtue. But we have met this sort of men before in the political and industrial arena. They usually are the incarnation of the abusive epithets which they so recklessly hurl at other people.

Now, pray, what has Debs ever done in the interest of Labor? What has he ever said when he had the official opportunity to say a word in the interest of the working people? It is one thing to boast of what one is willing to do when one has not the opportunity, and quite another to fail to turn a hand to help when in position to do so.

Mr. Debs since he went to jail in the injunction case growing out of the American Railway Union strike has worn an illusory halo which no one has been desirous of disturbing him. It pleases him. He wears it on all occasions and describes it with a heartrending, tear-shedding exhibition of emotion. But let us lift the curtain from the cant and hypocrisy of this heroic, self-sacrificing Mr. Debs. In what manner has he benefited by word or act the working people of this country?

We note the "Socialist Special" train is to make a tour of the country, carrying Mr. Debs with all the luxurious accessories which modern transportation can accomplish. The train is said to cost \$23,000 for the campaign. Now we would like to inquire who finances the Socialist campaign? It seems hardly probable that such luxurious style of transportation would be authorized by those voters of small means whose contributions are alleged to be the chief support of the Socialist campaign. Why not publish a list of your campaign contributions, Mr. Debs? It would be interesting to know

who contributes the \$23,000 campaign train. There is a strong suspicion in the minds of many that the money has the same similarity of source as the abuse. In other words, that the interests behind the Parry-Post-Van Cleave-Taft Debs opposition to unions furnishes the money for any branch of the campaign where it is expected to do the most harm to the unions and their friends. Come out into the open, Mr. Debs. Where does your party get the money? What is the real reason of your virulent hostility to the American Federation of Labor political campaign?

A little history of Mr. Debs' vagaries may refresh the memory of readers at this time and suggest the motive of the present hostility. For many years Mr. Debs was secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and editor of its official magazine. During the major portion of that time no man in that organization had so much opportunity as he to sway the judgment and action of the membership of that organization in the right direction. Yet when or where did he say one word or perform one act wherein he showed his desire or advocated the proposition for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen becoming part of the great body of organized workers of America? Yet this certainly would have been helpful by bringing them in closer touch with the mass of workers.

If he answers that he declined to advocate that course on account of "Mr. Gompers being at the head of the American Federation of Labor," our rejoinder is that during 1895 Mr. Gompers was not president of the American Federation of Labor and at that time had no notion of ever again becoming its president.

Mr. Debs set about to organize a rival to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and other railway organizations—the American Labor Union. He did this in the hope of helping the worst elements of the capitalist class to crush out not only the American Federation of Labor, but every other labor organization in the country. That he failed in misleading the workers and wrecking their organizations was due to no lack of effort on his part. He tried hard; as hard as any man with a bad cause could.

He organized the American Railway Union and became its president in rivalry to the organization whose official he still was. He hoped and worked and plotted for the destruction of the organization of which he was a responsible official.

When a large number of men in the American Railway Union responded to Mr. Debs' call to strike and many became blacklisted and victimized, he advocated and finally secured the abandonment of the American Railway Union, and thus left his men high and dry without the slightest organized protection.

When Mr. Debs realized the hopelessness of the American Railway Union strike, in desperation he brought every influence to bear to have the men in the bona fide labor movement to "order" a general strike of all the workers of our country—to plunge themselves into a contest which was a forlorn hope from the start.

While Mr. Debs was secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and editor of its official magazine that organization held one of its conventions at Cincinnati. He had given the order for the convention printing to a concern which had a contest on with the Cincinnati Typographical Union. A committee of Cincinnati union printers called upon Mr. Debs to ask him to use the influence of his position to urge the printing company to come to an amicable adjustment with the union, or, failing in that, to give the convention printing to a union house. Did Mr. Debs comply with that request? Not a bit of it. He insulted the committee and told them he wanted nothing to do with them or their union.

The American Federation of Labor has always urged the moral obligation of all unions to be a part of the American Federation of Labor, the only federation of the workers which has proved its power and influence for good in the interests of labor and which is the first general organization or federation to have a long-continued beneficial period of existence. Whenever any effort was made by the American Federation of Labor to have a labor organization affiliate, Mr. Debs endeavored to be present and used every subterfuge and species of sophistry to prevent such a consummation, the last instance being his successful interference when Secretary Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor went to Denver to urge the Western Federation of Miners to resume its affiliation to the American Federation of Labor, the affiliation having been abandoned against the direct instruction of a general convention of that organization.

When Mr. Debs had about run to the end of his tether, when he launched and officered in turn the American Railway Union, the Western Labor Union and the American Labor Union, which each in turn wrecked, he then, in desperation, threw himself, body, boots and breeches, into the Industrial (Wonder) Workers of the World and advocated the destruction of every trade and labor union, including the American Federation of Labor. When he had proved himself the Apostle of Failure in every industrial effort which he undertook, he finally launched another pet idea—none other than a land speculation colonization scheme which in his own good time he also abandoned.

When Mr. Debs was a candidate for the Indiana legislature, on which ticket did he run? On the Democratic.

In 1896 for which ticket and party did Mr. Debs stump the country? The Democratic. For which candidate did he urge the workers and the people generally to vote? Mr. Bryan.

As a matter of fact since Mr. Debs has been taking an active part in presidential campaigns he has advocated the election of the candidate of the Democratic party every time, except those campaigns when he himself was a candidate.

Mr. Debs asserts that "Gompers has always declared that politics must never be discussed in labor unions." In making this false assertion he has taken for granted the political party Socialists malicious misrepresentations of our men and our movement, and as usual Mr. Debs makes not the slightest effort to ascertain the facts.

We venture to assert that Mr. Debs will fail to find an authentic word uttered orally or in print where such a thought is advocated or expressed by the writer hereof. What has been urged, advocated and insistently pressed is that the trade union movement is higher, better, nobler, purer and far more efficient to permanently conserve the interests of labor than any political party; that the trade unions are the only organizations instituted by, for and directly governed by the wage workers for their own protection and advancement.

We have said and repeat that the bona fide labor movement of our country is non-partisan politically in the sense that, as a movement it is above and better than political partisanship.

Because Mr. Debs has had injunctions served upon him he imagines he understands the basis upon which they are issued and the contentions of labor against them. His entire discussion of the subject betrays a woeful ignorance. Many men have had surgical operations performed upon them without the slightest knowledge of medicine or surgery. Mr. Debs is as ignorant as a new-born babe of the underlying principles involved in the injunction abuse. And, indeed, he manifests no desire to learn.

We recognize that many men of labor, both members and non-members of unions, often differ in their political party affiliations. We know, too, that, despite this fact, the intelligent workers, the men who know the wrongs which they or their fellows have been compelled to endure, who know the rights to which they are justly entitled, who know that the Van Cleave, Parrys and Posts have conspired with the worst elements of the capitalists to rivet the chains of slavery upon them, to deprive them of the rights which are theirs—can and will prove themselves something more than political partisans. They will show that they are workers, wealth producers, men, citizens, Americans, and will unite in one common cause for the good of all.

(Read our own editorial on page 4 of this week's Labor.)

Protection for Strike Breakers.

Montreal, Quebec, Aug. 31.—Leon Martel, a striker, has been arrested for intimidating strike breakers of the Canadian Pacific, and ten other warrants have been issued. Extra details of police have been ordered to protect the strike breakers' train.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

THE SOLITARY BLOSSOM.

By Cathryn Wallace.

Down on a dusty street, where no one looked to see,
 There grew a clover blossom, beside a withered tree;
 It was lonely and forsaken, even the wind passed by;
 Only a bluebird flew about, and even he was shy.
 There never a flower blossomed, the street was cold and gray
 And poverty and suffering held undisputed sway;
 But the lovely clover blossom had a smile upon its face
 That cheered the little children in this joy-forsaken place.
 And so the clover blossom had a message that it sung,
 Where but the hum of labor from dawn to darkness rung,
 Bless! be the lovely blossom with its tender bit of bloom,
 That brought a ray of sunshine into the darkening gloom.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER—THE CLOTHES-MAKERS.

By Thomas N. Freeman.

Girls, did you ever hear the singing of the old-time spinning wheel? What was it like? You could imagine anything when you heard it. The low song of a contented heart, or a dove cooing in the wind-waved tree top often came to the writer's mind, but the last time I heard it I had come to know of the wonderful change from the hand loom to the cotton factory, and the plaintive wail no longer seemed a song to me, but it was the wail of broken-hearted woman-kind. Among the mountains of the South the last of the old spinning wheels and hand looms disappeared only a few years ago.

There was an old man buried last year at the foot of one of the Alabama mountains who carried with him to the grave a suit of hand-made clothes that were spun over forty years ago. Some of his grandchildren were working in a big cotton mill only a few miles away. When he was a child he played on the mountain side, he drank the pure water that leaped cold from the great rock cliff, he ate the wild grapes and chestnuts and berries, and his cheeks were red, his limbs were round and supple, for here he got the strength to live nearly a hundred years.

But go with me and let us stand at the cotton factory gate, after the sun has long gone down and the stars are creeping out. Let us watch among the long rows of pale-faced women and gaunt children for the granddaughter of the old man. At last we see her coming. She holds in one hand a little piece of paper representing her week's wages, and with the other she leads her ten-year-old child, a little hollow-eyed girl. The mother is a little over thirty years old and the slight cough and the pink glow on her face show that she has the "white plague" and can live only a year or two more. The little daughter will not live to be as old as her mother. How often the mother pined for the pure water and air of the place where she was born. But she could not go back there and find work so necessary for a living. The spinning wheel was broken and the old loom was rotten. Even if she had the old wheel and loom back and knew how to use it, she would have to work a whole day to make one yard of cloth that would not sell for more than ten or twenty cents. Out of that she would have to buy shoes and food and other things. So there was no other way but to sell herself to the factory lord for a scant living wage. She and her children have become wage slaves. In the factory she will remain until she dies. The child has never known anything else but life in the factory. The factory is the world to it. The roar and crash of the loom room, the buzz of the spinning jennies, the dust on the carders, and the steam and heat of the sizing floors are as natural to the factory child as the fields and trees and flowers and brooks are to the child of the mountain side.

The laughter and vim of the child slave is soon ground out of it. At the age of fifteen years they often appear to be little old men and women. Little comrades, tell all the world how King Capitalism is making slaves of the children, so that all good people will join the Socialists in the endeavor to overthrow the capitalist system.

WOMAN'S FORUM

THE TIME WILL COME.

By Arthur Goodenough.

The time will come, believe me,
 When justice shall be done
 To every human creature
 Beneath the shining sun.
 And Nemesis seen dimly,
 Through battle smoke and tears,
 Will walk earth's highways grimly
 In the red after-years.

The time will come, I know it,
 The peerless golden time
 Foretold of seer and poet,
 When human greed and crime
 With rightful retribution
 In His good hour shall meet,
 And the dread grapes of Vengeance
 Are crushed in fine defeat.

The time will come—oh, hear me!
 Ye wronged ones of the earth—
 When fetters shall be broken
 And all in bonds go forth;
 When kings no more shall threaten,
 Nor subjects walk in dread;
 And none shall roofless wander,
 Nor any lack for bread.

The time will come, I say it;
 Though tyrants plot and strive
 To hinder and delay it,
 It must at last arrive,
 And dread as heaven's thunder,
 The race that is to be,
 Will burst its bonds asunder
 And dwell forever free.

THE BITER CRY OF THE PARENTS.

By L. D., in N. Y. Call.

When the conservative and respectable interests betake themselves to combat some liberal law, they usually raise a cry about the hardships and sufferings it is going to cause to innocent parties. When a bill is introduced for government supervision of a financial or industrial institution, the corporation lawyer is sure to shed bitter tears in behalf of the investors, mostly poor widows and orphans, who seem to own all the railways and banks in the country. When a child labor law is mildly suggested, the "individualistic" citizen rises in bitter protest against the cruelties of a law that is going to deprive countless widows and crippled fathers of their bread winners. And thus the cruelties and alleged absurdities of liberal legislation are pointed out by a willing press for the information of the American people, and the "demagogue" is held in check.

Readers of The Call who have read carefully the Republican national platform will probably recall the paragraph dealing with the child labor law passed at the last session of Congress for the District of Columbia. It is needless to say that the measure has been rendered as mild as possible, and while the District of Columbia constitutes a small part of the United States, its child labor law was con-

sidered of sufficient importance to be embodied in the platform of a great political party. But available issues are rather scarce this campaign, and the credit side of the Republican ledger has got to be filled somehow or other. Well, be it as it may, the District of Columbia rejoices in the possession of a child labor law, which some enthusiasts like our idealistic senator from Indiana considers quite a victory for the forces of reform, and believe that it may serve as a model for state child labor laws. Of course, it was a mere coincidence that Congress failed to appropriate money for the enforcement of the law, or perhaps it merely shows its sublime faith in the integrity of the Washington employers of labor. The law was put into effect a few weeks ago, and its enforcement is looked after by volunteer inspectors. The local press has naturally manifested considerable interest in the working of the law, and considerable "copy" has been turned out, describing the crowds of youngster slined up to receive their badges of servitude from the Board of Education. But the novelty has worn off by this time, and we are beginning to see the matter in a more serious and business-like light and, regarded from this standpoint, the law assumes an entirely different aspect.

Consider, for an instant, the following case, which is pathetic enough to bring tears to the eyes of your flint-hearted Socialist readers, and which is at present exploited with great gusto by the local papers. A solid and respectable business man, with several butcher stands in the different markets, is desirous of training his two boys in his trade and, realizing the intricacies of the sausage business, believes that the training can not begin too early. Who would take exception to the desires of this ambitious parent? But here is where the cruel law steps in and says that he must not train his children to become respectable sausage-makers and useful citizens, because he can not show that their labor is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the family. Imagine, gentlemen, a law preventing a father from bringing up his children in industry and sobriety!

What does the poor father do? He indites a pathetic letter to the honorable commissioners, pleading for the "sacred right" of a parent to teach his children to make sausages before they are old enough to know better. The honorable commissioners, greatly affected by the plight of the unfortunate father, turn to the corporation counsel, who advises the father to make a "test" of the law.

And here you are, you cruel Socialists, who are clamoring for national child labor laws. Have you thought of the numberless pork butchers in the country who might be inconvenienced by such laws? Has it ever occurred to you that the growing South needs the children in its cotton mills (built mostly by Northern capital)? Or are your demands for child labor laws as well founded as your demands for "dividing up" the accumulations of the honest and abstemious capitalists?

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From New Mexico.

The Comrades of New Mexico in the vicinity of Tucumcari and a wide district surrounding it, report a drouth which is in the nature of a public calamity, having destroyed all the crops, and rendering 90 per cent of the population destitute—thousands being compelled to leave their homes and homesteads. All citizens in the district are joining in appeals to the government for immediate aid. The Comrades request that our membership join in their efforts by writing to the authorities at Washington, calling their attention to the situation and requesting that aid be granted.

Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13 will see thousands of St. Louis Socialists and sympathizers with our cause at Lemp's Park. Admission tickets, 10c a person, now ready. Get a supply from headquarters, 212 South Fourth street.

WORKING WOMEN OF ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

If You Wish to Help the Poor, Striking Bakery Workmen, Do Not Buy the Products of The American Bakery Co.

These lines are addressed to the women of St. Louis, especially to the working women.

Your husband is a workingman. In order to support his family he must work hard and give the best part of his life to his daily work.

In times of good business he may make a fairly good wage, but you and your husband must do your best to make both ends meet. You go to the butcher shop and you find that meat is higher in price than ever before.

You go to the bakery and you will find that the 5-cent bread is not as big as it was years ago; that you get less cake for a nickel. You go to the shoe store and there you will find that shoes cost more than they used to.

Ten years ago you could buy more meat, bread, shoes, etc., for \$5 than you can buy today for \$8.

Why is everything so high-priced? Some slick fellow may tell you: "The high wages of the workmen are the cause of it!"

This is not true. The fact is that big corporations, trusts and monopolies are today in possession of the business and fix the prices arbitrarily. The meat trust fixes the meat prices!

The sugar trust fixes the sugar prices!
 The flour trust fixes the flour prices!
 And now comes the Bakery Trust and attempts to run the bakery business of St. Louis!

American Bakery Co., has gobbled up the following bakeries:
 Heydt Bakery Co.
 Condon Bakery Co.
 St. Louis Bakery Co.
 Freund Bakery Co.
 Welle-Boettler Bakery Co.
 Hawk & Hoerr Bakery Co.
 Home Bakery Co.

These seven bakeries are operated by the trust. This trust is this bakery trust, which is incorporated under the name of not only trying to crush every smaller bakery in St. Louis and vicinity, but the trust is also fighting Union Labor with a view of introducing cheap labor.

We appeal to the working women of St. Louis and vicinity not to buy any bread or cake from the above mentioned trust bakeries until such time as the Union contracts are signed.

Our demands are reasonable. We do not think that anybody will consider \$15 or \$16 a week a very exorbitant wage for any man who has a family to support.

There is no class of labor that is more in need of the moral support of the women and housewives of St. Louis than the Journey-men Bakers.

Socialist Primary Vote in Missouri.

In spite of the fact that no returns of our vote were made in probably one-third of the precincts throughout the state, and that in St. Louis alone from 500 to 600 votes were not officially reported by the judges and clerks of election, the Secretary of State credits the

Socialist Party of Missouri with over 4,000 primary votes. This means in fact that there were from 5,000 to 6,000 votes cast. This is a splendid showing when we consider that we had no competing candidates in the field. The registration proposition in the big cities like St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, was quite an obstacle in the way of rolling up a bigger primary vote for our ticket.

WALTER THOMAS MILLS' SPEAKING TOUR IN MIDDLE WEST.

Portland, Ore., August 12, 1908.

Walter Thomas Mills will begin on Aug. 16 a speaking tour for Debs and Hanford, speaking first at Winlock, Washington. After speaking for fifteen days in the State of Washington, he will go to Missouri for some dates, and to Wisconsin for twenty days.

Applications for other dates should be addressed to Mr. Mills direct. Write to him in care of L. E. Hildebrand, 212 So. 4th St., St. Louis, until Sept. 18. After that in care of E. H. Thomas, 344 6th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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THE SOCIALIST FALL FESTIVAL

All Arrangements Practically Complete--Hayes, Mills, Garver and Hoehn to Deliver Addresses ---The Great Fish Pond to Be One of the Leading Attractions.

The Tenth Annual Fall Festival of the St. Louis Socialists will take place at Lemp's Park, Thirteenth and Utah streets. It will be a two days' campaign demonstration—Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13. Park will be open at 1 o'clock and concert will begin on the two days at 2 o'clock p. m.

The speakers of the occasion will be:
Saturday, Sept. 12, at 8 o'clock p. m., Comrade Max Hayes of Cleveland, O.

Sunday, afternoon and evening, Comrade Walter Thos. Mills of Washington and Comrade Wm. Garver of Chillicothe, Mo., the Socialist candidate for Governor.

This festival also being the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of our German organ, Arbeiter-Zeitung, the committee decided that Comrade G. A. Hoehn deliver an address in German on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

There will be concert and dance, games and races for children, and a Fish Pond similar to the former "county fairs" at our other festivals.

Admission 10c a person; children free.
Tickets, show cards, announcement cards, etc., are ready for distribution and may be had at Headquarters, 212 South Fourth street.

Presents for Socialist Autumn Festival at Lemp's Park

Report all Presents and Donations to This Office Without Delay. The following presents for our Socialist Fall Festival at Lemp's Park have been received at headquarters, 212 South Fourth Street:

- Jos. Glader, cash \$1.
- Johanna Tellian, cash 50c.
- Carl Marx Perloff, 1 handsome cravat.
- Mrs. E. Voegel, 3 fancy purses, 7-piece crockery ware beer set, 3 stone tea kettles, 5 fruit bowls, 2 postcard albums, 6 ornamented mugs, 6 cups and saucers, 2 sugar bowls, 2 cake dishes.
- Arbeiter-Zeitung Publishing Ass'n, cash \$10.
- Miss Basset, 1 fish matchbox, 1 glass basket, 1 art photograph.
- Miss Rosenkranz, 2 cream pitchers, 1 fancy vase, 1 salt cellar, 1 pepper box.
- Mr. and Mrs. George Nein, cash 50c.
- Otto Pauls, cash \$3.
- Henry Struckhoff, 100 cigars.
- Incognito—13 boxes of lye, 15 hatpins, 11 paper fans, 3 fans, 1 towel, 5 spiders, 16 toothpick holders, 3 writing tablets, 6 trick nuts.
- A Socialist—Two baseballs, 4 wine glasses, 10 beer glasses, 5 packages borax, 2 boxes toothpicks.
- Sympathizer—Six mantel ornaments, 1 cigar fan, 6 paper hats, 2 salt cellars, 1 vase, 1 toy bank.
- No Name—Two cups, 2 bowls, 2 boxes writing paper, 1 napkin, 32 feather dusters, 6 horns.
- Mrs. Pauline Hirschenhofer list:
- Anton Kozelsky, cash 25c.
- P. J. Kuster, 1 pair shoes.
- Krietemeyer Dry Goods Co., 13 boxes water colors.
- Hy Doepeke, cash 50c.
- Mrs. Pauline Hirschenhofer, 6 pairs ladies' hose.
- Miss Pauline Hirschenhofer, 2 boxes fancy soap.
- Carl Hirschenhofer, 2 straw hats.
- Carl Hirschenhofer, Sr., 1 cravat.
- Mrs. Sam Bernstein's list:
- Mrs. E. Fry, 1 fancy fruit bowl, 1 powder box.
- Mrs. E. Irmscher, 1 fancy fruit bowl.
- Mrs. Sam Bernstein, 1 fancy sofa pillow, 4 drawn-work towels.
- Frank Heuer, cash \$2.50.
- Mrs. Wm. E. E., cash \$1.

Mrs. Jos. Wallner, 2 fancy linen table covers, 1 fruit dish.
Mrs. Susana Scharoschy, cash 50c.
Mrs. Lizzie Bauer, cash 50c.

AN ADDRESS To Organized Labor of America.

The movement of Organized Labor is a natural result of the antagonism between the interests of employers and wage workers under the capitalist system. Its activity in the daily struggle over wages, hours and other conditions of labor is absolutely necessary to counteract the evil effects of competition among the working people and to save them from being reduced to material and moral degradation. It is equally valuable as a force for the social, economic and political education of the workers.

It Does Not Dictate.

The Socialist Party does not seek to dictate to Organized Labor in matters of internal organization and union policy. It recognizes the necessary autonomy of the union movement on the economic field, as it insists on maintaining its own autonomy on the political field. It is confident that in the school of experience Organized Labor will as rapidly as possible develop the most effective forms of organization and methods of action.

In the history of the recent Moyer-Haywood protest, participated in by unions of all sorts and by the Socialist Party, it finds reason to hope for closer solidarity on the economic field and for more effective co-operation between Organized Labor and the Socialist Party, the two wings of the movement for working class emancipation.

The Socialist Party stands with Organized Labor in all its struggles to resist capitalist aggression or to wrest from the capitalists any improvement in the conditions of labor. It declares that it is the duty of every wage worker to be an active and loyal member of the Organized Labor movement, striving to win its battles and to strengthen and perfect it for the greater struggles to come.

Confronted by Great Crisis.

Organized Labor is today confronted by a great crisis. The capitalists, intoxicated with wealth and power and alarmed by the increasing political and economic activity of the working class, have as a class undertaken a crusade for the destruction of the labor organizations.

In Colorado, Nevada, Alaska and elsewhere law and constitution have been trampled under foot, military despotism set up, and judicial murder attempted with this aim in view. Where such violent methods have not seemed advisable, other means have been used to the same end:

The movement for the so-called open shop but thinly veils an attempt to close the shops against Organized workingmen: it is backed by powerful capitalist organizations, with millions of dollars in their war funds.

Courts Always Hostile.

The courts, always hostile to labor, have of late outdone all previous records in perverting the law to the service of the capitalist class. They have issued injunctions forbidding the calling of strikes, the announcement of boycotts, the payment of union benefits, or even any attempt to organize unorganized workingmen in certain trades and places. They have issued arbitrary decrees dissolving unions under the pretense of their being labor trusts.

They have sustained the capitalists in bringing damage suits against unions for the purpose of tying up or sequestering their funds. They have wiped off the statute books many labor laws—laws protecting little children from exploitation in the factory, laws making employers liable for damages in case of employees killed or injured at their work, laws guaranteeing the right of workingmen to belong to unions.

While affirming the right of employers to bar organized workingmen from employment, they have declared it unlawful for workingmen to agree not to patronize non-union establishments. The only consistent rule observed by the courts in dealing with the labor question is the rule that capitalists have a sacred right to profits and that the working class has no rights in opposition to business interests.

Danbury Hatters' Case.

In the Danbury hatters' case the United States Supreme Court has rendered a decision worthy to stand with its infamous "Dred Scott decision" of fifty years ago. It has stretched and distorted the anti-trust law to make it cover labor organizations, and has held that the peaceful method of the boycott is unlawful, that boycotted employers may recover damages to the amount of three times their loss, and that the property of individual members, as well as the union treasuries, may be levied upon to collect such damages.

By this decision the Supreme Court has clearly shown itself to be an organ of class injustice, not of social justice. If this and other hostile decisions are not speedily reversed, Organized Labor will find itself completely paralyzed in its efforts toward a peaceful solution of the labor question. The success of the capitalists and their courts in this assault upon the labor movement would be a disaster to civilization and humanity. It can and must be defeated.

Ballot Is a Weapon.

At this critical moment the Socialist Party calls upon all organized workingmen to remember that they still have the ballot in their hands and to realize that the intelligent use of political power is absolutely necessary to save their organization from destruction. The unjust decisions of the Supreme Court can be reversed, the arbitrary use of the military can be stopped, the wiping out of labor laws can be prevented by the united action of the workingmen on election day.

Workingmen of the United States, use your political arm in harmony with your economic arm for defense and attack. Rally to the support of the party of your class. Vote as you strike, against the capitalists. Down with military and judicial usurpation! Forward, in one solid phalanx, under the banners of Organized Labor and the Socialist Party, to defeat capitalist aggressions, to win immediate relief for your wives and children, and to hasten the day of complete emancipation from capitalist exploitation and misrule.

SPECIAL REGISTRATION EDITION—ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SATURDAY, AUGUST 29.

Our "Special Registration Edition" will go to press Monday, August 31, and will be generally distributed the following Sunday morning. All orders must be reported at headquarters, 212 South Fourth street, not later than Saturday evening, August 29, in order to insure the prompt delivery.

Comrades, remember that there are four days of general registration in September. This general registration takes place only once in every four years, and for this reason the ward clubs should order as many copies of the "Special Registration Edition" as there are voters residing in their respective districts. The following orders have been received:

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