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4TH O' JULY THOUGHTS.

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The Declaration of Independence is a document that is supposed to contain the cardinal principles of the American republic and the American mode of government. Let us see whether this is true.

In the beginning we find the following gem of thought: "All men are created equal" and are endowed "with certain inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." This may be true. But do they live equal? Do they die equal? The child of the poor is born in a hovel surrounded by misery and poverty from his first moments. There are three chances to one that he will not survive the first year, and even if he does there is a life of misery before him, dangers of sickness tenfold as great, temptations to crime and prostitution a thousand times as great as for the child of the rich. If he safely passes all these perils, a life of drudgery is before him, ended by an early death, which is often to be considered a boon since it saves the victim from the poor house. Usually this poor person has not even a claim on heaven, never having belonged to any church, and knowing little or nothing about religion, which is a more or less costly article.

"All men are created equal."

How about the child of the rich, surrounded by all comforts and protections which paternal love and money can furnish? He grows up in comfort and security and receives an excellent education. His life is a round of pleasure mingled perhaps with as much work as is necessary to health. Unless killed early by excessive luxury or riotous living, he can live to a ripe old age, honored and loved by every one as a pillar of society and the church. If he gives money to charities and churches, when he dies he has even a very good claim to a reserved seat in heaven.

"All men are created equal!"

It is a phrase which did well enough in its time, but which now, like most phrases, has become a lie. The struggle for existence has changed entirely since the days of Jefferson and Paine. All that was needed in those days was to give every individual a chance to fight it out for himself. This great country was undeveloped, and there were thousands of chances for every body to make a decent and honorable living and to prove that all men are created equal. Up to 1860 THERE WERE ONLY TWO MILLIONAIRES IN THIS COUNTRY. In those days there was some sense in the motto, "Every man for himself." But since the development of the capitalist system, with machinery and railways, this motto has led to the struggle of all against all. Men are compelled to be wicked by an inhuman competition. It means, "Do everything or everybody will do you." It is competition which causes the labor of women and children. It is competition which finally winds up by killing ITSELF and creating the trust.

True, it is said that we are "all equal before the law," and that in this sense the phrase that all men are created equal has become the truth.

But are we equal before the law? We are if we have money enough to get a good lawyer. There were 800 laws passed by the last Legislature of Wisconsin. An equal number of laws are passed every session by every Legislature, not to speak of Congress. There is a flood of laws.

How many of all these laws are for the purpose of protecting the poor, the weak and the helpless? Most of them are simply enacted for the protection of "life and property," that is, protection of the property of those who have it and protection of the life of those whose lives are worth something in a capitalist sense.

There is no protection for those who have no property whatever. The life of the miner who goes down into the bowels of the earth, several hundred feet deep, for less than a dollar a day, receives scanty, or no protection.

To illustrate, at the time of the mine disaster in Pennsylvania a few weeks ago, when about two hundred people were entombed, the mine owners furnished the princely sum of \$200 for the relief expedition and for the widows and orphans. The rest had to be raised by public charity. That is all the protection the law gives the workingman.

Yet under the protection of the law the sugar trust made one hundred and ten millions profit last year. The Pacific Railway Company, a thievish combine of the first water, has the protection of the law. Jay Gould stole railroads under the protection of the law.

Truly, the people learn slowly in this country. Phrases work wonders. Just now it seems as if the masses were only born for the purpose of creating wealth enough for our sugar kings, railway kings, pork kings, etc., to buy European princesses for their daughters.

We live now in the "era of prosperity," and most of our workingmen have work and enough to eat. They have forgotten the industrial crisis of '93 to '97. The average workingman is like the Irishman whose roof leaked, and who on rainy days always made up his mind to mend it. But when the weather cleared, and his wife asked him, "Pat, why don't you fix the roof?" he answered, "We are dry now. Why should I fix the roof?"

Again the phrase reigns supreme. Fireworks, Fourth of July orations—"all men are created equal!"

But there is another industrial crisis coming, and we shall have another dramatic illustration of how nonsensical, under the capitalist system, is the phrase, "All men are created equal!"

We have so much about our blessed liberties and the Constitution of the United States. In what respect is the Constitution of this country better than the constitution of Switzerland, for instance? And wherein is the effect of machinery upon the masses of the people in this country different from Germany, for example? And must not a man work in America as in England if he has no capital? A person must have money in America as in Europe in order to buy food, clothes and lodging.

Nothing things to the bottom, the laboring class is worse off in America than in Europe, for here capitalism has full sway, while in Europe the capitalist class must reckon not only with the laboring class but also with the remnants of feudalism and with the monarchy.

Some of the moves that go on every day in the business world are so downright fiendish that one is forced to the conclusion that this is a nation of unredeemed rascals. Dog eat dog is the motto of many a business man in the ruling cannibalistic commercialism. The whole thing will continue while there is as incentive to do wrong. When we have Socialism the doing of evil will no longer prosper a man, hence people will motivate their better natures, and cease to prey upon their fellowmen.

The government has fitted up, at a cost of \$50,000, a steam yacht for the use of President Roosevelt. What do you think of that? Rulers are of better clay than the rest of us fellows, it seems. But it is part of the general drift toward imperialism. When Jefferson was made president, he drove to the capitol in his own buggy, tied the horse to the fence outside, and then went in to take the oath of office. To-day the ruling class insists on making a regular coronation display of the swearing in of the head "public servant," because it gives the crowd of American dupes a feeling of awe toward those their own free ballots have put in power.

If the big capitalists hire superintendents to operate their big industries while they go sporting round Europe, buying titles for their daughters and living on the fat of the earth, why could not society own the industries and put the same superintendents, or men equally fit, in charge? The day is not far off when this will be done.

Have you noticed the Milwaukee daily "news" papers these last two weeks? Have you noticed how their columns are full of the quarrels between the two factions in the Republican party—page after page of it, printed as news and razzed down people's throats? These papers monopolize the field of news-giving and the people must read them, but they are in reality published to help on the games of the capitalistic politicians, the national fight for a place at the governmental pie counter. It's a great razzing game, for the people are skinned while they lose their heads wondering which crowd is going to whip the other. Oh, no, the people are not stupid!

The hardest working people in the world to-day are the poorest. Those who live in luxury and in contempt for those who are industrious, do no work. Say, what kind of a crazy system are we living under, anyway?

I see a band called patriot for no cause,
But that they catch at popular applause.
—COWPER.

It costs a pile of money and drudgery and despair to keep the rich in luxury. People used to imagine that it was the rich who enabled the poor to live and the capitalist spouters would like people to think so still. To supply the wants of society industry is necessary, but through the capitalist distribution of the product of that industry, by means of the wage and profit system, society divides into the two classes, the workers and the shirkers, and the shirkers insist that they are the people.

The tobacco trust is trying to play the game of brigandage that makes the Standard Oil trust a world power, that is, it is going to force all retail dealers to sell out to it so that it can absolutely control the sort of tobacco sold in the markets of the country. This will close out all its manufacturing competitors and put tobacco users absolutely at its mercy. If Socialists proposed a system in which such things were possible they would deserve to be strung up to convenient lamp posts.

From the Declaration of Independence.

NOTE.—All persons are hereby cautioned from causing this declaration to be circulated in the Philippine or other island possessions of the United States.—Ed. S. D. H.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the LAWS OF NATURE and of NATURE'S GOD entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as TO THEM SHALL SEEM MOST LIKELY TO EFFECT THEIR SAFETY AND HAPPINESS.



ALTGELD.



LINCOLN.

"We owe our country more than talk. We cannot discharge our duty by simply celebrating the glorious deeds of the past. Those nations which stand with their face toward the past are rotten at heart and are on the road to extinction. The law of disintegration and destruction never sleeps and only eternal vigilance can check it. Instead of an armed foe that we can meet on the field there is today an enemy that is invisible, but that is everywhere at work destroying our institutions. Born of vast concentration of capital in unscrupulous hands, corruption is washing the foundations from under us. The flag has been praised at champagne dinners, while the very pole from which it floated was being eaten off by corruption and republican institutions were being stabbed to the vitals. A new gospel has come among us, according to which it is mean to rob a bearfoot, but plundering the thousands makes us gentlemen.—Altgeld, in Chattanooga speech.

"It has indeed been a trying hour for the Republic; but I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of our country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power will endeavor to prolong its reign by working on the prejudices of the people till all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxious for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of the war."—Lincoln, at close of war.

Monarchy is sometimes hinted at. It is the effort to place capital above labor in the structure of the government. I bid the laboring people beware of surrendering their power, for their liberty will be lost.—Lincoln, 1865.

Preamble to Constitution of the United States.

We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution of the United States of America.

In a free country there is bound to be two sets of people for a good while to come. One is composed of men who want a change, and the other, made up partly of men who have "interests" to protect, wanting things to remain as they are. In this country the first class are the Socialists, the other the capitalistic twins, the Republican and Democratic parties. Wherever the Socialists become strong, the two old parties combine, which proves our contention.

If labor is as noble as the capitalistic stump speakers tell the workingman it is, why do they tell them in the same breath that by diligence and economy they may be able to rise above labor?

The hydra-headed monster, Profit, Rent and Interest, is eating up the industrial class, and spreading among the idle rich the plague of vanity, immorality and flabbiness. From the slums reach up the gaunt hands of epidemics that clutch the darlings of the very class that is responsible for the slums.

Socialism, or collectivism, means the public or collective management of all the means of production, of land, of machinery, and of the raw material. In itself it has nothing to do with morals or religion, but indirectly it has a great deal to do with them, for it proposes a state of society in which true morality can be followed without loss to the citizen. At present the business man who does not try to get ahead of his competitors, or who is not glad when a competitor goes down to ruin, will himself not succeed.

The capitalist class is forced to find foreign markets, or go to smash. The working class, which is the buying class as well, does not get enough in wages to buy back what it has itself produced. What a crazy old system it is, after all, when we take a square look at it!

The struggle for existence becomes sharper every day. The man who feels secure to-day may to-morrow lose his job and then feel the real insecurity of his position in society.

July 4 is the date on which civil rule is to supplant military rule in the Philippines. This is just a play to appease the people in this country who want this country to stop owning another people. It will mean nothing. If you doubt it, just run over to Manila and try to read the Declaration of Independence in public.

If all the human blood spilled in wars did not soak into the ground but collected and formed an imperishable lake, ever spreading as the fresh quarts and gallons of human gore were added by the gods of war—a glistening, sticky, clotting sea of life-fluid spilled in order that certain fiends may rule or certain countries can crush weaker peoples, would it wake the stupid millions up to the enormity of the wholesale murder-game called war? We wonder. With such a gruesome sight to confront them, how many idiots would be left, we wonder, to hurrah for shoulder straps and brass buttons and clanking scabbards and the other livery of human butchery?

We Socialists want America to belong to the citizens of America—that is, to the people, in their collective majesty. To-day it is owned by the wealthy and run in the interests of the wealthy.

As has been well said the present system of society "feeds the shirker at the expense of the worker." The workers live in hovels and the shirkers ride about in glistening carriages and eat table d'hote dinners. It is by means of the profit system that the trick is done.

Poor semi-civilized Aguinaldo, representative of a half-developed and brutal civilization, about the meanest thing Admiral Dewey was able to say about him was that he had the human failing of liking loot. That's terrible, when the fellow accused is a mere Filipino. But how about it when the looting is done by the higher races? How was it when China was invaded by our Christian troops? Did anything that wasn't riveted down escape? Nixy. Just read the following from the dispatches, and think meanwhile of that horrid Aguinaldo: "San Francisco, Cal., June 25.—Loot for which the Chinese government has been offering enormous rewards was recovered to-day by United States customs officials. Included in the plunder are five imperial jade seals of the Chinese government and ten priceless sacred tablets of jade, on each of which is engraved the story of the reign of an emperor. These tablets are expected to stand forever in the sacred temple of China and are not duplicated. They are of great age and the value attaching to them both because of their age and the sentiment connected with them is very great. The plunder was found in the baggage of Lieut. John B. Schoeffel, 9th United States infantry, and A. Hesse, both of whom returned on the army transport Sherman."

THAT "SPIRIT OF '76."

BY THOMAS J. MORGAN.

The "revolution" of 1776 was one of a series of expressions of thought which from time to time light up the path of progress and reveal the revolutionary process by which man advances; how the mind first questions and then denies the truth and justice of established opinions and institutions; how it next defies authority and develops the physical power necessary to overcome it, and when this is accomplished, how new opinions are formed into institutions which are in turn overthrown; as thought rises to higher planes.

The expression of the thought of 1776 was formulated in a Declaration of Independence; the day it was completed was afterwards set apart as a day on which to celebrate and keep fresh in the minds of succeeding generations the fundamental proposition it contained and the circumstances under which it was given to the world.

From the first of these annual celebrations the physical features of the revolution were given most prominence; the pomp and circumstance of glorious war, overshadowed the creative thought; later the military significance was lost, and all the original importance of the day is now hid away, and in its place we have the roar of the Chinese cannon cracker, and the fizz-boom of the sky-rocket.

To the American Socialist the revolution of 1776, its Declaration of Independence, the preamble to its constitution and the original Fourth of July are gifts from the past, which accepted and rightly utilized, should prove of inestimable value to the Socialist movement.

The anti-Socialist has no use for these historic expressions except to misrepresent and pervert their meaning, and to this destructive work all the evil influences are bent, which are generated in the struggle for human existence, wealth and power; influences which are the same as those which created pagan gods to frighten the ignorant savage and barbarian. Those influences are now busy with education, literature, art, science, religion and patriotism, creating new gods in the name of "individual liberty" and on the theory of the "survival of the fittest," a revival of paganism which repudiates the fundamental proposition of human equality.

Socialists are of necessity required to expose this modern deception; to make it known that these new gods are but a reproduction, and multiplication of all the phœnix pretensions lie along the highway of progress where the revolution of 1776 and those which preceded it scattered and left them.

In this essential work Socialists can use no better instruments than the gifts of this historic event—all their intellectual and emotional powers can be revived, and of all the days in the year the Fourth of July should be most valued by the Socialists of America for propaganda.

With the Declaration of Independence and the preamble to the Constitution the Socialist can commend the attention and the sympathy of the American people, and from the fundamental proposition of the Declaration and the specific statement of the preamble can prove the logical evolution of the Social Democracy as the inevitable successor of this republic.

The Declaration of Independence advises toleration, patience and reason as necessary to the advocacy of new relations and institutions; it sets forth the fundamental proposition of human equality in relation to all the essentials of life—an liberty of changing all forms of government and adopting any other which may be found which accomplish the purpose desired. This purpose is to establish justice, to provide for the common defense, to promote the general welfare, and to secure the blessings of liberty for all.

This declaration and preamble constitutes the organic law of this republic, a foundation on which the Social Democracy may legally build its co-operative commonwealth. To this fundamental law all private interests and possessions, all constitutions, and all legislative and judicial acts and decisions are subordinate; in this law the supreme right and sovereign authority of the whole people is affirmed, and all the people to the equality and liberty found and secured by the establishment of justice and maintenance of the general welfare.

With these instruments, with this law, interpreted and applied by Socialists, public attention can be commanded, the public heart and conscience can be reached, and the Socialistic misrepresentation can be silenced or transformed into open reputation of the Declaration of Independence and defiance of the law as declared. A into a defender of the law; the capitalist changes from a seeming friend into a proved enemy of the law. A change sure to come as the Socialist party grows, a change that will come the quicker and easier if the Socialist party grows, and use the gifts the revolution of 1776 offers them and link them with the promise of Social Democracy every Fourth of July, and on every other suitable occasion.

Chicago, Ill., June 29th.

When society owns the factories and other forces of the production of wealth, so that no private capitalists can grab the bulk of the wealth produced by the partnership of man and machine, we will for the first time have industrial peace, and health and plenty for the masses. Don't be so stupid as to keep longer from voting for this world-hungry change.

In Massachusetts, with its cradle of liberty, Faneuil hall, its Plymouth rock and its graves of illustrious opponents of imperialism and slavery, the statistics show that the average workman is unable from the salary he receives to support a workman's family at its average cost. The working class is a perpetually bankrupt class. The bargain the workman is forced under competition in the labor market, to make with his employer, is a mighty unbusinesslike one.

Under the capitalist system, labor-saving machinery is the enemy of the man with a job. Many a willing worker has been driven into the highways and made an outcast by it, while the callous people at large have talked about there being work enough for men who were not lazy, or have occupied their minds with singing psalms or going to the races.

Workers displaced in one field of labor have gone to other fields looking for work, only to find men being displaced there through new machinery. The laboring class has had to bear its troubles alone—it got no sympathy from even the well-fixed folks who courted fame by supporting various charities and looking humane. It is a good thing the workers are not vindictive, or the callous class might have a terrible reckoning in store.

The hardest working people in the world to-day are regarded by the rest of the people as social inferiors. Did you ever stop to think why?

L. Z. Leiter, the Chicago cormorant, who bought his daughter a title for cold cash, or, rather, bartered her for the sake of getting some "royal" blood into his family, has a country seat at Delavan, Wis., and has just had a tombstone placed over the grave there of a pet dog. It's tough enough to see such men in possession of fabulous wealth fleeced from the workers who have produced it, but when poodles get tombstones and workers go to the Potter's field—

In order that some may be rich, others must be poor, true brotherhood among the people of the world becomes impossible, the difference in conditions of living produces differences in culture and this produces castes, and the preachers keep on pounding away in their pulpits and try to make people believe that we are all equally the children of creation and that it is to the poor man's interests that there should be rich men. In 1776 they tried to start off this country so as to have people equal. But the political equality they gave them was not enough, for it was soon clear that industrial equality must also be had before the people could be equal in station. Gradually this demand for an industrial equality has grown strength so that to-day we have the national organization of Social Democrats. The fathers of the country did wisely, however. They gave us the means with which to get our industrial equality—they gave us a free ballot.

If there is one man more than another in the walks of the non-Socialists that we like to take our hats off to it is Mark Twain. No one can doubt his sincerity in his crushing attacks on the capitalistic rulers and their stifling of liberty in the Philippines. If anyone can pierce their tough hides with his shafts of ridicule he can. And this just reminds us that there is evidence at hand that Porto Rico is also enjoying some of our Yankee colonial liberty. Col. Geo. W. Bird, a lawyer of Madison, Wis., who has just returned, says there is a semi-official clique there, regularly organized, called las turbas, that devotes its energies to suppressing criticism of the government. They even make forcible attacks on those who dare to say the rulers do not rule for the interests of the people, and smash printing offices that give offense. The king can do no wrong, was the old cry of the rulers of men. They say the same thing only in different words to-day. When two or three men own the United States our colonial policy will be brought home to us. Watch and see.

Be industrious and starve, be foxy and prosper, is the invitation the world holds out to its people to-day, because of the capitalist system. Along with it we have this further unwritten law: Steal small and go to prison; steal big and go to congress. Some honest men have gotten into congress, but they are gradually being found out.

The "respectable class" is at it again, this time in Seattle, where Debs has just been holding monster meetings. These "respectables," the capitalists, thought the agitators would hurt their chances of controlling the politics of the people and consequently the law-making power and the pie of office-holding, and so they resorted to the old trick of getting certain labor fakirs to get up an opposition meeting—and in the name of Socialism, too, mind you. Well, the outcome was funny. The fakirs had an audience of two hundred, AND DEBS HAD TWO THOUSAND.

We are Socialists because we see that under the present system a world intended to be beautiful and homelike for all, is full of evil, full of injustice, full of despair, full of vulgarity, full of degradation, full of rich leeches and overworked poor. It is full of strife, deception and rascality. In place of it we want a system based on brotherhood and co-operation, in which it will not pay people to be mean, and low, and selfish.

The attempt by the Betterment League of Milwaukee to get public playgrounds for the children is deserving of much more success than it will probably attain to. In these days of sordid, besotted commercialism, to use up good real estate in playgrounds is regarded as a waste of good money-making material.

It is either work for capitalism or starve. All the avenues of money-making are now held by the monsters called trusts and corporations. The big capitalists are the logical winners at the present stage of the game. They can crush a small business man who is in their way as easy as if he were an egg shell.

The Passing of Patriotism.

By Franklin H. Wentworth.

The idea of fidelity to something is, in its inception, one of the noblest instincts of the human soul.

To be true to a good thing through hardship and bitter opposition develops in man certain qualities that come to blossom not otherwise.

Patriotism has been called a noble passion, and it is indisputable that many good men have died for it; but where it crosses the line that divides the province of Love of Home from the province of Hatred of One's Neighbor it becomes ignoble and destructive of morals.

It is patriotism, more aptly called nationalism, which makes such stupidity possible.

The common people of the world never yet had a difference; they have only been made to believe they had.

The common people of England fought the Boer war, and now they and their children and their children's children will have to work to pay for it.

The American common people are doing the same thing. They are giving the lives of their sons, and a daily fraction of their wages to conquer a brave people who never did them any harm, and they will only gain a pension list to maintain as their share of the fruits of victory.

The spirit of nationalism not only enslaves the workers to the exploiters of nations, but it retards the progress of intellectual and spiritual life by isolating it from the warm, palpitating, universal life of the world.

We should love and reverence our native country simply as the home in which our life is to develop, among brothers and sisters linked to us by the family ties of a common language.

The exploiters of nations for purposes of human exploitation, and down in the heart of the people nationalism is a deadly foe for human liberty.

The workers of the world are beginning to see what "patriotism" really is.

Now noble how kingly it is, to declare war against another people and then send some other woman's husband or sweetheart or son to die the dying!

There are two social and economic systems which have been conflicting since the beginning of society.

Under one system the few have enjoyed the fruits of the earth and the masses have been doomed to serve as beasts of burden.

The beneficiaries of this system believe, for the most part, and honestly, that a system under which the few rule and the masses toil and submit in silence, is on the whole a good system.

It is a system, however, that has filled the world with unworkable work, and it is needless to say that it is under this system that we now live.

There is another system under which there is no favored class, no special privileges, and where the earth and the fullness thereof becomes the heritage of the common people.

Under this system economic freedom will be established and the brotherhood of man inaugurated. I believe there is good in every human heart.

I believe that people are naturally good, but they can be perverted under the present industrial system. Greed is the dominating motive.

You have got to knock down your fellow man under the present system in self-defense. Everything is fair in business, and business is war.

Prof. Hertka of the University of Vienna, estimates that the working population of Austria over 16 and under 60 years of age could, under a condition of Socialism, produce the necessities and the comforts of the kingdom at the rate of one hour and twenty minutes' work per day.

The Social Democrats propose that the machinery which is doing the work of the country shall become the property of the people.

Machinery was designed to bless the world, but under the present system it takes work, and, therefore, bread, from the worker.

A Cry from the Ghetto. The clock above me ticks away the day. Its hands are spinning, spinning, like the fly's wheel.

It cannot sleep or for a moment stay. It is a thing like me, and does not feel. It throbs as tho' my heart were beating there!

My heart? My heart? I know not what it means. The clock ticks, and below I strive and stare. And so we lose the hour. We are machines.

Socialism is Revolutionary. "Socialism is revolutionary," says capital. It is, but the revolution will be bloodless and peaceful unless capital refuses to bow to the rule of the majority.

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A Parable on Charity.

Once upon a time a man owned a herd of cattle, which were lean even to starvation, and their bones stuck out of their skins.

"Friend, do you own these cattle?" "I do."

"And do you own the pasture?" "Yes."

"Then, WHY DON'T YOU LET DOWN THE BARS so that the cattle can feed themselves?"

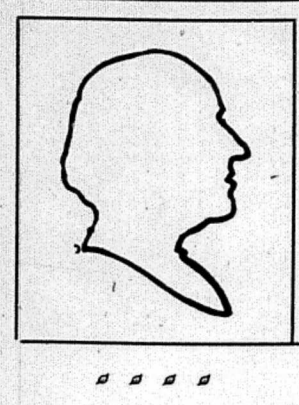
Said the owner: "I have as yet failed to see that letting down the bars would be a panacea for all the leanness these cattle are heir to."

Instead of broaching far-away theories, do something practical; jump over the fence and help me pull some grass and feed it to the calves."

BOLTON HALL.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

NEWS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



I am accused of using hard language. I admit the charge. I have been unable to find a soft word to describe villainy, or to identify the perpetrator of it.

WM. LLOYD GARRISON.



"The great question of the future is money against legislation. My friends, you and I shall be in our graves long before that battle is ended; and, unless our children have more patience and courage than saved this country from slavery, republican institutions will go down before moneyed corporations.

WENDELL PHILLIPS.

GENERAL NOTES.

There are 134 union barber shops in Cincinnati.

A co-operative bakery is to be started in Winnipeg, Man., as a result of the bakers' strike.

The Brockton Co-operative shoe factory has begun work on a 25x50, four stories high, addition.

The largest Barbers' Union in the United States is in San Francisco, having more than 1000 members.

Under Socialism when there is a surplus of coal the miners will go on a vacation instead of going on a strike.

Union workers of Dundee, Ill., identified with the Lutheran Church have been notified to quit their organization or leave the church.

The Co-operative Shoe Factory at Brockton has demonstrated that co-operation can succeed, and they are now about to enlarge their plant to twice its present size.

Better a child should be ignorant of a hundred truths than have consecrated in its heart a single lie.—Ruskin.

Compulsory arbitration has been defeated by the British Trade-union Congress, recently held at Swansea, Wales, by a vote of 676,000 against to 366,000 for. Ben Tillet favored the measure.

The North American Trust Company of New York is promoting a gigantic combination of national banks of the country, which is to include one national bank in each financial center and state capital.

In the year 1900 there were employed in the mines of the world 4,475,000. The three greatest nations in this industry are: Great Britain with 1,000,000 miners, Germany with 750,000 and United States with 500,000.

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It is rather remarkable that the man who is making a great objection to surrendering his independence and state capital see nothing out of place in surrendering his body and soul to a boss.—Coast Seaman's Journal.

A movement to consolidate all the marine labor interests on the Great Lakes will be started in Chicago next Sunday, when a marine labor council will be formed. It is expected the total membership will amount to 25,000 men.

The Danish Shipping Federation openly declares its intention of breaking up the organization of its employees and has announced that it will in the future engage no more members of labor unions.

Germany people are discussing the big profit made by the two companies controlled by the Standard Oil Co. in the Fatherland. They cleaned up 38 and 44.5 per cent in the year, and now all the little "spiesb"urger" want to get in with Rockefeller.

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The Gas Belt Labor News tells its readers that one James E. Truesdale, a "life-long union man," has been nominated for Congress. Now, before we agree with the News that this is a great victory for labor, we will serve, if elected, The News does not state, and this is important.

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It is ordered, that said application be heard before this court at a regular term thereof, to be held in the county court room at the court house in the city of Milwaukee, on the first Tuesday of September, A. D. 1902, at 9 o'clock a. m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached on the calendar.

And it is further ordered, that notice of said application and hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order for three weeks successively, once in each week, in the Social Democratic Herald, a newspaper printed in said city, prior to said hearing, and by serving a copy of this order personally on Albert Froede, the guardian ad litem of the minors interested in said estate, at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

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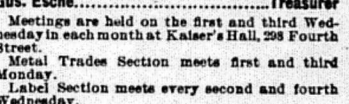
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Gleanings from Socialist Fields.

Notes from Yankee-land.

The Cleveland Citizen has a new dress of type. Congratulations. The Ontario Socialists cast a total of 2000 votes at the recent election. The Kansas state convention was held on July 4. Report next week. Comrade Carl Thompson is touring Colorado and having big meetings. Lieut.-Gov. Coates of Colorado has formally joined the Socialists. Oklahoma Socialists held their territorial convention June 21 at Oklahoma City. Comrade Franklin H. Wentworth of Chicago has gone to Denver on a speaking trip. National Secretary Greenbaum now employs an assistant secretary and four stenographers. The Colorado state convention was held at Colorado Springs July 4. Report next week. C. D. Bailey of Dexter, Mo., formerly prominent in the Populist movement, has come out for Socialism. The New York party state convention was held on July 4 at Labor Lyceum, New York city. Report next week. Seattle Socialists are sticking up posters with cartoons on them to catch the idea of the resigned wage slaves of that city. California has fifty branches. A monster picnic was held at Long Beach near San Francisco on July 4 with Comrade Walter Mills as speaker. The Industrial Socialists of America is the name of a new organization with headquarters in San Francisco. It has a paper called Labor Capital. Comrade Mila Tupper Maynard is holding Sunday term classes in Socialism in the Charles block, Denver. The classes will continue for five weeks. While in Cleveland the other day Comrade McDermott of Chicago stated that there was a possibility of Comrade Stedman's election to the Illinois Legislature. The Social Democrats of Ohio, nineteenth congressional district, held their convention July 4 at Akron. Comrades Max Hayes and Robert Bandlow spoke. Workers of New Hampshire earn on an average of \$6.85 per week, according to the Labor Bureau of the state. Now they can see where all the millionaires came from! The Wage Worker of Detroit prints a group of the Michigan state candidates with Comrade Walters for governor in the center. They look like a band of thoughtful fighters, all right. The Seattle Socialist charges Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco with begging for the nomination for governor of California from the Republican party, although he was elected mayor by labor votes. The Socialists of New Castle, Pa., are after the capitalist politicians of that locality and are trying to force one Senator Brown to a debate. Debates are pretty hard things to get these days, if it is a Socialist that does the challenging. The Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis has elected a campaign committee of five to work in conjunction with the campaign committee of the Socialist party. Comrade H. B. Dunn, editor of the Missouri Socialist, has been

elected vice president of the central labor body. Watch for the list of donors to the "Union Secretary Fund" in next week's Herald. The congressional county and city conventions of the Saginaw, Michigan, comrades was held July 4. Comrade W. E. Walter, candidate for governor, is touring Michigan. He was in Grand Rapids last week. Comrade Gaylord of New London, who will join Comrade Berger in a trip through the state, is an accomplished singer. Our comrades will do well to call on him for a song during their meetings. The south side comrades in Milwaukee are plotting to get after the large number of people who were not members of the party, but voted our ticket in the spring. They are going to get a lot of them in line. Comrade Coates and Editor O'Neill of the Miners' Magazine spoke at Telluride, Co., July 3, on the occasion of the dedication of a monument to John Barthell, who was shot by armed thugs during the mine troubles a year ago.

H. G. WILSHIRE, of Wilshire's Magazine, will speak at West Side Union Park, on the evening of July 9, under the auspices of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Owing to the manner in which he has been able to arrange his dates, Comrade H. Gaylord Wilshire, editor of Wilshire's Magazine, will reach Milwaukee July 7, instead of the 9th, as at first announced, so that two extra meetings will be arranged for him, for which watch the daily papers. On the 9th he will speak under the auspices of the State Federation of Labor, as previously announced. On June 23 a meeting of Socialists in Newark was broken into by police with drawn revolvers and seventeen were marched to jail. It was a sequel to the efforts of the police to break up the open air meetings. The meeting was held by the Essex county branch of the party and the action of the authorities aroused great indignation. A protest meeting was held on the following Sunday, at which speeches were made by Comrade Meyer London and others. The thing will be remembered on election day.

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Across the Herring Pond.

English Socialists are redoubting their distribution of propaganda matter. The Socialists in Switzerland got another cantonal legislative seat at Thun the other day, making sixteen in all. We acknowledge the receipt at this office of the report of the tenth annual conference of the Independent Labor party of England, held at the city hall, Liverpool, in April. The comrades in Glasgow recently gave a banquet to their comrade, James Johnstone, at which the French Socialist, Raymond Lepetit, presided, and French, German and Russian comrades also took part. The French Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 442 to 11 passed a bill forbidding public and private employment of more than six complete days a week. The Milwaukee street railway company, which employs its men seven days in seven, ought to be glad it is running cars in free America instead of in France. In free America the workers can be skinned to a finish. Michael Davitt wrote a hearty letter to the projectors of the banquet at Queen's of the London Justice, regretting that for reasons of geographical distance he would be unable to "join the many other friends and admirers in offering him a grateful tribute of thanks for the work he has done in his own manly, straightforward way for the great cause of Social Democracy and the general uplifting of the working classes. At a meeting in Lincoln, England, called to condemn the ministerial education bill the Socialist, J. Dutton, moved the following, which went through with a whoop: "That in view of the fact that an enormous number of children attend our public schools in a starving condition, and insufficiently clothed, this meeting is of opinion that no alteration in our educational laws will be satisfactory which does not make adequate provision for the feeding and clothing of all children who may claim it."

The banquet to Harry Quelch, editor of London Justice, held June 5, brought out some happy and spirited responses. Herbert Burrows was toastmaster and among the international celebrities who graced the festive board were Walter Crane, H. M. Hyndman, E. J. Delfort Bax, Pete Curran, Ramsey McDonald, Ben Tillet, A. E. Fletcher, Edward Villart, Robert Blatchford, W. M. Thompson and others. Crane paid a beautiful tribute to the guest of the evening. The other speeches were filled to the brim with the spirit of international fellowship. The London Social Democrat publishes a halfpenny group of the members worthy to be invited to the banquet, which has its headquarters in Brussels. Those appearing are Van Kol and Troilstra of Holland, Vandervelde and Anseele of Belgium, Singer and Kautsky of Germany, Pleckhanoff and Krytevsky of Russia, Hyndman and Quelch of England, Mme. Wodjnarowska of Poland, Curran, Ramsey McDonald, Ben France, V. Serwy, the secretary, and Dr. Herron of the United States. The bureau was begun in 1900.

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ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS. Steelworker, Milwaukee.—In Porto Rico, with the Stars and Stripes floating from the flagstaffs labor leaders and socialists were thrown into prison for "conspiring to raise the price of labor." What are the trusts but conspiracies to lower wages—and the trusts will never be run on any such charge while capitalism runs this country. In a recent trust, in instance, has captured the field so that a steel worker must work for the trust or not at all, capital is about ready to force a lowering of wages. Watch.

The following is the national platform of principles of the Social Democrats: The Socialist party of America, in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of international Socialism. It declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of concentrating the power of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people. Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual workers, and it divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the working men to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery. The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their fortunes at home. But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. An active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are all interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, and the numerous public parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

The Berger-Gaylord Tour.

Winfield R. Gaylord, pastor of the Congregational church at New London, who is touring Wisconsin for some time, and as a lecturer on the Social problem, has formally embraced Socialism and identified himself with the Social Democratic party. He has been secured to make an agitator and organizing tour of the state in company with Comrade Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee. Comrade Gaylord has been a student of Socialism for some time, and has formerly assisted Comrade Carl Thompson, who is now touring the West for the party, when he was pastor of a church in Elgin, Ill. The following are the dates so far arranged, and even these are subject to change: Manitowoc..... July 14 Stockbridge..... July 15 Oshkosh..... July 16 Neenah..... July 17 Appleton..... July 18 Green Bay..... July 19 Racine..... July 20 Kenosha..... July 21 Beloit..... July 22 Times..... July 23 Brodhead..... July 24 Monroe..... July 25 Madison..... July 26 Waukesha..... July 30

Fourier and Marx.

Karl Marx's masterly analysis of the capitalist system which only stands out as the more admirable by the utter failure of third-rate professors and publicists to pick holes in it, has secured for him such a position in the world of thought and in the history of economics that it is quite unnecessary to claim for him any more than what he has so splendidly done. It is safe to say that his great work must be the basis for all future writers who wish to achieve permanent distinction in the field which he made his own. That is becoming more and more obvious every day; even the leading capitalist journal of the world, having, as we pointed out last week, accepted and enforced the truth of Marx's theories of history and economic development. But all this being so, and Marx's pre-eminence being now unquestioned except by the ignorant and the more than ignorant half-learned, we somewhat regret the habit which Socialists have got into of talking and writing as if Marx had no predecessors. This is a mistake which he himself took good care never to make. True, he knew that he had made discoveries and he was able to do really original work. But that did not lessen his admiration and appreciation of St. Simon, Robert Owen, and Fourier, as well as others. Now, it so happens that the first clear prognostication of the inevitable development of complete capitalism into monopoly as made by Fourier at the time when Marx was 6 years old. He expressed himself quite unmistakably on this head, and his forecast, regard being had to the comparatively small development of capitalist industrialism in 1824, is almost worthy to be put side by side with Aristotle's famous dictum, "Slavery can never be abolished; except, perhaps, by the help of machines." The failure of Fourier's phalanstery projects and the miscarriage of his disciple, Victor Conserant's experiments in America have blinded many men to his genius.—Justice, London.

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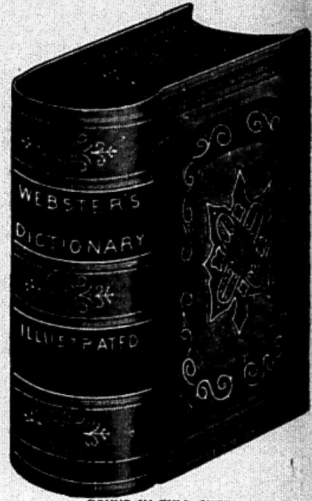
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