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Gladiator Succumbs!

The Grim Reaper outs down Frederic O. MacCartney and Socialism loses one of its best fighters.

Haverhill, Mass., May 26th.—Social Democratic Herald, Milwaukee: Re-



TO CHRONICLE the death of a leader so prominent, so useful and withal so eminently wholesome as Comrade Frederic MacCartney is a sad duty indeed.

Alas! The irony of fate! That it should have fallen to Spoilsman Payne to investigate the spoilsmen of the post office department is too rich!

A constable sent to evict a family in Chicago last week, handled a woman so roughly that she died.

You can be sure the investigation in the post office department won't reach far enough to catch the big capitalist robbers that are bleeding the system into bankruptcy by reason of their railway mail contract hold-ups.

The Evening Wisconsin says the tanners' strike is unfortunate. Yes, unfortunate for the capitalist class, of which that paper is an organ, unfortunate to have the public learn what long hours and poor pay our fellow-citizens, the tannery workers, are getting!

A Dr Vogeler, a student of anthropology, claims that woman is responsible for war. He says that practically all man does beyond keeping himself alive, or for pay, is done for woman. Woman is dependent on man for protection, he says, hence is attracted by the man who appears most valiant.

Hearst has good old capitalistic gait. Now he claims that the settlement of labor difficulties all over the country is the result of the stand his papers have taken in favor of conciliation.

Socialism is coming hot-foot. People are now finding out what it is, and so they want it.

If you receive this paper without ordering it, it means that someone has paid for it for you. No bill will follow.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Union Secretaries Fund, Oshkosh Fund, etc.

The following explains itself: Milwaukee, May 25.—Mr. Chas. Emmrich, Oshkosh, Dear Comrade: Some of the readers of The Herald, wishing to help establish Socialism on a sound footing in Oshkosh, have contributed to a fund for the purpose of aiding you wage a campaign with literature in your city.

Anyway, the Labor Leader of Chicago is frank about it. Says the Leader: "The political policy of the Union Leader is strictly non-partisan. Statesmen wishing to advertise should consult the business manager for rates, etc."

The Phillipine war has been ended again! The Moros have been defeated and the despatches say lacked weapons, so it was an easy thing for Uncle Sam's buldies to go in and murder them.

sacredness of human life, yet here we are, completely committed to the butchering of human flesh!

Socialism presents some hard nuts to crack for the person who thoroughly investigates. You may dodge the subject, but that is no evidence of bravery; on the contrary it is an evidence of either cowardice or dense sluggishness.

A Socialist institution that has to be run by the capitalistic parties has a mighty hard time of it. Now the post office scandal has taken definite shape and Supt. of Free Delivery, A. W. Meacham, has been found to be a receiver of bribes to the tune of \$20,000. Whew!

Only people who love freedom can stand freedom. Capitalism, if it has full sway much longer, may make people contended slaves.

Henry Phipps, multi-millionaire and philanthropist, arrived on the Siberia, accompanied by his son and daughter en route to New York from a pleasure tour of the world, says a San Francisco dispatch. That's fine. Every workman who has overworked ought to take pattern after Phipps and go with his family around the globe.

From everywhere come words of enthusiasm for the Socialist advance. We are a great army with a great mission. Our comradeship is of the shoulder to shoulder sort, the like of which the world has never seen.

"Michigan politicians have created an election law that is meant to kill off minority parties. Candidates are compelled to pay a certain per cent of salaries, whether elected or not, before their names are placed on official ballot.

LABOR UNIONS NECESSARY.

WE HAVE ENTERED upon an era of strikes—as is usually the case in a period of capitalistic prosperity. The trades unions have been strengthened during the last few years of the workers naturally ask for a little larger share of the wealth which they have created.

And now we also hear the claim that "prosperity" is going to the demitition bow-wows on account of the greed, the selfishness and the love of luxury of workers. To the average employer whose workmen are out on a strike the trade-union seems to be a veritable invention of the devil himself.

The feudal lords of the early Middle ages made this complaint against the serfs, the patricians in the cities, against the simple burghers and tradesmen; the tradesmen against journeymen. Since capitalism came upon the stage we hear and read of the same charge against the modern wage-earner.

The experience of all nations teaches us that those had conditions of labor which manufacturers are usually most anxious to retain have caused their backwardness. For instance, they fought high wages and short hours and do so even now.

But certainly we do not expect the capitalist class to listen to reason, whenever the rights of the wage workers and the pocketbooks of employers are in conflict. Yet if the employing class is so different now, what is to happen in a few years when this dazzling period of capitalist prosperity has come to a close and dreary stagnation will be the rule of the industrial world?

And here is the vulnerable place of the capitalist system—and also of the trades unions. We may one day find ourselves face to face with the hard fact that trades unions are inadequate—that we still have to use the ballot entirely in order to combat the capitalist system, to consider our political freedom as the first installment of the economic freedom.

Victor L. Berger.

long as the working class did not make use of their class strength, the plutocrats were willing to let them vote!

According to the Pueblo Courier the state of Arkansas made the Iron Mountain railway a present of 3,000,000 acres of the richest land of the state free of cost.

\$5 an acre it would have had the nice little sum of \$15,000,000, with which to build its own railway. Capitalistic financing is a thing hard to comprehend by ordinary intellects, you know!

Here is the old style trade unionist method, according to the American Labor Union Journal: "Work together, strike together, starve together, and vote against each other!" That's about it.

FATHER HAGERTY FLAYS A MILLIONAIRE-WORSHIPPER!

THE REV. DANIEL O'CONNOR A FEW days ago told his congregation in St. Agatha's Church, Thirty-eight and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia, that "the workingman must depend upon his employer.

Disraeli's characterization of Kremlin fits the Reverend O'Connor as neatly as a rubber glove finds every crease in the knuckles of a surgeon: "Mr. Kremlin was distinguished for ignorance; for he had only one idea, and that was wrong."

should withdraw from this continent; and the gentlest zephyrs which come shyly forth from the Pines with balm for stifled lungs would change into deadly winds carrying the Bubonic Plague into every workman's home, if the National Biscuit Company should cease to rob labor of four-fifths of the product of its toil.

Without millionaires, the Gospel might again be preached in all its pristine purity and simple workingmen, like the Christ and his Apostles, might have an opportunity to proclaim their dangerous doctrines of the brotherhood of man.

You have stored up to yourselves wrath against the last days. Behold the hire of the laborers, who have reaped down your fields, which by fraud has been kept back by you, crieth; and the cry of them hath entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Verily, a Saul had arisen among the prophets; an O'Connor hath untied the Gordian knot of the world's production! Away with Marx, Engels and Bebel! To the lowest pit of Sheol with those who dare question the divine and everlasting function of the millionaire!

ashes: for lo! this modern Jonah is sent to warn the faithful that when Socialism comes there will be no employment for the workingmen and starvation will in a few months annihilate the human race.

If the perpetuity of the race depends upon the continuance of millionaires and wealthy corporations, and upon the bounty of employers, there is no reason why the workingmen should pay pew-rent or contribute to the Christmas and Easter collection or purchase bazaar tickets.

Thos. J. Hagerty. Van Buren, Ark., May 17.

An Alabama man has been arrested for keeping negroes in servitude. He worked them during the day and locked them up at night. That's awful, eh? Locked 'em up at night. You never heard of white people being locked up to servitude, did you? No, the white slave pens called factories and mills never lock their workers in, do they! The government might interfere, you know!

Perhaps it is true that we Socialists are somewhat fanatical. Fanaticism when not too extreme is needed to win great causes. We are certainly not ashamed of the fact that we can not be corrupted, or turned aside from our purpose by the temptations of the worlds and its devils.

"Neither the labor agitators, the proletariats, the ecclesiastics, those who are seeking to arrange arbitration meetings, nor the press have any idea of the tremendous movement that is under way among all classes of employers all over this country."

A Kansas insane asylum has installed the "water cure" form of discipline; but then Kansas was Freddie Funston's state, we believe.

It has been figured out that the amount paid by the government to the railroads to transport the mails is equivalent to the interest of \$3000 per mile on all the railroads of the country.

The New York state board of investigation reports that hereafter it will make a public investigation in cases where it is not able to effect settlements between capital and labor, holding that public opinion will then shame the side that is in the wrong into a settlement.

When the Wisconsin legislature ended last week, the legislators threw off all restraint and indulged their thievish capitalist instincts to the extent of carrying off everything they could pry loose, only the desks and carpets escaping.

A Japanese exchange informs us that the price of rice is greatly increased now that capitalism is retarding the production of that staple, and that the price of this staple will regulate all other prices EXCEPT WAGES, and articles of luxury, etc.

A Millionaire Lumberman brought to Book in Minneapolis.—He even Claimed the Indians were Socialists!

liver the address before our local organization, and to our astonishment he gladly consented. We then arranged to have Comrade Carl D. Thompson present. On account of the prominence of Mr. Walker, the daily press gave us good announcements and our hall was crowded to the doors.

and logic, and the economic truths of Socialism were represented with telling effect. After the close Mr. Walker was given thanks for his attempt, and indeed all Socialists everywhere should feel indebted to him, as he has done more for the cause than any Socialist could have done."

"Capitalist meets Socialist," the Minneapolis Times gives a report of the encounter, from which we make the following excerpts: "T. B. Walker, the Minneapolis lumberman, yesterday addressed the Socialists upon the subject of the 'impracticability of Socialism.'"

and asserted that the so-called communistic colonies which had failed were in no sense Socialistic associations. Mr. Walker said in part: Socialism among the Indians. Socialistic views of society have existed among men from the earliest ages.

wealthiest men in the commonwealth were only really clerks. Mr. Walker then arrived at the conclusion that wages and salaries received over 90 per cent of the production and that the great mass of all that was produced is annually distributed between all classes of people.

Recent widely circulated reports showed the steel trust dividends for a single year to have been \$12,000,000; of the meat trust, \$110,000,000; of the oil trust, millions more; the coal trust, millions more, etc. How can you ask us to believe that the capitalist class is not getting enormous unearned incomes when every day before our eyes is flaunted the spectacle of wanton wealth, luxurious ease and even in extreme cases, disgusting extravagance? Meanwhile the average wages, according to government reports, for the (Continued on page 4.)

THE PROSPERITY MAKERS: OR THE TRAGEDY OF A MUSHROOM TOWN.

BY A WELLKNOWN AUTHOR (NAME WITHHELD).

The Building of an American Boom Town is typical of capitalist enterprises and daring. Sometimes the builders "make good," and sometimes they don't, and many go down in the crash.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.—Two capitalist adventures, Mr. Jenkins Finch, a professional boomer, and an attorney named Sharpnose, quietly secure a large tract of land at Allacoochee, Ala., on the river side of John's mountain, which is full of iron and coal. The land really belongs to a moonshiner named Kilgrew who fled this country, and was bought of one Cates, who claimed to have bought it from the moonshiner. To clear the title the sharpners sort to a forged deed. Fragments of a notary's signature are secured. A notary is bribed into recording it under a bad date. Allacoochee then bursts forth as an Eldorado for investors the far northern company, begins to realize handsomely on its venture. Meanwhile Philip Thorndyke, a young New Yorker, breaks down in health and starts for the restive, health-giving air of Alabama.



The old man would have thrown himself on the sword.

CHAPTER XI.—In which a man with a warrant appears on the scene.

After dinner Duncan went in search of the old mountaineer and Thorndyke shut himself in his room to finish the letter he began the previous evening. He went about it leisurely, placing the table in front of an open window and sitting where the sweet afternoon breeze might blow in his face as he wrote. Between the sentences he stopped often, weighing and turning the words until they fitted his purpose; which was to make this latest letter to his mother as one with those preceding it. This preserving of the unity proved to be less difficult than he had thought it would be. The new determination was but a sucking as yet, and the turning of a fresh leaf in the book of reason. Besides, one's mother is always the first to accept a show of frankness as a substitute for the real quality, and Mrs. Thorndyke would have found reasons for refusing to believe Philip if he had told her the plain truth.

length upon the edge of a chair, but Duncan stood irresolute. "I'm no se over rash, myself, Master Thorndyke, as ye ken, but said Johnnie here is mair captious than the canniest Scot o' them a'. D'ye think, now, he winsna set foot in the house till he makes me promise to pit mysel' on guard on the doortable?"

The old man held up a thin trembling hand. "You-uns is a lawyer; you-uns kin aw'ar me, ef so be ye likes."

"That's all right; I only want to be certain that you understand that point. Now, about the damages. How much do you think you ought to have?"

"I reckon no, long's I cain't write none."

"I reckon they's mighty few."

"I've got a warrant for John Kilgrew—Philip recognized the voice as that of the man who had asked the way to Mrs. Duncan, and 'I'll have to trouble ye, Mr. Duncan."

"Good evening, Mr. Duncan. Are you out gunning for our friends?"

"No, na, then," said Duncan, in tones of expropriation; "ye'd no be complacatin' aw' Jamie Duncan for resistin' the officers o' the law, would ye, Robbie?"

"What officers? Those fellows? They're no more officers than you are. What were they trying to do?"

"I suppose you have no present thought of coming back to civilization. From what you say in your letters I infer that you are enjoying yourself, after some primitive fashion, and, better than all else, that your health is improving. Because I can believe the latter, I can continue to spare you while the need exists; and since the separation has to be, it is better that we should bear it contentedly. I should be sorry to have the good effect of Dr. Perovin's prescription marred by any repining of mine, and so long as you feel that the out-of-door life is helping you, I hope you will not let any strained sense of your duty to your mother or to me make you abridge it. We shall get along famously without our prey we are obliged to go about unscared for because you happen to be buried in the forests of Alabama."

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Collectivism and the Single Tax.

Victor L. Berger says the Land Tax would not Abolish Cut-Throat Competition.

There has been a strong disposition among some Socialist critics to regard Henry George as nothing more than a charlatan, while others think that a passing sneer will dispose of the theory of the Single Tax. Both of these views I wholly wrong. Henry George in his "Progress and Poverty" has given us a most brilliant criticism of the present system—more brilliant in some respects than that of Karl Marx. And the idea of Single Tax has taken considerable root in some Australian colonies, especially in New Zealand.

Marxism naturally must oppose the Single Tax theory because the latter is a reform of the present system according to a specific plan invented by a certain man, while Socialists know that human social progress is a matter of growth and of evolution. The Socialists simply point out that history—the economic development, the centralization of property, the trusts, etc.—and then they state the fact that we are growing into Socialism, that Socialism is going to be the next phase of our civilization.

But before all things Socialists contend that Single Tax would not change anything in favor of the propertyless masses—that as a matter of fact it would money. From this point of view Single Tax has been declared by Socialist authors "an attempt to exploit Socialist ideas in favor of the middle class."

Let us have a short and concise statement of the two schools or thought. It is based solely upon the present mode of production on a large scale—production with the help of machinery. Formerly hand labor and social effort produced the necessities of mankind. Today machine labor and social effort produce the necessities of mankind. The present system has produced two classes—the property-holding class and the propertyless class. The property-holding class has all the wealth and holds the structure of our social institutions is always determined by the wealth we get our living. And whilst in that former time it was the imperative duty of the government to protect the propertyless, today, it is equally the duty of the government to protect the property-holding class, that is to say, the whole body of working people, in the possession of the products of their toil. We furthermore point to the economic evolution—the trusts, combines, etc.—and say: If so much of what has been considered private property is now being turned into public property, why not let it all be public property? Why not let it all be public property? Why not let it all be public property?

Are Workmen Getting Prosperity?

Arthur Brisbane Says That's The Question.

The address of David M. Parry, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, in session at New Orleans, would necessarily lead any man of good sense and proper feeling to suppose that a body so important had been tricked into electing a fool as its chief officer. This natural presumption is a mistake, however. Mr. Parry in the arrogant ignorance he shows in dealing with the labor question and his brazen ferocity of temper appears to be thoroughly representative of an organization which is as far from representing the intelligence of the American business world as any riotous striker is from typifying the American workingman.

According to Mr. Parry, who seemingly has the full sympathy of the National Association of Manufacturers, trades unionism is the master peril now menacing not merely our industrial prosperity, but the life of the republic. "It is impossible to hide our eyes to the fact," he says, "that a large mass of the people, forgetful of the liberties and blessings they now enjoy, are with restless ardor striving to force the nation to what must eventually mean industrial disaster if not anarchy and despotism."

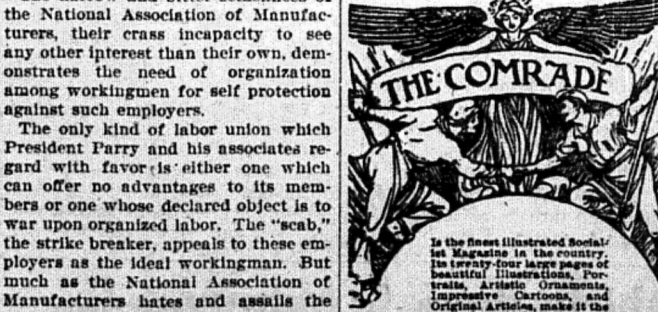
Books of Scientific Socialism.

Table listing various books and their prices, including titles like 'The Student's Marx', 'The Communist Manifesto', 'The Science of Socialism', etc.

HOW THE HERALD STANDS.

We have grouped below several pages from two interesting booklets lately issued by the advertisers' "little schoolmaster," Printers Ink, in which is shown the rating of the Social Democratic Herald as an advertising medium. It is the only Socialist paper in the country admitted to the Printers Ink labor list.

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SOCIALISM SHOULD ATTRACT SINGLE TAXERS—WHERE HENRY GEORGE STOOD.

When I first met the Socialists and the single-taxers I was surprised to find that they were not friendly and that they actually opposed each other. To me it seemed that Socialism was not at all inconsistent with the teachings of Henry George. But I was told by both Socialists and single-taxers that this was due to the fact that I did not understand the subject. Between Socialism and the single tax there is a great difference.

"Nothing is more obvious," he says, "than that a union of railroading with the other functions of government is inevitable." (P. 247.) And, "even if it were possible, WHICH MAY WELL BE DOUBTED, to have railways maintained by the state, leaving the furnishing of trains to private enterprise, it would be still a most serious matter." "All I have said of railroads applies of course to the telegraph, telephone, gas, water, heat, electricity—in short, all businesses which are in their nature monopolies."

(2) The disagreement on the question of competition seems at first more formidable. George and his followers believe in competition and the Socialists do not. But when one discovers that the kind of competition in which the single-taxer believes is a kind that has never existed so far and is therefore an ideal competition yet to be realized (Open Letter, p. 67); and when, on the other hand, one reads in a Socialist writer like Enrico Ferri that under Socialism the "struggle for life" will not be abolished, but its form and conditions will be changed and it will still proceed upon a higher plane, viz., the intellectual, moral and ethical and under conditions of equality of opportunity ("Socialism and Modern Science," chapter on "The Struggle for Life and Its Victims," p. 35), and the seriousness of the difficulty disappears.

Indeed nearly everything Henry George did and everything he wrote was for the purpose of establishing this demand. The Socialists do the same. The Socialists and single-taxers both agree that the common ownership of land is not enough. It is only the narrowness born of intensity that prevents them from seeing this.

(3) George very evidently did not fully understand and appreciate the Socialist philosophy. When, for example, he refers to Socialism as a repressive power and dismisses it as tyrannical and leading back to barbarism, he is evidently unaware of the fact that exactly what he sets forth as an ideal form of government is also exactly the ideal of the Socialists. When he says "Government would change its character and would become the administration of a great cooperative society. It would become merely the agency by which the common property was administered for the common benefit," (Progress and Poverty, p. 454), he was perhaps unaware that he was using almost exactly the words of the Socialist writers upon that point.

(4) Upon the question of the class struggle George and his followers seem to be entirely unenlightened, or perhaps unconscious. A study of this great fact, this unfolding social drama, as Ferri calls it, would perhaps complete the circle of harmony and bring us all together.

Indeed the single tax platform concedes this and declares for the common ownership of public utilities. It reads as follows: "It is also a proper function of society to maintain and control all public ways for transportation, transmission of intelligence, and all ways in cities for furnishing water, gas and all other things that necessarily require the use of such common ways." (See Single Tax Platform quoted in "Shortest Road to the Single Tax," p. 244.)

Or, again, when George speaks of TRADES UNIONISM and PROTECTIONISM as phases of Socialism he betrays an astonishing lack of understanding of Socialism. (Open Letter to Pope, p. 64 ff.) If these are the conceptions that George and his followers have of what Socialism is, we can understand their hostility to it. It is because neither understand what it is. If they will take the pains to get a correct and complete idea about it their reason for hostility will disappear.

(5) The Socialist party is a world party with organization in every civilized nation. It cast 300,000 votes in the last election and has now marshaled the forces that make its triumph a possibility within the next few years.

Henry George, however, thought differently, and here again agrees with the Socialists. He says: "We never can enjoy the full benefits of the railroad until it is public property, MANAGED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS in the public interests." (Social Problems, p. 257.) And again: "The same reasons that render it necessary for the state to make and maintain common roads apply with even greater force to the building AND OPERATING of railroads." (Idem, p. 146.)

Notes from Yankee Land. Philadelphia has a woman's branch. Cincinnati Socialists are organizing the suburbs. The Examiner is a new one from Hill City, Kansas.

Across the Herring Pond. Conrad John Penny, after long service as secretary of the Independent Labor party of Great Britain, has resigned to accept a responsible position on the London press.

Going the Way of the Roman Empire. Speaking in Carnegie hall, New York, recently, at the annual benefit of the St. Andrew coffee stands, on the subject of centralization of capital and the inequality of conditions among men in relation to wealth, Dr. Madison C. Peters said: "Until God makes all people's brains alike so long will there be rich and poor in human society. The leveling process would take away the stimulus to individual accumulation, and therefore the capital of a community could not grow, but would be diminished and every man's share lessened; but, in spite of these facts, individuals among us are becoming too rich and others getting too poor."

Thompson's Minnesota Tour. I am just entering upon the last stretch of the Minnesota meetings. My dates are—St. Cloud, 19, 20 and 21; Willmar, 21—22; Alexandria, 24—25; Garfield, 26—27; Ferguson Falls, 28—30; Fargo, 31 and June 1 (1 undecided); Henderson, 2—3; Halstad, 4; Shelly, 5; Crookston, 6, 7 and 9; Thief River Falls, 8; Angus, 10 and 13; Comstock, 11; Warren, 12; McIntosh, 15. Other dates will be fixed later to occupy me until about June 25. Will then probably make a few points if called for in the Dakotas and make my way home to Lincoln. From there I will help a few days in Nebraska. Then rest a while.

Japan Socialists are having trouble with the police, who stop their street meetings. Complaint is also made that the government is employing women and children in its factories and printing establishments in order to lower the wages of the men.

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Prof. Thos. E. Will, formerly president of the Kansas Agricultural College, and later dean of Ruston college at Trenton, Mo., has started the American Socialist college at Wichita, Kans.

What a difference the point of view makes! An English capitalist paper referred to the recent congress of the Independent Labor party at York as "a motley crowd," while a Socialist paper says York was never invaded by "a more orderly, good-humored or intelligent galaxy of men and women."

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Aspen, Colo., Socialists have purchased a business block for headquarters, with the first floor for a hall and a reading room and labor hall on the second floor.

In his address to the York conference, Comrade J. Bruce Glazier, retiring president of the I. L. P., gave some figures concerning the work of that organization for the ten years of its existence. In that time 2,000 local elections had been contested, with success in 800 cases, including re-elections. Fifty parliamentary seats had been contested with success in two of the contests. In ten years the party had raised and spent \$75,000 on parliamentary elections and \$150,000 on local elections. This with the work back of it, that could not be resolved into money terms, represented a propaganda work that "had had a profound influence upon public opinion," he said.

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Henry George and Socialism.

In a letter recently written to the editor of the Fairhope Courier, the official journal of the Fairhope (single tax) colony of Alabama, Comrade E. D. Northrup of Buffalo, gave the following interesting information: "In 1884 Henry George, in a visit hours long, confessed to me that he was a Socialist, and explained to me tersely his Socialism, to-wit: "Whenever any enterprise gets too big for one man to conduct it, it should be socialized."

HALF HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.

The words to a "strict" Republican glass blower in our issue of May 16, rather deluged us with letters, all appreciative. We can only spare space for two of them. One correspondent doubted that the glass blowers' trade was wearing their lives away, but medical authorities agree that the extremes of heat and cold draughts induce bronchial and lung troubles, while the strain upon the air cells in the lungs and the momentary stoppage of the circulation of the blood during the blowing has its effect on health and longevity, more so than even the glass blowers themselves realize.

The Herald Forum.

The Jew in the Competitive System. Milwaukee, May 18.—Editor Social Democratic Herald: In a competitive system it is natural that the contending elements of commerce are antagonistic to each other. The shrewdest [and the luckiest!] men in the business world usually succeed and this gives rise to envy and hatred on the part of those less fortunate. If there is any nationality that nature has adapted to a competitive system, it is the Jew. [But the existence of ghettos shows that in spite of adaptability the Jew is also a victim of the competitive struggle.]

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What We Social Democrats Are After.

The Socialist party, in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people. Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of 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 workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience, and virtual slavery.

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Attitude toward Trade Unions. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the national committee of the Socialist party at the annual meeting held in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 29 to Feb. 1, 1903: The national committee of the Socialist party in annual session assembled, hereby reaffirms the attitude of the party toward the trade union movement as expressed in the resolution on the subject adopted by the Indianapolis convention of 1901.

Anti-Fusion Resolutions. Whereas, the history of the labor movement of the world has conclusively demonstrated that a Socialist party is the only political organization able to adequately and consistently conduct the political struggles of the working class, and Whereas, all "radical and reform" parties, including the so-called "Union Labor parties," have, after a brief existence, uniformly succumbed to the influence of the old political parties and have proven disastrous to the ultimate end of the labor movement, and Whereas, any alliance, direct or indirect, with such parties is dangerous to the political integrity and the very existence of the Socialist party and the Socialist movement, and Whereas, at the present stage of development of the Socialist movement of this country there is neither necessity nor excuse for such alliance, therefore be it Resolved, That no state or local organization, or member of the party shall, under any circumstances, use, combine or compromise, with any political party or organization, or refrain from making nominations in order to further the interests of candidates of such parties or organization.

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FARMERS BELIEVE IN UNIONISM.

Socialistic Sentiment in Town and on Farms discovered by Organizer Gaylord. Organizer Winfield R. Gaylord of the Wisconsin Social Democratic party made a wagon trip through Waukesha county this past week and found, as is the experience everywhere, that the farmers as well as the townsmen are becoming unmistakably interested in Socialism. Comrade Gaylord describes his trip as follows: "Starting from Waukesha one rainy morning, a drive of a few miles north brought the agitator's buggy to Duplainville. Inquiries on my way had resulted in the locating of one farmer who was well-known as a Socialist, and several others who were very glad to get copies of the papers and leaflets, and who were quite intelligent to the issue involved in the Socialistic campaign. At Duplainville we found one of the resident comrades, who seemed somewhat discouraged over the "dummeit" of the farmers, and said they are too "prosperous." We cheered him up, and started for Lannon, where the several comrades working at the quarries were unfortunately not at home. They seemed to have made their impression upon the country, for we heard of them as far away as Hartland, next day. At Menomonee Falls we found two Socialists, who were fearful in spirit indeed, but Socialists nevertheless. There was not time to locate the eight men who voted the ticket last fall. A friendly but with the local editor convinced him that there were some things in politics and Socialism "not dreamed of in his philosophy."

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The Republican and the Democratic parties, and all sorts of reformers and anti-monopoly hangers, are making a dishonest bid for votes when they promise to annihilate the trusts by law. These parties are powerless against the trusts because they cannot consistently oppose property rights of any kind. These rights are more sacred to them than the rights of man; but, alarmed by the growing strength of Socialism, they are now trying to use phrases that sound "socialistic" to them. Yet none of them dare to attack the only vital point in the present economic system, the private ownership of the means of production and distribution. The trust question is a national question, but in state affairs also the Social Democratic party stands for every radical change that will bring more wealth, more culture and more safety to the masses of the people. The Social Democratic party believes in self-government for cities; in a just and equitable taxation, and in the highest development of a reasonable public service. We also demand better legislation for the protection of life and limb in factories and mines, the public ownership of public utilities as a fact and not as a mere phrase, and protection against hardship and misery in old age—not as a charity, but as a right. If we get the political power in this state, we will carry out these and other social reforms. But we call attention to the fact that the measures we urge are in no way a cure for all the existing evils, nor are they all Socialist institutions. They are to be viewed rather as mere palliatives, capable of being carried out even under the present conditions. Under no circumstances should the people rest content with palliatives of this kind. The people should move onward to the change of the present system for one which will secure to the people collectively the blessings of our modern inventions, and a standard of civilization and culture hitherto unknown in history. With this in view the Social Democratic party of the state of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles of international Socialism, and declares its adherence to the platform of the national Socialist party adopted at the convention in Indianapolis and pledges itself at the present time to the following: OUR DEMANDS FOR THE PRESENT TIME. 1. That the state Legislature, the governor and our representatives in Congress shall take such action as is calculated to bring about the nationalization of all the trusts, notably the coal trust, the meat trust, the oil trust, the sugar trust, the farming machinery trust, and others of the same kind, and pay the actual value for the same. 2. 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