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HOW WILL SOCIALISM COME?

Victor L. Berger Writes of the Transition Period.

SOCIALISM is the name of an epoch of civilization—the next epoch, if our civilization is to continue.

We must not expect that the Socialist era will come all at one stroke. Neither capitalism nor feudalism arose "at a certain date," nor can the Socialist form of society have its beginning on any fixed day.

Resides, although capitalistic society has already passed its zenith, yet even at the present day feudalism holds a very important place in modern society. This is the case not only in Germany, spite of its high economic development, but also in England, the "classic land" of capitalism.

Just so with any revolution. Capitalism will not vanish in one day, in one year or in one decade. Even after the triumph of the working class, the commonwealth cannot take upon itself all kinds of production.

Many industries today are not concentrated, and therefore are not ripe for collective production. Some will become so in time, others perhaps will not. The editor of this paper is no prophet and will not attempt to predict details.

However, the trusts are now showing the Social-Democrats how they must do it, only the Socialists will have to do it from a Socialist standpoint and for the benefit of all the people.

But it is not necessary nor possible that all industries should be immediately taken over by the Socialist government.

Every branch of production controlled by a trust, as well as all industries which could be conducted on a similar scale, besides railways, telegraphs, mines, etc., will of course become collective public property and will be managed by the national government.

But there is a whole class of industries (for instance farming) which are not yet ready to be worked on this large scale, or which are liable to be decentralized by the technical perfection of the methods of transmitting power. Many small industries have again become possible on account of the transmission of electric power. These without any objection can remain in private hands. I refer to certain petty industries, as well as to culture.

In other cases the Socialist society can give the opportunity for the formation of co-operative associations, which together with the model industries conducted by the state, will raise the level of the working class to a degree hardly credible at the present time.

The chief reason why workingmen's co-operative associations have been impossible hitherto, has even now been partly removed by the trusts, and of course will be of still less account at the rise of the political power of the proletariat.

The trusts show how a regulated business can be done. The management of the co-operative workingmen's association of the future will find out what the demand is and determine the amount and method of the production. During the transition period the sale of products may take place exactly as at present, only subject to regulation by the state.

In the trusts, the capitalist class even now plays the most superfluous role in the world.

Indeed, in the trusts the capitalist class are already expropriated to a certain extent.

The smaller investors who are the great majority no longer have anything to control, and only draw their profits. Their industries are apparently the property of the shareholders; but what sort of property is that of which one has no free disposal? They can no longer produce what they will, nor at what price they will, nor with what workmen they will; all is prescribed to them by the management of the trust. Properly speaking, they are only profit-receivers.

The trusts are ready now for a change of ownership. But Wisconsin has been fiercely criticized for a provision in its platform to have the nation "buy out" the trusts and pay the net value. And yet Karl Kautsky, Emil Vandervelde, Wilhelm Liebknecht, and even Karl Marx, speak of compensation.

Engels wrote in 1894: "We do not consider the indemnity of the proprietors as an impossibility whatever may be the circumstances. How many times has not Karl Marx expressed to me the opinion that if we could buy up the whole crowd, it would really be the cheapest way of relieving ourselves of them."

Vandervelde says: "There is no doubt that the expropriation without indemnity with the resistance, the troubles, the bloody disturbances which it would not fail to produce, would be in the end most costly." (Collectivism, Kerr edition, page 155.)

In discussing the question of compensation, Karl Kautsky, the most radical theorist of the German Social-Democracy, says:

"There are a number of reasons which indicate that a proletarian regime will seek the road of compensation and payment of the capitalists and land owners." (Social Revolution, Kerr edition, page 118.)

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"It is clear, however, that capital would find its most extensive and generous purchaser in the state or municipalities, and for this very reason the majority of industries would pass into possession of the states and municipalities. That the Social-Democrats when they came into control would strive consciously for this solution is well understood."

Well understood? Yes, everywhere excepting in America. Of course, all industries of national magnitude would be carried on by the government. For smaller industries, wherever necessary, the government could make some agreement with the co-operative associations of workers. We speak of the transition period.

In this transition period, the Socialist government can of course lend the necessary capital to the co-operative societies and furnish suitable guarantees. The government in this transition period will have at its disposal quite different powers than at present. For instance, it will have a monopoly of all water power, coal mines, railroads, rivers, electrical plants, etc.

So perhaps for a time a state of affairs may arise which will combine at the same time three forms of production. That is, the capitalistic form in petty industries, where goods will be produced for the market; the co-operative form in which the products will be for use and also for sale; and the purely Socialistic, where the government will carry on production for use only, and the production will not take the form of wares at all.

That all this will take place peacefully, we do not maintain. It will surely not come peacefully if the people are not armed. It will come peacefully if the people will be armed. Riots and bloodsheds are not at all desirable, nor will they help civilization.

Besides, I do not believe that one great revolution can turn topsy-turvy the whole civilized world, and undo or make superfluous any economic development as outlined here.

Capitalism was necessary to give mankind dominion over the forces of nature, which is now assured by our scientific attainments. Considered in itself, capitalism has by no means reached that stage of development where it becomes impossible.

On the contrary, in the trust system, capitalism has just stepped into a new phase, the duration of which is unlimited according to our present light.

Of course, from a civilizing force, capitalism has already become a menace to civilization. But that does not affect its vitality! However, the tendencies which oppose it have now gathered such great strength that a thorough change must not indeed—but can take place, if the working class understands its mission.

In conclusion, let me say that the world's history is always made by men, and is not a mere natural process as some Marxists want us to believe.

Victor L. Berger.

CLASS PUNISHMENTS vs EVEN-HANDED JUSTICE!

On February 16 in Milwaukee, one Robert Herrens, a snow shoveler, stole a FIFTEEN CENT tooth brush from a drug store. He claimed he only borrowed it. He was kept locked up. Justice Ries, presiding in the Police Court, sentenced him to SIXTY DAYS IN THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

On April 24, Frank G. Bigelow, president of the U. S. Bankers' Association, admitted taking ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS of the funds of the First National Bank of Milwaukee and was arrested by the U. S. marshal. He was NOT kept locked up. What do you suppose the capitalist courts will do with him when it is time to pronounce sentence?

Let us see: Here is the proposition: A poor man steals a value of FIFTEEN CENTS and is deprived of his liberty for SIXTY DAYS. He is cross-dressed, dressed in felon's raiment and put at hard labor.

Now if a poor man must serve SIXTY DAYS for stealing FIFTEEN CENTS, how long must a rich man serve for stealing a MILLION AND A HALF!

Let us figure it out! The poor man's sentence would mean a term of 400 days for every dollar stolen. A theft of a million and a half would therefore call for a sentence of SIX HUNDRED MILLION DAYS, or ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE YEARS!

Let us for humanity's sake throw off the one million years, and the six hundred and forty-three thousand years and even the eight hundred years, which leaves THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

Now who imagines that Banker Bigelow will ever have to serve thirty-five years in prison! HE'S NO COMMON TOOTH BRUSH THIEF, YOU MUST REMEMBER!

"What will Madam Grundy say?" We don't care!

Our review of the Labor bills killed by the Wisconsin "reform" legislature will appear next week.

By the way, Banker Bigelow also considered Socialism immoral. He said it would mean robbery, and therefore he was opposed to it! How many people want to take advice from the Bigelow type of successful men—the Bigelows exposed, or still to be exposed!

One of the Japanese Socialist papers recently published half reports of the two Socialist editors sent to prison for criticizing the conduct of the government. In front of them each comrade had a package of Socialist books to read and study while in prison—a case of going to school to Socialism at the expense of the enemy!

President Frank G. Bigelow, of the 1st National Bank, Milwaukee, one of the owners of the Milwaukee Sentinel, the Milwaukee street railway company, the Wisconsin Telephone company, president of the National Bankers' Association, and one of Milwaukee's "eminently respectable" and safe business men, was caught red-handed in a defalcation of a million and a quarter of dollars of depositors' money from the bank, last week, and was put under arrest. An assistant cashier and two bookkeepers were mixed up in the rascality and helped to cook the books to hide the steals, which had been going on for some time. Bigelow is a fine specimen of the crooked "leading" citizen and corporation monkey-worker, and had been for years a partner in the fine deals of the late Postmaster Henry C. Payne and other men of that ilk. During the Northern Pacific trouble Payne got him appointed one of the government receivers for that road. Locally, he was one of a number of corporation men who had an unseemly hand in politics and did his share to help Mayor Rose turn the city administration into a feeder for corporation greed. Under his charge the bank was mixed up in numerous shady deals, the Henry Herfer affair, for instance, and by happening upon a knowledge of part of this, a local newspaper man was able to hold Herfer up for several hundred dollars of hush money. The final undoing of Bigelow resulted from the recent slump in the wheat market. He had been gambling with the bank's money and got in deeper and deeper. It was a matter of common knowledge that he had had a hand in several deals in the past, yet the "solid" upright directors of the bank, for whose individual success in life many people had suffered, permitted him to continue—in fact were so mixed up with him that they had no desire to disentangle themselves from him.

Socialism stirs the hidden springs of human feeling and sympathy in a man and makes him truly citizen and comrade. And yet the church—at least some portions of it—refuses to hail with joy this wonderful force for human goodness!

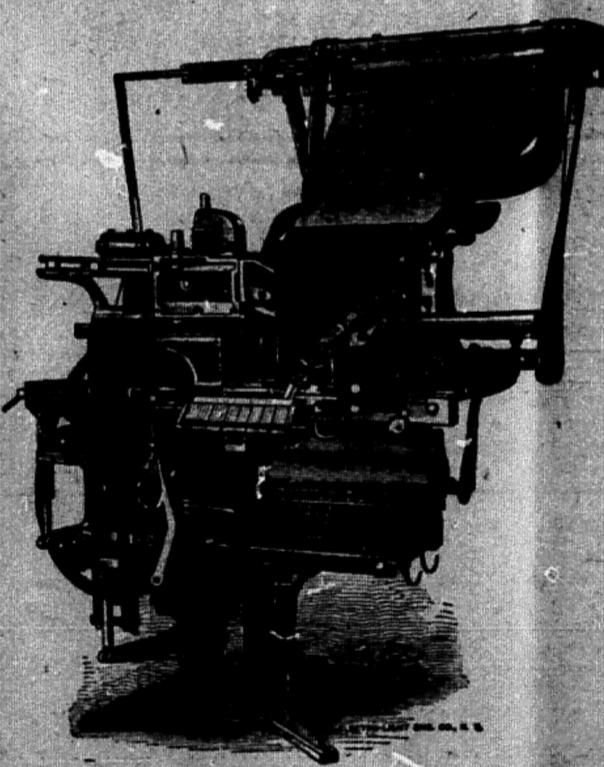
By the way, Mr. Worker, did you ever cast an old party ballot for what you really wanted? Didn't the ballot you cast always stand for some policy the capitalists in control of the old parties tried to make you think you wanted? Honest, now!

Do not miss an opportunity these days to make a convert or to sow the good seed of economic emancipation. We are getting face to face with capitalism in all its livid fury and every soldier gained adds strength to our arms. Spread as much literature as you can—keep at it persistently!

Every city newspaper is filled with the pitfalls of the modern business sharks—get-rich-quick schemes, plantation stock, wild-cat mining games, and what not. It is all bait for suckers, and capitalism claims that a new sucker is born every minute. The other day a man in Marinette, Wis., packed up all his belongings and with his family made a trip to Lebanon, Mo., where he supposed he was the owner of a tract of fertile land for which he had paid over every cent he had in the world. On arriving at Lebanon he found that he had been grossly swindled and that the land he had paid for was rocky and absolutely worthless. Capitalism inevitably breeds swindlers.

MORE ABOUT THE LINOTYPE AND JOB PLANT

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LAST week we explained in this space, how, ever since the Herald was started, we were forced by circumstances to submit to being milted of thousands of dollars because we could not afford to buy the machinery and plant necessary to produce the Herald. We showed that splendid progress was made, but that the grand fight in the past was nothing to what will be encountered in the future, and that by investing \$2300.00 now it was possible to save \$1000.00 a year. We appealed to the comrades to help get the \$2300.00 needed to start with. Only a short interval has passed between the time our readers got last week's paper and this writing, but the responses came quick. It was grand, inspiring, encouraging, and shows plainly the Comrades well understood our needs and are ready to stand by us. Comrades, one and all, permit us to congratulate and thank you. If anything like this enthusiasm and determination is continued, we to the capitalist class. It reveals how wonderfully alive the Comrades are in grasping every opportunity to forge ahead. Keep it up, Comrades, keep it up.

erecting, gas and electric attaching, etc., will cost \$4000.00. Of this about \$1100.00 is required at once, \$725.00 one year after the machine is received, the balance in two years or more, in monthly or quarterly installments with interest. Type for setting our advertisements and outfit for making-up will cost about \$700.00 on which \$400.00 must be paid at once. For our job work we have in mind what is now doing \$6000.00 of work per year, which can be had for about \$1800.00. On this one third must be paid down and with several hundred dollars for stock and cash on hand makes up the total of \$2300.00 necessary now. The balance of \$4200.00 will take care of itself. It can be paid from the savings made. Indeed, it can be shown that the profit levied on us and which we are now compelled to pay is so great that this plant can be cleared of all debt in three years. Yet, to accomplish this we must have the cash and there is where we are up against it. But if all of our readers will help, it won't be so difficult.

Below is a list of contributions pledged to date. Wouldn't it be nice to see YOUR name in the list next week?

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SOMETHING ABOUT THE ENEMY.

EXPOSURES IN NEW YORK.

New York, April 24.—Promising to report to the legislature next Friday, the Stevens gas committee has finished its investigation so far as taking testimony is concerned, and will begin secret sessions for the purpose of sifting the evidence and making up its findings.

In the real business of getting at the cost of manufactures and distribution of light, however, the committee achieved substantial results. The result will be a unanimous report to the legislature for a bill reducing the price of lighting and giving the city the power to operate a municipal electric light plant.

The investigation developed the following important facts:

That the lighting business in this city is controlled by an absolute monopoly.

That the lighting companies are heavily overcapitalized and that the public is paying large dividends on watered stock.

That the gas companies are selling for \$1 a thousand cubic feet of gas which costs them only 35 cents to produce and about 20 cents to distribute, making a profit of nearly 100 per cent.

That the electric light companies are selling current at a maximum price of 15 cents a kilowatt hour, while the cost of production and distribution is only about 8 cents.

That the electric light companies control the electric conduit subways, and that the subway companies have made erroneous reports and have not paid anything in excess of the 10 per cent on cost of construction as provided by law.

THE GAS HOLD-UP IN MILWAUKEE.

Last week we printed an exposure of the Gas Light company of Milwaukee and the work it has undertaken for the capitalists of the country to stamp out Socialism in Milwaukee, to prevent it from also getting formidable at other points.

We may be pardoned this week if we pay a little attention to the Gas Light company itself and show what special interest it has in heading off Social-Democratic control of legislation in Wisconsin.

Also it is a duty to show what sort of a game it is playing on the people of Milwaukee—especially as gas becomes as much a necessity of living in modern city conditions as water and coal. A good many of the working class still stick to Rockefeller's oil, it is true, but there are enough of them that use gas to warrant us in laying the following facts before them.

Now we insist that the Gas Light company, and almost any other corporation, make up some of the most extortionate vampires of the many that infest the modern city.

We claim—and we dare the Gas Light company to even attempt to prove us wrong—that the Milwaukee Gas Light company makes ONE THOUSAND AND FIFTY PER CENT PROFIT off of a large part of the gas it supplies to its consumers. We will give you our proofs further on.

We claim that the people who use its product ARE SWINDLED EVERY DAY IN THE QUALITY OF THE GAS WHICH THEY PAY SUCH A HIGH PRICE FOR.

The same company also owns the plant at Grand Rapids, Mich., and some time ago hit upon a policy by which they could ally the mutterings of the consumers whom they were robbing. This consisted in a "publicity and accommodation" department, on which it was found well worth while to spend quite a sum of money, for it bought silence and docility on the part of the people.

Through these departments certain reading space was bought in the daily papers and articles praising the quality of gas, the generosity of the company, the folly of municipally-owned gas plants, etc., etc., were published exactly like other news in order to fool the people into thinking the papers were themselves writing the articles. Also articles containing interviews with various business men, all praising the company's public spirit and desire to please were published and in time it tended to create a public sentiment and enabled the company to pluck the people and keep their good will meantime. It also helped them when they had legislative schemes to work through.

In the accommodation department a corps of men were employed to immediately attend to all complaints and to satisfy such complaints by their promptness and willingness to make things right. All this cost money, of course, but it was worth a good deal of money to be rid of the opposition of the more wide awake people.

The past year these methods were taken up in Milwaukee, where there was an added reason—that of bowling down the Socialists, who were quite likely to expose the company's extortions if they got in power and to prevent it from getting favorable special legislation.

The daily papers were first bought up, and long articles, falsely appearing to be original with the papers themselves, were published. An anti-Socialism department was secured in the Daily News, Father Kress's twelve lectures against us were printed line for line in the Daily Journal, and finally the articles against Socialism were brought together in a book and supplied to the legislators at Madison in the hope of getting corporation legislation out of them, in spite of the Social-Democrats. Besides this it has its retinue of retained lawyers to do spellbinding stunts before law making bodies, although one brush with the Socialist aldermen before a committee meeting of the Milwaukee council was all one of their attorneys could stand and he left the room without replying to the arguments against him.

SOME FACTS THEY DARE NOT DENY!

As a rule the gas supplied to consumers is supposed to contain 700 units of heat, which also indicates its illuminating strength. In order to make the profits take care of the stock which had been watered five times over, the company finally reduced the strength of its gas to 480 units.

Less than a year ago the company to get rid of a dangerous rival, came to an agreement with the Smet-Solvay company by which it agreed to take its product of coke gas off its hands. At what price, do you suppose? At the price of FIFTEEN CENTS a thousand cubic feet!

That would mean that you, Mr. Consumer, would be paying 80 cents and \$1 for gas that cost the company only fifteen cents. But it is really worse than that!

The Smet-Solvay gas contains 800 heat units. What does the Milwaukee company do but take this fifteen cent gas and dilute it down about half and then send it out to you through its mains at the regular rate!

In other words THE GAS YOU PAY A DOLLAR FOR COSTS THE GAS LIGHT COMPANY NOT OVER EIGHT CENTS! Now do you see the point! A profit of 1,250 per cent ought to enable the company to line its pockets and set aside some also for the purpose of the purchase of the newspapers.

It's your money that pays for all that dishonest stuff in the papers. Your money is used to set you against the idea of the people supplying their own gas—which in all common sense they ought to do.

You cannot believe all this, you say? You cannot believe that you are paying a dollar for eight cent gas? Where are our proofs?

Here are the proofs. Our information comes straight from a man who saw the agreement with the Smet-Solvay company after it was drawn up. Now do you see why the Gas Light company dare not deny our charge!

The city can protect the people against scales that give false weight—but why does it not protect you from false weights in gas? Because it would rather serve the corporations, that's why!

We take the following from a Milwaukee paper:

Three sharp rap resounded through the court room, number in its decorations, still more somber by reason of the weather outside. As the echo of each rap died away the surprise of the large audience, which filled the visitors' and attorneys' galleries, grew and involuntarily some few arose. Before the third rap had died away the entire audience stood erect. Then came the drawing of Court Crisp. Tom Allen.

"Here ye, hear ye, the United States Court of Appeals is now in session."

As his glance found every person standing in due reverent attitude, Crier Allen continued: "The honorable, the judges of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals."

The three judges, led by Judge Peter J. Gross-up of Chicago, clad in their black silk flowing robes, had by that time taken their places on the bench.

"God save the United States and this honorable court," cried the crier, as with a fourth rap he seated the hushed audience.

A funeral service could not have been more solemn and impressive.

After reading the above we rubbed our eyes and wondered if after all this country had broken away from the toadyism of monarchical countries! What a pity it was that some protesting American could not have entered that sacred court room with a stocking full of muck and freely laid about him with it, not even neglecting to rap it to His Worship, Judge Gross-up, full in the face, for being one of the actors in such a proceeding.

WISCONSIN SOCIALIST LAW-MAKERS

What they are About and How they are Succeeding.

- IN THE LEGISLATURE: Senate—Jacob Rummel, Assembly—Edmund Berner, Frederick Brockhausen, W. J. Allred, A. Strehlow. IN THE CITY COUNCIL, MILWAUKEE: Albert J. Welch, Frederick Heath, Edmund T. Melms, Gustave Wild, Emil Seidel, Carl Malowski, Henry W. Grant, Edward Schranz, Nicolas Petersen. IN THE COUNTY BOARD, MILWAUKEE—Frank Bones, James Sheehan, Charles Jeske, Gustav Gerdt. IN RACINE: Fourth ward—J. E. Decker, ald.; John Puida, supervisor. Fifth ward—L. P. Christianson, ald.; Geo. Poulson, superv. Ninth ward—W. J. Kosterman, ald.; Wm. Dittmar, superv. IN MANITOWOC: Henry Stolze, mayor.

Madison, Wis., April 24. Those who have kept close track of the doings of the present Legislature will notice the policy which the administration is pursuing towards our Socialist bills. Both the Democrats and the Republicans are lined up against the Socialists and intend to kill all the measures of our comrades which are in any way progressive and liberal. Those bills which they have allowed to pass the Assembly are of but little importance, nothing but mere palliatives. They are measures which any capitalist-minded legislator might have introduced without making a wry face while doing so. But these bills have only passed the Assembly and when one considers that they will have to run the gauntlet of the staid-and-conservative railroad-interest-Senate and must then be signed by the governor, it is seen that our measures are far from becoming real laws.

When the Socialists entered the Legislature last January, many of the members openly expressed themselves as willing to support some of the "good" Socialist bills. They were very friendly to our comrades hoping by this means to induce them in turn to vote for their capitalistic measures. However when they saw that our boys maintained a strictly independent attitude and looked at all bills from the standpoint of workingmen's interests they soon changed their tactics from one of supposed friendship for Socialist measures to one of bitter antagonism, so that now whenever a bill comes up from the Socialist quarter it is immediately marked for execution. In handing in a minority report upon the Old Age Pension bill, Comrade Brockhausen made a strong Socialistic plea for the measure. His report was printed in the Journal of the Assembly and makes

interesting reading for our Republican and Democratic friends. The bill which lowers the amount of one's wages exempt from garnishment from \$60.00 to \$30.00 per month has been passed by the Senate and forwarded the governor for his signature. The Socialists and the Wisconsin Federation of Labor have filed their objections with the governor, telling him of the miserable condition of the workers and asking him to veto the measure. It is doubtful if he will do so. Ira Cross.

Last week, in the Milwaukee county board, our Socialist supervisors threw a bomb into the camp of the profit sharks that kept things lively for the greater part of a week, and which will save for better uses over a hundred thousand dollars of the county money. Here is the way of it: The county is about to build a viaduct and the old party officials had fixed things so that instead of paying off the bonds year by year, they were to all run and mature at the same time and thus dump into capitalism's lap a nice lot of interest during all the intervening years. The old party representatives were therefore trying to make the viaduct cost the people as much as possible in order to enrich investors. Then Supervisor Jeske put in the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A resolution now pending before the Board of Supervisors of Milwaukee County provides for the issue of bonds in the sum of \$400,000 to bear interest at 4 per cent per annum for the construction of the Grand Avenue viaduct; and, WHEREAS, Said resolution proposes to raise by taxation during each and every year for twenty years the sum of \$22,500 principal and \$18,000 for interest; and, WHEREAS, The various sums thus raised annually for the payment of the principal of said bonds will be deposited in banks yielding either no interest or a very low rate; and, WHEREAS, A large sum, probably exceeding \$100,000, would be saved to the people of Milwaukee County if the bonds were to be paid as fast as the annual tax for the payment of one-twentieth of the principal of said bonds is collected.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved that said pending resolution is hereby amended so as to provide for the maturing of said bonds in such manner that the annual tax levied for the payment of the principal of said bonds may be immediately applied in payment of one-twentieth of said bonds and that the amount raised for interest the first year be \$18,000, for the second year \$17,000, for the third year \$16,200 and so on being diminished each year in the sum of \$900. It was referred to a committee, of course, but the wise heads of the body sneered at it and said such a change was out of the question. Under the surface they were angry. The committee was to meet last Monday morning, but the members didn't show up. Our representatives waited round the committee room for an hour or so and finally word came that the meeting would not be held as the powers that be had decided that the resolutions were all right and would be favorably carried at the next board meeting. The reason for this change of front was not hard to find. The board was so divided in the effort to carry out the viaduct proposition that the four

Social-Democratic votes would be necessary to put it through. Our supervisors are also after the South Milwaukee supervisors and have asked the district attorney for an opinion as to the legality of their remaining in the board, the town having failed to hold an election this Spring, as required by law. Formerly the county towns elected their supervisors for two-year terms, but this was changed a year or two ago. Apparently the town in question was under the impression that the old law was still in force.

Hints for the Impossibleist to Crack

I. You say that we ought not to have immediate demands in our platform. What will you do with the Communist Manifesto? It has a long list of immediate demands. See Kerr edition, page 33, and Debs edition, page 45. What will you do with the platform of the Social-Democratic party of Germany? It has over forty "immediate demands." You will find a translation of this platform in Liebknecht's pamphlet, "Socialism, What It Is and What It Seeks to Accomplish." What will you do with the platform of the French Socialist Party; of the Belgian, of the Austrian, of the Social-Democratic Federation, and of the Independent Labor Party of England? Every one of these platforms have long lists of so-called "immediate demands."

Isn't it a fact, Mr. Impossibleist, that the only species like you in the world is one Daniel De Leon? II. You say that it is ridiculous to talk, as Wisconsin comrades do in their platform, about paying for public utilities. What will you do with Marx, who used to say repeatedly, "If we could buy up the whole crowd it would really be the cheapest way of relieving ourselves of them." (Collectivism, p. 155). What will you do with Engels, who wrote in 1894: "We do not at all consider the indemnification of the proprietors as an impossibility, whatever may be the circumstances." What will you say to Vanderwilde, the eminent and scholarly leader of the Belgian Socialist movement, who says: "Expropriation without indemnity with the resistance, the troubles, the bloody disturbances which it would not fail to produce, would be in the end the most costly." (Collectivism, p. 155). And what will you do with Kantsky: "There are a number of reasons which indicate that a proletarian regime will seek the road of compensation, and payment of the capitalist and landowners." (Social Revolution p. 118). Further, in discussing this method, he says: "A portion of the factories, ruins, etc., could be sold directly to the laborers, who are working them, and could be henceforth operated co-operatively; another portion could be sold to co-operatives of distribution and still another to the communities or to the states. It is clear, however, that capital would find its most extensive and generous purchaser in the states or

municipalities, and for this very reason the majority of the industries would pass into the possession of the states and municipalities. That the Social-Democrats when they came into control would strive conscientiously for this solution is well recognized." (Social Revolution, p. 113-114). Who now are the muddle heads? Are we of Wisconsin and of nine-tenths of the Socialists of America who stand with Marx, Engels, Vanderwilde, Kautsky and the thoughtful Socialists of the world—are we the muddle heads, or, are you and Dan De Leon?

When you have gnawed on these nuts awhile we have some more for you.

Returns from Spring election in Montana indicate they polled about 12 per cent of the total vote cast. In the November election they cast 8.8 per cent.

Robert Sattler organized a German branch with 31 members in Toledo, O. The readers of the Social-Democratic Herald can help the paper very much if they will mention to advertisers the fact of seeing their "ad" in the Herald. All advertisers like to know that their advertisement is noticed, and it would benefit us more than you can imagine if all our readers would do this for us.

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Robert Herriek, an associate professor at the Chicago University, is contributing to the Saturday Evening Post a story of his experiences when he first came to Chicago as a wanderer, later getting into business and making some lucky board of trade deals.

I remember that now and then, around Ma Pierson's table, the talk turned on the strike over at the harvesting works. We were all on the same side, I guess—the employers' side: there was enough for all of the good things in life, we thought, if men would only stop their kicking and keep at work.

"Mr. Renshaw says they're too well off now," Lou observed. "Who is Mr. Renshaw?" I asked, surprised that Lou should take an interest in such matters.

Slocum looked across the table at me, and Grace quickly began on something else. Well, on the night of the fourth of May I was on my way to the Pierson's from the Union station. It was very late, for I had just returned from Aurora, where I had been for the afternoon on my own business.

"That Cox girl's got her cheek blown open with a bomb or something. Times like this folks can't go gallivanting about the streets." Slocum came in at the sound of my voice and told me what had happened. His face was white, and his long arms twitched with the horror of what he had seen that night.

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"It's Lou Pierson!" Slocum exclaimed. He drew in his head suddenly and booted from the room. I waited long enough to see the man pull the doorbell, and then leave the poor girl half-fallen on the steps, while he went back to the cab and spoke to the driver. Then I followed Slocum downstairs, two steps at a time.

I helped Lou to her feet: she was still calling in a drowsy voice: "Fred! Fred!" I could see Slocum with his hand on the door of the cab. He spoke to the man inside, but I could not hear what he said. Suddenly his hand shot out; there was a tussle, half in and half out of the cab; the driver whipped up his horses, and Slocum was thrown to the ground.

As Slocum helped me carry the girl up the steps he said: "That's who Renshaw is. A bit of a bomb would be about the right thing for him!"

Generalizations, I have learned, are silly things to play with. But there are some experiences in a man's life that tempt him to make them. It was only a mere accident that the man who was Lou Pierson's companion in the cab that night had taken a prominent part against the striking workmen. But when, later, I was called upon to sit in judgment on some hot-headed fools because they wanted an eight-hour day and fomented strife, my thoughts would go back sourly to this example of the men I was expected to side with.

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NOTES FROM YANKEE LAND. Comrades Mills and Jonas are the speakers at the Brooklyn celebration of May Day.

The primaries of the Social-Democratic party in New York city will take place May 12. The Union Sentinel of Reading, Penn., announces a change in management and in the editorial department.

The New York Worker aptly refers to the recent supreme court decision in the bakery ten hour law as a "New Dred Scott Decision."

The Searchlight of Cincinnati has enlarged the size of its pages and gives promise of affording Cincinnati a fine local paper. Its tone is good.

The official count in Chicago gives the Socialists a total of 23,031 votes, an increase of about 3,000 over the police returns. Chicago has reason to be proud of its showing, considering the game it was up against.

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The opponents of public ownership are unanimously opposed to municipalities reaping profits from public utilities.

This is merely another way of saying that the municipality should not acquire control of anything that is capable of producing profits for private individuals.

It is significant in this connection that no objection is raised to the public control of the schools, streets, bridges, etc., which are directly supported by the people.

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HORRIBLE, SIMPLY HORRIBLE!!
Civilization Under the Capitalist System Dooms the Workers to a Living Hell!
New York, April 9.—Raymond Robbins, of Chicago, in speaking to-night at Plymouth Church on "The Problem of the Poor in the Tenement House Region," said in effect that Chicago was BECOMING A CITY OF TRAMPS.

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chair of the Brauer Zeitung, the official journal of the United Brewery Workmen, by a referendum vote. The vote stood 11,960 against and 10,501 for, thus he lost by considerably over a thousand votes.

HALF HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.
A Catholic Socialist's View.
Editor Herald: I am a subscriber of your paper and take very much interest in it, especially your articles on the Roman Catholic Church, as I am a Socialist and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.
Serious as has been, and still is, the Colorado aggression on human rights, it is still not without its humorous side.

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STATE ORGANIZATION NOTES.
By Carl D. Thompson.

Has your local discussed the subject of "The Referendum?" If so, write us about it.
Racine has elected six comrades. Why not have your city be next.

most of us "kangaroo" were more or less embued (subdued) with the "discipline" of looking to the great lights for our thoughts and actions when we joined issues with the Social-Democratic party.

When a gambler wins he is a lucky sport, when the speculator wins he is a shrewd financier. When a gambler loses he is an unlucky fool, when a speculator loses he is a reckless plunger.

Former Gov. James H. Peabody was soared half to death most of the time he was in office. I had to stand behind him constantly to stiffen his backbone during the labor troubles.

Don't forget the punch cards and the state organization fund. Keep the ball a-rolling.
Don't believe all the lies you see in the capitalist papers about the Social-Democratic party.

Actually Talks Back!
Editor Herald: Certainly I would have Socialists advocate municipal ownership as an end.

Los Angeles, Cal.
Comrade E. L. Osgood, 639 E. 25th Street, will take subscriptions for the Social-Democratic Herald.

Looked at seriously this shows that the corporations in control of the Republican party meant to insist at all times that Banker Peabody, the Republican governor, belonged to them and must do their bidding.

THE GREAT ANNUAL PICNIC.—Comrades all over the state should not forget the annual picnic to be given by the Social-Democrats at Milwaukee July 16.

Answers to Correspondents.
F. Cross, Iowa City.—Many thanks. Will make use of them.

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We have recently had laid before us the documents in two different cases of clerical swindling by means of mining stocks.

KENOSHA.—Comrade Carl D. Thompson spoke here to a good sized and enthusiastic audience on April 13.

NATL. HEADQUARTERS.—A protest has been lodged by Nat. Committeeman Burgess of Washington against placing Joseph Gilbert, Nat. Committeeman of Utah, on the reserve list of national speakers and organizers.

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S T A T E ORGANIZATION FUND.—Up to April 4 we had received just \$22 on the punch cards for the state organization fund.

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It will be remembered that during the past summer Bishop Metz made an approved and vicious assault upon the Western Federation of Miners in the Rocky Mountain News of June 14th.

In the recent election at Huntington Ark., the candidates for mayor received the following vote: Democratic, 67; Citizens, 67; W. Denny, Socialist, 66; Daniel Hogan, state secretary of Ark., was elected city attorney on the Socialist ticket, receiving 131 votes.

National Executive Committee called to order by Secretary Barnes 8:45 P. M., April 20. All present except Bandlow in Ohio, from whom word was received that he would be present at the Friday morning session.

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But some of the members of his own faith whom he has plucked are beginning to think otherwise.

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Comrades Kerr of Chicago and Reynolds of Terre Haute were elected auditors by the national executive committee.

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SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC NOTES.
 The South Side Socialist Women's Club is making preparations for their May Ball to be held on Saturday evening, May 20th at Graf's Hall, 715 Clinton street.

Two weeks ago Comrade Johnson of the Town of Greenfield dropped in and put his name on the shop-workers' list. He said that he wanted to do some work for the cause of Socialism. The result was that Comrade Johnson sent in \$4.00 as his first shot and thereby registered a kick against capitalism. Good for Comrade Johnson! That is the work that counts. There is no excuse why every man or woman who understands our organization cannot do something towards the organization.

Don't forget the May Ball celebrations of the various branches. The following is a list of some of them:

8th Ward, Saturday, X. 13th, Barmeyer's Hall, corner 9th and Greenfield avenues.
 North Greenfield branch, Saturday, May 13th, at Neumann's Hall, 14th and Mitchell st.
 The 23rd Ward branch will give a grand May Ball at Peterson's Hall, 2714 North Ave., May 13th. Admission \$1.00 a family, refreshments included. All are invited.

Don't forget the basket picnic of the 11th ward. The same will take place in Dassel's Grove, Janesville Plank Road, Sunday, June 25th.
 12th Ward, Huesbeck Grove, Howell ave., July 2nd.
 23rd Ward branch, Dassel's Grove, June 18th.
 The 10th Ward Bohemian branch will hold its May Day celebration at Gibson's hall, 1329 Fond du Lac ave., Sunday, April 30th 2:30 P. M.

The 23rd Ward has arranged for a Schafkopf Tourney next Sunday afternoon at Bressenmeister's Hall, cor. of 13th and Washington st. Valuable prizes will be given away and the comrades are cordially invited.

The Social-Democratic Bowling Club of the 11th ward is going to arrange for a nouting this summer.
 The library of the 11th ward is already proving a success.
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Be sure to attend the concert of the United Staging Societies next Sunday afternoon at the West Side Turn Hall.

The Socialist Home Club has changed the time of holding the regular Schafkopf Tournaments from Fridays to the second and fourth Thursdays each month, in order to accommodate the comrades of the 8th, 11th and 23rd Ward branches, who desired to participate in these affairs at the Home. Comrades, attend the next tournament on April 27th. Remember the place, 382 Washington street. Plenty of prizes. Tickets ten cents.

The East Side Socialist Women's Club has arranged for a prize cinch and Schafkopf tourney to be held at F. Locke's hall, Saturday evening, May 6th. The hall is located at 327 Sherman st. Some valuable prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Comrade E. T. Melms will deliver a lecture on "Socialism and the Woman" before the West Side Socialist Women's Club, Sunday afternoon, May 20th. The lecture will be held at N. Peterson's Hall, 2714 North Ave. An effort will be made on this occasion to still more strengthen the membership of this club. Comrade Melms will point out clearly in this lecture that woman must free herself, as man having been responsible not only for his own slavery, but for the slavery of women as well, as past history will show. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Admission free. A discussion will follow.

The West Side Socialist Women's Club is gaining in membership. At several meetings of late they grew considerable in membership.

Following comrades helped in tearing down the walls of capitalism by making the following contributions:

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This will help some to carry on organization. Let us have more of this kind or work as the time goes on, for without a solid and constantly growing organization our enemies will succeed in retarding our aims for the cause of Socialism.

The South Side Women's Socialist Club will hold a prize cinch party at Al. Jaek's Hall, on Sixth ave. near Greenfield ave., Tuesday afternoon, May 2nd. All are cordially invited.

The City Notes Man.

THE BIG PICNIC.
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Some Information for Tax Commissioner Bruce.

Having been convinced that nearly every big manufacturer and property holder is a tax dodger, we have for some time tried to find proof. We did not want any opinion or guess from a real estate man as to the value of property, but we wanted a convincing and indisputable proof. And we have found it. We are able to prove that Milwaukee manufacturers were assessed too low in the year of 1900.

In this year, the U. S. Government had a census. The census officials gave out slips of paper to every manufacturing concern in the city. On these slips different questions were asked of these concerns. One of the questions was: What is the capital value of your business? This question was subdivided into three parts, as follows: 1) Value of land; 2) Value of Buildings; 3) Sundries.

In the same year the Milwaukee tax office put an assessed value on these identical properties. These values were also subdivided into 3 parts: 1) real estate; 2) improvements; 3) personal property.

The first items are identical in both cases, i. e., land in the U. S. census reports and real estate in the tax rolls are the same.

Being certain of this point, we tried to see in what way we could compare these two figures, the one of the U. S. census and the other of the Milwaukee tax office. And here we found that, while we could not compare the figures for any individual company, we could compare these figures for different industrial groups. We will explain it more thoroughly. The U. S. census reports report different industries in groups, such as "Agricultural implements, Tanneries, Breweries, etc. We looked up some industries in Milwaukee and added up the assessed value of their land and found that not one of them was assessed more than 30 per cent of the real value. The rule of the tax commissioner's office is to assess property at 50 per cent of its value.

Let us look closer at one industry, the tanning industry for instance. The U. S. census reports give the value of the real estate of tanneries of Milwaukee at \$908,030.

The Milwaukee tax roll gives the assessed value for the same year at \$298,800. This means that the assessed valuation of the total real estate of the tanneries in 1900 was only 30 per cent of the valuation which the tanneries themselves put upon this same real estate. We want to call the reader's

Town Topics by the Town Crier.

A certain Milwaukeean some years ago told Bigelow he ought to retire and enjoy his fortune as well as the wonderful world he lived in. "No," said Bigelow, with a money-mad look in his eyes, "I've made two millions, now I want four millions!"

Mr. L. W. Nieman, editor of the Milwaukee Journal, denies that his paper was paid for printing the Kress lectures. He says it was paid to run the other gas articles, the same as the other papers, but that contrary to the others, the articles were not run as original. We had positive information from the editor of another city paper who told us he was offered gas company money to run the lectures by Father Kress, and considered the information reliable.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURT.
IN PROBATE.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ss. MILWAUKEE COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of Auguste Frahm, deceased on this 13th day of April, A. D. 1905, upon reading and filing the petition of Ida Hall, a daughter of the said deceased, stating that Auguste Frahm, late of the County of Milwaukee, died intestate on or about the 29th day of March, 1905, and praying that Charles Godgett, or some other suitable person, be appointed Administrator of the Estate of said deceased.

IT IS ORDERED, That said application be heard before this Court at a regular term thereof to be held at the Court House in the City of Milwaukee, on the first Tuesday of June A. D. 1905, at 9:00 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 consecutive weeks, once in each week, in the "Social-Democratic Herald", a newspaper published in said County, prior to said hearing.

By the Court,
JOHN C. KARBEL,
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ALHAMBRA THEATER.
Manager Miller of the Alhambra has booked the Hopkins Big Show for the "open" Sunday tomorrow when there will be matinee and evening performances. The Hopkins show has long held its own in the front rank of traveling vaudeville organizations, and this season it has been greatly reinforced. This engagement is for only the two performances on Sunday.

Hosts of local theatergoers will have an opportunity to see the leading members of the present Thanhouser Stock company for the last time at the Alhambra this week. The stock company will open a week's farewell engagement

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PROGRAMME.
Part I.
Marsellaise.
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2. Awake C. T. Rohrbek.
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W. Drobegg, Director.
3. Hymn to Freedom G. A. Uthmann.
Socialist Male Choir, H. Eisfeld, Director.
4. The Cheap Treat M. Legow.
Presented by members of the Aurora Singing Society.
5. "For Thee" - Waltz Waldteufel.
Mayr's Orchestra.
6. "How I loved her" F. Moehring.
Collective Choir of the United Socialist Singers, E. Heim, Director.
Part II.
7. Popular Melodies R. Mills.
Mayr's Orchestra.
8. Freedom H. Buhr.
Male Choir Aurora, E. Heim, Director.
9. The Hour of Prayer L. Kron.
Humorous Quartette Socialist Male Choir.
10. Il Trovatore - Selection v. Verdi.
11. The Toper W. Boehlke.
Base solo by Rols, Seidel.
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