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A Complete Vindication!

The result of the national referendum in the so-called Berger case is certainly very gratifying, and reverses a great wrong done to one of the hardest workers in the Socialist movement in the United States...

Table with columns: States, Yes, No. Lists results for various states like Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, etc.

The so-called Berger case had its beginning in the decision of the party in Milwaukee to refrain from putting up candidates in a non-partisan judicial election...

To Remove.—Barnette of Arizona, Lowry of Arkansas, Richardson of California, White of Connecticut, Healey of Florida, Carter of Idaho, Kelley of Indiana, Work of Iowa, Brewer of Kansas, Towner of Kentucky...

Not content with this flagrant violation of international Socialistic traditions, however, the element we have alluded to set to work to make Comrade Berger's punishment still more humiliating and initiated a referendum to approve the national committee's action...

In a recent address before the students of the Chicago University, Hamlin Garland, the author, spoke of the "vulgarity and the mercenary greed of our tin can civilization," a characterization which no one who has read his "Main Traveled Roads" tales of actual life, will be surprised to hear him utter...

That would make a pretty good text for a lay sermon. For it involves the entire situation in this country. Capitalism is seizing upon all the stored up resources of this nation—not as society would normally draw upon the store for its needs, but in order to grab as much

wealth as possible and convert it into individual riches. It is stealing from the common inheritance for the enrichment of the few, and it tends to make the many so relatively poor and weak that their power of protest and self defense is impaired. In all conscience the vast storehouses of nature belong to society and a system of society which denies this is a system that is against the people's rights. In proof of this, look at our rapidly disappearing forests, our mines and our lands, but our quarrel should be with the system, not with individuals.

Fully twenty years ago the workers of this country were demanding an eight hour work day. The world do move, for a fact, when we now find, twenty years later, the employers of this country are banded together to resist to the uttermost a demand for eight hours by the print-ers! All this talk about labor and capital being partners, etc., hath a mighty hollow sound as soon as a conflict of interests develops.

The morals of capitalism are not outraged by the fact that commerce must be extended by murder.

Man has been placed on the earth to live in comfort and enjoyment. The earth has been stocked by nature with an abundance to supply his wants. That abundance has, by means of the capitalist system, been cornered by the capitalists, and you must pay a toll if you want to get to nature's bounty. Worse still, capitalism has also monopolized the tools by which the bounty of earth is turned into wealth, and here the toll for the use of those tools and machines and productive forces is so great that the worker has left the mere pittance on which to live and reproduce himself. And out of that pittance, when the worker seeks to feed, clothe, shelter and warm himself, there are the other tolls to pay!

The Milwaukee Free Press in a lengthy editorial undertakes to show that a man can legitimately become a millionaire without work. It says he should not get rich by trickery and dishonesty, but otherwise he has a free field to play the game of "each man for himself and the devil take the hindmost," as Carlyle put it. "Somehow everybody admires the progressive and enterprising man who makes a wise investment and clears up ten thousand dollars on it," says the Press. And then all he has to do is to keep on wisely investing it till he "makes" a million!

Just as if this wise and idle investor could clear up his ten thousand without some other people being cleared out of ten thousand! Ruskin said that the art of making money ought not to consist in getting the dollar out of the other fellow's pocket, but this is just the sort of thing the Press advocates. And it also instances land deals. Was there ever a business activity connected with which there was so much crookedness! Many an honest man has been corrupted and made in to a shark and a broadcloth crook by that business.

Further on the Press soberly proposes that a man can easily become a millionaire by a lucky strike in mining. "So long as the mine holds out, the millions will continue to pile up," it says. Just so. But all this sort of thing is begging the question. The fact remains that it is only by capitalistic aggression that men can become millionaires without work—they could not become so by work, as the spectacle of the toiling millions of the people proves.

Of course, under the capitalist system, a man can "make" a million "legitimately," but the capitalistic system has become a curse to mankind, which dooms the over-teeming majority to degradation, poverty and despair. And the Free Press or any other newspaper, even though it speak in the name of reform, will not long hold the sympathies of the people by holding up the shell game of capitalism as legitimate, or the right of individuals to own the mineral wealth that should be a common heritage as proper.

We Are Getting Ready! Are You With Us!

Now, Comrades, we have something definite to tell you! We have taken your efforts thus far to provide the sinews of war for the big coming fight for the capture of one of the larger American cities for Socialism as an earnest that you will see us through to the end in this matter, and have made the preliminary arrangements.

We present this week a diagram of our present quarters and of the increased floor space that we have bargained for. Our room will be more than doubled. To provide for the printing plant we have this week closed a contract by which the owners of the building in which we are located will tear down some old buildings in the rear of our office and begin the erection of a new, brick addition of the size indicated in the diagram. Here, then, you have action. We are asking you to help contribute to a reality, not to something hazy or "in the future."

We know the fight that is before us in Milwaukee in the coming election, and we can point to the action in the city council in the election

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Why You Ought to Love the Capitalist System!

Here are some eye-opening figures. They come from an authentic source. They give you some idea of the toll you must pay to get some of nature's coal. This is the season when you are wondering how you will be able to get enough coal to last you through the cold months. It will do no good to kick at your dealer for the robber price that you have to pay. He is as powerless as you are. The place to kick is at the ballot box so that this government can be wrested from the robber barons of capitalism and the people may then look out for their own interests and take possession of their own. Now read the following, and do a little reflecting meantime:

The Massillon Coal company, capital \$1,000,000, earned \$621,000 profit in two years, over 30 per cent.

The Mansfield Coal company, with one little mine, pays 63 per cent in dividends a year.

The Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron company, capital \$5,000,000, profits for the year 1902 were \$2,573,000.

The Sunday Creek Coal and Coke company, capital \$375,000, earned in 1897, \$351,288; in 1898, \$394,425; 1899, \$417,123, and for 1900, \$243,530.

The Colorado Fuel and Iron company, capital \$40,000,000, in 1899 earned \$5,201,000; in 1900, \$10,350,000; in 1901, \$12,346,000, and in 1902, \$13,266,000.

The Consolidated Coal and Coke company, capital \$19,250,000, made for the year 1899, \$2,097,000; for 1900, \$2,278,000, and for 1901, \$3,414,000.

The Pleasant-Valley Coal company, capital \$2,000,000, made in 1901, \$2,351,701, and in 1902, \$1,517,157.

The Pittsburg Coal company has made as much as \$675,000 in a single month, while the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, capital \$30,000,000, earned for the year 1903, \$3,714,000.—From Whitney & Stephenson's Manual of Statistics.

The man who takes out a life insurance policy these days certainly has courage.

The meat packers in Chicago are now shown to have been behind the conspiracy to evade the Chicago pure food law. Oh, these "leading" and "eminently respectable" business men!

The great Roosevelt government, acting through its hired man Garfield, administered a scandalous whitewash to the Beef Trust. It could find no evidences of violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, no proof of rebates, etc. And now, when the public still remembers the whitewashing report, the federal courts in Chicago have found the big packers guilty of rebating and will make them pay a fine of \$25,000! It's a mighty fine thing to have this government run by a great "reformer" like Teddy!

The new move to organize the Socialists in the colleges and universities indicates just a little something, eh!

The indications are that the printers will win out in their demand for an eight hour work day. The demand is not only a just one, but it is one that good citizenship prompts them to make. A life of work and sleep and sleep and work is a social wrong. Of course the printers have pitted against them the "flower of our American manhood," the successful capitalist, but public sympathy is on their side, and it is quite a factor. That public sympathy in this case looks on the unyielding employer as a pretty good type of the great American hog. It can see no vital reason why the printer bosses would suffer if all work were run on the eight hour basis and all employers fared alike.

News comes from Chicago that the grand jury is pretty sure to indict some way-up capitalist politicians and "statesmen" for wholesale and long standing naturalization frauds. Startling disclosures are promised.

Often as this sort of news is conveyed to the average American by his daily paper, news of capitalism's crimes, duplicities, atrocities and money-mad frenzies, it is only slowly that it is dawning on him that all these sinister symptoms show that our capitalistic body politic is rotten to the festering point.

Our contention is that the Augean stables of capitalism are too dirty to ever be cleaned or kept clean so long as the capitalist "statesmen" are allowed to inhabit them. Proof strikes us in the face at every turn and at every glance we give to the columns of our daily newspapers.

The Rev. Charles Stelzle, superintendent of the Presbyterian department of church and labor, addressed Milwaukee churchmen and church workers last week and gave them some ideas that ought to do them some good. He said:

"Socialism must be reckoned with by the church. There are nearly 2,000,000 Socialist voters in the world. The gain in this country in the past four years was sevenfold. If the increase in the next eight years is in proportion, there will be a Socialist president elected. Whatever one may think of the economic value of Socialism or its probable success politically, the fact remains that Socialism has become a substitute for the church to many thousands of workingmen."

He expressed himself as opposed to the open shop movement and said: "Cripple Creek, I hear, is not as prosperous now as it was under union control, and if there is one thing trade unionism stands for, it is the uplifting of the men and their conditions."

One statement we would take positive issue with. That was that the class-consciousness preached by Socialists develops class hatred. We can see no reason why it should, nor does it. In fact when the workingman sees the economic reasons for his position and the relations of his employer toward him he ceases to blame the employer and holds the capitalist system responsible.

What Socialism Proposes!

By Eugene V. Debs (In Metal Worker.)

IN THE United States, as in other countries, International Socialism is making tremendous strides and its millions of supporters, spread over all the belts and zones of the globe, and the most active propagandists ever known, will in the next few years be multiplied into controlling majorities in all lands which have modern industry as the basis of their civilization, Socialism being wholly a question of economic development. This will mean the end of the present capitalist competitive system and the introduction of its successor, the co-operative commonwealth.

The movement is international because it was born of and follows the development of the capitalist system, which, in its operation, is confined to no country, but by the stimulus of modern agencies of production, exchange, communication and transportation, has overleaped all boundary lines and made the world the theatre of its activities. By this process all the nations of the earth must finally be drawn into relations of industrial and commercial co-operation, as the economic basis of human brotherhood.

This is the goal of modern Socialism and it is this that inspires its disciples with the zeal and ardor of crusaders. What is Socialism? To answer in a single sentence, it means the collective ownership by all the people of all the means of wealth production and distribution. It is purely an economic question; the evolution of industry has developed Socialism. Man can only work, produce wealth, with tools. The mere hand tools of former times have become ponderous and costly machines. These machines, Socialists contend, represent progressive social conceptions. These and the factories, mills, and shops in which they are housed, as well as the lands and mines from which the raw materials are drawn, are used in common by the workers, and in their very nature are marked for common ownership and control. Socialism does not propose the collective ownership of property, but of capital; that is to say, the instruments of wealth production, which, in the form of private property, enable a few capitalists to exploit vast numbers of workers, thus creating millionaires and mendicants and inaugurating class rule and all its odious and undemocratic distinctions.

Socialism proposes equal rights and opportunities for all without reference to sex, color or other conditions. Equality is the vital principle of Socialism. Its mission is to abolish class rule by making all equal proprietors of the means upon which all depend for employment, and without which there can be no "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness." This insures economic freedom for every human being. As no one would have private property in that upon which another depended for employment, industrial mastery and slavery would disappear together and competition for profit would give way to co-operation for use.

The rapidly changing economic conditions are paving the way for the transition from competitive capitalism to co-operative Socialism. Socialists are simply indicating the trend of evolution, and seeking to prepare the way for its orderly reception. The coming of Socialism is with them not a debatable question. That is not a matter of doubt or conjecture, but of scientific calculation.

The evolution of the social organization is a fact in nature. In the ceaseless process one state of society follows another in the sequence of succession. Capitalism, the present system, was warmed into life in the womb of feudalism and sprang from the medieval system. Within the span of two centuries this system has practically reached the climax of its development, and the marvelous material progress of that period exceeds the achievements of all the centuries since the slaves of Pharaoh built the pyramids.

The rapid centralization of capital and the extensive co-operation of labor mark the high state of economic development. Individual initiative and competitive efforts are becoming less and less possible. The day of small production has passed never to return. Notwithstanding all outcry, trust and department stores, these great modern agencies, increase in number and power. They are the inevitable outgrowth of the competitive system. The efforts of the small capitalists to destroy trusts will prove as fruitless as the efforts of the workingman to destroy labor-saving machines when first introduced in the last century.

Socialists take the ground that the trust in itself is not an evil, that the evil lies wholly in the private ownership and they propose to transfer all such agencies from private hands to the collectivity, to be managed and operated for the good of all.

In the last century millions of workers were exploited of the fruit of their labor under the institution of chattel slavery. Work, being done by hand, ownership of the slave was a condition necessary to his exploitation. But chattel slavery disappeared before the march of industrial evolution, and to-day would be an economic impossibility. It is no longer necessary to own the body of the workingman in order to appropriate the fruit of his labor; it is only necessary to own the tool with which he works, and without which he is helpless. This tool in its modern form is a vast machine which the worker cannot afford to buy, and against which he cannot compete with his bare hands, and in the very nature of the situation he is at the mercy of the owner of the machine, his employment is precarious, and his very life is suspended by a thread.

Then, again, the factory and mine are operated for profit only and the owner can, and often does, close it down at will, throwing hundreds, perhaps thousands, out of employment who, with their families, are as helpless as if in the desert wastes of Sahara.

The few who own the machines do not use them. The many who use them do not own them. The few who own them are enabled to exploit the many who use them; hence a few millionaires and many mendicants, extreme opulence and abject poverty, princely palaces and hideous huts, riotous extravagance and haggard want, constituting social scenes sickening to contemplate, and in the presence of which the master hand of Hugo or Dickens is palsied and has no mission.

The Socialist party is organizing in every village and hamlet, every town and city of every state and territory of the Union. It is appealing to the people. It will neither fuse nor compromise. It proposes to press forward, step by step, until it conquers the political power and secures control of government.

This will mark the end of the capitalist system. The factories and mills and mines, the railroads and telegraph and telephone, and all other means of production and distribution will be transferred to the people in their collective capacity, industry will be operated co-operatively, and every human being will have the "inalienable right" to work and to enjoy the fruit of his labor. The hours of labor will be reduced according to the progress of invention. Rent, interest and profit will be no more. The sordid spirit of commercial conquest will be dead. War and its ravages will pass into history. Economic equality will have triumphed, labor will stand forth emancipated, and the sons and daughters of men will glorify the triumphs of Social Democracy.

There are still some clerical gentlemen whom the capitalists can use as whippers-in of the toiling wage slaves. The Rev. Jofin Walsh wrote a letter to the striking employees of the Cluett-Peabody collar company advising the girls to go back to work under the old inhuman conditions, but the union practically told him to mind his own business.

Now McCall, the crooked president of the crooked New York Life insurance company, insists that if Judge Parker, who has charged that

Advertisement for new quarters and printing plant. Includes a diagram showing the layout of the building with labels like 'SIXTH STREET', 'ALLEY', 'PRESENT QUARTERS', and 'NEW ADDITION FOR PRINTING PLANT'. Text describes the expansion and asks for contributions to the printing plant fund.

A dime, ten cents, gets the Herald for ten weeks. Additional editorials on last page.

Socialist Aldermen at Work.

The Wisconsin Socialist Law Makers.

IN THE MILWAUKEE CITY COUNCIL: Albert J. Welch, Frederic Heath, Edmund T. Melms, Gustave Wild, Emil Seidel, Carl Malowski, Henry W. Grant, Edward Schranz, Nicolas Petersen.

IN THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD: Frank Boese, James Sheehan, Charles Jenke, Gustav Gerdt.

IN RACINE: Aldermen—J. E. Decker, L. P. Christianson, W. T. Kostermann, N. P. Nielsen. Supervisors—Wm. Dittmann, John Palda.

Milwaukee has had several rotten city councils during recent years, but none of them ever framed up a more flagrant and dastardly piece of political rascality than that enacted by the present council last Monday, in connection with the selection of election inspectors. It was carried out under the whip of the mayor, the object being to again steal an election.

The gang was ably aided by Ald. Stiglbauer, who tossed aside his mask and came out in the open to help on this monumental crime against the citizenship rights of the electors of the city. In fact Stiglbauer kept his mask off for the rest of the afternoon and was at the beck and call of one of the worst lobbies the present council has ever seen.

For years one of the factors for success on the part of Mayor Rose's campaigns has been the manning of the polling places with Rose heeled belonging to both of the capitalist parties. The law required that the inspectors should be made up of men from the two highest parties in each precinct, and Rose was able to thus put in Democrats and Pfister Republicans and thus have the conduct of the election right in his own hands. Last year Rose was confronted by the fact that the Social-Democrats were the highest party in several precincts, but tried to evade the fact by claiming that the law meant that the appointments should be from the two highest parties "in the city." The Social-Democrats carried the matter in the courts and won and Social-Democratic inspectors were put in the booths in the

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The end is not yet.

The Monday meeting was also notable for two other things. One was the passage of a resolution to trade a strip off of one of the city parks for other land to enable a promoter's railroad on paper to get land for a right of way into the city. The other was the advancing to a third reading of the franchise for a private heating company—a practical gift of all the streets of the city to a little coterie of promoters who stand to make millions out of the thing, with probably a few crumbs for certain men or their relatives, who have been lobbying for the affair. The Social-Democrats took the stand that the city had no constitutional right to grant such a franchise and will undoubtedly in the long run

On a play to the effect that the law meant a calendar year and that there was no election the present year succeeding the time of appointment, the mayor sent a message to the council asking to withdraw the list of new inspectors that had been sent in, holding that the new law did not apply to the present year and that therefore the old list of inspectors should hold over. Under the new list the Social-Democrats would have 167 men in the booths in the various precincts of the city—enough to pretty effectually block all efforts to steal the election, and the Social-Democratic aldermen fought valiantly to keep the council from putting the old list on file. They had the new law read to the meeting and cautioned the aldermen as to the heavy penalty imposed for an infraction of it. Ald. Stiglbauer did then work for the gang, and the debate grew fast and furious. And while the Socialists lost the day, their efforts were so far successful that the deal only went through by a majority of two, and a change of one vote would have made a tie and the gang would have been beaten. Ald. Ziemer of the Seventeenth, a Republican, voted with the gang, and explained after-

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A Question in Marx.

Sanial's Rejoinder to Ashplant.

It is a mistake to believe that the reader of Marx—and by the word "reader" I mean one who understands what he reads—is necessarily a very grave person, addicted to "parades of philosophy," and incapacitated by temperament or training to be amused by any saying or performance usually productive of hilarity. No one, in fact, could laugh more heartily or smile more pointedly than did Marx himself when the object presented to his keen eyesight contained in itself, hidden or obvious, an element of merriment. Hence his frequent outbursts of mirth provoking wit while engaged in the serious work of puncturing capitalistic fallacies and exploding popular notions. A few days ago, it was well observed in my presence by a young Socialist of promise that the faculty known as the sense of humor, possessed in so high a degree by the author of "Capital," was also a characteristic of those who, understanding his works, are foolishly called "Marxists" or "worshippers of Marx." I say "foolishly," for the geometers are not called Euclidists; nor are the astronomers worshippers of Galileo; nor have the chemists erected a temple to Lavoisier; or the naturalists to Darwin; and I am not

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The Social-Democratic National Platform.

measure or rule of its universal condition. Industry and finance are no longer national but international, both in organization and results. The chief significance of national boundaries, and of the so-called patrialism which the ruling class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these give to capitalists to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and to throw them again, each other, into the struggles of contending capitalists for the control of the yet unexploited markets of the world, or of the remaining sources of profit.

The Socialist movement therefore is a worldwide movement, which is rapidly separating a working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class struggle is the struggle of the workers of all nations, and of the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations; and, in so standing, makes for the full freedom of all humanity.

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The Socialist program is not a theory imposed upon society by its acceptance or rejection. It is the interpretation of what is, sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the work of the world, or even to preserve its own production. Its inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of industry, the so-called "trusts," is already leading to the socialization of the world's work.

The universal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capitalist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades unions, the widespread apprehension of impending disaster, and that the institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power of inhering forces that will soon destroy them.

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IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT WRITES OF THE WORK OF MARY BEALS OF TENNESSEE.

She is a southerner of course, she lives at Maryville, Tennessee, and her name is May Beals. She has written the most exquisite contribution to American Socialist literature that has come from the pen of any of our young amateurs. The name of her book is, "A Rebel at Large." It is a gem, and should be in the hands of every woman (and man too), who is interested in overthrowing the hideous caricature of human life that we call civilization.

The revolt of this young rebel has none of the crudities with which we are familiar in the agonizing efforts of the American Socialist literature to scale the sublime heights of Mt. Olympus at a bound. We are glad the proletariat has bestirred itself, that it is shaking its mane and beginning to growl. At the same time the "poems," with halting feet and cross-roads grammar, however brilliant their conception, the novels with climaxes that never "arrive," the Whitmanized, celluloid cases for genuine cut glass aspirations are becoming oppressively monotonous in the desert waste of American Socialist art.

The little rebel blows across these barren plains like a morning breath from the rose gardens of Arabia. Here is the pure artist, expressing the pure struggle of humanity's soul, in pure English, in a clean-cut, elegantly conceived vehicle. I think the stories, in their way, are as fine as Olive Schreiner's "Dreams." The point the young author is making always gleams forth clear and scintillating as a star. Take for instance, "The crushing of a strike." The timid little mother with her babe in her arms, just beginning to comprehend that maternity should be a function of individual maternal desire, the big awful husband with loud-mouthed emphasis on his "rights," and the pocket-book threat that finally effectually crushes the incipient domestic strike, all limp to the understanding as nothing else I have ever seen, the inherent horror of the capitalistic marriage.

Then there is the pathetic letter of the little convent girl to her lover, telling of the fright at the "fatherly love" of the confessor. And there are the two young people at the coal mines whose happy romance is performed in the dust and ashes because of the uncertainty of support of the coal miner, the wrong of the murder of unborn babes, and Love goes mourning and in chiasm because the Masters of Life have locked up their store.

And then we have the tall, straight beautiful goddess who spurned the man she loved with scorn because he, while recognizing the science in the interpretation of the world process, preaches the dogmas of the superstitions of the barbarians for "ambition."

Yes, May Beals is worth while, and I want every Socialist in America to know it and encourage her. We have not yet gotten to the top-levy and superlative pinnacle where we can afford to stone the prophets. Leave that to the capitalistic Solomons for awhile.

The little rebel is throwing her beautiful mind, and indomitable perseverance into the struggle of labor for freedom. My last order kept her from a trip to the pawnshop. I quote from a letter before me not meant for public eyes.

"I have started to the summer school in Knoxville. I arrived without a penny and spent most of the first day trying to get a crowd for Goebel, who spoke that night. He bought three of my books and that encouraged me, and I sold some more, and collected a dollar that was coming to me, and managed, I don't know how, to raise the tuition fee—six dollars—and sailed on. I intend to go up to Kentucky next week, and then the miners meet in Knoxville, and I shall be busy and happy for some time."

And I want you, Comrade Editor, to order a lot of these "Rebels." They sell like hot cakes. I can sell them as fast as she sends them to me. Women read them and know what slavery means; and begin to

catch dim glimpses of the immensity of the cause, that is destined to smash into atoms the base conventions of a vicious class rule, to fling wide the gates of humanity's night, and prop them open with the morning star, to recreate and vitalize the art of L. world.

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

Turning on the Screws.

In the last bulletin issued by the Bureau of Labor it is shown that the living expenses of the average family during the period between 1890 and 1904 have increased from 25 to 50 per cent.

There has been no corresponding increase in wages. While the laborer works just as hard today for the same wages he earned fourteen years ago, the prices for all the actual necessities of life have increased so greatly that he must now pay out nearly 95 per cent of his entire income to protect himself and family from exposure and starvation.

No reason can be found for this state of things except the excuse of those who control the markets for the necessities of life that they need the money.

Beans and salt beef have gone up 15 per cent, salt pork and bacon 15.5 per cent, cornmeal 38 per cent, crackers 18.9 per cent, molasses 6 per cent, eggs 79.6 per cent, herring 58.9 per cent, salt 15 per cent, pepper 65.3 per cent, and currants 30 per cent.

These are only a few of the articles which show an increase. Although the Bureau of Labor claims a head of "Food" have increased in price only 7.3 per cent, the argument is a false one. The figures themselves are made to tell a false story.

While it is shown that flour has increased 26 per cent, and eggs 79.6 per cent in price, nutmegs have decreased 75.7 per cent and prunes 44.6 per cent. Nevertheless they are all lumped in together under the head of "Food," and an average increase of 7.3 per cent is obtained. This is the merest sophistry.

We could get along very nicely without nutmeg or vinegar, but eggs and flour are pretty hard to do without even at skyrocket prices.

The Bulletin makes the following estimate of the increase in price of nine groups of commodities, taking the prices of 1890 as a basis of comparison:

Farm products	22.2
Food	11.1
Cloths and clothing	9.8
Fuel and lighting	32.6
Metals and implements	9.6
Lumber and building materials	22.4
Drugs	10.0
Household goods	11.7

—Wilshire's.

Spartacus and the Helots.

Perhaps the most picturesque of the ancient strike-war leaders was Spartacus. Being of handsome physique he, like thousands of other workers, was condemned to be a gladiator; but being also of noble mind he refused to fight his brother workers unto death to amuse the rich and profligate.

In the year 74 B. C. Spartacus and his wife Varina, accompanied by 78 others, escaped from the Amphitheatre in Rome and within a year's time was at the head of an army of 100,000 workers, with whom he won ten consecutive battles over the Roman generals. But in the year 70, surrounded by three hostile armies, he was defeated and slain at Silarius.

Among almost all peoples there early existed a system of industrial slavery, wherein the many were chattel workers and the few were owners. The slave ranks were recruited from debtors and from captives taken in war. Their status became hereditary.

The chief human significance of the familiar "Exodus" of the Israelites from Egypt, about 1400 B. C., is their escape from industrial bondage to an alien race, in which they "had to make bricks without straw" and endure galling oppression.

Moses, who led forth 40,000 of them after having himself smitten an Egyptian oppressor, was an "agitator" and a leader of the workers toward a "Promised Land."

Growth of the Municipal Ownership Idea.

By Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott.

I am personally in favor of the municipal ownership of all forms of industry that are necessarily municipal monopolies.

There are three theories of government—first, the Russian, that the people cannot take care of themselves—and the few must look after the many. Secondly, there is the police theory. Government should preserve order and keep off foreign aggression, but every man is for himself, and the devil take the hindmost. This is the theory of the '80s. We are now working toward the third. The state is an organism with intelligence, sensibility and will, as exhibited in public opinion, spirit and law. It has the right to do for itself anything it can do better than the individual. This is sometimes called Socialism, but I have lived too long to mind about mere words.

We have already adopted the third theory of government. Our state policeman does many things. He builds lighthouses, runs a weather bureau and educates our children. In two cities he operates a subway and in all

As typical of the lot of the ancient workers one may consider the condition of the "Helots" or industrial slaves of Sparta. Though outnumbering their citizen-masters three to one they were flogged once a day, were made to constantly assume stooping postures, lest by standing erect they might come to feel themselves the equals of their owners, and were daily driven in herds to their work in the fields.

Plutarch tells of the "Ambuscade" ordered periodically by the magistrates, in which the free Spartan youths fell upon the Helots by night with daggers and, by assassination, kept the multitude intimidated.

Thucydides describes a massacre of 2,000 Helots in the year 424 B. C. For valorous military service during the Peloponnesian war they had been emancipated and were invited to a temple, ostensibly to be garlanded, but were treacherously butchered there by order of the magistrates.

The slaves-workers of the ancient world could have no property, no religious recognition and no legitimate family ties. The prevalent religion being mainly ancestor-worship, the workers came to be considered as "earth born" as contrasted with the "divine origin" of their masters. Even the philosopher Plato conceded the toilers but "half a soul."—Rev. John Ellis.

The state, in fact, is recognized as an organism to do things for all. This is far more democratic and implies a greater faith in humanity than individualism, for it means a belief in the faculty to co-operate.

The danger of municipal ownership is far less than the dangers from corrupt combinations of political machines and favored corporations. If the people can combine for war and education, why can they not do it for transportation?

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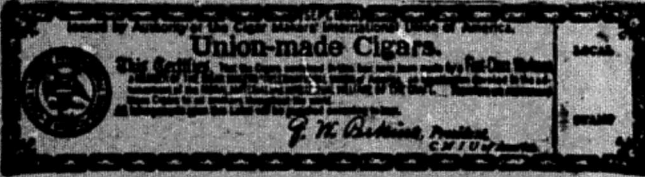
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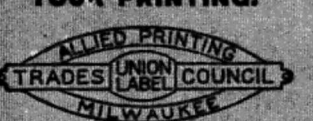
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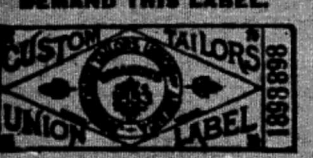
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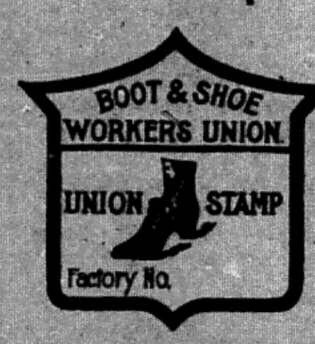
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GLEANINGS FROM BUSY FIELDS.

It is works and understanding that makes the Social Democrat, not mere phrases that are supposed to sound revolutionary. The Wisconsin movement is not made up of phrase-mongers, yet it is the only state movement in the Union that uses the red flag as an official party emblem and whose members go about daily with red flag buttons on their lapels.

IN YANKEE LAND. A Socialist dramatic club has been formed in New Haven, Conn.

Comrade Edward Gardner has been nominated for mayor of Cincinnati by the Socialists of that city.

A grand picnic and summer night's festival will be held in New York, Sept. 17, for the benefit of the local Social-Democratic press.

A big ratification meeting will be held in Faneuil hall, Boston, Sept. 27, when James F. Carey, candidate for governor of the Socialists, and others, will speak.

The "vindication" Trautmann and Towner got at the hands of the national referendum in the Berger case ought to send them to seats way back in the rear.

The national referendum vote is small comfort to the fellows who have been trying to get Wisconsin out of the way so they could swing the national party into line for boss rule from the top.

The Milwaukee Socialist officials, city, county and state, will have a group photograph taken, copies of which will be on sale to help the local campaign fund for the coming municipal battle.

Fifteen thousand copies of the leaflet, "Why farmers should be Socialists," were distributed by Milwaukee comrades at the recent Wisconsin state fair. They were eagerly accepted.

The Socialists of North Carolina will hold a state convention October 11th, 2:30 p. m., in the court house at Greensboro, the purpose being to devise ways and means for further education and organization within the state.

At Bingham, Utah, the Democratic, Republican and American parties have combined against the Socialist party for the city election. Last fall the Socialist party out voted the Democrats in several of the precincts.

The Intercollegiate Socialist society has chosen the following officers: President, Jack London; first vice-president, Upton Sinclair; second vice-president, J. G. Phelps Stokes; secretary, Miss M. R. Holbrook, Box 1663, New York; treasurer, Owen R. Lovejoy; executive committee, Morris Hillquit, Robert Hunter, Mrs. D. J. Meserole, George H. Strobell, Harry Laidlaw and Geo. Willis Cook.

Dates for National Lectures. W. C. Benton: Sept. 24, Jefferson City, Mo.; 25, 26, St. Louis. James F. Carey: Sept. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, Taunton, Mass.; after which he will be under the direction of the Massachusetts State Committee until the close of the campaign.

George H. Goebel: Sept. 24, Brookings, S. Dakota; 25, 26, Watertown; 27, Clark; 28, Doland; 29, Ferney; 30, Aberdeen.

Guy E. Miller: Sept. 24, Huntington, W. Va.; 25, 26, Corning, Ohio; 27, Crooksville; 28, 29, Zanesville; 30, Newark.

John W. Slayton: Sept. 24, enroute; 25, Carthage, Mo.; 26, Girard, Kans.; 27, Neodesha; 28, Scranton; 29, Lincoln, Neb.; 30, Sioux City, Iowa.

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I defend the sympathetic strike, the boycott, and the closed shop ethically, contending that labor monopoly is the only antidote for capitalistic monopoly.

The great problem which the future must face is a union of combined labor and combined capital against the consumers.—Prof. J. H. Gray, Northwestern University.

It is told of Jack London that upon his last visit to New York he was introduced in a cafe to a musician.

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"And you?" said the musician. "Well," said London, "I accompanied him on the piano."—Ex.

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FOR OUR NEW READERS:
THIS COUNTRY is made up of working people, both industrial and agricultural, but is ruled by the capitalist class, which is numerically small. Being in control of the government, it runs that government in the interests of its class and against the interests of the working class, which is the people.

This he gave up when he became active for Socialism. He is a man of fearless disposition, and although somewhat lacking in education, as is the common lot of the proletariat, has done very faithful work as state secretary, working often long into the night. An instance of his fearlessness may be instanced. On one occasion he was returning to his suburban home from the city carrying a satchel full of money which had been turned over to him as treasurer after a party entertainment.

Half Hours In The Herald Sanctum.

Correspondents are urged to write as briefly as possible and on one side of the paper only.
The National Constitution, which forbids such comments, clearly invalidated the result of the vote on the second resolution. But it also shows that the rank and file were misled and they will undoubtedly approve our course when they understand it.

A WORD ON THE CREST-LINE REFERENDUM.

Editor Herald: The result of the vote to reinstate Comrade Victor L. Berger as member of the National Executive Committee is most gratifying to all Socialists and lovers of fair play. The rank-and-file of the Socialist party have spoken. They have rebuked the would-be leaders of the party who from envy or jealousy wanted to relegate to the rear one of the oldest, wisest and most self-sacrificing men in the Social-Democratic movement.

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The Yankeefication of England.

There is one fact connected with the Electric Power bill now before Parliament which has not yet been sufficiently brought out. Last week we gave the names of some of the principal shareholders in the concern. These included quite a number of well known members of Parliament, mainly on the Liberal side. The company in which they are interested is what is known in Stock exchange parlance as a promoting company—that is to say, a number of people put a few hundred pounds each into a company as a "spec." in order to promote a certain bill. If the bill gets through, a company to work the concession is formed, and the promoters sell at a big profit their holdings in the promoting company.

What will Wisconsin do? Stand pat, of course. She will refuse to take a charter which contains provisions that nullify the state autonomy guarantees of the national constitution. It is a fight for principle, and the interests of the party in other states is at stake as well as in Wisconsin.

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

With each new disclosure in high finance and high-up capitalistic rottenness the average citizen gasps and says he never would have thought of "our leading Americans" and settles down with the conviction that at last the "lid is off" and the worst is known.

Last week's contribution to the disclosures were not so very unimportant! It is now shown that the national Republican party held up the wealth interests for its last campaign fund under threats in some cases, and that Cortelyou, the precious product of Washington's school of respectable political crookedness, being in possession of knowledge of the beef trust's wholesale violations of law made the beef barons fork over \$100,000 to the campaign fund, in pursuance to which there afterward followed the notorious and very infamous whitewash of the beef trust by young Garfield, another Washington prodigy.

Then there were the disclosures in the New York Life Insurance company investigation, in which it was not only shown that the policy holders' money had been ladled out to the capitalist campaign managers, but that the president of the company coolly sent \$100,000 of funds he had no right to touch to the company's political monkey-worker at Albany, during the session of the New York legislature, to purchase favorable insurance legislation.

And further there were the disclosures in the Metropolitan Life insurance company by which it was shown that the millions of the depositors of the company were practically the personal possession of the president and his immediate official family of high finance crooks to invest and manipulate for the benefit of their private interests as they saw fit. The money was deposited at low interest in banks that the officials were interested in for their own enrichment.

Now all of this is the sum of but one week's exposures and the lid is not off yet. In the face of all this, who will still maintain that capitalism is not in its ultra rotten stage and that that decay presages its coming downfall! Our prisons are full of little thieves and outlaws, who are the direct product of a bad social system. There is that much excuse for them, and yet they are punished at heavy expense, while the real crooks of America, those who have been found out and those who have not, are still at large and enjoying the utmost of the fruits and enjoyment of our present civilization. Who can believe that such a situation can continue very long and that a system so utterly based on injustice will not meet the fate of other systems in the world's history when they became obnoxious and oppressive!

We have received a copy of an English illustrated publication entitled Country Life, which contains an illustrated article on Norton Park, Worcestershire, which is the seat of Mrs. Woodhull Martin, who is better known to Americans under her former name of Victoria Woodhull. The views show an ideal and palatial home, surrounded with beautiful acres of landscape gardening, the sort of thing that ought to be the common heritage of mankind. But no one will begrudge Mrs. Martin this beautiful situation in which to spend the rest of her days, for she has richly merited it by her many years of radical and humanitarian work, a work which, indeed, has latterly taken on a decidedly Socialistic tendency.

Wisconsin can take its "defeat" with becoming resignation. It well knows that a large number of those who opposed it were actuated by good motives but a mistaken idea as to what the constitution demanded of the state organizations. A "comrade" who will frame up a referendum so worded as to trick the members into voting upon false premises ought to wear stripes and be publicly drummed out of the Socialist camp midst the popular execration.

Charles R. Martin has simply added to his already long list of perfidious acts in the working class movement. Wisconsin can maintain a dignified attitude now as in the past, and can still point to the national constitution, every letter of it, as its rule of conduct.

The recent events in the party in Minnesota have centered attention on some of the figures concerned in the affair. Some facts about the personality of the state secretary, J. E. Nash, will be interesting. He is a man over sixty years of age, who has led a typical workingman's existence, with the exception that in his case he was able to get farther ahead than the most of his class, all of which advantage, however, he tossed aside when he gave himself to the cause of Socialism. Nash served in the war to free the negro slaves, toiled for years as a farm hand, slaved in the lumber woods, was for years a sawyer in a big lumber mill, and then, when well along in years brought a farm on the outskirts of Minneapolis, part of which he afterwards sold, using the proceeds to set himself up in the hardware business.

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We feel that it is our duty to warn the organized working men round the country against what appears to be a fake raffle scheme that is being worked or a large scale by one Paul Huebner, a discredited labor leader of Milwaukee, in the name of a woodworkers' union of Milwaukee, which is alleged to have a strike on against the "Milwaukee Furniture Association." Circulars and tickets have been sent through the mails to outside unions, but local unions have been avoided, it appears. Some of the tickets which have been sent in bear the designation "Series PP No. 49." This indicates that the country has been literally flooded. The circular says all money is to be sent to Huebner. We would advise no one to purchase tickets without first investigating through the postal department as to the reliability of this raffle.

The state board of Illinois has also issued a protest against the attempt to interfere in the Minnesota case by the national committee, as proposed by Bandlow of Ohio.

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Third prize: One Edison Standard Phonograph with flower horn and crane, value \$38.00, from and exhibited at Geo. H. Eichholz, 1340 Fond du Lac ave., Milwaukee.

This contest opened July 1st and will close Sept. 30th. Here is the plan, open to every reader: Every yearly subscription will count five points, every six months subscription three points, and every ten weeks subscription one point. The person receiving the greatest number of points will get first prize, the next largest, second prize, and the next, the third prize.

It is nearly as easy to get a yearly subscription as one for a shorter period. But this contest is arranged not only to get subscriptions, but what is of vastly more importance, to make Socialists. And this cannot be done with ten weeks or six months subscriptions. Any workingman, however, who reads fifty-two issues of the Herald is almost sure to become converted. Therefore, it was thought best to encourage the yearly subscriptions.

It will make no difference how many or how few points the three lucky ones will secure. Simply the three highest will get the prizes. Based on previous experience, it is safe to say that the winners will get perhaps from 100 to 200 points to capture these prizes. Of course, we can't predict how many points will be necessary, but the above is a fair average of what has occurred in the past. Never for one moment forget that it is as much to make Socialists as to get subscribers this contest is started for.

No employee in the office will be permitted to take part in this contest. Either cards or subscription blanks can be used. The rate for five subscriptions or more per year is forty cents; for six months, twenty cents, and for ten weeks, ten cents. The paper can be sent to one address for as many years as desired at the above rate, and each year will count five points.

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ture and Comrade Thompson spoke on "Municipal Socialism." There was a fine crowd and good results. The Racine comrades keep up their open air meetings every Saturday evening.
KENOSHA—The Kenosha Social-Democrats are going to hold a picnic at Central Park, Kenosha, next Sunday, Sept. 24th. Comrade Walter Thomas Mills of Chicago will be the orator of the day. A cordial invitation is extended to all comrades in the state. A neat sum is expected to be realized from the picnic and will be applied to propaganda work. It will be a great day, a great picnic, and a great speech.

GREEN BAY—Comrade Harris has been over to Sturgeon Bay for a visit and has been blazing the way for lectures and organization there. That's the work that comrades should do everywhere when possible. Go after your neighboring communities. The Green Bay comrades are arranging for some lectures by Comrade Thompson; and Comrade Spence promises to go over to Sturgeon Bay and attend to the details for some lectures there.

DOWNING—Comrades at Boyceville are arranging to have a lecture by the state organizer at Downing. Watch us spread out.
PITTSVILLE—The secretary orders a supply of application blanks and membership cards. Arrangements are made for a lecture on "Why Farmers Should be Socialists." Who says Pittsville is sleeping?

ORGANIZATION FUND—Let you forget, comrades, we say it yet—You need a punch card. All realize that the state organization work must have money. Look up your punch cards, comrades, and get some money. If you haven't a card send in and get one. Or send in the money without a card if you prefer. Due credit will be given.

PUNCH CARDS—Comrade Louis Baier of Milwaukee puts in a big round dollar on the Punch Card. And still there's more to follow.

Social-Democratic Notes.
Before making dates and engagements watch this column and get wise on the events of the coming season and then attend them. By so doing you will help along the cause of Socialism.

Lectures for Next Week.
To be held under the auspices of the Social-Democratic party of Milwaukee county.
Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, at 8 p. m.
21st Ward Branch, Gaethke's hall. Subject: Trades Unionism and Socialism.
Friday evening, Sept. 29, at 8 p. m.
1432 Green Bay avenue. Speaker, L. Sachs. Subject: The Class Struggle.
Thursday even., Sept. 28, at 8 p. m.
17th Ward Branch, Odd Fellows hall, corner Potter and Kinnickinnic avenues. Speaker, E. T. Melms.
11th Ward Branch, Bulgrin's hall, 9th avenue and Orchard street. Speaker, Vox-Populi. Subject: Taxation.
Business meetings will be held by the various branches next week.

MEETINGS OF WOMEN'S BRANCHES.
South Side Women's Branch, Tuesday, Sept. 26th, at 2:30 p. m. A. Jack's hall, 6th and Greenfield avenues.
Thursday, Sept. 28, at 2:30 p. m. West Side Women's Club, N. Peterson's hall, 2714 North avenue.

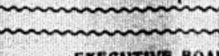
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Don't forget to turn out in force and attend the lectures which are now being held by the various branches in Milwaukee county. Always bring your friends along.
The Executive Board of the County Central Committee has called a special meeting of the County Central Committee at Giljohann's hall, 274 West Water street, for Monday evening, September 25th, 1905. Delegates please take notice and attend the same.

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How many subscribers did you hand in, dear comrade, this week? If not any, why not?
Don't forget that headquarters, 844 6th street, is open from 9:00 to 12:00 every Sunday morning.
Comrade E. T. Melms spoke at Kenosha last Saturday night.
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City News Notes Man.

Polish Organization Fund.
[This fund is to provide the "sinews of war" for keeping Comrade Barkowski at work in the Milwaukee field continually. It is a very worthy move and comrades should contribute with genuine enthusiasm.]
The Fifth Ward Branch will hold a schaftskopf ward every fourth Friday of each week, commencing in October, at the Socialist Home. Admission 10 cents a person.

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Members present: Britton, Weber, Handley, Tomlinson and Brockhausen.
Weber chairman.
Communications were submitted from the national office of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers on plans of organizing bakers in Wisconsin. The secretary was instructed to cooperate.

From the president of the International Longshoremen's association

to organize coal handling locals. The general organization was instructed to co-operate.
From J. D. Beck, commissioner of Labor and Industrial Statistics of Wisconsin, desiring a list of secretaries of unions for the purpose of collecting statistics. The secretary was instructed to comply with the request.

From Jesse Taylor, Jamestown, O., on restrictions of immigration. The secretary was instructed to request that copies of the printed matter on this subject be mailed to all the members of the executive board.

A circular of thanks to organized labor for its financial assistance to the Textile Workers of Fall River, Mass.
From Executive Board Member Gauthier, at Ashland, relation to Marinette. Referred to organizer and secretary.

From Rev. Moore, an invitation to attend a lecture on the relations of the church and the working classes. The secretary and organizer were ordered to attend and report.

In compliance with instructions of the last meeting the secretary submitted a draft of a circular to refute certain false rumors as to politics in the Federation. With the changes suggested the circular was adopted.

Handley and Brockhausen reported on the Carpenter & Skiles dispute which was concurred in and the firm ordered on the unfair list.
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One of the biggest steals ever developed in under way in the city council. We refer to the franchise asked by the Central Heating company. Aldermen who protest that they are looking out for the people's interest have had the audacity to stand up on the floor of the council and proclaim it the fairest franchise ever asked for from the city.

Following are the aldermen who voted through the plan to help the mayor keep his heels in the election booths: BARRY, BECKER, BOGK, CONNELLY, DEUSTER, FITZGERALD, HAYES, KLAESER, KOERNER, KUSCHBERT, LEMANSKI, LONSTORF, MCKINLEY, RITTELEAT, STEIGERWALD, STIGLBAUER, STOLLENWERK, STRACHOTA, WEIHER, WITTIG, ZIEMER and CORCORAN.

Wisconsin was defeated on the national referendum by a close margin of 22 votes. There are sixty-one Wisconsin comrades who will meet their fellows with sheepish looks for a time, feeling that their votes against their own movement helped make that ghastly 22. That some of these voted with good intentions we have no doubt. But they certainly had opportunity enough to get a right understanding.

Dave Rose is quoted as saying that he would not run for mayor again if the new list of inspectors containing 167 Social-Democrats was confirmed. Afraid of an honest count, of course!

As Seen From The Gallery!

The majority in the common council has found it necessary to again change its tactics towards the Social-Democrats. Resolutions of censure failed. Bulldozing has failed. Threats have failed. Impeachments will not work. Derision has proved a boomerang. Now SLANDER IS THE PASSWORD. That too will fail. Ald. Stiglbauser is at his wit's end.

Ald. Stiglbauser again gave a beautiful exhibition of his sense of justice. His vote helped to defeat the election clerks and inspectors, duly appointed as required by law. This should not be surprising however. At a meeting of the council held on the 11th day of April, 1905, the vote of the special election was to be canvassed and reported as found in the returns. The returns showed: P. Dornuf, 436 votes; H. Zedler, 525 votes; Chas. Grabowsky, 155 votes. This was found to be correct as shown in the returns. Nevertheless this same alderman protested, claiming that Zedler with 525 votes was not elected over Dornuf with 436 votes. The final vote showed that thirty-seven aldermen conceded the election of Zedler, while Ald. Stiglbauser and another alderman voted clearly wrong.

The heating franchise was passed for engrossment and third reading. Sec. 8 specifies that the company shall within four months after the approval and acceptance of this franchise begin construction of, and within a year shall have completed a plant to heat at least one hundred buildings, provided however that any delay caused by strike, accidents or litigation shall not be counted as part of the time given to said company. When Ald. Seidel called the attention of the council to this clause and stated that by the provisions of this section, the city of Milwaukee stoops to act as an agency to assist in strike-breaking, Ald. Stiglbauser remarked cynically that he would only reply to rational arguments. This from a man who always speaks of the interests of the "peepul."

The charter contains a law that requires that a maximum rate be fixed. The law reads: "Said specifications shall contain a maximum rate which may be charged to patrons or consumers under said franchise, and shall provide for annual statements, sworn to by the manager and the treasurer of the company operating under said franchise. . . . The cost of producing heat is one-half of what the company will charge its consumers. Their profits will amount to 100 per cent and yet the committee has been duped to include a 15 per cent profit clause in the franchise. And only when 25 per cent of the consumers petition the council has it the right to adjust rates.

The company has the right to lay one or more mains in the streets, alleys, avenues and highways of the city of Milwaukee. No franchise of such magnitude was ever asked for or given by the common council. Besides, this said company is given the right to connect with any sewer in any street, alley, avenue or public place. We, the people, pay for the building of these sewers and this company that has never paid one cent towards their construction can use every one of them without paying one cent. Ald. Stiglbauser, Smith, Fiebrantz and Mallory agree that the "city's interests are well protected."!!! Furthermore these gentlemen have protected (?) the city to the extent that when an action is brought against it, the company shall protect and save harmless the city. PROVIDED, THAT WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN THE COMPANY BY THE CITY ATTORNEY WITH-

IN THIRTY DAYS.—Supposing the city attorney should be paid to neglect to serve such notice, then what? Would the franchise-squandering aldermen rest easy with such a flimsy guard placed around their interests?

Space does not permit me to touch upon all of the scandalous provisions of this franchise. It is truly the grandest steal ever attempted in the city of Milwaukee. Aldermen Stiglbauser, Mallory and Fiebrantz say they are ready to vote for it.

Do the citizens of Milwaukee realize that they are paying for the lobbying for this bill or franchise?

One of the employees in one of the city departments, who is drawing the salary of \$1500 per year, has been untiring in his efforts to have this bill passed. Any man in civil life would discharge such an employee instantly. Not so the city administration. When will the citizens chase the soundrels out? Gallery God.

AT THE THEATERS.

DAVIDSON THEATER. With a single exception "Home Folks" under the management of Joseph Brooks, is the largest dramatic company now on the road. It requires the services of seventy-five players to put on the play and the cast is headed by Edwin Arden, who plays the hero, and Archie Boyd, who has the leading comedy role. The stage settings are exceptionally handsome and some twenty children take part in the performance.



EDWIN ARDEN IN "HOME FOLKS" AT THE DAVIDSON.

The scenes in "Home Folks" are all laid in southern Illinois and are said to be from real life.

"Home Folks" with its wealth of scenery and big company is to be the attraction at the Davidson Theater for the entire week of Sept. 24th, with the usual matinees.

ALHAMBRA THEATER. If you want to forget the cares of the world for a couple of hours, it's a ten to one shot that you will be in it on "Hoity Toity" when it comes to the Alhambra next week starting Sunday matinee. It is the Weber and Fields musical comedy, direct from their cozy little New York theatre, and it will give you the time of your life. The music is bright, snappy



LILLIAN DURKO WITH WEBER & FIELDS' "HOITY-TOITY" AT THE ALHAMBRA.

and whistleable; the chorus is wonderfully pretty, and there is just the suggestion of a plot, but it won't compel you to exert yourself in order to follow it. The conglomeration is said to be just the kind of after-dinner entertainment that lovers of musical comedy insist on having. All in all, it will be a delightful treat, not only from a musical and comedy point of view, but as a real beauty show.

STAR THEATER. The attraction at the Star for the week commencing Sunday Mat. will be T. W. Dinkins' Utopians. Among the many brilliant features in the burlesque and vaudeville portion is one act that deserves particular mention. This is O Hana San, a beautiful woman from Japan, in a national electrical act that has created a sensation in the leading vaudeville theaters of the East.

GRAND THEATER. Jacob Hillebrand, the greatest sensation of the day, engaged as a special attraction for the Grand Theater this week. Positively appears in matinee and night. The German Samson, direct from Germany, is another marvel. Other big acts and moving pictures.

BIJOU THEATER.

One of the scenes in the new and sensational melodrama, "The Confessions of a Wife" from the pen of Owen Davis, and which is to be at the Bijou tomorrow in a raging blizzard, one of those typical affairs which the public often hears about through the columns of the newspapers. It occurs in the fourth act. The Western express, which carries the hero, Oliver Ashmore, crosses



A SCENE FROM "CONFESSIONS OF A WIFE" AT THE BIJOU.

country in search of his wife, Alice, is stalled by snow drifts. The engine is literally buried in the snow, frost on the windows of the cars, and plenty of the "beautiful" constructed and worked out so realistically that the audience is immediately carried to the highest pitch of interest and excitement. There will be the usual matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

ACADEMY. "A Poor Relation," Sol Smith Russell's greatest success, will be given at the Academy next week for a series of ten performances. De Witt C. Jennings will play the part formerly played by Mr. Russell. The pretty play teems with comedy and pathos and is admirably fitted to Mr. Jennings' own personality. Miss Cantwell, the popular ingenue of the Thanbouser company, will be "Scollops," the terror of the top floor, yet a little girl with a great, big, generous heart. A series of souvenir postal cards will be given away, commencing next week at the matinees. The first will be Corinne Cantwell, followed by those of the other members of the company.



EVELYN VAUGHN AT THE ACADEMY.

Four performances remain to be given of "The Merchant of Venice," two in the afternoon and two in the evening. An elaborate revival of "The Holy City" will be given at the Academy for the week of Oct. 2.

Now for the Big Fair. The first meeting of the Fair committee was held at the office last Sunday. It was called to order by Comrade Farrell, who was elected chairman. H. W. Bistorius was elected secretary. The following were present: Chas. Grobowsky, H. W. Bistorius, R. Schuffenhauer, Jr., C. P. Dietz, H. W. Wartchow, H. F. Hoestermann, M. Gorecki, Joe Renner, A. Wiese, L. Kranzfelder, Chas. Kanter, Carl Kleist, F. W. Rehfeld, William Meller, Chas. Schuessler, B. Farrell, J. A. Johansen, Mrs. A. Elwin, Mrs. C. Kleist, and Mrs. Strehlow. Comrades Seidel, Kranzfelder, Melms, Rehfeld and Mrs. Bistorius were appointed a committee to make plans and report at the next meeting. As chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Carl P. Dietz was selected. It was decided to interest the Unions in the fair and so a prize will be given to the Union that has the best booth. The Federated Trades Council will be requested to co-operate in making the fair a success. The three Socialist singing societies and the two bowling clubs will be invited to send delegates to the general committee.

This general committee will meet every first and third Monday nights, the next meeting to take place on October 2nd. If possible a mass meeting of the members of women's clubs will be held next week for the purpose of selecting committees to do the soliciting of donations. If any of our readers feel disposed to make contributions we shall be pleased to receive them at the office. Do not forget the date of the fair. It will be held at Liedertafel hall from February 12th to 18th, inclusive.

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