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Franchise Deals and Franchise Steals in Milwaukee, Past and Present!

For years after the founding of this republic, conditions were such that diligent individual effort was bound to succeed.

through his franchise. All the people of the city must come to him, and he runs no personal risk, for he has even the law on his side.

In Milwaukee we have always been particularly cursed with a lot of cheap skates and petty thieves as aldermen and supervisors.

Three different grand juries have of late brought in over 200 indictments. And they have also declared that they have not even scratched the surface of the corruption.

Nor were the indictments empty threats. Of the 28 persons tried under the indictments thus far, 21 have been convicted or have pleaded guilty.

Besides—it is known that the greatest steals and scandals, as for instance, the selling out of our city by the mayor and the board of aldermen to the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Co. in 1900, have not been touched upon.

This abuse grew from year to year as the country grew older. To be an alderman in a city was very soon synonymous with being a grafter and a thief.

Franchises for the building of railroads, street car lines, telephone lines, electric light plants, gas works, etc., proved to be a source of income and wealth for the aldermen and politicians.

The old days of the robber barons of Europe seem to have been transplanted to America. The difference is only this: The medieval robber fell upon the traveler only occasionally; he could rob only a few persons, and he had to risk his own hide every time besides.

Some Editorial Comment.

You'd hear of no coal strikes if the people owned the coal fields.

Socialists stand for a square deal between man and man—not as a hypocritical politician's shibboleth, a mere thing to conjure with.

What is the reward of industry under the capitalist system? The answer is shown in the fact that the industrial class, the working class, is a poor class.

In a divorce proceeding brought against "Prof." George Gunton, editor of the Socialist-baiting Gunton's Magazine, the fact was brought out that Prof. George got \$15,000 a year for defending capitalism in a cute "scientific" manner.

That poem: "Owed to New York," was originally written for a New York daily paper, but the paper couldn't get up the courage to print it, and it was sent on to us by the editor of the paper.

The platforms that the several gentlemen that aspire to the republican mayoralty nominations have promulgated suggest that the conversions worked by the Social-Democratic propagandists are exceeding the most sanguine expectations of its promoters.

Shows who's nearest to the people, all right. Its a way the old party politicians have of conceding that we are right!

The capitalist par excellence, in the modern understanding of the name, is the fellow who scarcely even manages his own undertakings. His main function is to hire brains to manage and superintend his corporations and spend the bulk of his time in seeking pleasure and self-indulgence.

There's no man so successful but that Socialism would give him a better life. Take the late Pres. McCall, the insurance high-financier,

for instance. Capitalism tempted him into rascality, then prospered him as a result of that rascality, prospered him to the point of a really regal life, and then sent him to an unfinely grave, dishonored and utterly crushed in spirit.

Social-Democracy means democracy (the rule of the demos—people) and Socialism (the public ownership of the means of production and distribution). Social-Democracy is not a blessing that will be forced upon the people, but it is something that the people themselves must bring about.

Everybody with any gumption at all knows that the actual cost of getting coal out of the ground and to the people is a mere bagatelle as compared with the price the coal barons exact for this necessity of life.

Says a daily paper item: "No; Senator Depew's heart has not ceased to beat; but the man whom the nation has known and heeded and delighted to honor is nevertheless dead—dead to the power he once wielded, dead to further usefulness or happiness."

Now just mark one thing. It is this: The reason Depew is down and out is not because he was a thief. It is because he was found out. The capitalist hypocrisy that invades even the thoughts of the people who are ruled by it, sets this down as the real sin against Depew, although such a thing is not openly admitted.

This is well shown in the case of the preacher-banker, the Rev. G. H. Simmons, who committed suicide at Peoria, Ill. It was not the fact that he had broken the seventh and eighth commandments that impelled him to self destruction, but that he had broken the "eleventh commandment" of commercial Christianity, which reads: Thou shalt not be found out. He knew that that was his unpardonable sin

to have the mayor sign the franchise immediately after its passage.

The franchise was passed in a meeting held with closed doors—the aldermen having good reasons to keep the people outside of the council chamber while they were benefiting "greater Milwaukee"—and Mayor David S. Rose sat beside the desk and signed it two minutes afterwards, because the capitalists were in a great hurry to benefit "greater Milwaukee."

It is needless to say that the Merchants and Manufacturers Association applauded the act, and passed resolutions to that effect.

For us Social-Democrats it became a life and death necessity to gather our forces and invade that den of thieves, the city hall of Milwaukee, and command a halt. The state of things there was corrupting the life blood of the city.

This created great dismay among all the grafters, bribees, crooks, contractors and in the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association in Milwaukee.

As a general principle, we Social-Democrats are in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities. But we are fully aware that the city charter was made by grafters and for grafters. This charter does not permit the city to conduct its own business or to issue bonds for this purpose.

While competition is coming to be more and more a thing avoided among business men, it keeps on in increasing savageness among the workers.

In some trades the competition of man with man for the job that both cannot have is seized on by the capitalists to play the one against the other in a most fearful way.

Machinery is constantly displacing labor, thus making it always a certainty that there will be more than one man to each job. Moreover, it is itself a heartless pace-setter.

Another notable contribution to the literature of Socialism in this

LABOR, THE "OPEN SHOP," AND CERTAIN LABOR LEADERS

A great fight is impending in this country between the labor unions and advocates of what is called the "open shop."

The open shop represents the effort of certain employers to squeeze out extra profit by destroying the unions, reducing wages and making hours longer.

It will be a good deal of a fight, for when capital organizes it organizes INTELLIGENTLY AND DETERMINEDLY.

Organized capital doesn't stay OUT OF POLITICS; it goes INTO POLITICS, and knows lawmakers VERY INTIMATELY.

It has the money to buy whoever can be bought, AND IT SPENDS IT.

Today we suggest what we consider to be a necessary preliminary step in this fight—THAT IS, FOR MR. GOMPERS, THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, AND ALL OTHER UNION MEN TO GIVE UP THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH AUGUST BELMONT AND THE CIVIC FEDERATION.

What have labor union men to do with August Belmont? What have half a dozen big labor

these public utilities or terminals as soon as the laws and financial conditions will permit, and also provide that a fair share of the profits from the franchises shall go to the community.

With these conditions fulfilled, the Social-Democrats are honestly and sincerely in favor of new franchises for additional railroads, street car lines, and telephones.

But all such amendments to the franchises were voted down. The capitalist-owned aldermen objected to the eight-hour day, for instance, upon the plea that it could not be enforced.

The objection against giving the city a certain percentage of the profits because the street car line or the railroad pays taxes, is also silly. What the city ought to get is not only the regular tax which every business man and workman has to pay, but a share of the profit in lieu of rent on the franchise.

It is also characteristic that the recent franchise for the electric railway makes the fare five cents straight within the city limits for the entire time that the franchise lasts, while even the Milwaukee Electric Railway, which bought its franchise by bribing city officials and aldermen in 1900, is now giving us a four cent fare.

As for the cry of "more competition" which is raised by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, especially in the case of the Milwaukee Southern, this cry does not appeal to us.

And it is an absolutely sure thing, that the new road, even if built,

take notice of the book and one of them has even printed an entire page of the grim horrors laid bare in the volume.

OWED TO NEW YORK.

Vulgar of manner, overfed, Overdressed and underbred, Heartless, goddess—Hell's delight, Rude by day and lewd by night; Purple robed and pauper clad, Rotting, raving money mad; Bedwaried the man, enlarged the brute.

Country has been made by John Spargo, one of the national committeemen from New York and formerly editor of the Comrade, in a book entitled "The Bitter Cry of the Children," which deals in surgeon-like strokes with the child labor curse of capitalistic America.

ON LEADERS FOUND SITTING IN CIVIC FEDERATIONS, GOING HAT IN HAND BEFORE BELMONT, DISCUSSING CHINESE IMMIGRATION WITH HIM AS IF THAT QUESTION WERE NOT SETTLED AND TREATING ON EQUALITY THE WORST ENEMY THAT UNION LABOR HAS GOT IN THE UNITED STATES.

What have labor men to do going on committees named by August Belmont, THEIR EXPENSES PAID BY HIM?

Isn't August Belmont the biggest employer of scab labor in the United States?

Hasn't August Belmont destroyed the unions on the elevated and underground roads in the city of New York? How can any union man deal with him and still call himself a union man?

Is the public to believe that a union man thinks a scab is all right WHEN HE HAS GOT TWENTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OR MORE?

Would Mr. Gompers sit down at a table and discuss with the owner of a large East Side shop employing scab labor exclusively?

NO, HE WOULDN'T. HE WOULD SAY: "YOU EMPLOY SCAB LABOR. I HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH YOU, AND I AM TOO GREAT AND NOBLE TO SIT WITH YOU."

Why does he sit with Belmont? IS IT BECAUSE BELMONT HAS GOT SO MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS? Does that purify him and make him good company for a union man?

would very soon have a "gentlemen's understanding" with the two old roads.

Therefore we still insist that our city ought to do one of three things, if they want more railway connection with the rest of the world.

First, the city must itself either build a belt line or a terminal and let all roads use it who want to come in.

Or, it must reserve the right to buy the terminal from the Milwaukee Southern whenever the city is ready to do so.

Or, it must enter directly into negotiation with any railroad which wants to come in and build the terminal under the same conditions.

It is characteristic that the one amendment which was accepted by the common council—compelling the Milwaukee and Southern R. R. to use union labor—will be rejected by President Wood of that road, as he most emphatically stated, although even the North-western and the Milwaukee road are now employing union labor.

How stupid and how ignorant do capitalist-owned aldermen think the trade union men, if they imagine that a sop thrown at them in that manner, will catch them? If there is any union man in the city of Milwaukee who was going to vote

take notice of the book and one of them has even printed an entire page of the grim horrors laid bare in the volume. "A powerful and eloquent indictment," one paper says. The book is published by the Macmillans and sells for \$1.50 plus thirteen cents for postage. It can be ordered through us.

It is computed that eighty thousand babies die annually in this country as a result of the poverty of the masses. Why? The answer: CAPITALISM!

That one word expresses it completely. It sums up and expresses the awful tragedy of life under our modern civilization.

Capitalism is PARASITISM. The capitalists get a surfeit of the nourishment that belongs to the mass, and AS A RESULT PART OF THE MASS HAS TO SUFFER AND TO DIE AWAY!

It is not a good system, it is not a sensible one. It is not a right system. Right relations DO NOT

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for any of these capitalist-owned aldermen, he must vote against them after this.

And yet, if the majority of our capitalist-owned aldermen were at least shrewd and capable—which they are not—we could get all the steam railroads and suburban lines (which are proposed and even more, and every one of the amendments offered) could be incorporated and carried out.

The situation is exceedingly favorable, and the promoters realizing the situation were ready to come more than half way. Even our capitalist-owned aldermen, if they were shrewd and had the welfare of the city at heart, could have made use of the fact, that a very large proportion of the vote of this city is Social-Democratic, and on that plea could have obtained greater advantages for the city than ever before.

No. Corrupt and rotten to the core, as most of them are, they preferred to give heed to the questionable influences of real estate men and of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association rather than to the interests of the people. And the hurry with which each of these franchises was taken up and pushed through, is more than suspicious.

And this is the reason why our capitalist-owned aldermen object to the referendum in this matter. Our capitalist-owned aldermen are afraid to go to the people and show why they give away valuable franchises to promoters without any remuneration to the city.

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PRODUCE DISTRESS AND DEATH. Social-Democracy proposes to make the conditions right. It proposes that human parasitism shall cease. It is a large work to undertake, but a work that can be accomplished progressively.

William Arnold, the Social-Democratic candidate for Mayor of Milwaukee, is president of Typographical Union No. 23, the big English printers union of the city.

His speech made a hit, and we refer to it as showing the Milwaukee idea of the relationship between the economic and the political organization of labor, each holding to its special task.

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In Milwaukee the people have the remarkable spectacle of a man whom the grand jury did not get (although there was testimony about his having bribed an alderman) parading himself as a Voters' "League" and telling the voters how to get honest men into the city hall!

ing a valuable franchise to Mr. Beggs? And Mr. Mallory, why did you suddenly drop your "Socialistic" project of the city owning a railroad terminal? And are you not both of you willing to run on the Beggs-Rose-Corcoran ticket this spring? What does that mean?

As for the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association—that contemptible body contains more bribe-givers, corruptors, and exploiters than any other body of men in Milwaukee. It applauded every franchise-grab and crooked deal that was ever consummated.

If the new railways and street car lines are not to bear their fair share and give the city a part of their profits; if they are not to treat labor justly; if they are to extort more than a legitimate fare; if they are to continue to corrupt and own our aldermen and supervisors;—then they are a curse, and not a blessing to the city of Milwaukee.

We will continue in our work, and we will befall him who stands in our way.

Victor L. Bergan

In a speech that he made before Yale college students, Jack London said that in Chicago there were women who worked for ninety cents a week. The capitalist press of the country set up a howl about the shame of a man of London's standing in the literary world palming off such outrageous misrepresentation on the public as the truth, and so on.

For years the Social-Democrats of Great Britain tried to show the workers that they must get possession of the law-making power if they wished to escape from the brutality of capitalist-imperial government.

We repeat: We want Milwaukee to have more railroads, but we do not want more railroads to have Milwaukee!

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Child Labor in America.

By IRA B. CROSS. "And they hung him hour by hour Limbs of men to give him power; Brains of men to give him cunning, and for dainties to devour Children's souls, the little worth; Hearts of women, cheaply bought; He takes them and he breaks them, but he gives them little thought." -William Vaughn Moody.

The Remedies of Child Labor.

There are many forces at work today in the United States trying to abolish child labor. Public minded citizens of wealth and influence, trades unions, legislators, reformers, agitators, Socialists, and various committees in different parts of the country are diligently striving to blot out this cursed evil from our industrial world. That they will succeed in doing much good must be conceded, but it must likewise be acknowledged that child labor can never be completely stamped out as long as men hire others to work for them. The pressure of competition will always force the employer to put his labor in the cheapest market, and as long as poverty exists, just so long will parents be forced to sell the energies and lives of their children to the modern captains of industry.

Much can be done by the passage and enforcement of stricter child labor laws. The limit should be raised to sixteen years, and greatest precaution taken to see that the laws are enforced. But with these extra precautions, should come compulsory education laws, for if the child is to be kept out of the factory, he must be kept in the school.

But child labor is no longer necessary: Inventions can, and have taken the places of the children in many instances. The pneumatic tube service, for example, has displaced thousands of breathless cash boys and girls, and with the passage of stricter laws, we shall see many more of such inventions being used to do the work now done by youthful wage slaves.

The National Child Labor Committee, an association organized for the purpose of fighting the employment of children, is doing a great work at the present time by educating public opinion upon the matter of child labor. Several states have passed laws because of the results of their agitation, while their disclosures of the miserable conditions of so many child workers, has stirred the public mind as never before.

Even today we see these forces at work making for the abolition of child labor. Much good has already been done, but so much remains to be accomplished! Even as we write thousands of little beings are suffering untold agony! Thousands of babes are living in want and squalor, toddling off to work and sick at heart. Day after day, and year after year their lives and ambitions are sacrificed to satisfy the appetites of greed and profit. Cogs they are in the wheels of American industry, but how sadly does their misery mock the grandeur of our twentieth century civilization! As Prof. Ely has said, "We have at present an imperfect social organism. It moves forward, creaking and groaning, and splashes the blood of its victims over all. Our food, our clothing, our shelter, all our wealth, is covered with stains and clots of blood." But saddest of all is the wail of the child as its life spatters the whirling wheels of modern industry.

Workers of America! How long will you stand idly by and see the future of your class sacrificed because it is profitable for some to coin wealth from the misery of your offspring! How long will you permit grim necessity to force your children into mines and factories in order that position and prestige may be purchased for your masters at a tremendous social cost!

The power to work a change is in your possession. You have the

Astonishing Capitalist Justice.

Upon a technicality Judge Gildersleeve of the supreme court of New York has decided in favor of Standard Oil H. H. Rogers, by permitting him to refrain from answering questions.

Judge Humphreys has sustained the Beef Packers in Chicago in their refusal to answer questions propounded to them by the District Attorney, which were necessary to be answered to get at the true inwardness of their rascality.

The supreme court of the state of Wisconsin has just reversed Judge Halsey in the celebrated Terlinden case. Terlinden stole two hundred thousand dollars from a German bank in Germany. He deposited one hundred thousand of it in two banks in Milwaukee and hired A. C. Umbreit, one of the newly appointed members of the District Attorney's office in Milwaukee, as his attorney. Umbreit got a judgement from Judge Williams, against Terlinden for \$7,500 for his services, there being no appearance against him. Umbreit attached the German bank money, and claimed, being a citizen of the United States, he was entitled to preference over the foreigner.

Judge Halsey held that the money was stolen from the bank in Germany and that the money stolen by the thief primarily belonged to its rightful owner, and the attorney hired by the thief could not get his pay out of the stolen money.

The supreme court of the state of Wisconsin reverses Judge Halsey and holds that the thief's attorney has a lien on the money stolen, superior to that of the rightful owner!

Milwaukee Fair Tickets

Table listing ticket prices for various locations and individuals, including Emil Dorn, Dr. C. H. Kaetel, Otto Keil, Paul Luettgen, Otto Geisler, Carl Fahrner, Arthur Lommer, H. Brueggmann, H. Callies, Ed. Vanderwall, Phillips, Wis, Mordekai, Hy. Schupack, West Allis, Wis., Frank Beck, Frank Schlueter, Gust. Bestian, Adolph Gutwald, D. J. O. Mahoney, Pocatello, Idaho, And. Fillmann, Alb. Doepfle, Cash Sale, Ant. Tomek, Fred. Buenger, Geo. Vanderberg, John Peterson, Milford, Mass., Chas. A. Schaub, Sandusky, Ohio, John Dixon, Jos. Ringersen, J. R., Frank Laufer, Wm. Dobroczewski, Jos. Lahl, John Heinzen.

ballot! Have you courage and manhood to use for your interests? Dare you vote for the representatives of your class? Do those men who stand for the abolition of child labor or will you persist in voting for representatives of your masters, for men who stand for the retention of the present system of privately owned industry with its thousands of child laborers, its crime and destitution? Workers of America! Which will you choose?

TENETS OF SOCIAL-DEMOCRACY

The Principles of International Collectivism as set forth in the National Platform, adopted at Chicago, May 5, 1904.

I. We the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our appeal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the only political movement standing for the program and principles by which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose the democratization of the whole society.

To this idea of liberty the Republican and Democratic parties are alike false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still further enslavement and degradation of labor.

Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom. They have been seized upon by the capitalist class as the means of rooting out the idea of freedom from among the people: Our state and national legislatures have become the mere agents of great proprietary interests. These interests control the appointments and decisions of the judges and our courts. They have come into what is practically a private ownership of all the functions and forces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer foreign and weaker people, in order to establish new markets for the surplus goods which the people make, but are too poor to buy. They are gradually so invading and restricting the right of suffrage as to take unawares the right of the worker to a vote or voice in public affairs. By enacting new and misinterpreting old laws, they are preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to speak or think for himself or for the common good.

By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing class is able to silence what might be the voice of protest against the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely controls the university, and public school, the pulpit and the press, the arts and literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission to its own interests.

As an American Social-Democratic party, we pledge our fidelity to the principles of the International Social-Democracy as embodied in the united thought and action of the Social-Democrats of all nations. In the industrial development already accomplished, the interests of the world workers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the most exploited and oppressed workers, in the most remote places of the earth, inevitably tends to drag down all the workers of the world to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is to make labor's lowest condition the 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 patriotism 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 against each other in the struggle of contending capi-

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city for its acceptance or rejection. It is but 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 itself. The captains of industry are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and form of this developing 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 apprehensions of impending change, reveal that the constitutions of capitalist society are passing under the power of inhering forces that will soon destroy them.

Into the midst of this strain and crises of civilization, the Social-Democratic movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in the Social-Democratic movement. The Social-Democratic party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of society.

Social-Democracy means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall be by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

To that end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Social-Democratic party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class, for shortened days of labor and increases of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of income, inheritance, and of franchise of land values, the proceeds to be applied to the public employment and bettering the conditions of the worker's children and their freedom from the workshop; for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular government, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legislative office the first duty of striving to procure whatever is for the workers' most immediate interest, and for whatever will lessen the economic and political powers of the workers.

But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth. Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from Capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, and thus come into their rightful inheritance.

To this end we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be entrusted to us by our fellow-workers, both for their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to all the workers of America and to all who will lend their lives to the service of the workers in their struggle to gain their own, and to all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies unto the workers' cause, to cast their lot and faith with the Social-Democratic party. Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow workers is at once an appeal for the common good and freedom, and for the freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging ourselves and those which we present to be faithful to the appeal which we make, we believe that we are but preparing the soil of the economic freedom of the whole man.

What shall we do to be saved? This little pamphlet shows that to be saved "the only hope for the people for either industrial or political freedom lies in their taking 'lawful' possession of the machinery, forces and production of the great industrial monopolies and to establish the CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH." One of the finest little books ever written. Sixteen pages. Just the thing to enclose with all your letters. This pamphlet 2 cts. a copy, 50 cts. per 100, \$4.50 per 1000.

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no way connected with the strike." (I found out after writing this that one of the latter was a miner who had gone out with the others but had gone to work on the railroad.) "Not a single shot was fired at the guards by a union man or by any other man. The hired thugs did their shooting as ordered and went back to the mines unmolested—and the Coal Creek Coal Co. immediately telephoned for the militia. This telegram was followed by one from the citizens of Coal Creek urging the governor not to act until he consulted with a committee of Coal Creek citizens which would follow on the next train. The governor finally came to Coal Creek, investigated the conditions for himself, decided not to order out the militia, and departed, after a warning speech to the strikers.

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walked ar-arm in ar-arm instead of havin' both hands free as at present. Capital was content to be capital, an' labor was used to bein' labor. Capital come ar-round an' felt the ar-arm iv labor want in a while an' ivry year Mrs. Capital called on Mrs. Labor an' congratulated her on her score. Th' pride iv ivry artisan was to wurruk as long at his task as th' boss end afford to pay th' gas bill. In return fr his fidelity he got a turkey ivry year. At Christmas time, capital gathered his happy family around him, an' in th' prisence iv th' ladies iv th' neighborhood, give them a short oration. 'Me brave la-ads, I shorts here, 'we've had a good year. (Cheers.) I have made a mil-

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A very important meeting of the board of directors of the Grafttown Electric Lighting and Traction Company is being held.

The Grafttown citizens are asking to have the entire plant of the company turned over to the municipality, without remuneration.

Director Slickelbauer rises in support of his resolution. "Mr. President and Gentlemen of the board: I am surprised that at this late day there should be opposition to a measure such as the one that is up for your consideration today."

sulted the most eminent authorities on the subject, including his honor the mayor of Grafttown and our esteemed city attorney, and the opinion is unanimous that this transfer will greatly contribute to the future welfare and prosperity of the Grafttown Electric Lighting and Traction Company.

of this resolution. I would ask the Secretary to read the same." The secretary thereupon reads the petition, after which the merits of the measure are thoroughly discussed.

Social-Democratic Party News

Don't miss that Thomas J. Morgan meeting at National Hall, March 4.

The Social-Democratic campaign committee has made arrangements for the following mass-meetings next week.

Zaage's hall, 1583 11th street, Saturday evening, February 24. Speakers: W. A. Alldridge in English and Edward Deuss in German.

On Thursday evening, March 1, a meeting has been arranged for at Gerhardt's hall, 27th and Vliet sts., and the following are the speakers: Edward Deuss in German; F. W. Thiel, candidate for city attorney, Social-Democratic ticket, and Ald. Emil Seidel of the 20th ward in English.

It is hoped that these two meetings will be largely attended by the comrades and those that are interested in the burning issues of this campaign.

The Town of Milwaukee Branch has arranged for a meeting tonight at Henry Zaage's hall, 1583 11th st., Comrade Edward Deuss will speak in German and W. G. Alldridge will speak in English.

Dr. Zurwitz, a delegate of the Russian Conference Bund, will be here tonight and tomorrow afternoon, and will speak under the Jewish section, Social-Democratic party, at Paschen's hall, 325 Chestnut street, on Socialism. All the

Branch Meetings next week. The following meetings will be held by the branches next week.

FRIDAY EVE, March 2. 2nd ward Branch, Brewers' hall, 4th and Chestnut sts. 13th ward Branch, Raasch's hall, Cor. 3rd and Wright sts.

THURSDAY EVE, March 1. 5th ward Branch, Socialist home, 382 Washington. 9th ward Branch, 1216 Cherry st.

14th ward Branch, Schacht's hall, cor. 12th and Lincoln av. Town of Milwaukee Branch, Stark's hall, 1116 Lapham.

Women's Club Meetings. North Side Club, Gaetke's hall, 1432 Green Bay av.

Jewish comrades are cordially invited to attend and bring their friends with them on this occasion.

The meeting tonight has been called for 8:00 o'clock. Tomorrow afternoon 2:30 o'clock.

The 20th ward branch, Social-Democratic party, have made all necessary arrangements for their monster mask carnival next Saturday night, March 3, at the Balm Frei Turner hall.

The Aurora Singing Society sent in ten dollars on the campaign fund this week and we are going to make

with a splendid company, a brilliant spectacle of scenery and costuming, of music and ensembles. There are twenty-four musical numbers ranging from pretty stage pictures of nursery rhymes up to comic songs and ballads that have become popular the country over.

Miss Rose Cecilia Shay, a young American prima donna in the opera "Paul Jones" is booked to appear at the Alhambra following "Buster Brown."

BIJOU THEATER. "The Belle of Avenue A" in which Elsie Fay is starring this season is strictly an American comedy and all of its three acts are pictured in New York City.

"Buster Brown" which opens Sunday afternoon for a week at the Alhambra. Beginning with the Majestic theater in New York and continuing on through the principal cities of the country "Buster Brown" has received an ovation everywhere.



refuse to become naturalized and in spite of the fact that they are in the heart of the biggest city in the United States cling to the customs and dress of their country.

The remarkable play of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," with that eminent and popular actor Mr. Thomas E. Shea, will play at the Bijou week after next.

CRYSTAL THEATER. The Crystal Theater has succeeded in getting the Muzinos troupe of Japs to come to Milwaukee. They will give their full performance all of next week at that popular amusement place.

Fun, and bushels of it, will be the rule at the Star next week, when the Merric Maidens Company hold the boards, beginning Sunday afternoon.

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Town Topics by the Town Crier.

WHO are "the people?" WHO is Milwaukee? The city charter provides for two aldermen from each ward who shall represent "the people." They are supposed to have the interests of "the people" in mind in all their legislative work. Those in office always claim they are serving the people. The trouble is that there are different ideas as to just who really are "the people."

The capitalist parties proceed on the idea that only the wealthy class are the people. That only wealth interests have respectability. The Social-Democrats believe that, primarily, the working class are the people. Who are the people? Both views cannot be right. Let us see if we cannot find out.

Ald. Fiebrantz, a Republican capitalist alderman, who claims to serve "the people," says the Board of Trade men are the bone and sinew of Milwaukee, and that therefore their wish as to how franchises should be given away should be obeyed by the forty-six aldermen in the Common Council. Yet there are only about 150 Board of Trade men. There are over SIXTY THOUSAND VOTERS in Milwaukee! Out of these thousands of voters in the city, these 150 gamblers and semi-gamblers are the fine gentlemen whose wishes and interests are paramount, we are told!

Ald. Kusbhart, a Democratic capitalist alderman, says "TO HELL WITH THE UNIONS." There are TWENTY THOUSAND union men in Milwaukee. They represent the manual workers, who comprise SEVENTY THOUSAND of the employed male population. Closely associated with them are the small tradesmen.

Ald. Mallory, Stiglbauer and Smith, also boast of serving the people. To their view "the people" is the REAL ESTATE BOARD, which is composed of not to exceed ninety men, and there are less than three hundred all told engaged in real estate brokerage.

Here we have in graphic form one of the reasons why the people are misrepresented in their Common Council. There is, of course, the graft influence, but that is another story. Besides, it is the prevailing idea "that the rich are the people" that enables the grafting alderman to cover up his real motive for the way he votes in the Council.

And when it comes to a question between the capitalist class in Milwaukee and the working class, which class's interests should be considered first? There are less than 2,000 manufacturers and officials in Milwaukee, as against FORTY THOUSAND mechanical workers. There are 450 lawyers in Milwaukee (only a few of whom can be classed with the capitalist class) and FIFTEEN THOUSAND men engaged in personal and domestic service.

There are 367 wholesale merchants in Milwaukee, and about TWENTY THOUSAND workers engaged in trade and transportation employments. There are 255 bankers and brokers in Milwaukee, and OVER FOUR THOUSAND iron and steel workers, over TWO THOUSAND machinists, over TWO THOUSAND leather workers, over THREE THOUSAND carpenters and joiners, and so on. Even the business class is made up in large part of retail store keepers, a great majority of whom are as badly exploited by the capitalist system as the members of the dinner pail brigade themselves.

These are not imaginary figures of ours—they are from the government census. Milwaukee has two railroads, but they are practically one and the same thing. Back of all railroads, if you look far enough, you find the same small bunch of great capitalists. But in Milwaukee these two roads are in a close-range agreement TO HOLD THE CITY AND THE CITIZENS AT THEIR MERCY. Without railroads a city is practically "marooned," that is, it is cut off from civilization and progress.

It is in the general interest to break this HELLISH COMBINATION. And the Social-Democrats MEAN THAT IT SHALL BE BROKEN. But it must be broken without the people being sold out by private interests, or giving away the people's rights as to a future when PUBLIC OWNERSHIP will be the rule. Men asking for franchises naturally want the best terms they can get. They are not too modest to take all possible advantage. Its their business. The Real Estate Board men also have a personal interest in having the new road come in. They claim to be actuated by public spirit, BUT THEY ARE REALLY ACTUATED BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT NEW ROADS WILL THROW MORE OF THEIR PROPERTY INTO THE MARKET.

They are willing the city should LOSE in order that they personally GAIN. They are ready to pass resolutions condemning Ald. Heath or anyone else who stands to protect the people against their schemes to stampede the city into a bad franchise bargain. They even set their lawyers at work, you will recollect to fix up the franchise of the Milwaukee Southern—and the franchise as they drew it up GAVE THE ROAD (that is, the promoter, Mr. Wood) ENTIRE ZONES IN SOME OF THE BEST WARDS IN THE CITY.

As for the road itself, if it needs nine Social-Democratic votes in the Council it will yield any of the points at issue in order to get its franchise—the eight-hour work-day clause, the union labor clause, the right-of-purchase-by-the-city clause the referendum clause and all. But it is not going to be unbusinesslike enough to give anything of this sort to the city in return for the FORTUNE which a franchise represents, unless it has to. Certainly not as long as there are 37 capitalist party aldermen ready at the bidding of a small band of real estate men (and possibly some other influences) to give away the rights of the people under suspension of the rules.

Promoters are not fools. They have Milwaukee sized up. THEY KNOW AN EASY MARK WHEN THEY SEE ONE. Working people gain nothing as a class from more railroads. Railroad centers do not have less pinching poverty among the industrious. The working class is the preponderating class numerically in the community—yet all that class, through its nine aldermen, asks is decent work conditions for the men the road will employ, and that the people shall have the right to own the terminal; that, and the referendum.

"Outrageous!" answers the Real Estate Board and its newspaper clique. "You don't ask it in good faith!" shrieks Ald. Stiglbauer. "YOU ARE PLAYING TO THE DIRTIEST PREJUDICES OF THE WORKING CLASS!" "You are OBNOXIOUS!" echoes the fake "Voters' league, in equally high key.

THE SOCIALISTS ARE GUARDING THE PEOPLES' INTERESTS, you may be sure, ELSE THESE CRITICS WOULD NOT BE SO EXCITED. The Stiglbauer-Mallory reformers put through the Milwaukee Central Heating Co., franchise, and now it is discovered that Promoter Falls has turned it over to Mr. Beggs! Here's another point, that you may see the significance of: Beggs' attorney is George P. Miller. AND GEORGE P. MILLER IS THE ATTORNEY FOR PROMOTER WOOD, who expects to be presented with the Milwaukee Southern franchise! Do you begin to see something!

"I would give one hundred thousand dollars for the Milwaukee Southern franchise and I consider it a snap," said Ald. Lonstorf, one of the rich men in the Common Council, while talking to a group of aldermen during a recess. "Yes," said Ald. Pringle, a few moments later. "That franchise would be worth two hundred thousand easily—after it was passed." Such a franchise before it is passed does not attract capitalists, but when once passed it's worth big money to the fellow who has gotten the plum and he can easily cash in on it. A well-known citizen writes us as follows: "I sat in the west gallery at the Common Council last Monday and saw all that went on, and am therefore competent to judge whether Ald. Mallory and Stiglbauer's claim that the Social-Democrats broke faith with them is true or not. I well remember when Ald. Seidel arose and said that there would be no attempt at blocking the majority's intent to push the franchise through. Ald. Mallory immediately jumped up and in an insulting and obnoxious way said that Seidel's word was good for nothing, and that they did not propose to give anyone a chance to force a delay. Seidel replied that they could do as they pleased, and that, any-

way, he only spoke for himself. After this the Mallory-Stiglbauer faction continued to watch the voting like hawks and to put through an immediate reconsideration after each roll call, thus distinctly spurning any such understanding as Ald. Seidel had proposed. After all that I thought it came in poor grace for those two aldermen to cry out that they had been betrayed when Ald. Leath (who I am sure was not in the council chamber when Ald. Seidel made his offer) caught them napping."

Ald. Seidel is making progress with his plans of rearranging the salaries of city employees. The salaries, or rather, the wages, paid to city employes are most ununiform and therefore far from being a square deal. Some officials and employes are paid too much and through fees and other perquisites are paid twice over for the work they do, whereas others, and often much more faithful and necessary workers, are underpaid. Moreover, there has been both favoritism and chance in the way in which the city council has raised salaries. Milwaukee operates under a special charter from the legislature and is limited in its official acts by that charter, but although it has not been generally known, the Social-Democrats have discovered that there is a provision of the law by which the city is empowered to adopt any portions of the general charter law of the state that it sees fit and to add same to its special charter, and Ald. Seidel has therefore introduced the following ordinance, which if passed, will enable the city to adjust the salaries much more easily:

AN ORDINANCE to amend the charter of the City of Milwaukee by adopting Subsection 30 of Section 925 of the Revised Statutes.

THE MAYOR AND THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The city of Milwaukee is hereby declared to be a city of the first class according to the results of the state census taken in the year 1905.

Sec. 2. The charter of the city of Milwaukee is hereby amended by adding thereto Subsection 30 of Section 925 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Wisconsin for the year 1898, which reads as follows:

"The common council shall by ordinance provide such salary or compensation for the officers and employees of the city as it shall deem proper; provided, that in cities of the second, third and fourth classes no salary shall be paid to the mayor or members of the council except when ordered by a vote of three-fourths of the membership of the council. The council shall, at its first regular meeting in February, fix the amount of salary which shall be received by every officer entitled to a salary who may be elected or appointed during the ensuing year, which shall not be increased or diminished during his term of office, and which shall be paid out of the city treasury at the end of each month. All salaries heretofore fixed by any council or established by law shall be and remain the salaries of such officers until the council shall otherwise determine; provided, however, that where any new city shall have been incorporated and officers thereof elected or appointed, the council may at any regular meeting, during the term of office of such officers, declare and fix the amount of compensation they shall receive."

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force after it shall have been passed by a three-fourths vote of the members-elect of the common council, provided it shall have lain over thirty days and been published once a week for three weeks in the official paper of said city.

KNOCKS FOR KNOCKERS

Just think of the audacity of those representatives of thirty thousand or more organized workers. They have dared to suggest to the capitalist representatives in the Milwaukee common council that two or three hundred "leading business men" do not constitute the whole people.

The corporation servants in the Milwaukee common council were defeated in their own game by Ald. Heath, who gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on one of the defeated amendments to the Milwaukee Southern franchise. As a result, Stiglbauer, Mallory & Co. were unable to "deliver the goods" at the stipulated time.

Incidentally it might be remarked that a very contracted view of "the people" is obtained through corporation glasses, especially by such a short-sighted individual as the "spouter from the nineteenth."

Promoter Wood says he will not accept the Milwaukee Southern franchise with the union-labor clause in it. It is now up to him to manufacture a plausible excuse for striking out this objectionable clause, as he has given his hired help in the council the lie direct in their claim that it will have no binding effect.

Alderman Smith's "hill of beans" looks like the Rock of Gibraltar to Promoter Wood.

Alderman Mallory proudly displays a pair of badly soiled hands as proof that he is a workingman. The records of the grand juries show that some of his predecessors were afflicted in the same way—but they're not crying about it.

How the Mallory-Stiglbauer outfit did squirm when the Social-Democratic aldermen tread on their corns. "You can't get away from human nature," you know. The old-party office-seekers are just beginning to discover what a

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Where? BAHN FREI TURN HALL
When? Saturday, March 3rd, 1906
Prizes? \$100.00 worth
Are You Going? Let's!

mighty poor life-preserver that franchise straw is.

Alderman Heath's action doesn't seem to fit in with the charge that the Socialists dare not call their souls their own.

The Social-Democrats in the Milwaukee Common Council have been criticised on several occasions for sticking together. For the first time, one of their number has apparently shown the kind of independence that the old-party aldermen parade as a virtue, and an earthquake shock could not have created more consternation in the ranks of the corporation lickspittles in that august body. They were caught napping and treated to a dose of their own medicine. It has left a bitter taste in their mouths, and has given their superstitious palates a shock from which they will not soon recover, accustomed as they have been to pre-digested capitalistic dope.

The striking difference in the present relative attitudes of our capitalist law-makers and law-dispensers with relation to the rights of labor is merely a co-incident of the fact that there is to be no judicial election this spring. The capitalist defilers of the judicial ermine should remember, however, that "every dog has his day"—yellow dogs not excepted.

The attitude of the old-party aldermen on the Welch amendment to the Milwaukee Southern franchise reserving to the city the right to purchase its terminals at any time, at the cost of construction with interest at not to exceed five per cent, is another addition to the startling array of evidence tending to show that what the capitalists really dread is not the confiscation of their tangible property, but the taking away of their opportunities for graft in the shape of profits.

The vote on this important measure compelled the "municipal-ownership-for-campaign-purposes-only" hypocrits to come out in their true colors. They fretted uneasily under the lashing administered to them by the Social-Democratic aldermen, and gnawed desperately at their capitalistic leading-strings, but the final round-up found them where they properly belong—whipped whining back to their capitalist kennels.

The old-party politician will tell you that "the voice of the people is the voice of God." But he doesn't tell you that his god is mammon. That's his business. By telling half the truth, he gets the applause of the unthinking masses; if he were to tell the whole truth, he would lose his graft.

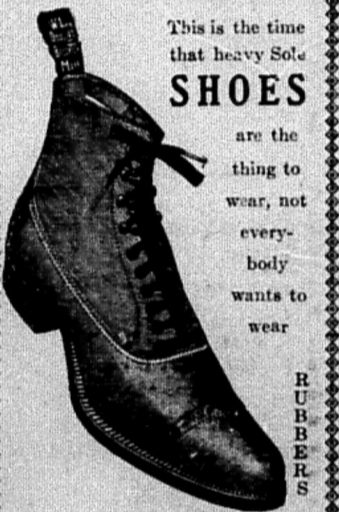
The automatic hot-air dispenser of the Nineteenth says that the Social-Democratic aldermen are fakirs. Coming from such an eminent authority, the charge might carry some weight if it were not for the fact that the opinion was rendered during the heat of debate and was evidently inspired by a superabundance of uncontrollable "pure cusdedness." "Pat."

Arnold at St. Mark's

Comrade W. A. Arnold, our candidate for mayor, has consented to address the congregation of St. Mark's A. M. E. church, corner of Fourth and Cedar streets at the Sunday evening service, tomorrow, on the topic "What Social-Democracy really Means." A large attendance is assured and Comrade Arnold will show how he naturally

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