





Author of "The Jungle" Named for Congress.

THE BEEF TRUST'S DAVID ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION FROM NEW JERSEY SOCIALISTS!

Upton Sinclair has sent to the Socialists of Mercer County, New Jersey, a letter accepting their nomination for congress.

Comrades: I am in receipt of your letter in which you request me to become your candidate for the Fourth Congressional District of New Jersey.

Ten years ago, before I was old enough to vote, I was helping to raise money for the reform movement in New York; and now I watch with wonder to see even the slum proletariat of that City of Unrighteousness beginning to stir.

It is our work to point out to them the futility of all compromise and all halfway measures in the

battle with concentrated wealth; to make clear the fundamental fact that it is production for profit and the competitive wage system which are responsible for the miseries of the working class.

For instance, a diligent student of our affairs has named the commercialism in which we reside the "Traitor State", because it sells out the rest of the states to the corporations, granting them charters to fleece the whole people.

Our president proposes to "regulate" the predatory corporations, and the corporation senators and congressmen who fought him at every step, now have the impudence to come before the country decked out in his feathers.

They have hired literary prostitutes to write defenses for them, and they have flooded the country with lying pamphlets and books—one document put out by Armour & Co. was so patently and knavishly false that the London "Lancet", the leading medical paper of Great Britain, was moved to issue a reply, and to send it to every physician in that country.

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Practical ownership of the city government in Chicago, of their campaign contributions and their congressional puppets in Washington! Nothing of the tens of thousands of helpless wage slaves, whose blood and sweat and anguish they coin into new opportunities for corruption and oppression!

Chips from a Blockhead.

Politicians beg from workmen one day out of 365, and workmen beg from politicians the other 364 days of the year.

The promises of political tricksters, (and it is of these that the old parties are made up), are like mirages in the desert—they lure you into disappointment.

The capitalists have long been organized politically and are now organizing themselves industrially into "civic federations" and "protective leagues."

Science teaches that man evolved from the brute; history that the gentleman of culture evolved from the savage, the genius from the untutored barbarian; philosophy that the divine will be an outgrowth of the human.

Nonconformity is the soul of progress. Disobedience is the cardinal virtue of the human race. Agitators are the salt of the earth.

The difference between the man in stripes and the man in broadcloth is largely the difference of having "dough" and having it not.

Ballots are better than bullets, for they determine where the bullets are to lodge.

Swindle a man through forgery and you get "pinched." Swindle him through misrepresentation of your goods, make money through deception, and you are accounted a respectable citizen.

Have you ever noticed that those who shout loudest of their patriotism are the fellows who possess it least, that those who go into hysterics over "old glory" are those who violate every virtue, whose souls are blackened with corruption and whose slates bear the record of a thousand crimes.

Posterity will honor those who live for their country rather than those who die for it.

Editors of bourgeois periodicals constantly harp upon the chord of patriotism. Let them practice a little of this virtue themselves, and sacrifice dollars as disinterestedly as they enjoin soldiers to sacrifice their lives and comforts.

The difference between lawlessness of workmen and the law-

struggle between capitalists and those who toil for them.

The brains of Andrew Carnegie and Johnnie D. Rockefeller dazzle some peoples imagination so much that they assert the right of these men to their enormous wealth?

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A science of reconstructing society on an entirely new basis, by substituting the principle of association for that of competition in every branch of human industry. (Worcester's Dictionary.)

Socialistic Miscellany.

FOR THE HERALD.

The Peculiar Man. Jim Brown is a peculiar cuss and he is gettin' wuss and wuss;

He doesn't give a darn for creed, conventionalities don't heed; By heck! but he is queer.

Up to the limit of our pile to help him out, he makes me smile, But then I sometimes fear

That the queer antics of this clown meets with a smile instead of frown;

Loans that would bring me ten per cent are stole from me by Jim's cash le, And that makes me feel queer.

He'll talk about the rights of man, while we know, since the world began,

That weak must give way 'fore the strong, if we make wealth we can't be wrong,

That's known to clown and seer. Jim prates about Dame Nature's laws and then he'll speak about the cause

That gives to Poverty its life, that in this world makes misery rife;

I say again he's queer, For I know he who has the might and wouldn't use it's but a wight

Who is devoid of bus'ness sense, who has a brain that's stupid, dense,

Who has no bus'ness here, I say that wise man only knows his own, not others' bitter woes,

For after all is said and done we should look out for number one; And yet Jim ses I'm queer.

Green Bay, Wis.

well to take in \$2,000 this year. He's trying to sell out now.

The Worker says the cigar trust controls 400 stores in New York and boycotts union-made cigars.

Chicago papers declare that the trust is also gaining a strong foothold in that city. But the octopus wouldn't do much business if smokers kept out of its stores and refused to be buncoed by fake bargain sales.—Ex.

Labor in Chicago Stock Yards. The fact that Mr. Armour is only following the ordinary business principles in the hiring of labor does not alter or mitigate the other fact that Mr. Armour's employes have wretched homes and live wretched lives.

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