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Mr. Gompers' Convention.

By Victor L. Berger.

O understand fully the fight made by Socialistic union men in the convention of the American Federation of Labor, one must take into consideration how the convention is made up. The American Federation of Labor is a voluntary confederation of national and international unions. If a national union wants to withdraw there is really no way to force it back into the fold especially if such a union has no "label" to boom.

For instance, the Mine Workers and the Amalgamated Iron and Swel Workers have withdrawn in the past without suffering much injury from such act. The big railroad brotherhoods are still out, and all attempts to coax them into the fold have failed so far. Of course, for unions with a "label" that depends on the patronage of other union men, a charter from the American Federation of Labor means something. And as capitalism developes, all unions will sooner or later be welded into one big labor organization.

Under the present conditions the national and international officers of the various unions are by far the most important element in the convention. They are usually reelected every year-some of them are even delegates by virtue of their offices. These unions have one vote for every one hundred members of their respective unions, so it can be seen that they have a large voting power. For instance, the miners' delegation has over 2379 votes, and the carpenters have 1,637 votes. The miners' delegation has not changed more than one or two men in ten years—and the same condition prevails in most of the other unions. Now all the big unions are represented in the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, the council having enlarged whenever the occasion required it, to make this pos-sible. It is even claimed that at least one national union is paying a per capita for 50,000 members without having the membership, in order to retain "the prestige" and the seat in the Executive Council.

Another very numerous and very influential element in the convention, is made up of the general organizers of the American Federa-tion of Labor. They are men who are doing very necessary and very good work in the trades union movement. But they seem to find it necessary to have themselves elected to the conventions, and there they form as effective a "claque" for Mr. Gompers as any actor in a Bowery theater eyer had.

These general organizers do the "hissing" and the applauding, move the "previous question," and attend to all the other little but telling work of the machine. The general organizers depend upon Gompers, by whom they are appointed, for their living, and naturally

he controls them entirely.

The third and last element are the delegates of the central bodies of states and cities, of the Federal Unions, and of unions not having a national organization. They have only one vote each. The State Federation of the state of New York and the central body of Kenosha have the same vote.

Now, under these conditions, while we had over 313 delegates in Minneapolis, I was told that about a dozen men controlled the

voting power of the convention.

It is true that as a rule the vote is simply an "aye" and "no" vote, yet everybody knows that if there was any proposition of importance, or one where the power of the executive council would come into question, a "roll call" would be demanded. And while there were a goodly number of Socialists and Socialist sympathizers in the convention, most of them did not dare to open their mouths, because they depended on favors from Gompers and the executive council—they had "axes to grind," as one of them who is a member of the party ex-

The principal issue in the last convention was the declaration of Gompers concerning the part that the trades unions should take in

It has been the avowed policy of the American Federation of Labor not to mingle in politics—that is, on the face of it; because in reality the American Federation of Labor always was in politics head

But this time Gompers held that the policy forbidding politics in the trade unions meant that it forbids partisan politics. He said the Federation ought to go into politics on what he called non-partisan lines, which means that a unionist should vote for a Republican in one district, and for a Democrat in another.

We held that the moment a union man votes either the Republican or Democratic ticket, he is voting a partisan ticket, only he is votcan or Democratic ticket, he is voying a partisan ticket, only he is voting for partisans of the capitalistic class, which both parties represent, standing for the existing system. In our opinion if the Federation was to go into politics at all, it was to be politics on class lines. A unionist should vote on election day just for the interests of the working class, exactly as he is working for his class in the trades unions, and this would require, since we do not want the trades unions to be used as a political machine, an independent labor party.

Gompers' position meant that we ought to get promises from the

representatives of the old parties, the congressmen and other office-holders, and to support those on election day that promise most.

We declared that before election every capitalistic politician would promise everything, and has promised in the past, but the moment he gets to Washington, he is under the control of Joe Cannon on the Republican side, or John Sharp Williams on the Democratic side, both of whom are party whips for the capitalists. The Republican or Democratic congressman could not do anything for labor even if he really tried to. Therefore we told Mr. Gompers, if he only wanted promises, he could get all he wanted.

Gompers then made personal attacks upon the writer,

He picked up a statement that appeared in the SOCIAL-DEMO-CRATIC HERALD in December last year, describing him as a "self-complacent cld fool," and he tried to make the most out of that phrase instead of answering our arguments. Gompers vehemently charged the Socialists with trying to disrupt the trades unions, and, of course, the whole crowd of his supporters applauded. He had not only the advantage of a good "claque," but as the last man to speak—he always is—he was allowed to take practically all the speak—he always is—he was allowed to take practically all the time he desired for his speech, without anybody troubling himself about making a motion to suspend the rules. In fact he held the entire convention after the time of adjournment had arrived, just to listen to his harangue. The whole affair was not only very undignified and actor-like, but a keen observer could notice all afternoon how the venery was being built up. Yet it was unnecessary, since Gompers had the votes and the crowd with him to begin with, and he could well afford to be dignified. But it appeared as if Gompers wanted to show the world, and especially the reporters present, that he was the coars and the compinate taller of the American Federation of Labor. ezar and the omnipotent ruler of the American Federation of Labor.

I will give Gompers credit for several things, though. He is changing his position, and not only so far as the participation in politics is concerned. For instance, he was always considered a "craft autonomist", who believed that every national union had jurisdiction over its craft only. But this time when Victor L. Berger's resolutions in favor of industrialism came up he took special pains to explain that he was not a craft autonomist, and that most, if not all national unions,

was not a craft autonomist, and that most, if not all national unions, are more or less based on industrial lines and comprised all kinds of crafts working in that industry.

And Gompers had mighty good reasons for changing his position on the question of craft autonomy.

The big and strong unions are swallowing the smaller and weaker organizations in spite of all the American Federation of Labor can do.

A striking example is that of the carpenters who at this contion benevolently assimilated the woodworkers, although all decons of the Federation during the last ten years were in favor of woodworkers. But the carpenters swallowed them up by sheer

strength.
So it is clear that We are bound to get "industrialism" of some port. There is a tendency towardthe formation of a huge labor trust. This cannot be stopped. It will come without question. Now we want to bring about this inevitable unification of labor forces by civil-

All Germany, except the officials, as the Koepinick hoax, in which an ex-convict looted a city treasury by impersonating a captain, had the unsuspecting assistance of the military and the police force, and got away before the fraud was discov-ered. The man, Wilhelm Voigt had been unable to live honestly because of the German system of police supervision. He spent months in watching the habits and manners of the soldiery and convinced himself, that the uniforms were everything and that it made no difference who was inside. He then bought the uniform of a captain of the First Regiment of infantry at a second hand store and after putting the clothes on halted a detachment of grenadier guards that was returning from the drill grounds and ordered them to folow him at once on an expedition to make an important arrest under the orders of the kaiser. They were unsuspecting and obeyed him like sheep. They went with him by train to the small city of Koepinick, at the telephone exchange he or-dered the trembling official in charge to cut off communications with the capitol for two hours under dered the chief of police to place a squad of police round the town hall o keep the crowd away, and this also was done. So that the police actually stood on guard while the ogus captain made a prisoner of he burgomaster and sent him to Berlin under guard. He then rifled the town treasury under pretext of taking the funds for com-parison with the official records and got away with his booty without be-ing suspected. Later he was iden-tified by means of a photograph he had been foolish enough to have taken some months before, and ar-

Although Voigt will probably spend the balance of his life in orison, he is regarded by the pubc as a sort of hero, not only for the audacity of his exploit, but because of the blow he has given the fetich of the military uniform. He has made a sort of comic opera spectacle of the military bureaucracy which the people chafe under and they feel that they owe him a debt gratitude for the blow he has struck. In the military red tape circles there is chagrin and anger, but the people are convulsed, and if the matter were put to vote Voigt would probably go free. He is looked on as a victim of the police code who was hounded into the crime, and stories of the good side of his character are being told, among others of how he sacrificed his days in nursing a young girl dying of consumption who had

Whatever does Teddy mean by preachers of mere discontent?" low idle would "mere discontent" president cannot calmly discuss an government of the state resolved

of calling hot names such as "sinister demagogues" and "foolish vis-ionaries" and the like? But the editor of the Milwaukee Sentinel ex-plains this. "In a word, Mr. Roosevelt would combat and starve out them. revolutionary radicalism by remedying the abuses it feeds upon. Every wrong killed is one weapon less for the agitator." In other words, Mr. Roosevelt is a partisan for the capi-Roosevelt is a partisan for the capitalist class, and as such comes naturally by the terms of hatred and was sent by the government to in-apprehension with which that class seeks to condemn the spokesmen of the subject class. What he says under the sub-title of Capital and had been instigated by the mine abor takes up about a newspaper owners' association in order to column, but when the epithets are throw suspicion on the men and taken out of it there are only a few give an excuse for legally and ilhundred words left. So it is clear legally persecuting them. In line that he is swayed with the class with this sort of tactics was the passions of the capitalists. And by more recent attempt to connect the this he confesses that he is not dis-passionately discussing the greatest the assassination of ex-Gov. Steuproblem now before the people with nenberg of Idaho, and the kidnap-the courage that a state paper ing of Moyer, Haywood and Pettishould evidence, but that he is using bone out of Colorado by a special on the outskirts of Berlin. There his office, in the way that in his train and the landing of them in jail in Idaho. The United States commarch to the town hall. Halting save the plundering class from the stitution says: "The privilege of revolt of the plundered. In other the writ of habeas corpus shall not words, he believes that the only be suspended, unless when in cases way to keep the capitalist balloon of rebellion or invasion the pub-affoat is to throw overboard some of lie safety may require it." But when pain of the kaiser's displeasure. His uniform hypnotized the official, as the did everyone else. Next he or the people may be eased up a little lings to force a corpus proceeding the chief of the chie and the situation made somewhat right of such a writ was denied, and more bearable. But in this he is now, after months of dreary waitmerely feeding the revolt, for re- ing in prison, the men are informed volt does not come from the utterly by the supreme court of the United crushed. It come rather from those States that this constitutional who have the stamina to fight and guarantee is a right they cannot use. the enlightenment to see the need of fighting. The capitalist system is against which every fiber in the now up for examination and every-body of the true American lover of thing that is done to strengthen the liberty and justice must revolt. "plain folks" simply makes them As an indication of what more persistent fighters for economic justice. And "every wrong tims throughout this country in killed" will avail haught so long as time, this decision comes with stagthe great and underlying wrong is gering force. It would seem to inleft intact: The confiscation from dicate that our hope that the people

> wage system. It is practically fifty years since the infamous Dred Scott decision was handed down by the United States supreme court. It was a de-cision in favor of slave owners Small in itself as a mere piece of written paper, it had tremendoes consequences. Think of the history that has been made in this country because of it. It brought the slav ery question up for settlement in double quick. It helped bring into existence the Republican party, started as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights, and never was, but although unstarted as a party for human rights. the people were aroused to action and soon showed how much they

thought of its sacreeness. A new Dred Scott decision has just been handed down by "our" supreme court—it has decided that the constitutional right of release be, how unaccountable, when a on habeas corpus proceedings is no whole people are plunged in the right at all when it is in the interests misery of an unfit social system. Of Standard Oil capitalism to set Preachers of mere discontent (and it at naught. Some two years ago we suppose he has Hearst in mind) there was a tremendous labor war may preach discontent without sin- in Colorado between the plutocratic cerity, but how in the name of com- mine owners who also owned the mon sense can such preachers get state government and the men an audience unless real discontent forced by economic pressure to is rife? And isn't it odd that the slave in the mines. The capitalistic

ized and constructive methods, instead of by a continuous warfare and jurisdiction fights.

Therefore we want some sert of plan of industrial organization of the trades unions. We do not care particularly by what plan this is brought about. We proposed a plan to the convention, which was to create allied trades councils and to have interchange of union cards, but we do not insist that this is the only plan.

But the entire idea was opposed and voted down by the wizards in convention assembled, because it was supposed to be although as a matter of fact Socialism has no more to do with "industrialism" than it has with "craft autonomy." Such puestions are purely trades union matters.

We shall say more about the convention in our next issue.

Victor L. Berga.

economic question without falling itself into a military despotism and into the eminently capitalistic habit shot down mine workers and their sympathizers or threw them into 'bull pens," or deported them out of the state in a frenzied attempt to smash the union. Human life and human rights had no meaning to

The president of the Western whereas Carroll D. Wright, who

It is a monstrous decision, he working class of the wealth it can come into their own without has produced through the capitalist bloodshed has been too sanguine. In striking down one of the supports of American safety and security of individual citizenship the supreme court is sowing the wind. These be opinous times!

The Evening Wisconsin of Mil wankee is becoming a rabid Socialist-baiter. The other day it made itself ridiculous by saying that if Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco was a Socialist and if he had been crooked in his administration "then it certainly looked bad for the So-cialists!" Schmitz is not a Socialist lihood a crook, the case therefore looks pretty bad for the anti-So-cialists! Catch it writing anything like that-what's sauce for the goose is not sauce for the goosiegander in such a case!

Then here's another fulmination of the Wisconsin's: In a recent issue it tells its readers that Tom Watson "the Socialist" has retired is about to start another magazine down south. Tom Watson a Socialist! That's the limit. Watson would drop poison in a So-cialist's well if he thought he could do it without being caught. Ever since he hooked up with the un-speakable blackmailer, Col. Mann of New York, Watson has spent most of his time in making venomous attacks on Socialism, even carrying his spleen so far as to attack Sinclair's book, "The Jungle," be-cause it was full of Socialism. Tom and the Evening Wisconsin look pretty much alike to us, even though their capital may be invested in different blood-sucking direc-

The best way to make holes in the line of the enemy is to load your batteries with Socialist literature.

Some Editorial Comment

into the Finnish language under the title of "Chicago." A good sy-

Emperor William's "latest" was the declaration in an address to the men of the German flag ship that one of the things a drowning sailor should have in mind was his em-

Taft, who had the dishonor of practically issuing the first antilabor injunction, ought to be somewhat interested in the president's discussion of the abuse of the courts in that direction.

Socialism was recently debated at Cambridge university, England, and much to the surprise of the Socialists they received seventy out of the 170 votes that were cast to canal where experts in hydraulic decide the debate. The state factory inspector of

Illinois will propose an increase in factory inspectors at the next meeting of the legislature and the establishment of a bureau for the in-vestigation of industrial diseases and accidents.

Equality of opportunity-for the fleecers of labor! That's what the president's anti-swollen fortunes crusade really means. And yet we welcome it. Anything that centers attention on the workings of the capitalist system helps Socialism in the final analysis.

It is funny to see the professors take sides on Socialism. And we are pleased to note that for every one against there appear to be three or four for. And those that for personal advancement. One of these latter is Prof. J. Laurance Laughlin, who spoke before the national Parry-site convention this past week. He proceeded to define a Socialist as "a man who had failed in life," and after such a vengetul beginning his whole case was prejudiced with every fair minded man who read the reports of his "harangue". Socialism ad-vances in the public estimation every time it is attacked with the mud batteries of hate and false witness.

The latest scheme of the medical fakers is to pay for news space in daily papers and give prescriptions which the reader can go to a drug store and have made up of his own accord, but one of the ingredients is always a proprietary article which the schemer supplies to the drug stores. Patent medicines are now somewhat under suspicion because of recent exposures and so this new scheme has been hatched by which scheme has been hatched by which the patent medicine is bought as a mere ingredient of a "cure" that can be self-mixed. It works be-

The Socialist and Labor people made big gains in most of the British municipalities in the recent elections, but in London there was there was a gain of thirty-seven and a loss of twenty, and in London there was a gain of fifteen and a loss of forty-two. Several years ago says the London Labour Leader, in tabulating the nominally Labor contests it was found that more than half of the candidates masquerading under the name of "Labor" at the November elections were nominees of Liberal organizations. This has now practi-cally ceased. This would seem to explain why seeming Labor losses really signify nothing.

The news dispatches tell us that a first consignment of fifty casks of River Jordan water is now on its way to this country and that more is to follow from the Holy Land. This little piece of news looks innocent enough until one gets the full particulars. The fact is that the capitalists have now fas-tened on the historic parts of Palestine and mean to exploit it to the greatest possible extent. The Jordan water scheme is but the beginning. It will be sent all over Christendom, the syndicate having secured a concession by which the water is cornered. Following this, efforts have been made to create the custom of using Jordan water at all Christenings, a thing not hard to do, and this demand will mean millions or millions for the speculators. This thing of capitalizing the places made sacred through association with the life of the Nazarine will be something of a shock to the faithful.

ligion has become commercialized grounds they are petitioning the some directions the same as authorities to annul his election.

"The Jungle" has been translated everything else. It reminds one of big cathedral at Richmond, Va., by the papal delegate and Cardinal Gibbons, the cathedral having been built as a gift to the church by the high finance scalawag Ryan of Wall street. Ryan certainly regards the church as a business in-

> Just what a state of thing Roose-velt found when he reached Panama will probably never be known. It seems hardly possible that reput-able magazine writers would have put their names toaccountsofthings actually seen without there being some warrant in fact for their state ments. The first mistake alleged was in setting men competent in railway work and finance to build a engineering were really required, It is claimed that the government has let loose on the people of the Panama zone a lot of hungry politicians, who in holding various and sundry offices plunder the people right and left and exact "all the traffic will bear," to use a Yankee It is charged that the coinage. abandoned French machinery worth-millions of dollars has been ditched by the American diggers in order that business may be made for American builders of such things. These are only a few of the many disclosures and scandal was naturally bound to come, hence the hurried trip of the president.

Ever heard of Thomas F. Ryan, one of the smooth Wall street rascals who get swollenly rich without capitalistic plunder. And like Rockefeller and other high up rob-bers he resorts to the old method of buying a good name-he buys church whitewash. He has just given a cathedral to the Catholic church at Richmond, Va., and it is not called the Catholic cathedral but the "Ryan cathedral", which is certainly right. But who do you suppose went to Richmond to dedisuppose went to Richmond to dedicate this monument of plutocratic thievery? Why, Cardinal Gibbons, for one. And Apostolic Delegate Falconio, for another. And many archbishops and bishops from all over the country—all hastened to Richmond to help receive this tainfed structure into the fold and to thus blaspheme the spirit of the Nazarine who drove moncy-changers out of the temple! ers out of the temple!

And Theodore Roosevelt el august president of these Unite practically starts off his cause the newspapers are willing a thing too apparent to be passe to trick their readers providing they can make money out of it.

The Socialist and Labor people talism keep society stratified, h issued injunctions against la elections, but in London there was an apparent falling off. In Scotland cities there was a gain of twelve and a lawyers have desired. These corporation lawyers have twelve and a loss of one, in the cities of England outside of London there was a gain of thirty-seven the stuff in their own style of writing. Had the capitalist class been the victims of a thing so monstrous this country would have fairly rocked with indignant protest and it would have been one of the great it would have been one of the great twould have been questions, only it would have been soon put out of the way by abolishing the iniquity. But although labor is the under dog the naughty agitators have kept at the thing so agitators have kept at the duestion has persistently that the question has been forced into public notice and a Republican president has felt called upon to publicly, in effect, rebuild the corporation judges for their wretched work. Good for the agitators!

Says the Labor Leader: It is an ancient superstition which has been sedulously fostered by the people's pastors and masters that the art of government is a state secret known only to the members of the governing caste. Superstition dies hard! how hard may be seen from an in-cident which has recently taken

place in Germany.

By means of the Social-Democratic vote a new burgomaster or mayor named Franke, has been elected at Pforten. Now Franke is a Socialist; what is more, he is a shoemaker. The minority, in with the old superstition, are ho rified beyond measure. Shoemaling and Socialism, they conside are enough to damn any man. As a shoemaker, they allege he campo be qualified to deal with grave an weighty questions; and as a Se cialist he is an enemy of existing in faithful.

"The Church as a Business Investment," reads a heading in a magazine. That's well put, for remarks been elevated, and on the magazine are the same petitioning the same petition to the sam

How the System Eats Us!

Philadelphia Noria American: How east I make ends meet? This is the question with which nine-tenths of the Eusewives of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania are struggling today.

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The cost of food, fuel, clothing, furnishings, rents, servant hire and all other items of household expenses has increased to such proportions that the problem of making the weekly income meet the actual living expenses is becoming a serious one in every community.

Where \$5 or \$6 formerly provided for a workingman's table, the same quantity and quality of food now costs him \$8 and \$10 a week. A pair of shoes which five years ago could be purchased for \$3.50 now cost \$5. A suit of clothes, which cost \$18 to \$25 four years ago, cannot now be purchased for less than \$25 to \$35.

A dress which formerly cost \$10 is now \$15, and the material is not so good as in the days when the price was less. Underwear that was 50 cents a garment is now 75 cents. Stockings that were 25 cents are now 35 cents. Flannels, cotton goods, blankets, ginghams, gloves, furniture and carpets, have all advanced from 20 to 50 per cent in price during the last five years.

Houses which in 1902 rented for \$18 are now \$22 a month. And rents are still going up. The increases in real estate values and in the cost of abor and building materials have contributed to this.

The statistics of the Denastment of Commence and Lajour show an increase in the cost of food

The statistics of the Department of Corporerce and Labor show an increase in the cost of food alone during the last ten years of almost 50 per cent. This is the average for the whole country. The increase in Pennsylvania has been greater than almost anywhere else.

It is shown by the government's figures that bucon has advanced 43.5 per cent.; potatoes, 43.1 per cent; eggs, 41.8 per cent; dry or pickled pork, 31.9 per cent; fresh pork, 30 per cent; flour, 29.3 per cent; and cornmeal, 29.6 per cent. These are the articles selected by the Bureau of Labor as the staples of a workingman's bill of fare. The increase in the price of beef has been even greater than the figures given here, and other items of diet have increased accordingly.

As a Catholic Sees It. full value for the product of his labor, so that everyone shall have

seeks to destroy it. Socialism cient shelter. makes government the supreme agent to accomplish social reforms quotations. These are typical of necessary to preserve the economic the present economic conditions. rights of individuals.

Therefore, it is today represented by a strong political party in every rivilized country.

But what have economics to do with politics? Everything.

A learned jurist assures us that there is a vital correspondence be- power of monopoly to rob consumtween the economic conditions of er and producer. a people and its political institu-

When De Tocqueville, in the middle of the last century, made a study of American institutions he came to the conclusion that political equality was the outgrowth of methods in business and industry the equal distribution of wealth are unable to procure profitable emthen existing in the United States. Ployment. Those conditions no longer exist

today. Dr. Spahr, as a result of his analysis of the census returns of 1890, came to the conclusion that seven-

Thomas Spearman, a noted corporation lawyer, and an able economist, stated in the Forum in 1880. would be owned by 25,000.

twentyfour men.

II. SOCIALISM AND GOVERNMENT. | erty in the United States" assures Socialism daust be distinguished us that ten million American citi-from ararchism. Anarchism de- zens are unable to procure sufficient nies the right of government and food, sufficient clothes, and suffi-

It is not necessary to multiply

If we look on the polite side of the question, the outlook is not assuring. In his book on Constructive Democracy, Dr. Smythe speaks of the following four evils that threaten our institution.

1. The abuse of the colossal 2. The monstrous corruption in

business and political life. 3. The ominous strife between employer and employe.

4. The misery and hopelessness of those who on account of new

On all sides we hear the question 'What is the remedy?" Every one applauds the vociferous cry of President Roosevelt for "a square deal". Judge Grosscup of Chicago, eighths of the American people who is not a Socialist, states that owned only one-eighth of the propless we secure to every citizen "an

But how shall it be done? some say. "Do nothing." "Let things mist, stated in the Forum in 1889, say. "Do nothing." "Let things at the United States was practically owned by 250,000 people, and French say. They are not Socialists. he predicted that in thirty years it Socialists insist that something should be done; that it should be A New York financial journal done by the government of the peostated in 1902 that the "steel trust", ple, for the people and by the peowhich represents one-twelfth of the ple; that economic conditions nation's wealth, is controlled by should be so controlled as to secure the greatest return to society, Robert Hunter in his work "Pov- so that every worker shall receive

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A babe was born one Sunday morn, Some thirty years ago; Its father danced, and jumped, and pranced, With sunken cheeks aglow;

For this new birth was cause for mirth: The smile that mother word

Bespoke her joy-a lovely boy, As father was before. The morrow comes, machin'ry hums, Pa shuffles off to work; Another one to feed—this son— He knows he dare not shirk.

For ten long hours he serves the pow'rs That buy his brain and brawn; Through mirth and tears he slaves for Nor dreams of Freedom's dawn.

The years rolled on, as years have Since Father Time began;

The baby grew, and grew, and grew, And soon became a man. And soon became a man.
Election day then came, they say,
Men voted as of yore;
And this young man? Republican!
As father was before.
And thus was sent a president

To guide the ship of state; The young man slaved, and mean-while raved And studied when he ato.

He learned to see the G. O. P. With learer mind; he swore "My dad begat a Democrat As uncle was before."

This see-saw give has been the sam.
E'er since the world was born;
The working mule was e'er a fool,
An object most forlorn.
That Labor might demand its right.
This voter learned—and more—
To vote for what he wished and not.
As father was before.

He learned of tricks of politics, Of corporations, too; He learned that grait ruled fore and

He learned that garden aft.

Starved millions for the few.
"By God!" he hissed, "a Socialist
Is what I am; no more
I'll be a mule or silly feel,
As father was before."

1. H. Seymour

Colorado has done about as wellgrounded Socialists have expected. Not much can be hoped for from a boom movement. The western Socialist movement is exceedingly superficial, chaotic, and poorly post-

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As an American Social-Demo-

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The Principles of International Collectivism as set forth in the National Platform, adopted at Chicago, May 8, 1904.*

I. We the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our appear and literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of of liberty and self-government, in public teaching into servile submiswhich the nation was born; as the sion to its own interests. only political movement standing for the program and principles by which the liberty of the individual individual property upon which all may become a fact; as the only poliberty and opportunity depend. may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose the democratization of the whole

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 fur-ther 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 propertied 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 erty of the individual. 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 to the principles of the Interna-of suffrage as to take unawares the tional Social-Democracy as emright of the worker to a vote or voice in public affairs. By enacting new and misinterpreting old all nations. In the industrial delaws, they are preparing to attack velopment already accomplished, the liberty of the individual even to the interests of the world workers

is able to silence what might be earth, inevitably tends to drag the voice of protest against the assing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely controls of the competitive wage system

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in the struggle of contending capitalists for the control of the yet unexploited markets of the world, or

the remaining sources of profit.

The Social-Democratic accement therefore is a world movement. It knows of no conflicts of interest between the workers of one nation and the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations; and, in so standing, it makes for the full freedom of all humanity

III.

The Social-Democratic movement owes its birth and growth to economic development c: world-process which is rapidly separating a working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opportunities and enjoyment these fruits afford, while the class that does the world's real work has inpoorly organized, suddenly swelled, creasing economic uncertainty, and physical and intellectual misery, as its portion.

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious 20,000 doubles the vote of four of the distinction from each other, the fac, 'hat the lines of division Colorado will be able to make its and interes; may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict.

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the things which he used, economic independence was possible. But production or the making of goods, has long since ceased to be individual. The labors of scores or even thousands, enter into almost every article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically everything is made or done by many men—sometimes separated by seas and continents-working together for the same end. this co-operation in production is not for the direct use of the things made by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners of the tools and means of production; and to this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes; and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civiliza-Between these two classes there

jority of human beings to ever becan be no possible compromise or come possessors of private property identity of interest, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of Capitalism is the enemy and destroyer of essential private prop-erty. Its development is through darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself he legalized confiscation of all that the seeds of its own destruction. the labor of the working class pro-Such a society is founded on fundaduces above its subsistence wage. mental injustice. There can be no The private ownership of the means possible basis ' - social peace, for of employment grounds society in individual f. , for mental haran economic slavery which renders mony, except , the conscious and intellectual and political tyranny complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the Social-Democracy comes to so right or power to be. organize industry and society that

The Social-Democratic program of life upon which his liberty of is not a theory imposed upon society for its acceptance or rejection. It comes to rescue the people from It is but the interpretation of what the vast increasing and successful is, sooner or later, inevitable. Capiassault of capitalism upon the libtalism 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 incratic party, we pledge our fidelity dustry are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of inbodied in the united thought and dustry. The so-called trust is but action of the Social-Democrats of a sign and form of this developing socialization of the word's work. The universal increase of the unspeak or think for himself or for are separated by no national bound-the common good. aries . The condition of the most versal capitalist determination to By controlling all the sources of exploited and oppressed workers, social revenue, the possessing class in the most remote places of the silence what might be earth insurable to silence what might be earth in the silence what might be earth in the sources of the silence what might be earth in the source of the silence what might be earth in the source of the silence what might be earth in the source of the silence what might be earth in the source of the silence what might be earth in the source of the silence what might be earth in the silence what might be earth in the source of the silence what might be earth in the source of the silence what might be earth in the silence what might be silence what might be earth in the silence where the silence where the silence where the silence where the silence apprehensions of impending change, reveal that the constitutions of capitalist society are passing under the power of inhering forces that-will soon destroy them. is to make labor's lowest condition

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to throw them against each other force. If the world is to be saved be wrested from the capitalist sysand 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 powers of the workers. the conscious organization of so-

> tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the mak-nig of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be work-To this end we pledge ourselves, 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 govrnment and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonweath, the Social-Democratic party oledges itself to watch and work n both the economic and political struggle for each successive im-mediate interest of the working class, for shortened days of labor and increases of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and tack of emoloyment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exhange; for the graduated taxation of income, inheritance, and of franchise and land values, the proceeds to be applied to the public employment and bettering the conlitions 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 millitary 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 constituants; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may

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from chaos, from universal disorder tem, 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 capitalist and increase the like

But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means Social-Democracy means that all to the one great end of the co-opthose things upon which the people erative commonwealth. Such measin common depend shall by the ures of relief as we may be able people in common be owned and to force from capitalism are but a administered. It means that the preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of in-

ers together, and that opportunities 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.

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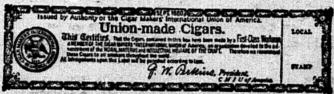
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Only three ways to get a living. It per-class conventionalities and him back to me he had that same you get yours the first way your stand shoulder to shoulder for the smile on his face." They all knew interests will be served by a vote Cause. for Socialism."

Some train men standing near the track saw it and one of them came workingmen than if it had been a didn't have work last week and mine. But under Socialism this over to read it. He went back to crowd of millionaires. I once we've got this furniture to pay for could not have happened, for the the others and began an impromptu called my mother's attention to an and enthusiastic speech which account of an Anna Held dinner-proved him a brother and a comrade. He looked up at me as the aires—at which Anna Held danced, train moved off, and smiled and The men to whom God, in his intook off his hat. I had never seen finite wisdom, has given the earth him before and it was contrary to and the fullness thereof, must have the laws of etiquette for me to bow been drinking heavily, for they in-and smile as though he were an old terpreted literally Anna Held's friend. But I did.

Have you ever observed, that nothing but her manager's inter-women are, as a rule, more snob-vention saved her—and he rushed bish than men? I met a girl once her to her carriage in tears and who teaches school in a little town tatters. and waits on people in her mother's hotel and tries to live an intel-lectual life in a barren waste of ig- "You go around all alone," she lectual life in a barren waste of ig-porance and mediocrity. She is said. starving-literally starving - for ger. books, and music, and leisure, and sravel, and enlightenment. But she "No, but I don't associate with does not belong to the working millionaires."
class. Oh, no! Horrors, no! She And she as sitting on the hearth in my room, toasting ourselves before a wood fire, she told me that she was almost frightened at first. My au-dience were all workingmen. Af-band was killed in the Fraterville terward, she said, some well- explosion, where one hundred and dressed people came in, to her eightyseven men and boys were great relief. I told her it was work-ingmen I wanted in my audience and tried to explain why. Whether morning that he had felt every Nearly two years later I saw her he went into the mine, as if he never again. She is beginning to look a would see the light again. He kept little thin, a little soured, but she turning his head and looking back maintains her pose of superiority to mere workers and her twelfth-rate with a horrible foreboding in his

If that girl had only known it, she was safer in that crowd of I mean a stage dinner of million-aires—at which Anna Held danced. song, "Oh, won't you come and play with me." In the ensuing stampede

Mamma' was not only horrified,

"You haven't even a mana-

And I answered indignantly

And she agreed with me that that went with me to the opera house makes all the difference in the and heard me speak. Afterward, world.

Later (at Coal Creek)-I have just been told a pathetic story of made it plain to her is doubtful. morning for two or three days, when

imitation of Mrs. Van Biltmore's

Do you think I'm too hard on heart. After he kissed her goodby and started to work he looked back the car beneath the window a little Socialist sticker:

"WORK — BEG — STEAL — drop these inane imitations of up- and she said, "When they brought the mine was unsafe. One man, whose wife urged him not to go to work that morning answered, "We we've got this furniture to pay for. have to work.

Those were the last words he said to her except goodby. ."I have

to work

best slave-driver. One old man came out of the they need under ground. mine that morning and warned the

crawled out a little way, so he could breath. He was the only one carried out alive. He died in a few hours.

No, the boss was not a murderer, he was only ignorant and incompetent. He died with the men in the men would elect their own boss, superintendent, inspector, etc. The men who risk their lives to furnish heat and light and power for Truly, the lash of hunger is the us know better than any bloody capitalist what sort of conditions

It is incomprehensible—it is both boss that an explosion might oc-tragic and absurd-that the Americur at any minute. He was not can voting king, who would shed thanked for his pains. The boss his last drop of blood against onesaid, "You'd better not go to stir-ring up any excitement among the men if you know what's good for of the little two-by four "boss" who you. Either keep you mouth shut holds in his hands the power of a or take your bucket and get off this czar—the power of life and death.

from the income they received as rent. The dividends declared by

the subsidiary released lines for the

year 1905 were about \$35.750.000. Where does our American sover-eign, Mr. Wage Slave, come in?—

Channing on the Working Class.

Can the workman here stand his

ground against the half famished, ignorant workmen of Europe, who will toil for any wages, and who

never think of redeeming an hour

import the striking fearful con-trasts which there divide one people

into separate nations? Sooner than

wholly the two hemispheres. Heaven preserve us from the an-

of her manufactories, among her ignorant and half brutalized peas-

and to build up here an intelligent, right minded, self respecting popu-

lation. If this end should require

life, to narrow our foreign con-

nections, to desist from the race of

commercial and manufacturing

should require that our great cities

cease to grow, and that a large por-

tion of our trading population should return to labor these requisi-

thing is plain, that our present civilization contains strong tenden-

cies to the intelectual and moral

depression of the large portion of

Many of you busy yourselves with other questions, such as the

probable result of the next election

tions ought to be obeyed.

ompetition with Europe; if

St. Louis Labor.

The old man went tack into the great question, whether the labor-mine—he had to work—but before ing classes here are destined to the he reached the place where he had lower ranks of Europe, or whether been working the explosion met they can secure to themselves the him and hurled him against the means of intellectual and moral wall, fatally injuring him. He progress.

Some Philanthrophy.

Half the world does not know how the other half lives; and if the half who think they know would attend to their own business, the remaineder would be all the better off. But Mr. Cashier carnot see any reason why Mr. Day Laborer's family should "be so wre chedly poor"-if they would only 'spend his wages judiciously," and proceeds to dress a 25-cent dinner (in theory) with a \$5 "trimming." Even the great economist, Carl Schurz, one idiotically remarked that the "poverty of the laboring classes was due to their buying in small quantities, instead of taking advantage of the markets.

When fifty wants are taken from \$40, how much is left with which In the name of arithmetic, how can they buy in anything but small quantities when every dollar must be apportioned among a dozen wants, and an excess of any one when there is a reduction in the market means going without many other absolute necessities? uated dyspeptics have figured that an ordinary sized family can live on II 0-10 cents per day and get rich on the surplus; but a man who earns a living for himself and family by his muscle needs something more substantial than fractions.

These people are on a par with a leading publication which gravely announced recently that no housewife need dread unexpected company if she "knew how to utilize the leftovers," and the "leftovers' From W. E. Channing's lecture in this special case were "some on the Elevation of the Laboring cream, "a few" eggs, a "little" cheese, "brown and white bread," a "can" of fruit, and "bits" of roast beef. A family that can keep such samples of "leftovers" on tap did not need any philanthropic suggestion .- Ex.

As the report of the Socialist vote throughout the country comes in it is to be noticed that the places reporting the highest vote and an increase are the industrial centers where Socialists are active in the trade union movement of that locality. In other words, where there are enough Socialists active in the American Federation of Labor unions in the various cities there, in pite of the reactionary and conservative policy of the A. F. L., the Socialist vote is increasing. We must come the degradation which Socialist vote is increasing. We we see or read of among the may mention numerous cities to squalid poor of her great cities, prove our assertion. Chief among prove our assertion. Chief among them are Milwaukee, St. Louis and Cleveland. In Milwaukee, especially, the Socialists have elected five assemblymen-all officers of the be done to save us from the social Central evils which deform the Old World, Hereld. Labor Union.—Buffalo

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The Senate a Success!

The American public, that most long suffering beast of burden, is becoming suspicious of the United States Senate. One would say it is about time. They even talk of so amending the constitution as to provide for the election of the United States Senator by the people, Several state conventions have recently demanded such an amendment.

We say, down with the Senate altogether. Abolish it totally.

It has stood long enough as the bulwark of the rights of property against the rights of men. And that was just what it was designed to be. The framers of the United States constitution wanted the Senate to act as a "brake". They regarded the people of the United States as a sort of runaway wagon. They wanted to put the brakes on popular government.

The constitution of the United States was in fart a compromise. the capitalistic and conservative element, which was in the majority at the constitutional convention of 1787, viewed the common people with deep distrust. As an offset to the popularly elected House of Representatives they created the aristocratic Senate. It was a splendid trick. The people thought they had a free, popular, representative government. It has taken them one hundred and seventeen years to get their eyes open to the fact that they were humbu ged. And their eyes are not wide open vet.

It was an old trick-not unlike that played upon the Roman plebeians, when the Roman Senate was established. In consequence, as Lewis Morgan well-says in his "Ancient Society", "As a whole, the Roman government was anomalous. The patchwork of its composition was the product of the superior craft of the wealthy classes who intended to seize the substance of power while they pretended to respect the rights and interests of all.'

The United States Senate has not been a failure. It has been a tremendous success. It has fullfilled its mission. While slavery was the great capitalistic interest of America, the Senate was the "doughface slave of the slaveholders. While the trusts and corporations were yet in their infancy, the Senate at once became the pliant tool of the trusts and corporations. That is no more surprising than that a hammer should drive nails, or a saw cut wood, or any other tool do just the work for which it was made.

And the Senate will be needed to do one more work for capital ism. The capitalists will use the United States Senate as a "brake" against the rise of Socialist ideas among the people. The Senate will be about the last stronghold for the Socialists to capture. And in fact they will never take it except by descroving it.

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Capitalist Prosperity. Almost fabulous in their extent are the figures made public November 22, 1906, by the Interstate Commerce Commission of the earnings of the American railroads for the year ending June 30, 1900. This was in the nature of a preliminary report on the income account of the railways of the country, and it covers returns for railcompanies operating 220,o20.44 nules of lines. These include the hoes operated under trackage rights, or about 99 per cent of the mileage that will be covered by the final report on the statistics of Many of you railways for the year. The total gross earnings of the roads as shown in the report under consideration were \$2,319,760,030, being equivalent to \$10,543 per mile; passenger earnings were \$618,555,934, or \$2,811 per mile, and freight earnings \$1,640,942,862, or \$7,458 per mile. Operating expenses were \$1,532, 163,163, or \$62 per mile. The net earnings of the roads were \$787,596,877, being \$3,850 per mile, and nearly \$97,000,000 more than the corresponding amount recorrect the corresponding amount reported for the previous year. The amount reported as income from sources other than operation was 132,624.982. This amount inmethod of accounting followed by certain of the carriers. Adding this amount to net earnings from operation gives \$920,221,859. Against this amount were charged as interest, rents, betterments, taxes and miscellaneous items, the sum of \$590,386,554, and as dividends the sum of \$229,406,598, leaving a surplus for the year of \$100,428,707. The taxes paid during the year were \$68,903,288. The final report of the year ended June 30, 1905, showed a surplus of \$89,043,490. The amount of dividends declared in 1906, was \$34,248,605. clared in 1906 was \$34,248,605 more than that shown for the dividends of practically the same roads in 1905. This preliminary report

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This country is largely made up of working people, both in-dustrial and agricultural, but it is ruled by the capitalist class, which is numerically a very small fraction of the population. Being so control, the class runs the government in its own interests and against the interests of the rest of the people who are the overwhelm-

sgainst the interests of the rest of the people who are the overwhelming managed.

We See about believe that the country should be managed in the interests and for the well-being of those who produce the wealth. That is in his government is for in the first place. The means of existence are now privately owned by capitalists who comprise only twelve see art of the population. By means of this private ownership a managed of the population of the people OWN OVER HALF OF THE NATION, and the concentration is going as at a pell mell speed.

The means of production should be owned by the collectivity in order that he fruits of industry should go to the MANY, instead of to the Fifty.

Usen't the present capitalist system, the majority of mankind must sell their labor power to the capitalistic owners of the means of production and distribution in order to live—and to live very miserably at that

The people can the post office and everybody is glad of the fact. The people can to also own all the trusts so that all may enjoy the benefit. They ought to own every industry as soon as it has become sufficiently concentrated and organized to permit of such common exercision.

more contestly concentrated and organized to permit of such common ownership.

To bring this about, the people,—that is, the workers, not the shickers—much have possession of the political power. The Social-Demorratic party (known as the Socialist pary in some states, and nationally) is organized to bring this about—this and the abolition of capitalism. We insist that the industrious class shall be the wealthy class, and the idle class the poor and dependent class—although Social Depocarcy will in time abolish all poverty and eliminate the

The Social Democratic movement is international, but will doubt-less achieve success in the United States first, because the capitalist system as farthest developed here and is preparing the ground for the higher system of society.

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	EDITORIAL ETCHINGS

If the real lives of our proud "self-made" men of this country were searched, too many of them, we are afraid, would have to be put in the "back" class, for riches do not always go to the scheming and thoughtful. Often we meet with ex-rich men, who once downed by some unincky circumstance or mistake are seen to be incapable of rising again, in spite of all their smartness and knowledge of the capitalist game. One of the early millionaires of this country once told how he got up in the world. The story was told by the millionaire himself to the some-time editor of the Knickerbocker Magazine, and has been retold later in a recent issue of the New York Sun. And this was the millionaire's story:-

"I should be as poor as a church rat, but for one incident in my I had come from the backwoods of New York and a dollar looked like a big sum to me. I was a raw and struggling young law-yer, and paid four dollars a week for my board and washing, and found it hard to make both ends meet. It looked as if I should starve at the law, so I was looking for work outside of it.

"Just then a friendly lawyer in the office where I had desk room said to me: 'Here's a chance for you to buy a farm, Bixby. I want to sell it to close up the estate. You can have it at the appraised value, \$200. I think you will be able to get more for it in time.'

"'No, thank you,' said I; 'I have no money.'

"'But,' said he, 'I will take your note for it, and renew it till you

The upshot was that I took his advice, and gave him, my note for \$200 for the farm. I felt very nervous about giving my note for such a large amount, and once offered to sell the farm back to him for the note. But after two or three renewals of the note New York had grown so fast northward that I was able to sell a small part of the farm for more than enough to pay the note and interest and taxes. The rest of the farm was then free and clear, and if I had kept it all I should now be worth about \$7,000,000. As it is, I have sold parcels of it that have brought me more than \$1,500,000 in cash, and I value what I have left at two or three times as much-all made out of nothing, by giving a note for \$200, almost against my will, and when I was practically not worth a dollar."

In this millionaire (Bixby's) case it was a lucky speculation in land. In many another case it is a lucky and chance investment in some manufacturing affair that has the luck to "catch on." Unsuetessful enterprises are often financed by men who are really much smarter. In fact all investment is the taking of the gambler's chance, the sure-thing investment being parallel to the sure-thing game of the gambler who has the cards stacked. Leave the element of chance out and your "self-made" men would most of them be in the poverty list.

The Onio Penitentiary News has been suspended after a career of many years. The reason for the suspension is that there is not a slogle printer in the penitentiary at the present time to set the type. On the other hand there are said to be plenty bankers, lawyers, brokers, and other "eminently respectables" in the institution.

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No parish money, or loaf, No pauper badges for me, A son of the soil, by right of toil Entitled to my fee. No alms I ask, give me my task;

Here are the arm, the leg, The strength, the sinews of a Man, To work, and not to beg. Still one of Adam's heirs, Though doomed by chance of birth

To dress so mean, and to eat the lean Instead of the fat of the earth; To make such humble meals As honest labor can. A bone and a crust, with a grace to God, And little thanks to man! A spadei a rake! a hoe!

A pickaxe, or a bill! A hook to reap, or a scythe to mow. A flail, or what ye will; Whatever tool to ply,
Here is a willing drudge,
With muscle and limb, and woe to him

Who does their pay begrudge!

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ly as possible been so sadly victimized by capiand on one talism. side of the paper only.

Gypsying South.

Near Mammoth Cave, Ky., by the roadside, Nov. 20. To the Editor: After six weeks

on the road with a covered wagon and team in the interest of Socialism, with your kindness may I men-low the vote of 1904, when the per-tion a few things we have run up sonality of our candidate for presi-

ed almost every step of the way as outlaws, with no rights on the highfor feed for our team, besides paying for it more than the market price. Our tent has saved us from remainder of the ticket 28 votes, by sleeping in the fence corners. If appeal to an anti-gambling senti-I were to try to express in one ment then at the zenith of its glory, sentence my observations through but which has since underwent al-Indiana and Kentucky, I would most total subjugation. I had all like to sign my name but am afraid say: The industrial conditions are along freely predicted confidence in simply dammable. The country holding our own and am certain a Wisconsin. Common Laborer. people in most cases know no more slight advance would be shown, but of real social life than the cattle for Billy Tatts, sweeping down in the pastures. The people are neither prosperous, contented nor happy. Neither do they read books or magazines, at least outside the cities and villages. The average wage-earner and tenant farmer complains bitterly of being unable to make only a bare living of living. These workers are ready for Socialism, but in most cases know scarcely anything and they swallowed Billy's bait and should we find, after being to make only a bare living elected, a surpfus of the goods deturn them over to the Salvation are charity, most cases know scarcely anything and they swallowed Billy's bait and about it. Manuroth Case the most vertising which, as it was simply a schoolhouse, meant no meeting. The next day, to get nine miles was rowed one in a skiff, snow falling, and wind keen, only to discover that the comrade entrusted with the task had failed to put up the advertising, which, as it was simply a schoolhouse, meant no meeting. The about it. Mammoth Cave, the most voted for charity instad of justice. renowned cave in the world, is in Hurrah for the American workingthe hands of a private monopoly man!—especially those who con-and it costs \$5.00 to see it after ar-sider themselves superior to the riving at the nearest railroad sta-tion. Hundreds of people in this

crease as we go south and wages that the official returns will give any thing with legs avaidable to decrease. One dollar a day is considered the top notch here for all day laborers on farm, street, etc. The document of 1,224 votes, at which time we who about midnight, was offered

Correspondents | But this letter is already too tonishing results have come to us

Henry E. Allen.

About Billy Taft. To the Editor: The official count of Laramie county gives Groesbeck, for Supreme Court Judge, 104; O'Neil, for governor, 74. The re-mainder of the ticket runs between 74 and 104, giving us about an average of 80, which is slightly beagainst.

The long road from this point to Benton Harbor, Mich., through a closely wired-in highway has been a closely wired-in highway has been ter of the handful who constitute to the handful who constitute the handful who dent gave us 133 as the high and the party membership in Cheyenne The Socialist vote of Laramie county has never exceeded 208, We have almost had to beg which number was east in 1902 for Comrade D. W. Elliott, who personally increased his vote over the

holding our own and am certain a upon the community and entertain-

foreign product! The vote in the state will show

are urged to long. But Socialism is a necessity without agitation. Our vote in to awake into real being this inert, half dead mass of humanity that has we still have it. Yours for revolution by evolution. Cheyenne. D. A. Hastings.

#### Labor's Plight.

To the Editor: You will see at a lines that I am not a gramarian nor laborer. Ever since I was fifteen years of age or, ever since I have left home to struggle for a livelihood I have been thinking all along the line that men, or the common people, who produce the things of whatever nature they may be left how to strugte the common people, who produce the things of whatever nature they may be left that he had begged, borrowed, or stolen, piled high, Yukon. White Pass style, with a foresaid ning the count of the ballot, and after an all night's session was ready to admit that, with the exception of a through snow and ice up grade, over railroad ties, trestle bridges, mon people, who produce the things of whatever nature they may be left that he had begged, borrowed, or stolen, piled high, Yukon. White Pass style, with a foresaid and it hat, with the exception of a damit that, with the exception of a ruling that will be explained fater affecting two votes, the Socialist ticket received its whole count. of whatever nature they may be were always oppressed.

I have been putting this as a

that studies conditions in a very meagre form, ought to know that he has been exploited under the present system. To this I would like to sign my name but am afraid

#### Joys of Agitation!

To the Editor: Verily, the lot of ing them with an altruistic talk, in the Agitator is a pleasant one! Na-the course of which he said "It will tional Organizer Goebel is finding hurt no nation to exhibit its altru-istic side occasionally" or in other miles, walked four, and then was next day, to get nine miles up hill, required six hours, a flue in the boiler bursting, drowning out the fire, and while the passengers went out in the woods to cut firewood to build a new fire in the locomotive. the engineer between prayers vicinity have never seen it, owing an advance not equalled by many to the cost.

Cost of exploring seems to ingreat industrial centers. I estimate covered there was not a horse or

GLEANINGS FROM BUSY FIELDS.

literary work. from Ohio are Comrades Thomas in the Boston dailies.

C. Devine of Toledo, E. L. Rogers Dates for National Company of the Company of the Boston dailies. of Dayton, and Nicholas Klein of

Comrade John J. Willert, 3469 West Fifty-fourth street S. W., Cleveland, is now state secretary of Ohio, to whom all communica-tions should be addressed.

The Hillquit campaign in the Shire, under the Ninth congressional district of New state committee. York City cost a little over \$4,000. great amount of agitation resulted from the literature that was distributed.

Prof. Schurman of Cornell University and Comrade Morris Hillquit of New York City will debate on the subject of Socialism versus Individualism on Jan. 20 at the New Rochelle theater.

It is claimed that Comrade Samuel Robbins, candidate for the state senate in the twentyfifth Illinois district was counted out. A Republican official has admitted as much and told how it was done. A contest will be made.

The official returns in Ohio give our party a vote of 18,432. The official returns in Pennsylvania give us 15,169 for governor. The bal-ance of the ticket ran from 16,212 to 16,453. The DeLeonites had a larger split vote than our party.

"When it is considered that we went into the campaign with practically no organization, we cannot help but feel proud of the results,' says the state secretary of Colorado. It is to be hoped that before another \$542.45

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worth was one of the guests at the last dinner of the Boston Economic club, and owing to the unexpected absence of exeSenator Pettigrew. absence of ex-Senator Pettigrew. YANKEE LAND The other speakers were Henry ACROSS THE POND Frank Wojicieckowski...\$ 3.00 Comrade Nicholas Klein of Cin- Clews of Wall street, Judge Gaynor cinnati expects to make a tour of or Brooklyn and Charles Francis Africa next year gathering data for Adams. Comrade Wentworth's addicess was the only one of a radical

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Dayson, I. L. FITTS: West Virginia, sixty-nine federations, M. Jaures spoke on the general political situation. He said that if Clemenceau C. B. Whitnall ... spoke on the general political situa-tion. He said that if Clemenceau GEORGE H. GOEBEL: Wash-noton under the direction of the gram the Socialists would help him to realize it, and would help him F. vote the funds for the new Ministry X M. W. WILKINS: New Han vote the funds for the new Ministry Shire, under the direction of the state committee.

The debate on trade unionism came H. Schattschneider ..... action was necessary in order to C. Troemell ..... the unions could not hope to gain it by the general strike. He also appealed to the congress not to leave the peasant proprietors of France to their fate. Guesde said leave the did not deny the efficiency of the W Erb trade unions, but trade unionism All. Prev ...... was not all sufficient. What they P. Mellantin ..... had to fight was the wage system H. Mellantin ..... and they would have to have recourse to political methods. A motion by Jaures to the effect that
the trade unions and the SocialDemocratic movement should travel

J. E. Cordes hand in hand, each having its particular part to play, was carried, 148 to 130 in favor of a motion of Guesde which held to rauch the same thing but insisted that they must not be allowed to oppose themselves, the one to fie other. A committee was appointed to draw up a declaration for he country districts, following a discussion of the agricultural question. A resolution was passed in favor of the general strike as a means of thwarting war. The utmost harmony prevailed, showing that the former divisions are fading from sight.

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#### Milwaukee Campaign Fund. | G. .....

The Social-Democrats of France Fifth ward branch . . . . . 10.00 have just held their congress at Limoges. A great white streamer was stretched across the hall over the platform reading "Workmen of all the World, Unite." There were 289 delegates, representing sixty-nine federations. M. Jaures spoke on the general political situa-F. T. ..... 1.00 C. C. C. .... 2.00 1.00 1.00 J. E. Cordes ...... F. Brockhausen, Sr. ..... 2.00 1.00

inducements to pack Comrade Goebel's grips on his back, took one lingering look at the ninety and odd pounds and said: "Poor Indian sick." The difference between an only a white way is that the look of the said indian and a white man is that the votes may not have been counted indian knows when he has enough fairly, but it is not likely that this glance, after you have read my few before he has it. Result: next morn- has ocurred often enough to maing Goebel was seen with a boy's terially effect the result. The

The one answer that seems to cover the whole ground is, ignorstyle was Comrade Feilding of ance on the part of the majority theory until twelve years ago, it has realized to me to be a fact, and I became a Socialist.

Copeland, Idaho, one of those comfort became to be a fact, and I became a Socialist.

Copeland, Idaho, one of those comfort became to enter in, such as prejudice, goods." They say Goebel caught cowardice, expediency, but in truth It is very easy to become a Socialist.

It is very easy to become a Socialist, when a person has eyes to see, ears to hear, and a brain to do the thinking. Any laboring man that studies conditions in a very

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placed on file Report of Sanitary committee was read and adopted. The following resolution by the Executive Board was read, approved and corresponding secretary instructed to comply therewith:

Whereas, The interests of the age workers of the state have received scarcely any consideration by the past forty-seven sessions of the Wisconsin legislature, therefore

Resolved, By the Federated Trades Council of the city of Milwankee, that all city central bodies of labor in the state of Wisconsin be requested to petition the members of the forty-eighth session of the Wisconsin legislature to give precedence in its diliberations to the immediate demands of the wage workers of the state.

The special committee on the Gimbel Bros, and carpenters, matter reported that an amicable adjustment Bro. F. E. Neumann, vice-chairman. had been made satisfactory to all New delegates seated from Electrical Workers 83, Typograph-Minutes of last regular meeting ing company reported that they had met with the officials of the Jungs Official proceedings of Building brewery and that they agreed to Trades section read. Approved and notify their stable foreman to have Official proceedings of Building no more work done in non-union Official proceedings of Label section read. Approved and filed.

Executive Board report: Communication from Freiheit Publish-

The nomination committee recommended the following for the ensuing term:

Recording secretary, F. Heath corresponding secretary, J. Reichert and J. J. Handley; financial secretary, H. Hoppe, H. Berst, John Reisse; treasurer, W. E. Acker, Ed. Besenberg; Sargent at arms, M. Weisenfluth. Executive Board, lames Sheehan, Ed. Besenberg, H. Raasch, W. Coleman, J. Scharnek, Wm. Hamann, Wm. Alldridge, J.

J. Handley, J. Rader, Thomas Feeley, F. E. Neumann. Business agent, F. J. Weber. Further nominations to be made at the next regular meeting from the floor. Under good and welfare the

delegates were requested to report back to their unions to have the members of their unions give their noral support to the Barbers by getting their tonsorial work done in mion shops.

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Milwaukee, Dec. 1, 1906.—J. J Handley in the chair.

A request for suggestions, by Max Morris, fourth vice President of the A. F. of L. on a label exparties concerned. The special hibition to be arranged by the A. F. committee on the Carriage and of L., and to be held some time next Wagon Workers and Jung Brew- year, was received and, on motion, referred to the semi-annual session of the board.

A communication from Marine Trades Council of New York and vicinity, was received and

Communications and reports were received complaining and objecting to the removal from office of J. D. Beck, chief statistician of together with other questions pend-ing at the capitol city, was referred

to Secretary Brockhausen. On motion, Organizer Weber of the rural mail carriers at Sheboygan Falls, Dec. 8.

A resolution signed by Mrs. B. C. Gudden and H. H. Jacobs, requesting an investigation by con-gress of female and child labor, was on motion endorsed.

Communications from the Japanese and Kerean Exclusion League were, on motion, endorsed; further moved and carried that the next state legislature by asked to me-

A request to furnish a list of certain trade unions to the Civil Service Commission was granted.

A trade dispute between the shipwrights and the house carpenters inaugurate the right of conscription of Manitowoc was referred to Organizer Weber for adjustment. On motion the secretary was instructed to call the semi-annual session of the Executive Board, Jan. 2,

The following resolutions presentadopted:

Whereas, At the convention of the Trans-Mississippi Congress by a military power in the hands Secretary of State Elihu Root and of the capitalist class. Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw both delivered addresses before that body in which they advocated that a strong ship subsidy bill should be passed by congress; and.

Whereas, Some time ago an investigation was authorized and a committee appointed by the House of Representatives of the United

States; and, Whereas, Said committee in its

the Steel Trust charges American at length including the decision shipbuliders 50 per cent more for steel plates than it charges British shipbuilders; and Adjournment followed, the Whereas, The report of the comsittee shows conclusively that the the secretary.

Adjournment followed, the Board being subject to the call of the secretary. only difference betweer the "pro-

tection" exacted under the trust scendule of the notorious Dingley tariff act and highway robbery is that the one is legalized and the other in outlawed by congress. With the same legalized privilege from congress to rob banks and hold up express trains Jessie James the Younger Brethers and others following that profession, would have been and are quite as respectable captains of industry. respectable captains of industry as the eminent steel trust magnates who are privileged by law to rob the public by charging extortionate prices for their products, and who now are endeavoring to strenghten and further their system of legalized robbery by the enactment of a ship subsidy law that will give them lawful powes to fleece the United States treasury; and,

Whereas, The hip subsidy bill now before congress is one of the

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IT IS ORDWINED, That he time from the date

The PURTHER ORDERED. That a the reason before at which said claims mann, will be frameled and adjusts counted and of the lime above finite of counter and of the lime above finite of creditors to present their claims in

By the Court: Pr UL D. CARPENTIS.

most damnable schemes, planned by the ship building combine to tax the American people in order to be able to pay the extortions exacted by the steel trust through the protective features of the Dingley act: therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor that any law enacted by congress to subsidize any private corporation is legalized robbery of the people's money deposited in the treasury of the United States, and any United States senator or representative who votes to subsidize any private corporation, or any president of the United States approving of such subsidy law, advocates and approves of a government by, of, and for legalized robbery by trusts and combines, and is an enemy of the American people and a traitor to a republican form of government.

Resolved, That a copy of these esolutions be sent to our senators and representatives in congress, the president of the United States, the State Federation of Labor, and the Farmers' Equity Association.

Whereas, The ship subsidy bill, known as senate bill 529, of the first session of the fifty-ninth congress provides: first, that enrollment of seamen shall be compulsory; second, that scamen shall be enrolled (or enlisted) for a period of four years; third, that by being enrolled Labor Bureau. This matter, they are compelled to render service in time of war and in peace they are subject to the instructions and regulations prescribed by the secretary of the navy; fourth, that was instructed to attend a meeting the owners of vessels can only receive the subsidy on condition that the seamen shall have been enrolled (enlisted) in the naval servicevice: Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Wisconsin S ate Federation of Labor that organized labor enters a most emphatic pro-test against the enactment of any law by congress that will in any way pervert and corrupt a princ ple of civilized government, and particularly republican institutions like the United States, by a system that will force men, in order to obtain a livelihood at their professions, to sign away their rights and liberties as freemen, and thereby and compulsory military and naval

resolutions be sent to our senator and representatives in congress, the president of the United States, the Farmers' Equity Asociation.

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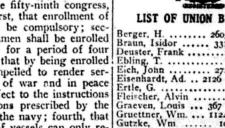
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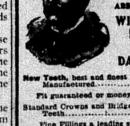
in the ship subsidy bill means, and The following resolutions present-ed by Organizer Weber were stitution of the United States has been set aside and that hereafter the United States will be governed

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lar does in the old parties. those squares on the deficit. If penses and two day's time making they keep it up this way the bills \$16.52 in all, and that wipes out one will all soon be paid.

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Comrade Babcock and others at Grand Rapids are keeping the ball work of state organization.

HILBERT is unorganized, but there certainly are some vigorous comrades up there. Several have sent in contributions on the deficit.

AUGUSTA and HUMBIRD will soon have locals organized we We are getting letters from new

places almost every day inquiring about So alism. friend from Hartford, a A friend from Hartford, a Frank Weber, Milwaukee, reacher, by the way, writes that he Emil Seidel, Milwaukee . . . ikes our program but has doubts about old age pensions and life in-surance. He ought to read up and

see what other countries are doing. PAY UP DUES.

Many of the locals are paying up

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Social-Democratic party than a dol-lar does in the old parties. S2.50; Comrade Frank Weber of My, how the comrades go after Milwaukee donates all of his exbill; Comrade Scidel follows suit There's something doing at Lake and contributes \$20.00. Comrade Mills, too. Comrade Hunziker is Rufnail of Luck sends a dollar; out after scalps.

Rufnail of Luck sends a dollar; Schlegel of Marshfield wipes off a

> But, Oh my! Just look in the Milwaukee column and see what those fellows are doing to the deficit! They wiped out \$500.00 of grand success, that deficit already! The comrades The last min

Comrade Gaylord will return from his lecture tour from the east this week and will take up the

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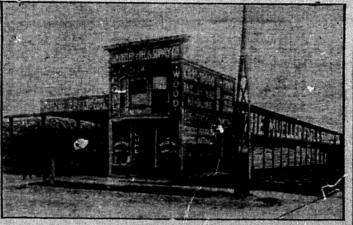
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the offensive manner in which an assistant of the district attorney, a disapproval but to kill the offensive lawyer named Hayes, conducted the prosecution of our Comrade Eckelmann in connection with the Stiglbauer case, just after the spring election. As representing the district attorney's office it was Hayes' duty to make as strong a fight as he could, legitimately. But he went farther than that. Well knowing that there were several Catholics on the jury, Hayes being himself a Catholic, he appealed to every low prejudice that he thought would move them, and made the case so much of a persecution that the jurymen went round town afterward openly boasting of how they "had fixed the Socialists." One of the mean assaults of Hayes was offered the socialists. "One of the mean assaults of Hayes was a solution of the city attorney, and bis denials do not change that fact. prosecution of our Comrade Eckelof the mean assaults of Hayes was to the effect that the Socialists wanted to shoot down people, and to emphasize his dirty attack he went through the motions of aiming a gun, at the same time belowing all sorts of slanders. From this control of the service of the service companies. The other members will urge state regulation but Companies.

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for district attorney did not mingle with the members of our party a were receiving the returns amid the good fellowship which such a time calls so strongly to the surface. On the contrary, he kept himself hidden in a court commissioner's of fice in the Germania building surrounded by lawyers belonging to other parties. Among them reas And Hayes was glowing whenever the return; seemed to in

dicate the election of Thiel. In ther words be was playing a double game, such as is easy to an da party lawyer-"Messrs, Eithersides," as Macauley once called them. Hayes evidently had his job in mind. If McCovern was reelected he would undoubtedly be reappointed. If Thiel was elected it would be a good thing to have been sitting up with him receiving

Here we have the lawyer Hayes lighted up from two sides, and it is well to take a good look at him For now that our party has reached large proportions in Milwaukee and has, moreover, shown absolute weathering qualities in spite of the money-drench and the personal precinet work of the capitalist opposition, it begins to look attractive to the politicians and men like Hayes will be among the first to want to get on the inside

That Kruszka and his treatment the past week, when a monster crowd filled the South Side armory for an annual Polish patriotic fes tival. Somehow the Kuryer Polski feat him for that reason is untrue. program to a man named Litko, a There was not time to bring his re-There was not time to bring his re-fusal regularly to the party or-ganization and in order not to en-ple did not relish this attempt to danger the success of the ticket he use the meeting against the print-was shielded, although the cam-paign committee was as much dis-wage. They saw that Litko was oleased with his conduct as the down as one of the principle speaknembers who knew about it. Many ers. When it came his turn to old and tried members, however, who demanded to know if he had igned, held that his action released hem from any party obligation to upport him, and Thiel's conduct since he was defeated shows that the party instinct of these numbers the conduct as the program by the countries. When it came his turn to and in view of the fact that by reaction from all over the house, and the lar a gross wrong and injustice was done Ald. F. J. Stighbauer, we describe the was defeated shows that the party instinct of these numbers. Poles are a demonstrative people, and the Kuryer people having got-Socialists will not soon forget ten control of the arrangements there was no way left to show their speaker with a superabundance of "approval." And it was effective.

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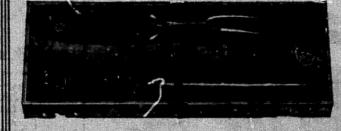
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Refined Musical Act

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mysteriously vanished and then-When the railway contractors presto!—is is alleged that they sudwere tearing up Sixth street a few weeks ago to put down their rails they discarded a lot of the vitrified lives Rudolph Senz, the father-inbrick with which that thoroughfare law of Second Ward Alderman is paved, and it is alleged that \$100's Wittig. The ward foreman, worth were purchased out of the Einem, who has no great admira-ward fund, it being considered valu-tion for Ald. Wittig is said to have able material to have on hand in reported the matter to the Board of case the street needed patching up. Public Works, over a week ago and said board has paid no attention to the matter. At least so goes the And the Second ward people are

vondering.

#### THE PENSION FUND FIGHT.

There is considerable churning of the waters under the cold icy surface in the matter of the Mil-**Joseph Santley** waukee police and firemen pension law, for the amendment of which a fight has been going on for sev-eral years. A bill to take the unfair kinks out of the law was presented at the last session of the legisla-Prior to that a fight was nade by the Socialist aldermen in the Milwaukee common council to get some relief for the men, in which the law was shown to be a chiefs' pet, as it enabled them to play the czar to almost any degree they wished. The chiefs went out to Madison in the private car of will still be entitled to retire on a Charley Pfister and lobbied to kill pension when the twenty-five years

the fire department sent its trusties of either force has served the chief round to the men to getthemtosign has it in his power to discharge a paper showing how many favored him for alleged cause even shortly a change in the law. It was a before the time he could retire on a dizzy scheme to trap some unwary fellows into admitting that they sion and he then loses the penfevored the bill so as to mark them for dismissal on some trumped-up charge later on. And they were smart enough not to commit themselves.

snap for themselves. Clancy is in him up. The facts were just the fear of the outcome of his indict-opposite. Weber proposed such a crystalgraph | fear of the outcome of his indict-opposite. Weber proposed such a be Reserved Seats 20c | ment. He wants the law changed plan to Janssen and offered a hun-

so that even if he goes to jail he | dred dollars besides if the verdict | the newspapers inform us, after

the fund against almost every mem-Chief Janssen is preparing to ber who nears the time that he can fight the bill at Madison tooth and draw a pension from it. The case nail, while Chief Clancy, now under of Patrolman Weber, which was grand jury indictment, doesn't dare shown up in the common council, to do open lobbying, and will work indicated this. And, by the way, in other ways. And it appears that CRYSTAL 230 7:45 and 9:30 the two chiefs are now bent on changing the law themselves, only fered to leave the Weber case to not in the way of betterment but any unbiased men Weber might not in the way of betterment but so that it will be a still greater name, and that Weber did not take

Performance Starts

Promptly at 8 P. M.

the bill, and did kill it. But it is coming up at the coming session and the chiefs are again uneasy.

Recently the Clancy machine in how long and faithfully a member in its official rapacity. And it should be about that inysterious enterprise out of the wily promoter, two Milwarkee departments is a contract to discuss the plans of the company.

As a matter of fact he is no less a chiefs, but in favor of the men.

will still be entitled to retire on a was against him, and Janssen did again trying to draw something pension when the twenty-five years not take himsup.

Tickets For Sale by Party Members and at 344 Sixth Street

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be amended, not in favor of the mere capitalistic adventurer than he was when he bancoed the aldermen out of a valuable grant by his

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Commencing Sunday Matinee at 2:30 WILLIAMS & WALKER

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BLACK FACE COMEDIANS

Admission 25c a Person

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The Spargo Lecture.

John Spargo of New York City, the author of "The Bitter Cry of the Children," and other books, and

former editor of The Comrade, the

literary and artistic Socialist magazine, will lecture at Plymouth church, Van Buren and Oneida streets, Monday evening on the sub-

ject of child labor throughout the country. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and the proceeds go to its educa-tional department. Comrade

Spargo has been delivering this ecture throughout the East, and it

has been attracting no little atten-tion. The price of admission to the lecture is fifty cents.

The Minstrels-Last Call! For the fourth and last time this Saturday evening the bones will

rattle and the tambos jingle and bang at the Social-Democratic minstrels. The show will be given

at the South Side Turn hall, on Na-

tional avenue, and there will be the

usual dance to follow and plenty

of refreshments thanks to the Wo-men's club and the bar committee.

Everybody will be there to participate in the wind-up, and the performers are carefully guarding several brand new jokes that will be spring on the ways that will

te sprung on the unsuspecting au-dience. And by the way, go early

to get a seat, for the turn hall is

not as large as the armory, and

specially priced:

there has been a crowd at each of

MILWAUKEE COUNTY-COUNTY COURTS

STATE OF WISCONSIN. | 81.
Milwaukee County.
In the Matter of the Estate of JOHANNA KOEPCKE, Deceased.

KOEPCKE. Deceased.

On this tin day of December, A. D. 1902, upon reading and filing the bettition of MARTIN KOEPCKE, stating that JOHANNA HOEP. CKE. of the County of adjuvative, died intestate, on or about the 19th day of November, 1906, and praying that OTTO KOEPCKE, or some other suitable person, be appointed Administrator of the estate of said deceased.

IT IS ORDERED. That said application be heard before this Court at a regular term therefor, to be held at the Court House, in the City of Milwaukee, on the first Tuesday of January, A. D. 1907, at 9 o'clock A. M., or as some thereafter as the same may be reached on the calendar.

RICHARD ELSNER.
Attorney of Estate.

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Men's Irish Frieze
Overcoats. were \$15, at \$7.45

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