



THE REASON for SOCIALISM

By H. ESELL.

"Always be ready to give an answer to any one who asks your reason for the hope that you cherish."

—Epistle of Peter.

Waste of Labor—As Illustrated in Small Competitive Farming.

There is such an immediate relation between the waste in land and the waste of labor of the farming class that it seems best to discuss this division of the subject under separate heads...

If I have not already made it sufficiently clear that whenever the farmer is compelled to do unnecessary labor, whenever he is defrauded, or exploited, it reacts upon his farm and causes waste there, I wish to show this plainly now.

There is a limit to human endurance. The farming class is the most patient, self sacrificing, and industrious class in our country. Their willingness to labor incessantly, and under the most glaring of conditions borders upon a form of slavery.

Iowa is primarily and essentially a farming state. It has no great cities. The people live either upon farms or near them. The causes for this suicidal mania and insanity were discussed and explained variously by the special pleaders, and learned retainers of capitalism...

Now I want to ask. Is an insane man, or a man contemplating suicide or even a discouraged man likely to improve a farm or do anything to bring it up to a high state of cultivation?

What a shout of rejoicing goes up today from the throats of the capitalist class whenever there is a bountiful harvest and good crops. The reason is plain. The slaves must be fed if they are to build more sky-scrapers, more yachts, more automobiles.

It is important that the farming class should see the relation of good crops to the financial crises which are the curse of the capitalist system. This illustration may aid. Here is a salaried man who uses his savings in making side investments.

he draws week after week, and as long as this salary is forthcoming he will never be in distress even though he lose all of his savings in a bad investment. Now in place of the individual substitute society, and in place of the individual salary substitute society's living—good crops, bountiful harvests.

Just a few expressions of their views will explain the situation. One farmer said to me that he wished the potato beetles would become so bad that they would eat up all the vines, for he had enough children to keep his cleared of them, and then he would get such a price as would justify him in growing them.

In the locality where I live there was a larger crop of peaches last year than I have known before. I was congratulating a fruit grower on this fact. He told me he was no better off this year than he was last, because now they are worth nothing.

Another farmer tells me, that he is independent only as far as having plenty to eat is concerned. That until he can sell his surplus and turn it into money, which he often finds very difficult to do advantageously he and his family are deprived of decent clothing, of comfortable surroundings, of education, of travel, of literature, of everything that goes to make one refined and respected.

When I hear of men composing that large division of the producing class, the farmers, speaking this way I cannot believe that they can shut their eyes much longer to the changed conditions that have taken place in this country during the last half century.

I have known gardeners and those who supply our markets to drive all night in order to reach the market early, then to stand the greater part of the day on the curb in the scorching sun of summer, and the cold and rain of winter waiting for buyers of their produce...

When the farmer has raised the crops, every facility should be given him to place it where it is needed for consumption. The railroads, the electric lines, the river transportation, should all be at his disposal at the exact labor cost of operation.

Disadvantage of the Small Competing Farm. Eighty-five per cent of the farms in the United States range from three acres to one hundred-sixty. Most of these are too small to enable the farmers to own the modern machinery or farm stock that will bring out the best results.

Not long ago I was standing in the field where one of these small farmers, poverty stricken, was plowing his way in the furrow after a light plow drawn by a single horse, and that one very lean indeed. After I had been talking to him for a short time, we looked out toward the road, and behold a regiment of United States Cavalry on a practice march.

What I would like to call to the attention of these small farmers is that these standing armies, with their strong, able-bodied horses, and their perfect equipment, are collectively owned, and if they ever hope to follow their chosen occupation of farming under ideal and perfect conditions, it must be under a system of cooperation and collective ownership.

Machine vs. Man. "Oh, say! We have the miners fixed," said one passenger to the other on a Southern Pacific train yesterday. "Manhattan Consolidated has just put in a drilling machine which will take the place of about fifty of these d—d shifters and time-killers."

The foregoing was a part of the conversation between two men, one of whom was the superintendent of the Manhattan Consolidated.

AUTHORITIES PROMPTED ACT

THE CASE OF THE UNION SQUARE ATROCITY.

Capitalism the Cause of Revolts and Loss of Patience on Part of Occasional Members of the Depleted Class.

By Allan L. Benson. Every time a bomb is thrown, or a murderous shot is fired by a political agitator in this country, the Socialists, in common with all other protestants against existing conditions, are called upon to defend themselves.

It matters not that the act may have been committed by a man whose views are diametrically opposed to those held by Social-Democrats; nor does it matter that such acts of violence have a tendency to defeat the very purposes for which we work.

We Socialists must meet this charge as often as it shall be made, and we shall lose nothing if we meet it as we do all other charges—fearlessly and fairly. And, if we have any responsibility for such crimes, we shall do well to ascertain in what that responsibility consists, and accept it.

Take the case of Cohen, the member of a New York anarchist society who threw the bomb in Union Square. He first touched capitalism in Russia, the land of his birth, where people of this kind are ridden down by Cossacks, shot, exiled to Siberia, or treated in whatever manner may best please the Czar and the Grand Dukes.

For this much of the experience that contributed to the making of a bomb-thrower, capital must be held responsible. At some time during this period, the responsibility of the "agitators" began. Somebody told him orally or in writing, that it was wrong for the czar to chase him with cossacks, wrong for the Russian landlords to rob him of his product, wrong for an industrial tailor to be compelled to ruin his lungs in a New York sweatshop.

Plainly then, the Socialists must share, in common with all other similar agitators, whatever responsibility may attach to those who tell the victims of injustice that they are being wronged.

Capitalism, on the other hand must accept the greater responsibility that attaches to a system of industry that causes an occasional man to suffer to such an extent that when he learns he has been wronged by the selfish acts of others he becomes a maniac.

And capitalism must accept this further responsibility: As the active force behind this government, it must answer for the fact that there is discrimination in the New York police department between the rich and the poor—a discrimination that appears to have been the last straw that broke the back of Cohen's reason.

authorities, the permit was denied. Now, mark these facts:

The Union Square meeting, up to the time the police dispersed it, was peaceful, and even after the bomb was thrown, there was no other act of violence on the part of anyone but the police. All the newspapers agree on this point.

The question arises: If Lawson's gamblers could be permitted to occupy the public streets in violation of the city ordinance, and occupy them, although they fought among themselves, and knocked down and trampled upon women, as the World said they did, why could not a crowd of hungry, unemployed, unfortunate have been permitted to occupy a public park, in a peaceful manner, where they would interrupt no traffic?

And, since Cohen did not throw his bomb until after the police had dispersed the crowd of which he was a part, it is plain that capitalism must accept a little more of the responsibility for making him an atrocious murderer.

For my part, I accept the Union

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The March number of the International Socialist Review, now under the editorship of Charles H. Kerr, takes the form of a Marx memorial number.

At their recent annual meetings, the State Federation of Labor of Kansas and of Tennessee adopted resolutions declaring for women suffrage.

A movement is on foot in Holland, Mich., for the establishment of a Socialist paper, published in the Dutch language.

E. F. Strickland, Overlook, Benton Harbor, Mich., is anxious to

LABOR GETTING "JUSTICE" IN NEVADA!

Once more organized labor receives a rebuff at the hands of the federal court. The Western Federation of Miners, at Goldfield, are warned to be good, not to interfere with other property rights, not to picket, not to congregate on the streets, not to persuade others from taking their jobs; in fact to disband and to resolve themselves into inaction.

ed meeting a local was organized with thirty-nine members to start off with. A supplemental letter states that after a second lecture "twenty more G. O. P.'s reformed and joined the party of the workers."

The state convention of Pennsylvania will be held in Philadelphia, beginning April 25.

Square bomb tragedy as a painful, though unavoidable incident of the transition from capitalism to something better. Existing conditions bear with crushing weight upon millions of human beings.

From the seventeenth story of the Flatiron Building, where I work, I heard the low thunder of the explosion in Union Square.

By recent referendum George R. Kline of McMechen, West Va., and G. W. Gillespie, of Huntington, were re-elected state secretary and member of the national committee respectively.

Eafayette, La., comrades write in appreciation of the organizing work of Comrade Clark. After a crowd-

social slough. In the few weeks that I have been here I have come to the conclusion that honor does not reside in Nevada; or if she does, she is hiding in the miners' cabins, or the quiet homes of the working people.

Social-Democrats down to three out of the twelve aldermen-at-large to be elected, so that here was an added reason for it to slander Comrade Heath, for it hoped to thus lessen the strength he would undoubtedly have on election day.

The party treated the "league's" dishonest attack with silence. Some non-Social-Democrats may have taken this as conceding the "league's" verdict.

CIRCUIT JUDGE. Huebschmann 8,264; Turner 9,902; Maher 9,362; Thompson 1,801; Turner plurality, 540.

THE BOND ISSUES. The vote on the question of a municipal light plant and on the bond issues carried as follows: Yes No; Light plant 11,572 5,509; Garbage plant 10,857 4,380; East side bath 9,389 4,897; South side bath 9,826 4,353; Dock and bridge 10,585 3,688; School sites 11,453 4,023.

In Other Places. Chicago.—The Socialists cast 16,705, a gain of some three thousand. Hearst's Independence League polled about 15,000.

Albion, Mich.—The Socialists cast 125 votes for mayor as against 44 last year. Manitowoc, Wis.—Big Social-Democratic gains in the total vote did not save the algermanic candidates.

Two Rivers, Wis.—The Social-Democrats elected Fred. Althen assessor by 583 votes. Ernest Thiede was elected supervisor in the Third Ward, receiving 100 votes to 71 for his Republican opponent.

HYGIENE AND SOCIALISM.

Sources of Impurities. In most of our modern cities the water is contaminated from many sources.

1. Refuse of houses, such as solid and liquid excretions, waste water, and all other dwelling impurities which are permitted to contaminate our water supplies.

2. Manufacturing refuse, such as various dyes, grease, hair, animal matter, and various metals which find their way into the water we drink.

3. Refuse from streets, such as finely divided clay, sand, chalk, leaves, animal and vegetable matter which is carried by surface washing to the sources of water supplies.

Diseases Caused by Impure Water. The danger of impure water is exceedingly great. There are cases on record where people of a whole village, town and city became infected through impure water.

The Quality of Water. For practical domestic purposes it is unnecessary to examine drinking water microscopically. Care should be taken that the water appear clear, transparent, free from color or bad taste, and should be cool and soft.

In this city, as a rule, we have good and clean water. Should, however, the water look "suspicious," then, holding, with or without

your clothes, yet compromises with you at \$1.50 because he expects to get you again. But the real estate swindler and the mining speculator don't compromise with you; for they will get you if you don't watch out, and will fleece you, and they cry out in the hotel lobbies: "We are the Jason, and have obtained the golden fleece."

So my advice to you working people is, beware of the Western shark; whether he sells real estate, mining stocks or gold bricks. He will get you, if you believe any of the stories which flow from the West, and if you take his word for these things without investigating and knowing what you are doing, you ought to get soaked, whether it be by a faro gambler, a mining scheme promoter, or a salt and alkali desert real estate broker.

There are a lot of prospect holes out here into which eastern tenderfeet fall, and some never get out again. They are called mines, but they are only sinkholes into which men sink their hard earned, or their inherited wealth; and it is lost like some of the large rivers of Nevada, which roar, and foam as mountain torrents, but are finally lost in the sinks and quicksands of the deserts of Nevada. William Henry Ferber.

sand filtering, renders the water "safe" for drinking purposes.

The air we breathe is the most important element of life. Without air life would be extinct. Hence it must be fresh, pure and free from any obnoxious gases or irritating substances. Pure air contains 20.9% of oxygen in 1,000 volumes of air.

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But unfortunately in most of the dwellings and workshops not more than 200 cubic feet of breathing space is allowed for each individual. Hence it is next to impossible to obtain the required amount of pure air into such a small space.

Air Impurities. The causes of impurities, both inside and outside air, are numerous. The atmosphere is constantly charged with organic and inorganic matter, vapors, gases, and various germs.

1. From the carbon dioxide exhaled by each individual during normal respiration. 2. Burning stoves, lamps, and illuminating gas in their process of combustion consume oxygen, and give off various poisonous gases.

3. The vapor produced by cooking and washing contains numerous organic and inorganic substances which vitiate the air. 4. Dust, ashes particles of coal and wood, cotton and linen fibres, feathers charred vegetable particles, fragments of insects, hair, impurities from the skin, and various bacteria floating freely in dwellings, all these impurities render the air highly injurious for human breathing.

Diseases Caused by Impure Air. Air deficient in oxygen and rich in poisonous gases destroys the coloring matter of the blood. The latter assumes a bluish, instead of its natural red color. Its most important nutritive elements become deteriorated. All bodily organs are thus deprived of their share of nutrition.

The individual suffers headaches, and palpitation of the heart. The bowels and kidneys refuse to functionate. And once the vital forces are lowered, the individual becomes subjected to various diseases of the heart, kidneys, and lungs. Hence the importance of inhaling pure air can hardly be overestimated.

How to Obtain Pure Air. As I have already remarked that even the outside air in our large cities is not altogether pure, still there can be no comparison between it and the foul air in enclosed spaces, which becomes vitiated every second or so from the innumerable causes I enumerated.

Hence dilution, filtration and purification of the air become necessary. For dwelling purposes ventilation through an opening about two inches at the bottom of the windows is both useful and practical.

The foul air, which is warm, rises, and is permitted to escape through the upper openings, and the fresh pure air, loaded with oxygen, is heavy, and usually enters through the lower opening. Thus a constant current of pure air is sup-

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Table of election returns for Supervisors, Justices of the Peace, and various districts including names like James Sheehan, Stanislaus Szymark, and G. Moerschel.

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MONDAY, 8 P. M. County Center, 325 Chestnut st. TUESDAY, 8 P. M.

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Among other things the secretary of the campaign committee received a letter from a little girl last week, which reads as follows: "Mr. Melms, Dear Sir: I have been saving since Christmas, and have saved forty cents, and will donate it to the campaign fund. Yours for the cause, Ethel Elwin."

Lake Shore and Fox River Valley Notes

By Chas. Sandburg, Care Daily Tribune, Manitowoc.

Last week I was up in Oconto County, where the wild deer still roam the woodland and men tuck their trousers in their boots.

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There is some reason in the declaration of the Socialistic platform: "Plenty of 'good men' have been corrupted by the bad system which they have tried to patch up and regulate."

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The juries in the graft cases have been a scandal almost from start to finish.

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The jury that tried Tony Kleisch and Fred C. Schulz before Judge Vinje last week was so bad in the face of it that its make-up as the subject of open jest in the city hall, and even in the courtroom.

The rotten spot in this whole matter seems to lie pretty close to Jury Commissioner Trumpp.

The district attorney's office simply wasted its time in carrying on the trial before such men. It

He is notoriously unsuited to his job and is disgracing the jury system in Milwaukee.

Commissioner Schloemer is not quite so flagrantly bad. Commissioner Anson is an honorable man, but so soft and unsuspecting that the hocus-pocus that seems to be going on in front of him is not even suspected by him.

A noticeable fact during the graft trials is that the jury panels have been crowded with street railway men and barbers.

While the bulk of the citizens never get on juries, Milwaukee's jury commission business works so smoothly that almost every jury has on it men who have been doing jury service over and over for several years.

It is time something was done. The present jury scalawagism reflects on the judges of Milwaukee, and they are being criticised for not changing the jury commissioners last year when the scandal regarding their acts became public property.

We call on the judges to formally investigate the matters here set forth. They owe it to the honest people of Milwaukee. They owe it to their own reputations.

We mean no disrespect to the judges in what is here written, but if it is contempt of court, we submit that it is a wholesome contempt, and not at all personal.

They divided, and of course, divided to their own cost. Catholic workmen quite largely split to Maher because he was a Catholic.

Labor cannot complain. If it makes its bed badly it must lie in it.

The Wisconsin editors are nothing, if not unconscious and humorous.

Here's the way one of them figures it out: There was a very small vote cast for the circuit court judgeship. The Social-Democratic candidate polled some eight thousand votes.

Well—but words fail us! The Wisconsin editor has in and out of season insisted that it is a fallacy that men are born equal, and he seems to be trying to exemplify it. We must not expect all editors to be above stupidity.

The scandalous way in which illiterate men were voted by the crooks in charge of some of the rotten ward booths last Tuesday points to the growing necessity for a change in the election laws by which the intelligent mass shall not be at the mercy of illiteracy.

In Milwaukee the voting machines cut out a lot of voting rascality, for it is hard to cheat the machine, but where the elements of darkness make up for this in the use of their men as election inspectors.

It has become a saying in old party inner circles that the election depends on who the inspectors are. This was well shown last Tuesday by a holocaust of crookedness at the machines in the Third, Fifth and other downtown wards, where Rose men were in charge.

It is currently reported that Frank J. Carney, a typical Rose shouter, and with nothing else to recommend him, has been promised the job of court reporter by Judge-elect W. J. Turner. It is claimed that Carney tried to barter his political influence to both Candidates Maher and Turner, he agreeing to turn over so many Rose votes.

WHERE ROSE GAINED.

To the Editor: The Daily News claims that Rose's victory was due to the united front of the Democratic party. Nothing of the kind. It was due to the pluralities gained in the ten Polish precincts of the city, namely: the Fourteenth Ward, the fourth precinct of the Twelfth Ward, the sixth precinct of the Thirteenth Ward and the first and second precincts of the Eighteenth Ward.

It may also be interesting to know that the increase of Rose's vote over 1905 in these ten Polish precincts was 1,008, while his increase in the other 104 precincts was but 774.

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Town Topics by the Town Crier.

Back to your coffins, Tom! Now watch them give away the city to franchise grafters!

Tuesday was not a catastrophe—it was the beginning of a catastrophe.

Having contributed to Rose's election the Free Press now gags at the result. A case where hindsight seems to be better than foresight.

Congratulations are in order for the "real" Democracy, over half of whose voters cannot read and write and had to be shown the knob on election day!

Johnny Donovan says that Rose will "wake up the town." We quite believe it, for we know what Johnny means by "town."

We are told that it was a "real" Democratic victory. It was a "straight" victory and cost over fifty thousand dollars—of which the street railway company paid the bulk and the brewery lords the balance.

The Stalwart Republican Seventh Ward went heavily for Rose, but elected a Rose Republican for alderman, McKinley. On the other hand the Half-Breed Eighteenth and Sixteenth Wards voted heavily for Pringle and thus "got-together" for Rose.

The Sentinel was not ingenuous in rushing into print the day after election with a cry against an illeged defection of Half-Breed Republicans to the Social-Democrats.

DAVIDSON WEEK of MONDAY 13 APRIL Sherman Brown Stock Company

THE CHRISTIAN As Played by VIOLA ALLEN

BIJOU Beginning Sunday Matinee, 2:30 Matinees Wednesday and Saturday

SHADOWED BY THREE The Rajah of Bhong

leged defection of Half-Breed Republicans to the Social-Democrats. It looked too much like a labored effort to keep attention away from the big bunch of Stalwart Republicans who helped elect Rose.

The Social-Democrats made an amazing showing, as it turned out. For on analyzing the returns it is clear that its big increase is a natural one and was not perceptibly contributed to by Half-breed Republican or Graebner Democratic voters.

The newly elected Democratic supervisor from the Fourteenth, runs a dance hall and saloon and frequent complaints have been made about the place.

City Atty. Kelly's miserable misrepresentations of the work of the Social-Democrats in the council, put into a special edition of the Free Press and put around free of charge at the homes of the people, was one of the really tricky things in the campaign.

No one conversant with the facts, or acquainted with Kelly's record, will accuse him of good faith toward the people in the stuff he wrote. On the contrary, they will set him down as a willful and cunning prevaricator, caught red-handed in his infamy.

Labor gets the kind of government it deserves. It gets the kind of court justice it deserves, generally speaking—although we know, of course, that there is a fundamental injustice that makes it possible for the man with money to buy law and impossible for the man without money to command the best advocates.

The working people get just about what they deserve to get, however, by the way in which they make use of their right of suffrage. A case in point is that of the election of a judge last Tuesday.

Had the workmen stood shoulder to shoulder they would have had a man on the bench sympathetic toward economic suffering and a believer in justice without the "guinea stamp" upon it.

ALHAMBRA Commencing Tomorrow (Sunday Matinee) - Other Matinees Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Campaign Fund. Table listing names and amounts donated to various candidates and committees, including John Isler, Ernst Isler, Henry Gallman, etc.

GAYETY Week Commencing Sunday Matinee APRIL 12 ROSE SYDELL and The London Belles

NEW STAR 3rd & Wells Mat. Daily Week Beginning Sunday, April 12 The JOLLY Grass-Widows

CRYSTAL The Three RANALDOS