

BOSTON ACTIVE

ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

AN IMPRESSIVE S. L. P. MEETING

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WANAMAKER EXPOSED

A WORKER RELATES HIS EXPERIENCE WHILE IN HOLY JOHN'S EMPLOY.

Compelled to Sign Contracts Forfeiting Legal Rights—Labors Long Hours Without Extra Pay and is Then Insulted by "Gratuitous Gifts."

Having just arisen from a sixteen-hour sleep brought on by the generous and Christian-like treatment of holy and amiable John Wanamaker in working his "deserving employes" eighteen hours a day for the last ten days...

When you apply for a position you take your place in line with hundreds of other prosperous American citizens, a line which gives the lie direct to the howlers of the prosperity of the workingmen of this country...

This slows how well this saint guards his interests on earth. Once you sign a contract with the above statement it means that should you get hurt and bring suit against "Holy John" the judge would obligingly decide that the "freedom of contract" must be upheld and throw your case out of court...

Oh, glorious freedom that thou art, would thy name were never known, for under thy sheltering care Countless crimes committed are unknown...

There are hypocrites, but the meanest and dirtiest of all hypocrites is the religious hypocrite. Mr. Wanamaker is very religious. One would naturally think that after eighteen hours of rushing work you would be entitled to some compensation...

It, and you have willingly done it with the expectation of being kept steady, it certainly is a good Christmas present when you are handed your discharge Christmas eve. This is the reward that all capitalists give their employes when, after using their life-blood until the fountain of youth is run dry, the workers are thrown aside like the proverbial squeezed lemon...

I have given but a few of the details about the way our minister and church-going John is giving his employes hell on earth and expects to boost his way into heaven. I have given my experiences as a packer but the same applies to the saleswomen and mens wear. One has no idea of the unhealthiness of the packers' position unless he has had the experience.

I have spoken mainly about Wanamaker's treatment of his employes because of my personal experience in that hell-hole and because of his well-known supposed generous treatment of his employes. Do not imagine for one moment that Wanamaker's is an exception. On the contrary, it is said to be the best in its treatment of employes. Macy's advertisement says they close early because their salespeople need the rest, which is very true...

present at my disposal but it is with the hope that this article will cause some of those poor, deluded mortals to stop and consider for a moment their relations with their fellow-men that it is written. There can be no improvement in the condition of the working class unless at the expense of the capitalist class...

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Opens Lecture Season and Launches Organization to Promote Press. Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—Section Boston opened the first of its regular Sunday evening discussion meetings last Sunday, December 21st, at headquarters, No. 1165 Tremont street.

The Socialist Scandinavian Club donated \$150 to Massachusetts State Executive Committee. Comrades in and around Boston are working zealously to make the coming grand fair and entertainment in Paine Memorial Hall on January 29, 30 and 31, 1903, the biggest success ever undertaken by the party and its friends in this State.

ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

S. L. P. Enters Municipal Campaign With Complete Ticket. St. Louis, Dec. 22.—The city convention called by Section St. Louis was held at Walsbala Hall, Sunday, December 21. The convention was opened with an address by Organizer Grupp.

The convention suspended the regular order of business to allow Wm. Cox, of Collinsville, Ill., to address the convention. Mr. Cox, who is a coal-miner, and who was a candidate in the last election for congress in the Twenty-second Congressional District of Illinois, ridiculed the idea that a candidate of the Socialist Labor Party would "sell out" as it often said they will.

OVALATION GIVEN TO JAMES CONNOLLY ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE.

Representative of the Irish Socialist Republican Party Gives Some of His Views on American Conditions and Draws Comparisons With Europe—His Opinion of the S. L. P.—DeLeon Repeats Prophecy Made Some Years Ago—Event a Thorough Success and Closes With Hearty Cheers.

Impressive is the one word that will describe the James Connolly farewell mass meeting at Manhattan Lyceum Annex, 15-17 East Third street, last night. Impressive not only in the size of the audience and the enthusiasm displayed, but in the revolutionary spirit and determination manifested in the speeches made and the interchange of ideas that took place between the representative countries of both the Old and New World.

James Connolly proved that he was not only a witty and eloquent expounder of Socialism, but also an observer of great philosophical depth and penetration. His speech was replete with impressions of the capitalist and Socialist developments of this country which were modestly and unostentatiously delivered. The meeting began at 8:30 p. m., when Organizer Abelson, Frank D. Lyon, and the guest of the evening, James Connolly, ascended the platform amid prolonged cheers of the audience.

Connolly reaffirmed his belief in the policy of the Socialist Labor Party, stating that it was the only one that is likely to carry the working class to emancipation. He cited Irish political experiences to prove the fallacy of the "broad platform" theory.

Connolly said all the governments of Europe are doing the same to-day. They are dividing the "phrase mongers" and the "broad-platformers" by their Millerands and others.

The speaker declared that capitalism had run its course. The capitalist class, he asserted, is a useless class; an existence no longer performing a useful function.

He closed with a poem of Burne Jones, the English chartist, beginning "Come, I preach a new crusade," and ending, "Labor is lord of the earth, and we should be lords of our labor."

ORGANIZED SCABBERY

Proof That Pure and Simple Unions Are Used For Capitalists.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A verdict having a significant bearing upon the right of labor organizations to maintain or assist in enforcing a boycott was rendered yesterday in Judge Vail's court, whereby George Hinchliff was awarded \$22,000 damages against the members of the Chicago Masons and Builders' Association and the Brick Manufacturers' Association.

Hinchliff alleged he had sustained owing to a boycott of the product of his brick-yards at Hobart, Ind., on the part of the associations mentioned, in 1898. The suit is an outgrowth of the alleged efforts of the Manufacturers' Association to control the brick industry of Chicago, which took form in April, 1898.

Under the agreement, according to the evidence produced during the trial, the contractors agreed to purchase all the brick to be used by them by the allied manufacturers, and the latter agreed to sell their brick to no one but contractors belonging to the association. An agreement as to rates at which brick might be bought is said to have been the basis of the contract. The agreement carried with it a previous agreement which had been made between the Chicago Masons and Builders' Association and the Bricklayers Union, by which the association agreed to employ no non-union bricklayers, and the bricklayers agreed not to work for a contractor not a member of the association.

REMEMBER MOZLE CIGARETTES

The value of pure and simple unionism is well set forth in the report of the Commissioner of Labor for the State of New York. This report shows an increase in membership of 53,000 or a gain of 20 per cent during the present year. Wages have averaged higher in most trades this year than in any other recent year, says the report.

Comparatively "good times" assist them in gaining "advances." When the hard times come are upon them, even these slight "gains" will be taken from them. The intensified labor and the high cost of living will remain, as they remained in Germany and England during the crisis there.

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Chairman Poelling closed by calling on the audience, asking them to rally to the support of the Socialist Labor Party and requesting them to read the official organs of the Socialist Labor Party—The Daily, Weekly and Monthly People—published in New York by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labor Party.

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The meeting then proceeded to nominate candidates for members of the city council. The following were nominated: Hy. J. Poelling, hard wood finisher; H. M. Graber, tobacco worker; Chas. Grupp, clerk; W. J. Hager, printer; F. Bonitz, furniture worker. The convention then endorsed the following nominations for members of the House of Delegates: First ward, Chas. Morton; Second ward, Chas. Wippermann; Third ward, Joe Spaliti; Fourth ward, Wm. Bilsbanow; Fifth ward, E. C. Dieckmann; Seventh ward, John Neumann; Eighth ward, George Dauner; Ninth ward, Chas. Unger; Tenth ward, Carl Unshelm; Twelfth ward, C. F. Meier; Fifteenth ward, C. E. Huger; Sixteenth ward, Albert Ross; Seventeenth ward, G. A. Ross; Eighteenth ward, Barney Dulke; Nineteenth ward, Edw. Brendel; Twentieth ward, Edw. Heitzig; Twenty-first ward, John Feltnan; Twenty-second ward, John Murnagham; Twenty-third ward, Wm. Culbertson; Twenty-seventh ward, Hy. Knobel.

Chairman Lyon then introduced the speaker of the evening, Charles H. Regan, who was also given a hearty come, and who further elaborated on points made by the preceding speaker. The meeting was marked thro' by intense interest. The audience very much absorbed in the utterance of the speakers, and only broke their attention by spontaneous outbursts of approval when telling and inspiring words were made. The meeting closed rousing cheers and the audience home fully satisfied that the meet'g a success and possessed of a determ. to continue the fight for the emancipation of the working class with greater than ever.

