WEEKLY (6)

PEOPLE

000

expires will be found on the label opposite your name.

The date on which your subscription

The paper will be stopped on that day unless previously renewed.

VOL. XIII No. 35.

UNDAUNTED BY "HE BATTLE OF THE BAL OTS."

Building on the Firm Rock of Class-Consciousness, It Defies the Elements of Capitalism and Presses On With Renewed Vigor and Determination.

[Special to The People.]

Cleveland, O., Nov. 17.—The battle of ballots is over. "We have met the enemy and we are theirs." But unlike the Hon. Lucius F. C. Garvin, the single tax initiative and referendum democratic candidate for Governor, who triumphed in Rhode Island, the single tax, municipal ownership all-around reformer, Democratic Tom L. Johnson, candidate for Governor of Ohio, went down to inglorious defeat with a plurality, the largest ever given a Governor in Ohio, of 114,000 piled upon his back by the brutal Marcus A. Hanna and the smiling Myron Herrick. In Rhode Island the middle-class advocate triumphed; in Ohio the large capitalist class advocates were victorious.

But it matters little to the working class whether a member of the middle class or one of the large corporationists rides it, for in either event we are the beasts of burden, we are ridden for the rider's benefit. But, out of it all, there are some gleams of comfort for the S. L. P. We have always contended that the S. L. P. was founded upon the rock of class consciousness, while the S. had built their party upon the shifting sands of "intellectualism" and "sentimentality." We have also contended that when the fierce winds of capitalism blew, and the rains descended and the floods came and beat upon the S. L. P. structure, it would not fall, for it is founded upon a rock; but that on the other hand when these same winds of capitalism beat upon the S. P., or Kangaroo structure, it would fall and great would be the fall thereof, for it is founded upon the shifting

Now what were the peculiarly fierce winds of capitalism in our case? Well, in the first place the Catholic Federated Societies of Ohio met in Columbus and solemnly warned members of their church and Catholies generally not to vote for Socialism. This happened about three weeks before the election. Then, too, from every stump Republican speakers, from Hanna and Herrick down to the ward-heelers and fourthclass speelbinders, reiterated the lie that Tom L. Johnson was a Socialist. The fact that Tom L. Johnson favored the single tax and municipal ownership of public utilities was also thrust in our faces by bogus Socialists and single-taxers as a reason hy "all radicals should unite on as they put it. Now, in spite of these two fierce winds of capitalism, the genuine Socialists, or S. L. P., emerged from the storm with 472 votes to their credit in Quyahoga County. Last fall we polled for the head of the ticket 679, showing a loss of only 207 votes. How fared it with our friends, the bogus Socialists, or S. P? Last fall they polled Max Hayes, the head of their ticket, 2,199 votes. This year they dropped with a dull, sickening thud, to 1,447 votes, a loss of 752 votes. In other words, while we of the class cious S. L. P. army stood almost like a stone-wall against the floodgates of capitalism, the S. P. lost over three times as many votes as we did. In fact the Cleveland Citizen (Kangaroo Socialist) is afraid to publish the S. L. P. vote of Cuyahoga County for fear their dupes may make unfavorable comons between the slight loss of the S. L. P. and the tremendous felling off of the "Socialist" party

We of the S. L. P. of Cuyahoga County and Cleveland, O., are not uraged. Our faces are towards the front. We will push the circulation of the Daily and Weekly People. We will continue to show the folly of the working class in voting the elubs into the hands of the police, the hayonets into the hands of the

of the regular army that they may slaughter working men in time of strike, as they are doing now in Chicago. The fight will continue as long as rostrums invite the Goerkes, and Dingers and Kirchers and hosts of others to speak from them; as long as ink invites master hands to grasp the pen and write their thoughts on paper; as long as print-ing presses invite the master hand of the mechanic to set the wheels in motion, and make the written thoughts of men appear in cold type upon the printed page—that he who runs may read and reflect thereon. So long will the seeds of the oncoming social revolution be sown. Through sunshine and storm, through evil and good report, through victory and defeat the good

On and ever on "Comrades." Not what we have done, but what we are doing now for Socialism should be the question. On, and still onward and upward, the red heart of the social revolution beckons us!

work will go on, and with MacDuff,

"Damned, thrice damned, be he who

first cries, Hold, enough!"

GOMPERS AGAIN (HOSEN PRESIDENT OF A. F. OF L

The "Socialist" Vote Splits in Two on Him.

88

(Special to The People.)

Boston, Mass., Nov. 21.—Samuel Gom-pers, the bombastic, flamboyant Samuel, tool of Mark Hanna, and trusted labor lieutenant of the capitalist class, was to-day re-elected President of the Ameriean Fakiration of Labor for the 21st

When notified of his election Compers made a speech in which he asserted his great value as a labor leader. Said Samuel, with the pompous air of a Pull-

man porter:
"My highest purpose is to serve the cause of labor. I have no other ism, I have no other fad, I am committed to

nothing but the trade union movement."

After several minutes spent in pronouncing praises of himself, Gompers
sank into his chair, uttering his stage grunt as he sat down. The Kangaroos or bogus Socialists, writhing under the lash of S. L. P. criticism and action, thought that they would get back at Gompers for his attitude on their pet resolutions, which were killed on Thursday, so they nominated Delegate Ernest Kreft, of Philadelphia, one of the "Alte Genossen," to oppose Gompers, with the result that Gompers got 12,524 votes, and Kreft got 1,134, or 1,051 less than the "Socialist" resolutions received. Many of the bogus Socialists, lacking all sense of shame and honor, and controlled by anti-Socialist instructions from their unions, voted for Gompers.

HOLYOKE'S CITY TICKET.

S. L. P. Nominates Candidates for December City Election. Holyoke, Mass., Nov. 11.—Section Holyoke, S. L. P., has made these nominations for the city election, to be held on Dec. 8:

Mayor, MORITZ E. RUTHER. MAX H. TIEDEMANN. Alderman-at-Large, HENRY NOFFKE. Alderman-Ward 2, HENRY ST. CYR. Alderman-Ward 3. MAX K. TIEDEMANN.

COLUMBUS, ATTENTION! The sixth anniversary dance and social of Section Columbus, Ohio, S. L. P., will be held at Buckeye Hall, 711-2 East State street, on Monday evening, Nov. 30. Admission, 15 cents.

The committee urges the co-operation of the readers of The People in Colum-bus in making this affair both a financial and a social success. The Party here requires funds to liquidate debts and carry on propaganda work, so that those who attend will not only be afforded an opportunity to spend a pleasant evening, but also help along a good cause. Entertainment Committee.

PHILADELPHIA LECTURES.

Lectures under the auspices of the So cialist Labor Party will be held on November 29, "Trade Unionism, New and Old," J. Alexander; December 6, "Politics and Political Parties," Edmund Sei-del; December 13, "The Labor Ques-tion," Joseph Campbell, at Dehren Hall, 2434 Kensington avenue, Philadelphia,

Lectures begin at 3 o'clock p. m. sharp. Comrades should see that these lectures are well attended.

If you receive a sample copy of this paper it is an invitation to subscribe. Subscription price: 50 cents per year; 25 cents for six months. Address Weekthe hayonets into the hands of the ly People, 2-6 New Reade street, New Militia and the guns into the hands York City.



FROM BOSTON

(The below article was first published in these columns on December 16, 1900. It was that year entitled "Echoes from Louisville, Ky." The article was a pictorial synopsis of the "Debate on Socialism" that took place at the Louisville convention of the A. F. of L. of that year. That synopsis portrayed so graphically, philosophically and lucidly, not the "Debate" of that year only, but also the previous nine periodically recurring "Debates on Socialism" in the annual conventions of the A. F. of L.; in fact, it was such a graphic photography of the downright farcical principle which underlies these A. F. of L. "Debates on Socialism," and that is bound to continue to underlie them so long as the A. F. of L. continues to exist, that it has since been reproduced in these columns from year to year, headed by the above cartoon, and with the promise and forecast that it will continue to reappear in these columns from year to year until the day shall have come when-emancipated by Socialist Labor Party consistent and persistent teaching from the intellectual thrafldom that to-day holds the bulk of the toilers under the yoke of the Labor Fakir, the Labor-Lieutenants of the capitalist class,-the working class of the land shall have risen in their might and overthrown for all time the scabby crew of freaks and frauds that annually meets to "debate" Socialism at these A. F. of L. conventions, that is, at these annual Auction Sales of Labor. The below synopsis was, accordingly, republished in 1901 under the title "Echoes From Scranton," and in 1902 under the title "Echoes from New Orleans." In obedience to the promise made in 1900, and in keeping with the facts, which every intelligent man, if honest, and every honest man, if intelligent, knew would substantially recur, the synopsis is again reproduced this year and with the same promise and forecast for the future, under the title "Echoes from Boston:")

The undaunted dozen threw themselves valiantly into the fray for Socialism at the American Federation of Labor convention. The fray was partly on the floor of the convention hall, partly in the brains of some of the contestants, but mostly on the reputations of those who fought the good fight. There were in appearance only two sets of contestants. In fact there were three.

There were, in the first place, the stalwarts who never blanched in the face of the most terrible wrong, when they did it themselves, and who never retreated unless somebody said some-

thing after their first set up. They were of the two sets of the sham combatants the solid phalanx, the "staunch defenders of Socialism" at every convention of the American Federation of Labor, but whose Socialism was afflicted with a strong taint of Republicanism or Democracy as own as it was over. This did key. Then both sides recounted their not matter, because they were Socialists again as soon as another convention came. That was the first set.

On the other side were the men who opposed" Socialism, and would be terribly offended if it did not make its appearance. For this reason it was at ways slated to appear, and that it might give offense to none it appeared in such disguise that those to whom it was most dear would never recognize it. It had been the center of many a stirring fight, and then its mangled remains were taken out and placed in cold storage for

future reference. That was the second There was a third set, the gudgeons, for whose sake the sham fight was gone through every year. They fought on the side of the first set, and glowered at, and were themselves glowered at by the sec-ond set. The "Socialist," alias gudgeon, delegates had introduced a resolution, THE resolution. They waited with past tense nerves, and with their passions high wrought, and their trousers turned up for its appearance. It came, it sawit-went again, and nobody was the wiser. When it got the floor, it almost invariably got the table also, but between times there was room enough for those loud and talky debates that mean so much to those who do not understand, and so little to those who do. The enemies of the resolution, in a spirit of zeal and good fellowship, had seen to it that there was no miscarriage in

its introduction. Then commenced the battle royal The two first sets of men lined up on each side determined to discuss that resolution if it took a whole week at \$6 a day, expenses to be paid by their constituents. There were many hard blows given and taken, and there were many, many blows who gave them. It was so strange and weird that contestants should all have the same object. Of these first two sets, those who supported the resolution did so in order to defeat it; those who opposed it, did so in order to do the same.

Between the two there was a weak puny handful of men, that third set, the gudgeons, who believed that the fight was in earnest-and so it was. It was carried on for the sake of that handful of men. It was carried on so that they might return home and say: "Behold how Socialism is on the increase. Last year at the convention of the Federation we discussed it for 47 hours and 16 minutes. This year we discussed it for 47 hours and 22 minutes, a net increase of six minutes. There is nothing can

hold us back." When the contest was over, and the vote showed that the Federation would not resolve in favor of Socialism, the fighters, still with the smoke of battle and non-union cigars on them, separated on both sides, made its way to a saloon where ten cent whiskey was sold: the other, made up of the gudgeons who bore and are bored from within, went to a saloon which dispensed five cent whisvictory.

"Did you notice," said Gompers when he had filled his glass, after draining in a surreptitious manner the glasses of those about him, "how tractable those fellows became as soon as you let them discuss a thing, and then vote it down? It is the easiest thing in the world. All you have to do is let them talk on a subject and then throw it aside. They are satisfied with the talk." The good cheer opened his heart. "Next year, so help me Moses, we'll give them an increase in their vote. They have been very good boys this year, and they deserve some recognition. We humored them just to have them do all the dirty work this year, and they should not go unrewarded. I shall see that they have two more supporters when we meet again. They are becoming tamer and should be rewarded."

In the other saloon the "triumphant hosts of Socialism," that believed in the free and unlimited coinage of words, sat along the table and vowed death to the capitalist system, and carried out their threat "in our time" by guiping down the products of capitalism.

"Did you notice," said one, "how they quailed when we accused them of not being Socialists?

"Yes," said another, "we shall win, Why, one man came to me and gave me a dollar to start a colony on Hudson Bay. That could not happen if we jumped on him for thinking differently." "You got a dollar?"

"Yes, a dollar."

There was a short pause, and those about the table commenced to come nearer to him. It would be impossible to take a trolley car to Hudson Bay to enjoy the fruits of Socialism, but the dollar was still on the premises. It might be a bank note, it might be a silver certificate, and it might be simply two vulgar half dollars. But in sum and substance at any place it would be converted into twenty foaming schoon-

There was a motion put. It was carried, and again peace reigned about the banquet board, but the dollar had departed from their midst, which was now occupied by the gracious spirit of the hop. It warned them up and it aroused their humanitarianism. They waited until the humanitarianism was in such a condition that it could be steered through a dark alley without trying to carry the sides of the wall with it, and then they started to see the men who had donated the dollar, and who were "coming their wav. They found them in the ten cent place

enjoying such luxuries as the Union at home could give. A delegation was selected to interview them as there was a decided sentiment against associating with persons who were not class conin two "hostile" bodies. One, made up scious. The delegation returned. The

crowd within would be pleased to receive their fellow workers in a common cause.

This overture was sternly refused be cause no alliance would be tolerated. but a resolution was drawn up when it was found that one of the inner crowd had given a dollar for the purpose of translating Marx into Sanscrit so that all workingmen could read it. The resolution was as follows:

"Whereas, the American Federation of Labor, in convention assembled, refused the proposition of Socialism; and

"Whereas, notwithstanding the fact that they voted it down, they neverthe less manifested an inclination to study the problem of the working class; and "Whereas, it is evident that the spirit was one of friendliness to the working

class, and the donation was received: "Be it resolved, that we hereby commend the A. F. of L. for its spirit of tolerance to the working class: and be

it further
"Resolved, that we shall come again
as soon as this dollar is spent."

Then with three rousing cheers for International Socialism, that bores from within, the dauntless who had bored and bored so assiduously in the Cause, and at the Cause's expense, carefully turned their faces homeward, and then followed them to their destination.

Socialism has made another advance!

SWI1CHTENDERS AND TOWERMEN

Their Conditions Depicted by an Ex-

In the western part of the United States the men who are stationed at certain places to throw switches are called switchtenders, while in the eastern part they are called switchmen. In the western country the term switchman means the men that make up trains, couple cars and 'spots" them at the large yards.

Throughout the various yards you will see a small shanty that is for the man who has a set of switches. Generally a cripple has the position, but in some big yards, like the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern and the New York Central in Buffalo, they put young men on the switches at \$50 to \$60 per month, and when they are there eighteen months they promote them to be helpers. It is a kind of an apprenticeship to learn to be a switchman (yard brakeman or conductor).

The Switchmen's Union admits them to membership, while the Trainmen's order has so far rejected them. As generally it is an old when he loses an arm or becomes otherwise maimed, the Switchmen's Union generally tries to secure advances-in wages for them. In case Council. They do not intend this for a of a strike of switchmen they are joke either. The First Congregational useful to the company, as they generally know the yards. That is the principal reason they are taken into the union.

There is another class of men who throw switches. At the Forty-second Street Station of the New York | depressed by the falling off of its vote Central. There is a two-story house called a tower. The same kind of towers can be seen in all the large yards. The one in East St. Louis called the relay tower. I will take for an example. There are three or four ways of moving the points from these different towers. Some are thrown by compressed air, some by water, some by electricity and some by a fine system of leverage.

The towermen have the time-cards in front of them. A. telegraph operator in the relay tower says: 'Wabash No. 6 is one hour late," or "M. & O. No. 3 is on time." He then throws the signals at danger. He can't throw a single switch until he does this, as they are interlocked. When all the danger signals governing the route of M. & O. No. 3 is at danger, he can then set the switches for that route, and then he sets the signals clear so that M. & O. No. 3 can get to the Union Depot without stopping. Once the home and distant signal is set for clear, it is utterly impossible for the tower man to throw any switch that would endanger M. & O. No. 3.

All these towers are operated on this principle. It is only a question of a brief training and the man who has average intelligence can operate a tower as well as a veteran.

A mechanical arrangement called to throw a switch while a train is going over it. In case a switch them.

LABOR IN 'FRISCO

PRICE TWO CENTS

SCHMITZ'S ELECTION PROMOTES COMPROMISE TACTICS IN UNIONS.

Musicians Permit Members to Join Militia-Boycotts Under Arbitration-Chinese "Question" Again to the Front -"Socialist" Party Discomfited.

(Special to The People.)

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 16 .- The labor situation in San Francisco has been very quiet since the election. Examination of the returns show that the unions stood pretty solid for Schmitz, although the Casey faction of the U. L. P. and the Building Trades Council undoubtedly adhered to the old parties.

Schmitz's new lease of popularity is

already making itself felt in the compromise spirit shown by the recent taeties of the unions of this city. The Musician's Union has given up its long contest and altered its constitution so as to permit its members to join the State militia. The little crop of boycotts of last month is already under arbitration. The carmen's "award," handed in from New York last week by the "Arbitration Commission on the San Francisco street railway controversy," was too flimsy a compromise to deceive the most gullible workingman; yet it was accepted with very little murmuring. There are, however, a few strike

threats pending and some talk of boycotting certain employers of Chinese labor. The Chinese question seems to be coming to the front again in different parts

of the State. On the 11th inst., all the mongolians employed in the "Black Oak" mines of Tuolumne County, Cal., were driven out of town by the striking miners of that region. The strikers packed the Chinese, with all their goods and chattels, into carriages hired for the occasion and drove them quietly to the neighboring town of Sonora. The Chinese minister has petitioned the Government for protection for his countrymen. George W. Campbell, the manager of the Black Oak," has closed the mine and come to San Francisco where, he asserts, he will await "Federal interference" as the "rioters" can not be restrained by State or county authority.

The strike in the Stockton plaining mills threatens the stoppage of building in that city. The tailors are also on a strike there. The Fort Bragg lumbermen are still holding out.

On the 19th of November, a large mass meeting is to be held in the Alhambra Theatre, San Francisco, for the purpose switchman who secures the position of "bringing about a permanent industrial peace by establishing a board of arbitration." The Committee in charge of this meeting includes Mayor Schmitz and the Kangaroo president of the Labor Church is going to have a finger in this peace, too. It is to hold a discussion on 'How Best to Harmonize Labor and Capital," and a member of the Carpenter's Union is invited to represent the side of

The Socialist (?) party is naturally in this city. These so-called Socialists sold their principle for that vote and its

loss leaves them completely stranded. The S. L. P. in San Francisco is more vigorous at the present time than it has been for years. The vote is a small matter to a party which keeps its principles intact.

does not lock when the towerman throws it, he finds it impossible to throw the signal governing that switch to safety.

These men are absolutely at the mercy of the railroad companies. The pay they receive is miserable. In the towers where work is heavy they receive \$45 to \$60 per month, and work eight-hour shifts, but when work is slack they are compelled to work twelve hours for the same wages. Where the towerman has to be a telegraph operator as well, the minimum scale governed by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers is given him, but when it is only a telephone office then the companies employ anyone they please and pay them what they please.

These men are protected by no organization, and, as a rule, are employed by the signalling department. Theirs is only an instance as to how mechanical apparatus has simplified labor. These men should study Socialism, and speed the day when the capitalist class will no longer be a detector bar, makes it impossible able to use their helpless position as a means of still further exploiting An Ex-Towerman.

cause they are themselves intellectual products of these institutions; but the

The schools and colleges, at least is

cause therefor, however, lies deeper.

crowning creatures of all creation

Therefore it is that all the mediums of

so-called public education are more or

less corrupting modern scientific prin-

ciples and are withholding some of the

epoch-making scientific demonstrations.

Therefore it is also that at this stage

of capitalist development, a stage replete

with contradictions, one contradiction

among all others is presenting itself,

namely, that the unlearned are challeng-

ing the wisdom of the "learned;" that

workingmen in rude and simple language

are setting forth to their fellow-workers

"The Sozialistische Arbeiter Zeitung"

in the following cities:

Auburn, N. Y.; Allegheny, Pa.; Chicago Heights, Ill.; Dunkirk, N. Y.; Davenport, Ia.; Gaston, Pa.; South Manchester, Mass.; Houston, Texas; Johnstown N. Y.; Maryville, Ill.; Lawrence, Mass.; New Brunswick, N. J.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Yonkers, N. Y.; Lowell, Mass.; Bethlehem, Pa.; Buchanan, N. Y.; Pittsburg, Pa.; Providence, R. I.; Aurora, Ill.; Altoona, Pa.; Anderson, Ind.; Allentown, Conn.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Clinton, Mass.; Camden, N. J.; Cuhady, Wis.; Derby, Conn.; Elgin, Ill.; Edwardsville, Ill.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Joliet, Ill., Lynn, Mass.; Malden, Mass.; Marion, Ind.; Moline, Ill.; Newport, Ky.; North Milwaukee, Wis.; Pittsfield, Mass.; Portland, Orc.; Pueblo, Colo.; Springfield, Mass.; Springfield, Ill.; Salem, Mass.; West Superior, Wis.; Wilmerding, Pa.

tempt to "re-examine" the teachings of Marx, i. e., to weaken the importance and influence of the theory which proved itself the best idealogic expression of the revolutionary aims of the proletariat of to-day-Engels' remark often reluctantly came to our mind.

that this difficulty must be solved. But

it is none the less evident that its so-

lution is not easily found. It will yet

more than once engross the attention of

the German and the rest of the West-

ern Social Democracy. We say "West-

ern"-as in Russia the condition of af-

fairs at present is different, and her "in-

tellectuals" are much more revolutionary

than those of Western Europe. But all

who are acquainted with the Russian press know full well that they also are

unfortunately distantly related to revis-

The Dresden convention paid great at-

tention to this difficulty. This is one of

its numerous services. The "orthodox"

who were opposed to the revisionists persistently reiterated that these influ-

ential positions in the organization may

be offered only to those "academics"

who by their zealous work among the

rank and file showed that they can

sharply toe the revolutionary mark. We

regard this measure as absolutely neces-

sary, but fear that it will prove insuf-

ficient. If all those "academicians" who

land in the ranks of the working class

remain under the influence of bourgeois

theories, the party will, against its will,

have to be indulgent in making its selec-

tions, i. e., open the door for new varie-

ties of revisionism. To lessen this dan-

ger, frafight with such inconvenient so-

cial conditions for the proletariat, it is

necessary TO ATTACK THE ENEMY

IN HIS OWN QUARTERS. Opposed to

the theoretical teachers of the bour-

geoisie, who "criticise Marx," phalanxes

of the "theoretical teachers of the prole-

tariat" must come forward with their

criticism of the latest bourgeois doc-

trines. And in order that such teach-

ers might appear in the ranks of the

proletariat, the International Social De-

mocracy must, first of all, rid itself of

that false "practicality" which shows

itself so recklessly indifferent to theory,

incomprehensible fact that the revision

with the propaganda of their petit bour-

geois views the class-consciousness of

the workingmen. It is time for us to

grasp that by indifference to our own

theoretical teachings we facilitate the

dissemination of bourgeois theories in

our midst. Short-sighted "practicality"

is very useful to the revisionists; they

cannot grapple with theory. But what

is healthy to the revisionists is fatal to

that part of Auer's speech where he, re-

We read with the greatest interest

the "orthodox."

slandered the Social Democracy, and the ridiculous verbosity of the Sancho Pausa of revisionism, who claimed that the Social Democracy, with profit to itself and no harm to its moral dignity, could perform the loyal obeisances before the Emperor-aroused against the revision-We understood that the cause of this ists such a storm of dissatisfaction as sad occurrence lies with the bourgeois had never as yet broken out in the midst origin of the "academicians," and we of our temperate German comrades. The often asked ourselves: How will the death warrant of the Red Convention Social Democracy of Western Europe against revisionism complemented in the solve the difficulty of having its most most appropriate manner the June vicimportant posts in the party organization tory of the German proletariat. Withfilled with people, whose very origin and out it the victory would not have been breeding make them inclined to fear the revolutionary aims of the proletariat rather than uphold them? It is evident

We heartily applaud the Red Convention; yet, we do not want to deceive ourselves with too rosy hopes. Revisionism received its death warrant; so far, so good. But this warrant has thus far only a moral significance. The rerisionists as heretofore still occupy strong positions in the party organization, and his is bad indeed. For they will surely use those positions for new attempts in favor of their tactics. Frankly speaking, we think that the Dresden convention was in a position to do more than it did to weaken the practical influence of the revisionists. We must, however, remark that the question of the positions filled by revisionists in the German party is a very complicated affair. This problem cannot be solved by a mere decision of the convention. The fact is that the working class cannot dispense with the services of the "academicians." as they are called in Germany, or "inellectuals," in our (Russian) parlance. The German intellectuals are strangely imbued with the bourgeois spirit. Even those "academicians" who break away from the ruling classes to join the ranks of the proletariat, carry in the great majority of instances along with them a considerable quantity of bourgeois prejudices, and this is why they are usually so deeply impressed by bourgeois "criticism" of revolutionary social-

editors, etc. It happens that the officers and subordinate officers in the proletarian army are often these very revisionists. At the Dresden convention this showed itself very clearly. But there also another fact, dear to every revolutionist, became evident; while the officers and subordinate officers of the and which in recent years has contagiousgreat army of labor sympathize with re-visionism, the rank and file, the organ-the influence of this false "practicality" to comply, then our comrade (truly a | ized workingmen, in the real meaning | that we can explain the, at first sight, of the term, with its overwhelming majority stands for revolutionary tacties ists so long and with impunity obscured and thoroughly condemns revisionism with all its bourgeois sympathies, and all its would-be "practical" shortsightedness. This is the only reason why revisionism has not till now harmed the German party so much as it would under different conditions: the opportunist

Still this state of things remains abnormal and rather dangerous. In the sixteenth century, during the great "Peasant War," the peasants, ignorant from the camp of the petit nobility who, far less deep than that of the peasants. Therefore, these nobles were much less consistent in their revolutionary provisionists" of that epoch. United by thousands of spiritual ties with the very class against whom they led the revoluto that class, leaving to the mercy of their fate the groups of revolting peas-ants. Engels remarks that this explains the numerous failures of the

the most perplexing problems of the day, and are able to stand their ground Active Agents Are Paid a Liberal Commission. against those who, tutored in orthodox notions, yet have an infinitely better edu-For Further Information Write to Sozialistische Arbeiter Zeitung, 193 CHAMPLAIN STREET

ism. The "academicians" who join the ran' of the proletariat are, from their very birth so to say, inclined to "criticise Marx." Their education makes possible to them the opportunity of occupying influential positions in the party organization, such as agitators, publicists,

aims of the "academicians" were shattered against the revolutionary spirit of the working class. peasants.

In recent years-when the "academi-

everything continually changes shape and form: that everything comes into ex-Istence and while it "lives" undergoes constant fluctuations and finally "dies," i. e., becomes dissolved into other matter, or ceases to play a part under the shape it once held; that everything is in a state of formation or dissolution, of this there can scarcely any longer be any doubt. Even those who go through life the most unconcerned about their surroundings cannot, at the present time, fail to realize the instability of things because man's range of vision has become infinitely wider than it was years ago, and furthermore, the current of evolution is decidedly swifter and consequently the processes of growth and dissolu-

he accepted by any one who is not totally petrified mentally. Everything is motion! Everything undergoes formation, birth, growth, denent, death, and finally dissolution and decay. Shakespeare makes Hamlet

tion are more rapid and can therefore

be noticed in a single generation. There-

fore, the old adage that, "As things are

to-day so have they always been and so

will they always remain," can no longer

"Alexander died, Alexander was buried Alexander returned into dust, the dust is earth; of earth we make loam; and why of that loam, whereto he was erted, might they not stop a beer-Imperious Caesar, dead and turned to

Might stop a hole to keep the wind

away: O, that that earth, which kept the world in awe, ould patch a wall to expel the win-ter's flaw!"

The rugged mountains may be converted into palaces, rivers may change their course and lakes may become dry ests are cleared away, and fertile fields and busy cities are seen where formerly was a wilderness; whole towns may perish by fire, hurricanes or earthquakes empires have fallen, kingdoms have died i. e., with the unconscious actions of

That everything is in motion; that I away, and social convulsions have taken place almost within the memory of man. Who, in the face of such continual vicissitudes, can dare to preach the doctrine of non mobile? Modern astronomy has discovered in space planets and solar systems in various stages of formation and decay. Geologists have laid bare in the various stratas of the earth's formation diverse eras that have come and gone while this earth has existed. From this we learn that once upon a time the earth was covered with a most luxurious vegetation. At another there existed the most wonderful insects. Again, monstrous sea animals held sway on our globe. Then there was an era of carnivorous, birds and lizards; then that of mammals, and, finally, as the crowning marvel of the entire series, man appears upon earth. The age of man, therefore, only a very short period of the earth's

Again, the naturalists of the modern school have demonstrated how animal and vegetable life goes through a continuous evolution, caused by the struggle for eixstence and the survival of the fittest. Thousands more of individuals are continually born of a species than can find means of subsistence, and, more-over, one kind of life preys upon another. Therefore, it is that out of each generation only a small number survive and reach maturity; and they are those always who are best adapted to the condition in which they live. Then, by transmitting the favorable qualities to their offspring, a species may gradually change in a certain direction and beome totally unlike its ancestors. At one and the same time, moreover, there may diverge from the same parent stock several branches, each in different directions and adapted to distinct conditions seek a livelihood. It is thus that animal and vegetable life changes form. It is thus new species have been created. It is thus man developed from a lower being. It is thus everything in the world ever tends onward and upward.

The astronomers, the geologists, the naturalists are concerned with "nature,"

natural forces, and it is for them to discover the laws which govern these forces. The historians, on the other hand, while in reality dealing with the same laws and the same forces, the same internal and external manifestations, has yet his ground obscured with another element, a new and powerful agent, namely, the conscious action of man, the human will. Man as a free and conscious agent of his own affairs, often takes hold of the natural laws and may thus prove a determining factor either for progress or reaction. Nevertheless what is seen in natural history is seen in the history of man, namely, that systems have come and gone, institutions have been born, grown, developed and decayed. New societies have taken the place of old ones. Races have lived, races have perished. Empires have held sway, empires have crumbled to dust. Religious ideas that once held the people in awe are now forgotten. Customs and laws have existed that exist no more Through all this apparent chaos of human history the historic scientists have nevertheless made out one practically straight line, and that line is termed hu man progress.. This takes us through the growth and decay of nearly every human institution from the infancy of the race through savagery, which in time had to give way for barbarism, this in turn to ancient, and ancient to modern civiliza-

The scientific discoveries which have led to the establishment of the science of evolution, both in relation to natural and human history, are so plain and forceful that to-day these teachings even force their way into the schools and colleges. Force their way into the schools and colleges? What a strange expression! Does truth have to force its way into the institutions of learning to-day Are not they the places that should first discover it? Ought it not to radiate from them? It ought, indeed, but it does not! We may ask why? Why is it that at least in relation to human history the most orthodox ideas are, as yet, disseminated by our institutions of learning? Is because the "learned" professors and

this true in the United States, are upheld either by donations nom private capitalists or by appropriations from legislative bodies controlled by the political representatives of capitalists. Therefore, uch institutions of learning must become, by virtue or their very existence, subservient to the cause of capitalism, obedient to the good of the class that upholds them. Now, then, to teach the theory of evolution with regard to the past would be all right if the inevitable conclusion would not present itself that, if the history of the past is one of changes, of cation.' growth and decay, and of continuous progress, then it can not be possible that we suddenly have come to a stop. The system that now exists, with all its greatness and all its virtues, with all its stupidity and all its horrors, must, if it be the outgrowth of such a past, be only transitory, and hence some time in the future this immense empire of capitalism will eventually collapse and something else take its place; and, furthermore, if the law of progress works, as it

is bound to work, in the future as in

the past, then this "something" must be

higher, grander and better than the pres-

ent society. From such a mode of rea

soning with a person that daily comes in

contact with the abuses of capitalism

there is but a short step, until that per-

son will gladly aid to give the kick

which will upset the already rotten structure of capitalism. The evolution of the past and the present points to the future, and the germs that are there unfolding themselves are those of socialism. But to those who benefit by capitalist exploitation, disorder and crime, the very thought of such a thing is repulsive. Consequently, the public instructors of to-day, the press, the pulpit, the college professor, the teacher, the writer, the lecturer, et al., who draw their salaries and recompenses by the grace of capital, are bound to accept the capitalist system as a finality teachers are the last to see the truth? I and the capitalist exploiters as the very

In nature there is the "struggle for existence" which leads to progress; in human history there has been a continuous class struggle. An upper class benefits by what exists and consequently holds to it; a lower and oppressed class suffers by what exists and consequently looks to the future, and therefore it is the class of progress. So it has been, so it is now. The capitalist class desires to perpetuate capitalism, the working class has but one hope-the future and Socialism. The science of evolution, therefore, becomes the gospel of triumph to the working class, and hence it is that its members to-day are discussing the most profound problems, while men of learning keep aloof. In this category, of course, are not included the true scientist, the man of genius, because he pursues his course undaunted by persecutions and uncorrupted by the power of gold, and such men have always been and are to-day the guiding stars of the movement of progress. Science has done its work for the coming revolution. His-

toric thought has been revolutionized: it now remains to scatter this thought to revolutionize, so to speak, the mode of thought of the members of the working class; that is, to prepare the ground for the coming revolution, the revolution which the present evolution of industry and society is making inevitable.

The "Red Convention" in the "Red State"

Translated from the Russian for THE PEOPLE from "Iskra," Organ of the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party.

"Local Committee," Comrade Kaden, while greeting the numerous delegates assembled at Dresden from all parts of Germany, remarked that the Saxons proved themselves worthy of the honor which the German Social Democracy conferred on that state by making their capital the seat of the party convention for that year.

This remark is certainly more than justified. At the last Reichstag elections the class-conscious proletariat of Saxony achieves an immense and brilliant victory which surpassed the dreams of even the most sanguine optimists. Of the twenty-three Reichstag seats to which Saxony is entitled, twenty-two now belong to the Social Democrats.

Saxony is truly the "Red State," as Comrade Kaden remarked in his speech; but if that red state actually deserved the honor to receive the representatives of the great German proletarian army, the convention, on their part, with few exceptions, showed themselves fully wor-thy of the honor to convene in the red state, and the Dresden convention may truly be called the "Red Convention."

e most important of its decisions relates to REVISIONISM, or BERN-STEINISM, as it is called in Germany, and it gives the death warrant to this tendency. For this, the international Social Democracy, ought to feel deeply grateful to the Dresden convention. This decision will purify the atmosphere of the German Social Democracy, and thereby alone, will most favorably influence the international Socialist movement. This resolution of the red convention so fatal to Revisionism presages well for the coming International Socialist Congress. Jones, the representative of the English Social Democratic Federation, put it well by saying that the German National Convention bears the utmost significance to the militant pro-letariat of the whole world.

The clash of opinions at the convention sumed at times a serious character, and the Revisionist attacks on Franz ing-who committed himself in this instance by a ruthless exposure of their failures and mistakeswere really disgusting. On some good but spineless people this convention, therefore, made a gloomy impression, bordering on complete disappointment. But the fault rather lies with these good but spineless people than with the convention. The behavior of the Revisionists, in their attacks on Mehring, is unedly disgusting, but all the more testified to the desperate condition of the dignified apostles of "criticism," and in nowise be laid at the door of Messre German Social Democracy, or of good!

this particular Dresden convention. As | from the following curious instance, for the passionate anti-revisionist speeches of Bebel and of some of his for close adherents, they made on every sane-minded person the most happy, the most refreshing, impression.

It is not at all surprising that the left wing of the German Social Democracy dared to resolutely and passionately attack the Revisionists, but that they thought it politic to humor them so long. A few years ago, when E. Bernstein, the founder of the German Revisionist theory, began his so-called criticism of Marxism, the "Sachsische Arbeiter Zeitung" published a series of articles where it was shown that the question at issue was plain, namely, which of the two was to serve as funeral director to the other, Bernstein to the German Social Democracy, or the reverse. At that time these articles, penned by a Russian Social Democrat, seemed rather rude and unwarranted to almost all German Marxists, without exception, and the leading point brought out in those articles appeared to them a paradox, prompted by extreme polemical ardor. At present, our German comrades are convinced that the triumph of revisionism would mean certain ruin to the Social Democracy, as the party of the revolutionary proletariat, and the resolution on tactics adopted at the Dresden convention, is, as above mentioned, the death warrant of Bernsteinism.

That paradox now appears to considerably resemble the truth; and though as yet none of the German Social Demo crats has broached the question of Mr. Bernstein's funeral, that is his expulsion from the party, it can be probably ex-plained by the fact that, repulsed from all his theoretical premises, abandoned by nearly all his adherents, and compro mising himself more and more right along by his gross, characteristic, tact-lessness, Mr. Bernstein, "this farcical knight of the forlorn order," appears to them more to be pitied than feared. We haven't the least doubt that in this they are mistaken. Mr. Bernstein thus far is not at all so safe for their party as they imagine, for he will yet do them considerable harm. But this is quite another question which we shall have occasion to touch upon when Mr. Bernstein will again remind his rather indulgent comrades of his "critical" mind by some new, more or less loud, and tactless act. We are also convinced that we will not have to wait long."

But it is the passionate attack of the defenders of "orthodoxy" which concerns us now. And we affirm that far from grieving, it should rather elate all those who have the interests of the proletariat

word that the Second Electoral District of Berlin demands the expulsion of Messrs. Bernstein, Browne and Gera;

at heart. All great historical achievements are necessarily accompanied by passion, and only he who has boiling blood coursing in his veins can success fully grapple with a formidable social evil. The international admirers of 'comrade-like conduct in polemics" don't seem able to grasp that the "orthodox" are in reality by no means comrades to the revisionists, and that they have to fight them tooth and nail if they don't care to betray their own cause. Between these two tendencies there lies a deep, unbridged chasm. To be convinced of this we need but compare, for instance, the resolution of the Dresden convention with that which the incomparable Mr. Bernstein propounded in his notorious book, "Die Voraussetzungen des Sozialismus."

The Dresden convention resolutely and mercilessly condemned "every attempt to stifle the existing and constantly growing class distinctions," while Mr. Bernstein zealously, though ineffectually, obliterated these distinctions with the aid of those statistical sophisms and theoretical analogies which the latest apologists of capitalism so abundantly provided themselves with. The Dresden convention expressed itself categorically as opposed to "the policy of adaptation to the present social order," confronting it "with the old policy of the party, rewarded by colossal triumphs and based on the class struggle," while Mr. Bernstein was the most zealous agitator and the most persistent defender of "the policy of adaptation." The Dresden convention declared that the Social Democracy must remain THE PARTY OF THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION, while Mr. Bernstein persistently invited her to besome A PARTY OF SOCIAL REFORM.

In a word, the views of Mr. Bernstein radically contradict the teachings of revolutionary Socialism; for this reason every attempt to reconcile these teachings with his views is, in the very nature of things, preordained to utter failure. And the more our German comrades who remained loyal to revolutionary Socialism realized the absolute irreconcilability of their own programme with the views of Mr. Bernstein, all the more passionately did they repulse these views, and all the more energetically do they fight the revisionists. It could not be otherwise. It would be strange and sad, indeed, were it otherwise. "Comrade-like polemics" is not to be thought of among those who, by the very nature of things, must be irreconcilable enemies. The admirers of "comrade-like pole-

mics" eagerly dwell upon the subject of FREEDOM OF OPINION. "The Social Democracy must not limit the right of say they. This is certainly true, but very erroneously applied in this particular case. Had the Social Democracy contemptuously thrown out from its ranks Mr. Berastein immediate-

ly upon the appearance of his above mentioned book-an act which would have greatly benefited the party-it would not in the least have hindered it from remaining THE TRUEST DE-FENDER OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND OPINION. Freedom of opinion anl speech is in no way safeguarded by having people of opposite opinions live peacably together in the ranks of the same party, but in the fact that the laws of the land guarantee TO ALL PAR-TIES the right to think what they want and to express all they think. By throwing out Mr. Bernstein from its ranks, or some other revisionist, who gradually crawled into bourgeois theories, the German Social Democracy would not in the least infringe on the inalienable right of that gentleman to criticise all the views he desires. It would only have made use of its own right to take into its ranks only those who agree with its own views. When they say that the Social Democracy ought to guarantee its members full freedom of opinion, they forget that a political party is not an academy of science. "To philosophize is not to act, to act is not to philosophize," Fichte justly somewhere remarks. long as I philosophize, I do not act, and as long as I do not act, men of action have no right whatever to call me to ac count for the results of my philosophy; but as soon as I begin to act, I cease to philosophize, and the men of action, whom I would like to unite with, have not only the full right, but are in duty bound to ask me what really are my conclusions, and whether they conflict with their practical problems."

FREEDOM OF OPINION IN THE PARTY CAN AND MUST BE LIMITED FOR THE VERY REASON THAT A PARTY IS A UNION OF MEN OF THE SAME OPINIONS, WHO VOLUNTAR-ILY GROUP THEMSELVES TOGETH-ER. SO SOON AS THIS CONCORD OF OPINION DISAPPEARS, SEPARATION BECOMES INEVITABLE TO BURDEN THE PARTY IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM OF OPINION, WITH SUCH MEMBERS WHO DO NOT SHARE ITS VIEWS MEANS TO RESTRAIN ITS FREEDOM OF CHOICE, AND PRE-VENT THE SUCCESS OF ITS AC-TIONS.

It is self-evident that complete concord of opinion is obligatory only in ES-SENTIAL party problems, but neither in the theory of the International Social Democracy nor in her PRACTICAL work was there ever, is there, or can there be, question of more essential significance than this very question which the "orthodox" so warmly contest with the "re visionists." UPON ITS DECISION, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, ITS WHOLE FUTURE DEPENDS.

What unheard-of absurdities the revisionists arrive at in their desire to confer upon the Social Democracy the virtues of unlimited "free-dom of opinion," will be seen

which would appear to us wholly improbable were it not fuly authenticated. When the now well-known debate about the "vice-presidency" was blazing in the German Social Democratic press, Comrade (sic!) Paus, unexpectedly expressed the opinion that by trying to obtain the vice-presidency for one of its members, the Social Democratic faction in Reichstag need not be embarrassed by that indispensable condition, by which alone they could obtain this place: the customary visit at court to express the feelings of loyal subjects to the Emperor. To explain this idea, which sounds so utterly strange coming from a Social Democrat, Comrade (?!) Paus brought forth the argument that, while it's true that William II. at all times, roughly attacks the Social Democrats, on the other hand we must recognize that the Emperor is entitled to "freedom of opinion." This is truly exceptional! Humbly bend yourself to the ground, make a respectful obeisance to the man who has naught but coarse and lying epithets for you! Should you refuse sensible comrade!) Paus will accuse you of infringing on the freedom of another's opinion. O. ve admirers of freedom! You can't go further because-unfortunately or not-the realm of absurdity also has its bounds.

Some also bitterly regret that the old

debate on tactics became the order of the day in the German Party so soon after the June elections. It seemed to mar the brilliant impression of the splendid victory of the Social Democracy. But firstly, now as always, the debate was started not by the "orthodox" but by the revisionists, who in the person of the indefatigably tactless Mr. Bernstein, began to advise the Social Democracy to adapt itself-in the words of the satirist-to rascality. Secondly, the victory over the external foe need not in the least prevent the "orthodox" from attempting to subdue the internal enemy who threatens its very existence as the revolutionary party of the class conscious proletariat. To the unprecedented June victory would require the humiliating price of peace with the revisionists, then it would cost the party too dearly. But after the June victory, peace with the revisionists became less possible than ever before. The "orthodox" were morally bound to warn the triumphant proletariat of those tactics which would have dragged it into the quagmire of opportunism, would have rendered uscless its colossal success, and would have made sterile its indomitable

The energetic repulse to the revisionists was to the "orthodox" a political duty, a psychological necessity. This is why comparatively trifling occur-rences—the participation of a few re-

ferring to the International Parisian Congress of 1900, says that then Comof military affairs, were compelled to rade Kautsky did not take so resolute make use of the services of the renegades a stand against Millerand as now. This is certainly true, whatever the aboveon the contrary were well versed in named Comrade may claim. If the Gerthese affairs. The revolting petit noman delegation at the last Parisian Conbility were right along the leaders of gress had been imbued with that resolute groups of rebellious peasants, but the opposition to Revisionism which so dedissatisfaction of the petit nobility was cidedly triumphed at Dresden, the notorious "caoutchouc resolution" of Comrade Kautsky would not have seen the light even as a project, and then the loyal fessions than the peasants themselves. part of the Russian delegation would Every one of them had, like Faust, two have been spared the sad necessity of souls in his breast. They were the "retionary peasants, they easily came to terms and quite often, again went over

voting against its German Comrades. In closing the convention in his usual energetic way, Singer said that his party will remain as before the revolutionary, party of the working class. He could go further and say that his party is characterized to-day by a still more revolutionary spirit than a few years previously, when the revisionist campaigns began, which had as object the making of her a peaceful bourgeois social reform party. The Red Convention showed this with is why comparatively trifling occur-rences—the participation of a few re-visionists in the bourgeois press which cannot be socialist camp, showed their eagerness to greet each and every at-

WOMAN UNDER SOCIALISM

Translated from the Original German of the Thirty Third Edition

By DANIEL DE LEON

Coppright, 1903, by the NEW YORK-LABOR NEWS COMPANY.

PART II.

WOMAN IN THE PRESENT -Continued.

An evidence of the inadequacy of the present school system-it is unable to fulfil even the moderate demands made upon it-is the fact that thousands upon thousands of children are unable to fulfil their school duties by reason of insufficient food. In the winter of 1893-94, it was ascertained in Berlin that in one school district alone 3,600 children scent to school without breakfast. In such shocking conditions there are hundreds of thousands of children in Germany to-day at certain ons of the year. With millions of others the nourishment is utterly insufficient. For all these children public alimentation and clothing also would be a godsend. A commonwealth that pursued such a policy and thus, by the systematic nourishing and clothing of the children, would bring humanity home to them, is not likely to see the sight of Bourgeois society cannot deny the existence of such misery, which itself has called forth. Hence we see compassionate souls thering in the establishment of breakfast and soup houses, to the end of partially filling by means of charity what it were the duty of to fill in full. Our conditions are wretched-but still more wretched is the mental make-up of those who shut their eyes to such

The system of reducing so-called home school work, and of having the same done at school under the supervision of a teacher is progressing; the inadequacy of home facilities is realized. Not only is the richer pupil at an advantage over the poorer by reason of his position, but also by reason of his having private teachers and such other as sistance at his command. On the other hand, however, laziness and shiftlessness are promoted with the rich pupil by reason of the effects of wealth, luxury and superfluity; these make knowledge appear superflous to him, and often they place before him such immoral sights that he easily slides into temptation. He who every day and every hour hears the praises sung of rank, position, money, property, and that they are all-essential, acquires abnormal conceptions regarding man and his duties, and regarding State and social institutions.

Closely looked into, bourgeois society has no reason to feel indignant at the communistic education, which Socialists aim at. Bourgeois society has itself partly introduced such a system for the privileged classes, but only as a caricature of the original. Look at the cadet and alumni establishments, at the seminaries, at the schools for clergymen, and at the homes for military orphans. In them many thousands of children, partly from the so-called upper classes, are educated in a one-sided and wrongful manner, and in strict cloister seclusion; they are trained for certain specific occupations. And again, many members of the better situated classes, who live in the country or in small places as physicians, clergymen, government employes, factory owners, landlords, large farmers, etc., send their children to boarding schools in the large cities and barely get a glimpse of them, except possibly during vacations.

There is, accordingly, an obvious contradiction between the indignation expressed by our adversaries at a communistic system of education and at "the estrangement of children from their parents," on the one hand, and their own conduct, on the other, in introducing the identical system for their own children-only in a bungling, absolutely false and

In equal tempo with the increased opportunities for education must number of teachers increase. In the matter of the education of the rising generations the new social order must proceed in a way similar to that which prevails in the army, in the drilling of soldiers. There is one "under-officer" to each eight or ten men. With one teacher to

The introduction of mechanical activities in the best equipped workshops, in garden and field work, will constitute a good part of the education of the youth. It will all be done with the proper change and without excessive exertion, to the end of reaching the most perfectly

every eight or ten pupils, the future may expect the results that should

developed beings.

Education must also be equal and in common for both sexes. Their separation is justifiable only in the cases where the difference in sex rakes such separation absolutely necessary. In this manner of education the United States is far ahead of us. There education of the two sexes is in common from the primary schools up to the universities. Not only is education free, but also school materials, inclusive of the nts needed in manual training and in cooking, as also in istry, physics, and the articles needed for experimenting and at ich-work. To many schools are attached gymnastic halls, bath houses, swimming basins and playgrounds. In the higher schools, the female sex is trained in gymnastics, swimming, rowing and marching.43

The Socialist system of education, properly regulated and ordered and placed under the direction of a sufficient force, continues up to the age when society shall determine that its youth shall enter upon their ms jority. Both sexes are fully qualified to exercise all the rights and fall all the duties that society demands from its adult members. Society ow enjoys the certainty of having brought up only thorough, fully d members, human beings to whom nothing natural is strange, as familiar with their nature as with the nature and conditions of

which they join full-righted.

The daily increasing excesses of our modern youth-all of them the inevitable consequences of the present tainted and decomposing state of society-will have vanished. Impropriety of conduct, disobedience, orally and rude pleasure-seeking, such as is especially noticeable at the youth of our higher educationl institutions—the gymnasia, s, universities, etc.-vices that are incited and promoted by polytechnics, universities, etc.—Vices that are interesting the poisonous the existing demoralization and unrest of domestic life, by the poisonous influence of social life such as the immoral literature that wealth procures—all these will likewise have vanished. In equal measure will disappear the evil effects of the modern factory system and of improper g, that dissoluteness and self-assurance of youths at an age when man being is most in need of reining and education in self-control. All these evils future society will escape without the need of coercive measures. The nature of the social institutions and of the mental here, that will spring from them and that will rule society itself, ering impossible the breaking out of such evils; as in Nature disease and the destruction of organisms can appear only when there is a state

of decay that invites disease; so likewise in society.

No one will deny that our present system of instruction and of education suffers of serious defects—the higher schools and educational nents even more so than the lower. The village school is a paragon of moral health compared with the college; common schools for the manual training of poor girls are paragons of morality compared with many leading boarding schools for girls. The reason is far to seek. In the upper classes of society, every aspiration after higher human aims is smothered; those classes no longer have any ideal.

As a consequence of the absence of ideals and of noble endeavor, an unided passion for physical indulgence and hankering after excesses ad their physical and moral gangrene in all directions. How else spread their physical and moral gangrene in all directions. How else can the youth be that is brought up in such an atmosphere? Purely material indulgence, without stint and without bounds, is the only aim that it sees or knows of. Why exert themselves, if the wealth of their parents makes all effort seem superfluous? The maximum of education with a large majority of the sons of our bourgeoisie consists in passing

the examinations for the one year's service in the army. Is this goal reached, then they imagine to have climbed Pelion and Ossa, and regard themselves at least as demi-gods. Have they a reserve officer's certificate in their pocket, then their pride and arrogance knows no limit. The influence exercised by this generation-a generation it has become by its numbers-weak in the character and knowledge of its members, but strong in their designs and the spirit of graft, characterizes the present period as the "Age of Reserve Officers." Its peculiarities are: Characteressness and ignorance, but a strong will; servility upward, arrogance and brutality downward.

The daughters of our bourgeoisie are trained as show-dolls, fools of fashion and drawingroom-ladies, on the chase after one enjoyment after another, until, finally, surfeited with ennui, they fall a prey to all imaginable real and supposed diseases. Grown old, they become devotees and beads-women, who turn up their eyes at the corruption of the world and preach asceticism. As regards the lower classes, the effort is on foot to lower still more the level of their education. The proletariat might become too knowing, it might get tired of its vassalage, and might rebel against its earthly gods. The more stupid the mass, all the easier is it to control and rule.

And thus modern society stands before the question of instruction and education as bewildered as it stands before all other social questions. What does it? It calls for the rod; preaches "religion," that is, submission and contentment to those who are now but too submissive; teaches abstinence where, due to poverty, abstinence has become compulsory in the utmost necessaries of life. Those who in the rudeness of their nature rear up brutally are taken to "reformatories," that usually are controlled by pietistic influences; -and the pedagogic wisdom of

modern society has about reached the end of its tether.

From the moment that the rising generation in future society shall have reached its majority, all further growth is left to the individual: society will feel sure that each will seize the opportunity to unfold the germs that have been so far developed in him. Each does according as inclination and faculties serve him. Some choose one branch of the ever more brilliant natural sciences: anthropology, zoology, botany, mineralogy, geology, physics, chemistry, prehistoric sciences, etc.; others take to the science of history, philologic researches, art; others yet become musicians from special gifts, or painters, or sculptors, or actors. The future will have "guild artists" as little as "guild scientists" or "guild artisans." Thousands of brilliant talents, hitherto kept down, unfold and assert themselves and display their knowledge and ability wherever opportunity offers. No longer are there any musicians, actors, artists and scientists by profession; they will exist only by inspiration, talent and genius; and the achievements of these bid fair to excel modern achievements on these fields as vastly as the industrial, technical and agricultural achievements of future society are certain to excel those of to-day. An era of art and sciences will spring up such as the world never saw before; nor will its creations fail to correspond to such a

What transformation and new-birth science will experience when conditions shall have become worthy of the human race, no less a man than the late Richard Wagner foresaw and expressed as early as 1850 in his work "Art and Revolution." This work is all the more significant seeing that it made its appearance immediately after a revolution that had just been beaten down, that Wagner took part in, and by reason of which he had to flee from Dresden. In this book Wagner foretells what the future will bring on. He turns directly to the working class as the one called upon to emancipate true art. Among other things he says:

"When, with the free human race of the future, the earning of a living shall no longer be the object of life; when, on the contrary, thanks to the rise of a new faith, or of higher knowledge, the gaining of a livelihood by means of compatible work shall be raised above all uncertainty; -- in short, when industry shall no longer be our master but our servant, then will we place the object of life in the pleasure of life, and seek to make our children fit and worthy through education. An education that starts from the exercise of strength, from the care of the beauty of the body will, due to the undisturbed love for the child and to the joy experienced at the thriving of its charms, become purely artistic; and thus in some sense or another every being will be an artist in truth. The diversity of natural inclinations will develop the most manifold aptitudes into an unprecedented wealth of beauty!"—at all points a Socialist line of thought, and fully in keeping with the arguments herein made.

Social life in future will be ever more public. What the trend is may be gathered from the wholly changed position of woman, compared with former times. Domestic life will be confined to what is absolutely necessary, while the widest field will be opened to the gratification of the social instincts. Large gathering places for the holding of addresses and discussions, and for conferring upon all social questions, over which the collectivity has the sovereign word; play, meals and reading rooms: libraries, concert halls and theaters; museums and gymnastic institutions; parks, promenades, public baths, educational institutions of all sorts; laboratories, etc.; -all of these, erected in the best and equipped in the fittest manner possible, will afford richest opportunity for all manner of intercourse, of art and of science to achieve the highest. Likewise will the institutions for the nursing of the sick, the weak, the infirm through old age, meet the highest demands.

How little will then our much boasted about age seem in comparison. This fawning for favor and sunshine from above; this cringing and doglike frame of mind; this mutual struggle of enviousness, with the aid of the most hateful and vilest means, for the privileged place. All along the suppression of convictions; the veiling of good qualities, that might otherwise give offence; the emasculation of character; the affectation of opinions and feelings; -in short, all those qualities that may be summed up in words "cowardice and characterlessness" are now every day more pronounced. Whatever elevates and ennobles man-self-esteem, independence and incorruptibility of opinion and convictions, freedom of nerally turn into defects and crimes Often do these qualities work the ruin of their owners, unless he suppresses them. Many do not even realize their degradation: they have grown accustomed thereto. The dog regards it a matter of course that he has a master, who, when out of temper, visits him with the whip.

Such altered conditions in social life will impart a radically different aspect to literary productions. Theological literature, whose entries are at present most numerous in the yearly catalogues of literary works, drops out in company with its juridic consin,-there is no more interest in the former, and no more use for the latter. All the literary productions that refer to the struggle over political institutions will be seen no more,-their subject-matter has ceased to be. The study of all such matters will-belong to the history of civilization. The vast mass of inane productions—the evidences of a spoiled taste, often possible only through sacrifices at the altar of the author's vanity-are gone. Even speaking from the view-point of present conditions, it may be said without exaggeration that four-fifths of all literary productions could disappear from the market without loss to a single interest of civilization Such is the vastness of the mass of superficial or harmful books, palpable trash, extant to-day on the field of literature.

Belles-lettres and the press will be equally hit. There is nothing sorrier, more spiritless or superficial than the large majority of our newspaper literature. If our stage in civilization and scientific attainments were to be gauged by the contents of that set of papers, it would be low indeed. The actions of men and the condition of things are judged from a view-point that corresponds with centuries gone by, and that has been long since proved laughable and untenable by science. A considerable portion of our journalists are people who, as Bismarck once put it, "missed their calling," but whose education and standard of wages fit with bourgeois interests. Furthermore, these newspapers, as well as the majority of the belles-lettric magazines, have the mission of circulating impure advertisements; the interests of their purses are on this field the same as on the former: the material interests of their owners determine their contents.

On an average, belles-lettric literature is not much superior to newspaper literature. Its forte is to cultivate sex excesses: it renders nage either to shallow enlightenment or to stale prejudices and superstitions. Its general purpose is to represent the capitalist order of society, all its shortcomings notwithstanding, which are conceded in trifles, as the best of all possible worlds.

On this extensive and important field, future society will institute some thorough-going housecleaning. Science, truth, beauty, the contest of the intellect after the best will rule supreme. Everyone who achieves what is worthy will enjoy the opportunity to exercise his faculties. He

no longer depends upon the favor of a publisher, moneyed considerations or prejudice, but only upon the impartial judgment of experts whom he himself joins in electing, and from whose unfavorable decision he can always appeal to the general vote of the whole community,-all of which is to-day against him or impossible. The childish notion that all contest of intellect would be held down in a Socialist society they alone can maintain who hold the bourgeois world to be the most perfect social system, and who, out of enmity to Socialism seek to slander and to belittle it. A society, that rests upon full democratic equality, neither knows nor tolerates oppression. Only the fullest freedom of thought makes uninterrupted progress possible, and this is the principle of life with society. Moreover, it is an act of deception to represent bourgeois society as the paladin of true freedom of thought. Parties that represent class interests will publish in the press only that which does not injure their class' own interests, and woe to him who would attempt the contrary. His social ruin would be sealed, as every one knows. In what manner publishers handle literary work that does not suit them, every writer almost could tell a tale of woe on. Finally, the German press and criminal laws betray the spirit that animates our ruling and leading classes. Actual freedom of thought is looked upon by them as the most dangerous of evils.

The individual is to develop himself fully. That must be the law of human association. Accordingly, the individual may not remain fettered to the soil on which the accident of birth first placed him. Men and the world should be known, not from books and papers only: personal observation, practical experience are also needed. Accordingly, future society must enable everyone to do what is now done by many, although in most instances it happens to-day under the whip that want cracks. The wish for change in all the relations of life is a craving strongly stamped in man. It springs from the instinct after perfection, inherent in all organic beings. The plant that stands in a dark room, stretches and strains, as though endowed with consciousness, towards the light that falls from some crevice. Just so with man. An instinct implanted in man, consequently a natural instinct, must be rationally gratified. The conditions of future society will not balk the instinct after change; on the contrary, they promote its gratification with all: it is facilitated by the highly developed system of intercommunication; it is demanded by international relations. In future days, infinitely more people will travel through the world, and for the most varied of purposes, than happens to-day.

In order to meet all demands, society furthermore requires an ample provision of all the necessaries of life. Society regulates its hours of work accordingly. It makes them longer or shorter, according as its needs or the season of the year may suggest. It may turn its strength at one season mainly to agriculture, at another mainly to industrial and similar production. It directs its labor forces as occasion may require. Through the combination of numerous forces, equipped with the best technical provisions, it can carry through with swiftness, aye, playingly, undertakings that to-day seem impossible.

As society assumes the care of its youth, so it does of its aged, sick or invalid members. It guards whoever, by whatever circumstance, has become unable to work. There is in this no question of charity, but of duty; not of an alms morsel, but of an assistance born of every possible consideration due him, who, during the time of his strength and ability to work, fulfilled his duties to the commonwealth. The setting sun of old age is beautiful with all that society can offer: everyone being buoyed up with the confidence that he will some day himself enjoy what now he affords to others. No longer are the aged now disturbed with the thought that others are awaiting their death in order to "inherit;" likewise has the fear vanished from the mind of man that, grown old and helpless, he will be cast off like a squeezed lemon. Man now feels himself left neither to the benevolence of his children, nor to the alms of the community. What the condition is in which most parents find themselves, who depend in old age upon the support of their children, is notorious. How demoralizing is not the effect of the hope of inheriting upon the children, and, in a still greater degree, upon relatives! What vile qualities are not awakened; and how many are not the erimes that such hopes have led to!-murder, forgery, perjury, extortion, etc. Capitalist society has no reason to be proud of its laws of inheritance; to them are ascribable part of the crimes that are committed every year; and yet the large majority of people have nothing to bequeath or to inherit."

The moral and physical condition of future society; the nature of its work, homes, food, clothing, its social life-everything will greatly contribute to avoid accidents, sickness, debility. Natural death by the decline of the vigor of life will become the rule. The conviction that "heaven" is on earth, and that to be dead means to be ended, will cause people to lead rational lives.48 He enjoys most who enjoys longest. None know how to appreciate a long life better than the very clergy who prepare people for the "after world;" a life free from care makes it possible for these gentlemen to reach the highest age average."

Life requires, first of all, food and drink. Friends of the so-called 'natural way of living" often ask why is Socialism indifferent to vegetarianism. The question causes us to take up the subject in a few lines. Vegetarianism, that is, the doctrine that prescribes an exclusive vegetal diet, found its first supporters in such circles as are in the agreeable position of being able to choose between a vegetal and an animal diet. To the large majority of people there is no such choice: they are forced to live according to their means, the meagerness of which in many instances keeps them almost exclusively to a vegetal diet, and to the least nutritive, at that. With our working class population in Silesia, Saxony, Thuringen, etc., the potato is the principal nourishment; even bread comes in only secondarily; meat, and then only of poor quality, is hardly ever seen on the table. Even the largest part of the rural population, although they are the raisers of cattle, rarely partake of meat: they must sell the cattle in order to satisfy

other pressing wants with the money obtained therefor.

For the innumerable people, who are compelled to live as vegetarians, an occasional solid beefsteak, or good leg of mutton, would be a decided improvement in the diet. When vegetarianism directs itself against the overrating of the nutrition contained in meat, it is right; it is wrong, however, when it combats the partaking of meat as harmful and fatal, mainly on sentimental grounds-such as "the nature of man forbids the killing of animals and to partake of a corpse." In order to live comfortably and undisturbed, we are compelled to declare war upon and destroy a large number of living beings in the shape of all manner of vermin; in order not to be ourselves eaten up, we must undertake the killing and extirpating of wild animals. The quiet toleration of those "good friends of man," the domestic animals, would increase the number of these "good friends" in a few decades so immensely that they would "devour" us by robbing us of food. Neither is the claim true that a vegetarian diet produces mildness of temperament. The "beast" was awakened even in the mild, vegetarian Hindoo when the severity of the Englishmen drove him to mutiny.

In our opinion Sonderegger hits the nail on the head when he says: "There is no order of rank in the matter of the different kinds of food; but there is an unalterable law in the matter of combining their several nutritious qualities." It is true that no one can nourish himself on an

ane person who has led an honorable and active life until old age should not then have to live either on the charity of his children or of bourgeois society. An independent old age, free from cares or toil, is the natural reward for continuous exertions in the days of strength and health."—v. Thuenen's "Der isolste Staat." But how is it to-day in this bourgeois society? Millions look with dread towards the time when, having grown old, they are thrown upon the street. And our industrial system causes people to age prematurely. The very much boasted about old-age and invalid pensions in the German Empire afford but a very scanty substitute: even its most zealous defenders admit that. Their alds are still more inadequate than the pensions which the municipalities allow to the large majority of the officials whom they provide with pensions.

4 It is a feature of theology to be possible.

they provide with pensions.

46 It is a feature of theology to be positive, precise and emphatic in descriptions of what the describer knows nothing about. No less theologic, in this sense of the term, are negative assertions concerning matters that science has not yet illumined. Whether "to be dead means to be ended" or not, is no part either of the general question of Socialism, or the specific question of Woman. Nevertheless, while respecting the author's private opinion in the matter, and leaving his sentence autouched, the following phrasing would seem preferable, as free from the taint of what may be called the "theologic method," and also more in keeping with the mental posture of positive knowledge: "Whether to be dead means to be ended or not, is a matter on which man awaits the flat of Science."—The Translators.]

46 It is otherwise in the United States, where, as a rule, clergymen have to

which man awaits the flat of Science."—THE TRANSLATOR.]

** [It is otherwise in the United States, where, as a rule, clergymen have to "hustle"—both to curry favor with their parishloners and to countermine the mines laid by their competitors for fatter "calls," by by their numerous unemployed "brothers of the cloth." According to the census of 1900, clergymen had the very highest death rate (23.5) among the professional occupations for the registration area.—and it was among the highest altogether. It was excelled only by the death rate of the coopers (23.8); of the millers, flour and grist. (26.6); of the saliors, pilots, fishermen and oystermen (27.7); and of the stock raisers, herders and drovers (32.1). The census also shows that the death rate of clergymen is on the increase—18.2 in 1890; now 23.5.—The Translators.]

exclusively meat diet, but that he can on an exclusively vegetal diet, provided always he can select to suit; but neither would any one be satisfied with one vegetable, let it be the most nutritive. Beans, for instance, peas, lentils, in short, the leguminosae, are the most nutritive of all food. Nevertheless, to be forced to feed exclusively on themwhich is said to be possible-were a torture. Karl Marx mentions in "Capital" that the Chilian mine-owners compel their workingmen to eat beans year in and year out, because the food imparts to the n great strength and enables them to carry burdens that they could not carry with any other diet. Despite its nutrition, the workingmen turn against such food, but get none other, and are thus obliged to rest content therewith. Under no circumstances do the happiness and well-being of people depend upon a certain diet, as is claimed by the fanatic; among the vegetarians. Climate, custom, individual tastes are the determin-

In the measure that civilization advances, a vegetal diet progressively takes the place of the exclusive meat diet, such as is indulged in by hunting and pastoral peoples. A many-sided agriculture is a sign of higher culture. On a given field, vegetal nutritive matter can be raised in larger quantities than could meat be obtained through cattle raising. This development imparts to vegetal nutrition an ever greater preponderance. The transportation of meat, that the modern vandalic economic system furnishes us with from foreign lands, especially from South America and Australia, has been very nearly exhausted within few decades. On the other hand, animals are raised, not merely for the sake of meat, but also for that of wool, hair, bristles, skin and hides, milk, eggs, etc., upon which many industries and human wants are dependent. Again offal of several kinds can be turned in no way to better advantage than through cattle raising. The seas will also in future be made to yield to man their wealth of animal food to r. much larger extent than now. It will be in future a rare occurrence to see, as we do to-day, whole loads of fish turned to manure, because the facilities and costs of transportation, or the facilities of preservation present their being otherwise used. It follows that a purely vegeral diet is neither probable nor necessary in the future.

In the matter of food, quality retres than quantity is to be considered. Quantity is of little use if not good. Quality is greatly improved by the manner of preparation. The preparation of food must be conducted as scientifically as any other function, if it is to reach the highers point of utility possible. Knowledge and equipment are thereto requisite. That our women, upon whom to-day mainly devolves the preparation of food, do not and can not possess this knowledge, needs no proof. They lack all the necessary equipments therefor. As every well equipped hotel kitchen, the steam kitchen of barracks or of hospitals and especially the cooking expositions teach us, the cooking apparatuses, together with many technical arrangements for all manner of food preparation, have reached a high degree of perfection and have been contrived upon scientific principles. That will in the future be the rule. The object aimed at must be to obtain the best results with the smallest expenditure of power, time and material. The small private kitchen is, just like the workshop of the small master mechanic, a transition stage, an arrangement by which time, power and material are senselessly squandered and wasted. The preparation of food also will in future society be a social establishment, conducted on the most improved plane, in proper and advantageous manner. The private kitchen disappears, as it has now disappeared in the instance of those families who, although they generally provide themselves through their own kitchen, always resort to hotel kitchens, or to those of caterers the moment the question is to provide for banquets or to procure dishes a knowledge of which both they and their domestics lack."

The Chicago Exposition of 1893 brought out a mass of interesting facts on the revolution that has taken place in the kitchen also, and in the preparation of food; -among other things a kitchen in which the heating and cooking was done wholly through electricity. Electricity not only furnished the light, but was also active in the washing of dishes, which thereupon required the aid of the human hand only in finishing up. In this kitchen of the future there was no hot air, no smoke, no vapors. Numberless apparatuses and subsidiary machinery performed a number of operations that until then had to be performed by human hands. This kitchen of the future resembled more a parlor than a kitchen that everyone who has nothing to do in, likes to stay away from. Work therein at the Chicago Exposition was pleasurable and free from all the unpleasantness that are features of the modern kitchen. Can a private kitchen be imagined even approximately equipped like that? And then, what a saving in all directions through such a central kitchen! Our women would seize the opportunity with both hands to exchange the present for the kitchen of the future.

The nutritive value of food is heightened by its facility of assimilation. This is a determining factor." A natural system of nourishment for all can be reached only by future society. Cato praises the Rome of before his days for having had experts in the art of healing, but, down to the sixth century of the city, no occupation for exclusive physicians. People lived so frugally and simply, that disease was rare, and death from old age was the usual form of disease. Not until gourmandizing and idleness-in short, license with some want and excessive work with others-had permeated society, did matters change, and radically so. In future, gluttony and license will be impossible, and likewise want, misery and privation. There is enough, and an abundance, for all. More than fifty years ago Henrich Heine sang:

> Why, there grows down here abundance And a plentitude for all: Roses, myrtles, beauty and joy; Yes, and sugar beans withal-

Aye, sugar beans in bursting pods For everyone are here. But they're left to heaven's angels And the sparrows of the air.

'He who eats little lives well"-that is, long, said the Italian Cornaro in the sixteenth century, as quoted by Niemeyer. In the end chemistry will be active in the preparation and improvement of nourishment to a degree thitherto unknown. To-day the science is greatly abused in the interest of adulterations and fraud. It is obvious that a chemically prepared food that has all the qualities of the natural product will accomplish the same purpose. The form of the preparation is of secondary importance, provided the product otherwise meets all re-

As in the kitchen, the revolution will be accomplished throughout domestic life: it will remove numberless details of work that must be attended to to-day. As in the future the domestic kitchen is rendered wholly superfluous by the central institutions for the preparation of food, so likewise are all the former troubles of keeping ranges, lamps, etc., in working order, removed by the central heating and electric apparatuses for lighting. Warm and cold water supplies place bathing within the reach of all at pleasure, and without the aid of any person. The central laundries assume the washing, drying, etc., of clothes; the central cleaning establishments see to the dusting, etc., of clothing and carpets. In Chicago, carpet-cleaning machines were exhibited that did the work in so short a time as to call forth the admiration of the ladies who visited the Exposition. The electric door opens at a slight pressure of the finger, and shuts of itself. Electric contrivances deliver letters and newspapers on all the floors of the houses; electric elevators save the climbing of stairs. The inside arrangement of the housesfloorings, garnishing of the walls, furnitures-will be contrived with an eye to the facility of cleaning and to the prevention of the gathering of dust and bacteria. Dust, sweepings and offal of all sorts will be carried by pipes out of the houses like water, that has been used, is carried off to-day. In the United States, in many a European city-Zurich, for instance—there are to-day tenements, exquisitely equipped, in which numerous affluent families-others could not hear the pense-live and enjoy a large part of the conveniences just sketched.

"Herr Eugen Richter in his "Irrelehren" is also raving mad over the ider of abolishing the private kitchen. As far as we know, Herr Richter is z bachelor. Obviously he does not miss his own kitchen; to judge from the rotundity of his body, he does not fare ill. If Herr Richter were a married man and possessed a wife, who had herself to administer the kitchen department and to perform in it the needed work, instead of lenving all that to servants, as is the fashion with the women of the property classes, then, z hundred to one, his wife would nicely prove to him how happy she would be if she only could be freed from the bondage of the kitchen through "he large and thoroughly equipped communal institute for meals.

Simply of the kitchen through "he large and thoroughly equipped communal institute for meals.

"America's Bildungswesen," by Prof. Emil Hausknecht.

Socialism, on the other hand, proceed

1. The land on and the capital with

2. He who has not these essentials is

3. The ownership of these essentials

establishes a ruling class, owning the

government, with which it crushes the

at the same hour a millionairess was be-

5. Such a state of things is upheld by

the Republican and the orthodox Demo-

From all the above facts it follows:

1. That Socialism and the Single Tax

A scheme to abolish eleven out of

twelve pirates and place in the hands

of only one of the gentry a concentrated

power to plunder the people is not So-

cialism. That is the Single Tax scheme

in seeking to abolish the landlord pirate

and "adding grease to the elbow" of his

younger and now overtopping pal, the

A scheme, or be it dream, from which

popular freedom, the abolition of the ef-

fect of class rule, is expected, despite the

fact that the social opportunities (capi-

tal) are left the monopoly of a class, a

small one, at that is not Socialism. That

is Single Tax-consequently balderdash.

2. Individualism is being crushed now

by capitalism. Its salvation depends

So far, accordingly, Col. W. A. Taylor

Finally, it is pearls of wisdom that the

Colonel emits when he ascribes the re-

upon the triumph of Socialism.

talked nonsense.

ing wedded to a European prince.

are antipodal, exactly the reverse.

cratic parties.

capitalist.

from the unshakable principles that:

which to work are essential to man;

the slave of him who has;

WEEKLY PEOPLE

3, 4 and 6 New Reade St., New York. O. Box 1576.

Published every Saturday by the Socialist Labor Party

Bundle rates; Loss than 100 copies, 1 mont a copy; 100 to 500 copies, % cent a

ered as second-class matter at the New Work postoffice, July 13, 1900.

As for as possible, rejected commu-tons will be returned, if so desired,

SOCIALIST VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN 1902......53,617

THE FLAMING SWORD OF TACTICS. Attention is here called to the translation from the Russian revolutionary Socialist paper, "Iskra," of the article entitled 'The Red Convention in the Red State," published elsewhere in this issue. Leaving aside "Iskra's" estimate of the political significance of the Dresden ntion of the German Social Democratic party-an estimate which we consider mistaken, as will be shown in an article in preparation on the subject,-its review of the facts touching the general questions of "freedom of opinion," "freedom of speech," "tactical organization," eta, etc., and the trenchant criticisms it makes of theories and acts, including and clinching the point with the Paris resolution framed by Kautsky, whom the paper wittily satirizes with the play upon his name of the "Kantchoue (India-rubber) Resolution," are exceptionally brilliant. Upon these points, and of that is the bulk of the article, the review and criticism are of no little interest and importance to us in America. They will be found to hew close to the lines along which the Socialist Labor Party has closely hewn for the last ten years, and for which the Party is proud of having earned the undying hostility of the freaks and the frauds of the land. In "Iskra's" article will be seen mirrored the elements which here in America also rebel against the "bossism" of logic, the "intolerance" of rectitude, the "narrowness" of prin-

"get there quick" intellectualism. Rather than reproduce from the ar chives of the S. L. P. polemics the rationale of the Party's conduct, "Iskra's" article is here published as a graphic synopsis of things that must be avoided and of things that must be adhered to-as revealed by an interesting section of the seething cauldron of the Social

ciple, the "bigotry" of aggressive enthu-

sissm. And the article raises the veil

dramatically over the "olla podrida" of

SETTING PRECEDENTS.

Can anyone picture to himself how that paragon of "Americanism," of "Patriot-" of "Law and Order." of "Morality" and of "Bravery," who at present fills the Presidential chair of the nation, would deport himself if the workingmen were to declare: "We can no longer submit to triffing. We must forthwith take and recent intruder in the body social,

Imagine the workingmen gazing at the ever mounting column of the wealth they produce, and the ever sinking share that falls to them. Imagine them passing in review the several nostrums with the aid of which their dinner pails were to be alled, and recalling with grief that whether the tariff was low or was high, whether the Sherman Silver Act was in force or a virtual gold standard was raised, whether the nation "expanded" and "imperialized" or did the other thing. the conditions of life for Labor steadily ined. Imagine them keeping tally on the increased mortality in their own ranks;-imagine that, and then imagine them declaring: "We can no longer submit to trifling. We must forthwith take the matter into our own hands!" Would not the above-named paragon of virtues fare up? The suggestion suggests an in-

And yet that identical language is the language held by President Roosevelt in justification of what? In justification of the highway robbery he has perpetrated on the international domain by plundering the Republic of Colombia of one of its States in the interest of the ama Canal lobby!

The wealth of the land is the product of Labor. An idle class now holds it. It holds the wealth produced by Labor, anks to a plundering system, that is alized by what it pleases to call "Law," but which however, is as Carlyle termed ship.

the thing, nothing but "buccaneers' logbook." What "morality," what "patriotism." what "Americanism" and decency is back of the "morality," "patriotism," "Americanism" and decency that the Roosevelt class invokes against the workingman may be judged by the conduct of these gentlemen in Panama, and by the reasons that they justify their conduct with-"We can no longer submit to trifling. We must forthwith take the matter into our own hands!"-What matter, the property of another nation!

If the Roosevelt class may "take into their own hands" the territory of another nation that they do not even claim to have produced; if the Roosevelt class may, not even in pursuit of "self-preservation," but simply to "round up their estate" indulge in spoliation, abroad; -if that is right, how infinitely righter is not the awakening conscience of the Working Class, which is prompting them to declare they are "getting tired of being trifled with by the capitalist class," and which is moving them "to take the matter of their emancipation into their

MUCH SENSE AND AS MUCH NON-SENSE FROM COL. W. A. TAYLOR.

William A. Taylor, Colonel William A. Taylor, is a gentleman who occupies front rank as a distinguished member of the Ohio Democracy. Just now the Colonel is in a dazed state of mind. The unprecedented minority into which the last election threw the party officially styled "Democratic" in Ohio is, indeed, enough to cause any Democrat "to pause." The Colonel pauses-and he reflects. His reflections are set forth in a signed article in the Columbus, O., "Citizen" of the 11th instant.

Col. Taylor describes the recent programme and campaign conducted in Ohio by the Democratic party as having been Johnsonian-single-tax or socialist balderdash; he speaks of the Single Tax and Socialism as one and the same thing; he denounces both as destructive of individualism; and he ascribes to that the

Undoubtedly there is much sense in all this, but as much nonsense too. Hard as it may be to disentangle such a tangle of sense and nonsense, it will repay the

opportunities) compels the landlord

(holder of natural opportunities) to deal

with the former, and on the other hand,

the power that lies, and ever lav, with the

landlord (holder of natural opportunities)

in turn compels the capitalist (holder of

social opportunities), this social upstart

to treat, and share his plunder with, the

old-time sole possessor "of the earth and

the fullness thereof." Eliminate the

landlord, as the Single Tax would by

stripping him of his rent, and "free the

land," as the Single Tax proposes, to the

highest bidder, and the "man on the

street" can see that the land would be

"freed" only to the capitalist class, be-

cause that class alone holds the social

opportunities (capital) that render the

natural opportunities (land) at all ac-

cessible to labor. The capitalist class

would, accordingly, have alone the chance

to bid; and, seeing that "Government is

ever held by the class that rules." the

capitalist would be bidding to itself-

the only ruling class left, with the

masses left out in the chilly cold. To-

having, under the Single Tax but him-

"cock of the walk." Every economist

who is an economist knows that the

Single Tax idea originated in the capi-

talist revolution of France, the capital-

ists seeking to rid themselves from the

they already held the working class. To-

day, a grasping twin-exploiter, the capi-

overpowering tyrant, crushing the popu-

lation like a juggernaut car. No room

for individuality there. And so far Col.

W. A. Taylor reveals profound scholar-

cent and overwhelming defeat of the Ohio Democracy to Johnsonianism. Johnsoncrushing defeat sustained by his party. ianism, as may be judged from the above, is revolutionary freakishness. Whether freakish or not, the Democratic party has no business to dabble with revolution. The Democratic is the titn sister of the Republican party. They are That the Single Tax would be utterly the political arms of capitalism-of the destructive of individuality and hence a rule of the capitalist class, and the plunnational calamity none, informed on poder of the working class, the upholders litical ecohomy, will deny. What is the of the system of wage-slavery. For programme of the Single Tax? It is for either party to hold revolutionary 1 nthe State to appropriate all the landguage, is simply to drive the capitalists values, that is, the rent. The inevitable in a lump into the other-as happened result of that would be that the capitalbefore with Bryan. When either talks ist class-which to-day is forced to divide freakishness, it thereby deprives itself with the land-lord element among them also of the labor vote. The Democratic the plunder that the former now levies party has no chance unless where it reupon the working class-would then keep turns to its old stand, the good old the whole to itself. The reason is ob-Grover Cleveland stand, of dealing the vious. To-day the power of the capitalfree trade rifle diet to workingmen on ist lies in his ownership of the machinery strike for human conditions. (capital) without which land (natural Then the chances of the Democratic opportunities) are inaccessible to the capital-less man. To-day, the power that lies in the capitalist (holder of social

party will again be even with those of the Republican party, and their chances will continue even-down to the day when the two will evenly suffer their final defeat, jointly rolled in the dust, like another double-headed monsterdragon by the avenging Archangel St. Michael the embattled Working Class of America, giving battle under the oriflamme of the Socialist Labor Party.

There is much to be learned from the sense that Col. William A. Taylor emits -enough to pardon his nonsense.

TURN ON THE LIGHT!

This month's issue of our esteemed contemporary, the Edinburgh "Socialist," organ of the Socialist Labor Party of Great Britain; shoots the following shaft of satire at H. M. Hyndman and the set he stands for:

"The King has written a letter exressing sympathy with Mr. Keir Hardie and asking how he progresses.'-Edinburg Evening News, Tuesday, Oct. 27,

"In connection with the above our Astrological · Editor has handed in the following journalistic forecasts:-

"'We are informed on the best possi ble authority that His Majesty sent a day, the capitalist bids to the landlord; letter regretting his inability to be present at last week's Central Dinner of the London S. D. F., owing to the fact of a self to bid to, he will be the undisputed previous engagement in the pigeon shooting line at Monte Carlo-not to menwho is a historian, and every historian tion a few baccarat parties to which he has absolutely pledged himself. He sent his best wishes for the success of the Federation, and hoped he would soon have another opportunity of shaking the hand of his friend Mr. Quelch. He landlord and bringing him under, where explained that he had somewhat misunrstood the aims of the Party until he had perused their recent Coronation Mantalist would, under the Single Tax, be an ifesto, which had put to rest all his misgivings as to their loyalty and devo-The communication was received with enthusiasm, and when Mr. Hyndman rose to propose the health of His Majesty there was not a dry eye in the

Is the shot wrongful, is it cruel, is it of the nature of "Socialists quarreling with Socialists," is it a "gratuitous insult," is it "mud-slinging"? Let's see, The Paris "Le Socialiste," organ of the bona fide, that is, the anti-Millerandist or Jauresist Socialists of France, of the 8th of this very month utters the fol-

"HYNDMAN AND . . . " 4. Such a state of things tends to de-"A set of folks who once figured under stroy individuality. And the proof of it the name of 'Group of Collectivist Stu is seen in increasing poverty, increasing dents,' but that has long since gone out of existence, have granted themselves the dependence, to the point of people pleasure to have Hyndman speak on 'The swarming, as they did the other day in mperialism of Mr. Chamberlain' in the this land, ready to sell an ear in response hall of the Scientific Societies, and unto the advertisement of a physician who der the presidency of Jaures. wanted an ear for a rich patient, while

"To fetch the paladin of more than twenty years of the political class struggle in England and present him under the auspices of one of the chiefs of the ministerial bourgeoisie of France;

"To give the floor to the man who i is not so long ago challenged Millerand to defend his policy of participation in a debate with him, and to have the floor thus given him by one of the most ardent champions of Millerandism, by him who, only last week, supported Millerand in his Ministerial report, by the identical Jaures whom Hyndman himself recently styled 'a watered Millerand':

'To collect on the same platform the Socialist who not only is at present engaged in combating the anti-labor politics of Chamberlain but also struck with hand and feet and scourged the capitalist authors of the Transvaal war, with the publicist who, in that same war openly took sides with the English companies of Chamberlain against the Boers 'in the name of civilization'; "That's curious.

"Was Citizen Hyndman aware of the net spread before him? Did he step in with full knowledge? Or did he accept merely in a spirit of international couresy? That's the question.

"All that we can say is that he is not disgusted."

The facts tearfully recorded by "Le Socialiste" are the vindication of the Edinburgh "Socialist." Utopianism means blindness to facts, hence visionariness as to consequences. It is Utopian ism to Ignore the agency of man in the introduction and conquest of new ideas, especially of revolutionary ideas. Hence, it is a not least important duty of Socialist agitation to acquaint the masses with, by pitchforking, the stagestrutter, whose Socialism consists of an overpowering itch to hear himself talkon the right side, if possible, on any side,

Principle is greater than any man, but without man principle collapses. Corruption lurks behind the stage-strutter. It is the duty of Socialist agliation to expose him. This duty is as important as that of abstract instruction. It is upon man and not phantons that a great Movement rests. To turn the light upon the spooks is a Socialist duty.

Turn on the world-encircling light. and ever stronger!

MODERN METAMORPHOSES. The shipbuilding interests, interested in the Panama Canal, and entrenched behind the Republican party, have dug up from the arsenal of the Democratic party, behind which the anti-shipbuilding interests are intrenched, the Democratic party's platform declaration of 1856 in which the Isthmus is pronounced legitimate prey for the United States, and the country is urged to posince upon, seize and keep Panama. Thereupon the antiilding interests, now holily oppos ing the Panama scandal, have returned the compliment, and digging up from the arsenal of what was then virtually the present Republican party, have flung at it its then counter declaration in which the "highwayman's plea that 'might makes right'" is branded as "in every respect unworthy of American diplom-acy" and as fit to "bring shame and dishonor upon any government or people that gave it their sanction." Here we have something more than a "Black Crook" transformation. It is a double compound turn about, each side now oc cupying the exact position it once denounced and sanctimoniously or patriotically denouncing the position it once occupied. Has either abandoned its own center of gravity? Not in the least. In one of the circles of Hell that Dante

conceived and described, the penalty of the miserable sinners, turned to venomous serpents, is to wrestle with one an other, until each gradually loses his own and assumes the likeness of the other; they then fall apart, resume their wrestling in their transformed shape, are retransformed, re-fall away, and re-commence into all eternity. That was the chastisement conceived by the poet and "anatomist of crime" for the crime of double-faced robbery. Not their external manifestations but the spirit of swindle and rapine-that was their center of gravity, and that the punishment brought out. It is so now with the pro and the anti-Panama move of double faced rapine. Thus fathoming the phenomenon of this the latest transforma tion, all the kindred phenomena are understood, and their common point of con-

Free traders have been seen to turn into ferocious protectionists; these in turn have been seen to turn into rabid ently, however, the lady began reaching free traders. Silver standard men have been known to change and crawl before the golden calf; and gold standard men have been witnessed turning about and clinging to free silver as to a national Messiah, and so forth and so on-just as now one-time anti-rapine men are playing the brigands on Panama and one-time pro-rapine men are now posturing as Morality on a Monument-exactly as the double-faced robbers in Dante's circle of Hell changed appearances. What does it mean?

There she was received with cheers, and

ed and expelled traitor by the S. L. P.

principle of Socialist "broadness."

The third event, the one a-coming, is

closely foreshadowed by the citations at

the head of this article. The Volks

zeitung Corporation has often been de-

scribed in these columns. To sum up

its physiognomy, the concern consists of

small bourgeois elements and a sprin-

kling of "intellectuals"-all of them

ashbarrel refuse of the German popula-

tion, of which they are a sad caricature.

As such the concern is animated by a

combination of paltry, un-Socialistic ma-

terial interests and a grotesque nativism,

which finds its grotesque expression in

hatred and contempt for the American.

our English-speaking fellow citizens in

general. Thus animated, the Corpora-

tion, as it has expressly stated, does

not trust the Socialist Movement of the

land in any but German-meaning its

own picked pets'-hands. And it is wise

in its generation. Out of its control, the

Socialist Movement must make havor of

its bourgeois interests and ridiculous

racial pretensions. Accordingly, wherever

the Corporation could not rule it has

sought to ruin the Socialist Movement.

It tried the game on the S. L. P., but

failed flatly. Having tried to steal the

Party's name and to muzzle the Party

by stealing its English press, and been

roundly beaten, the Corporation needed

a new "Socialist" party to serve as a

tender to its business and to its nativis-

tic notions. In pursuit of its aims and

nceds the Corporation hastened to iden-

tify itself with a movement that had

just sprung up in the West and that

called itself variously Socialist or So-

cial Democracy. All that is said above

was well known by the said Western

Movement. For all that, the Volks-

reitung Corporation, bearing on its face

still fresh scars it fetched in the at-

tempt to rule or ruin the S. L. P., was

welcomed-just as Carey was and Mrs.

Thus a third outrage was committed

on decency, common sense and self-pres-

ervation by the Socialist, alias Social

Democratic party. The supplemental

event-the self-avenging of the outrage-

is still a-coming. How near, however,

the avencing hour is may be judged by

Avery.

It means that in all these instances the two "opposites" are in fact "doubles," -two sides of the identical medal. The center of gravity with both is never changed. That center of gravity is their material interests. It is not the aspect of the robber, but the act of robbery, that held Dante's double-faced felons in perpetual struggle with one another. So here. It is not the external manifestation of the warring capitalists, but their capitalist quality that, holding, forces them to the wrestlings and eternal changes of base which they restlessly exhibit. And that capitalist interest is bottomed upon the skinning of the work-

ing class. From an immoral source nothing but immorality can flow. The capitalist system is grounded on the immorality of the plunder of the workers. So grounded, it cannot choose but wobble and change face, color and aspect. The capitalists have changed face on Panama. Their political parties reflect the fact. Leave them alone, give them time and this generation will not pass bfore they will have again re-changed their face and form-just like the double-faced robbers placed by Dante in Malebolge's perpetual torture.

But why leave them to their torture? Why not end it by blotting out the robber swindle of capitalism, and rearing the Socialist Republic?

TWO INSTANCES-A THIRD A-COMING.

"As to the Irish, on them we need not count. They are corrupt up to the marrow."

-New Yorker Volkszeitung. Nov. 15, 1903,

"New York . . . now takes the leadership among the States of the Uhien."

-New Yorker Volkszeitung, Nov. 17, 1203,

The above citations from the organ of the Social Democratic party point to the approaching close of a cycle of three sets. of events and their supplementals, the lessons of which are not the least valuable contributions of the so-called Socialist, alias Social Democratic, party movement to the Movement in general. These lessons furnish warnings in the nature of "horrible examples" of what a clean Socialist Movement must guard against and, by contrast, observe.

The first is furnished by James F. the citations that head this article. Nor Carey of Haverhill, Mass., and is supwere apposches thereto long in making plemented by Chas. A. Born of Sheboytheir appearance. gan, Wis. Carey was elected in 1897 on Uriah Heep could not be more humble the Socialist Labor Party ticket a Counthan the Corporation was when first adcilman in his city, having, at his nomimitted, but it soon began to carry out nation, signed a resignation blank, as the its scheme, until it now virtually has S. L. P. constitution prescribes. Two the Socialist, 'alias Social Democracy, months later he successfully intrigued under its thumb: It dominates the to pull his Section out of the S. L. P. party's conventions with padded votes, The obvious fishiness of the act caused 'Porto Rico" contributing its pads of the National Executive Committee to imhundreds; recently, when a national tour mediately demand his resignation from was arranged, it was one of its own the office to which the S. L. P. had creatures. Hanford-despised in his own raised him. He declined, His leading Union for a fakir-who was inflicted reason was that the S. L. P. had not upon the party; and when a national secmembers enough in Haverhill to elect. retary was to be chosen this year the and he "had been elected by the people." Corporation managed to smuggle into the Carey's subsequent conduct in voting a office another of its creatures, William \$15,000 Armory appropriation was but a Mailly, its one-time hired man, who afvindication of the wisdom of the S. L. P. terward served a post-graduate course constitution in placing upon its nominees under Carey in Massachusetta. Thus the moral obligation of a signed resigrunning smooth a nation blank, and also of the sagacity Corporation hiding its claws when this of the N. E. C. in foreseeing the conyear's elections took place. The Corpotemplated treason to the working class ration knows the limitations of the vote of the Armory appropriation in Carev's it can rely on in New York. The conwithdrawal from the Party quickly upon tinued smooth running of things dependhis election. For the rest, the Armory ed upon the contingency of the vote outepisode need not figure any further in side the State, Massachusetts and Pennthis argument. The act, here considered, sylvania especially, continuing to mount. is Carey's violation of faith, his repudi-The snag was struck this year. The ation of his resignation pledge. It was an act of moral turpitude. The man vote of the so-called Socialist, alias Social Democratic, party in Massachusetts guilty of such an act is an ulcer. Was tumbled headlong; in Pennsylvania likehe freated accordingly by the so-called wise, even losing the party's official stand-Socialist, alias Social Democratic, party ing; and it looks as if a similar fate organization, to whom he turned? was met by the soap-bubble in Ohio. At James F. Carey, with the smirch of this any rate, the soap-bubble has bursted. record of betrayal of trust still fresh The Corporation now justly foresecs breakers ahead, and it has begun drilling and redolent upon him, was received as a "star." and honored with chairmanits crew for the rule or ruin game-as ships and editorial praise. This was an indicated by the citations with which it outrage on decency and on common sense. foments racial aversion in breasts of its -The supplemental event to this perfaithful, and by its unguarded crowing formance is furnished by Chas. A. Born. about New York, that is, its own boss-Elected this spring Mayor of Sheboygan rights. on the ticket of the Social Democratic As in the instances of Carey and Mrs. party, he promptly went back upon his Avery, so in this: It is at its own own party. His language, backed by his peril that a movement, that aims at Soappointments, was a slap in the face to cialism, raises WRONG into a norm of the organization that he owed his elevaconduct. We have seen Right avenged tion to, and his justification to their inin two instances. It will be speedily dignant protests is exactly Carev's-"I avenged in the third, soon as matters was not elected by any one party, but by the people." Thus outraged decency and common sense were not long in being

avenged. The condonment of the Carey

betrayal of the pledged word swiftly suf-

fered the penalty,-the first in that se-

The second set of supplemental events

is furnished by Martha Moore Avery,

with herself furnishing the supplement. Mrs. Avery had sided with the S. L. P.

at the time of the Kangaroo riots, ve-

hemently opposing the Kangaroos. Pres-

shall have matured to the point when the corrupt Volkszeitung caricatures of Germans,-their minds poisoned with the notion that their English-speaking fellow citizens are "corrupt up to the marrow" and that themselves (it is to laugh!) are the God-ordained monopolists of Socialism .- will seek to run or ruin the wreckage of the Socialist, alias Social Democratic, party to the greater glory of taxpaying "Egyptian Onions" and "Baby-lonian Potatoes."



UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN.

BROTHER JONATHAN-I am at a loss to comprehend what you Socialisti mean by dividing the people into three different classes.

UNCLE SAM-If you would only use your own intelligence, even unaided by Socialist Labor Party literature, you would cease to be "at a loss.." B. J.-We have but one kind of peo-

ple, citizens; all equal before the law; and our free institutions are for the benefit of all.

U. S .- The devil you say? B. J. (testily)-That's just what I

U. S .- Mention one of those free in-

B. J.-I'll mention you a dozen: 1st., The suffrage; 2nd, The right of any one to go into any pursuit he likes;

3rd. Our free schools; 4th, We are all born equal, we have no lords with special privileges; 5th-U. S .- That'll do. Let us take up the

first. You are a motorman; you told me that last election you did not vote. Did you not want to?

B. J.-I wanted to, but could not get

U. S .- Why not? B J .- I had to work.

U. S .- Why didn't you stay away from work and vote?

B. J.-And lose my job and starve? U.S-(grabs B. I. by the nane of the neck, pulls him to a near pump and holds his head under while he pumps a bucket full of water on B. J.'s head. When B. J. recovered his breath U. S. proceeds)-That much for equality before the law No. 1. Much good does the written "equality" do you if in practice you can't avail yourself of it! B. J. tries to dry his head.

S .- Now for No. 2. Do you like standing ten and more hours on the

front platform of a car, summer and winter, at the starvation wages you complain about? B. J.-No, I don't like that. U. S .- Why don't you go into the bust-

ness of owning your own trolley-line or your own factory and have a good living and "choose your own pursuit," as you claim everyone here can do? B. J .- I haven't the capital to do

U. S. (pulls B. J. again under the pump and gives his head another soak-When B. J. has again recovered his breath 'U. S. proceeds)-You cannot exercise your functions unless you have capital or access to capital; you have none, and the only way you can get access to capital is by selling yourselfat starvation wages to the Republican and Democratic capitalists. You have no choice. That much for "equality before the law." No. 2.

B. J. mons his head.

U. S.-Now for No. 3.-Would you not like to have gone through college? B. J.-Indeed I would!

U. S .- Why didn't you?

B. J .- My parents were too poor; they even had to take me out of the grammar school to help them earn a living.

U. S .- And the school-house was open all the time, ready for you?

B. J.-Of course!

U. S. (pulls B. J. a third time to the pump and gives his head a third soaking)-That much for "equality before the law" No. 3. Much good does the school do to you or the abstract right to go there if the social system that the Democratic and the Republican parties uphold and that you live under bars you from access to the schools through poverty. Now to No. 4. B. J.-At any rate we have no lords

that we must knuckle under-U. S.-Let's see. Must you and all

workers not "knuckle under" to your bosses from early infancy, or can you do what you want? Don't they compel you to sign away the rights the law gives you to protection from injury in exchange for a crust? And, furthermore, do you not know that our workers in America support more lords, princes and marquises than any European country? Who are the Duchess of Marlborough, the Marchioness of Castellane, the Princess of Hatzfeld, the Countess of Campofelice, the Princess of Cantacuzine, the Duchess de Roxburghe, and scores of others if not American women who own our American property, and whom we, our wives and children must support with the sweat of our brows, and who bully us and have caused us to be clubbed and shot if we strike? (Pulls B. J. a fourth time under the pump and administers a fourth soaking.) That much for "equality before the law," No. 4. Much good

(Continued on page 6.)

[CORRESPONDENTS WHO PREFER TO APPEAR IN PURIT UNDER AN ASSUMED AND WILL ATTACK SUCH NAME TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS, RESIDE THEIR WE SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS. NOME OTHER WILL BE I TOOCHIED.]

POINTERS FOR TELLER & DORSEY.

To The Daily and Weekly People:-While I read with much interest the Colorado politician-Union Pacific letters, ing a railroad man, they were no surprise to me. Knowing railroad of-ficials and methods as I do, I can imagine, tho', the scurry that will be made in the bunt for the source of "leakage" and the precautions that will be taken to prevent such leakage in the future. unpatriotic villain who gave the game away ought to be lynched, and if some people could have their way he would be, could they find him.

I know a little something myself about how passes are issued, and I don't mind giving a few pointers for the ben-efit of Teller & Dorsey as a sort of balm for the roasting they must have received from railroad and public officials because of the expose.

Time was when railroad passes were to be had by employes for the asking. They were not then considered as part of the wages. But as cities grew and railroad men began to seek refuge from high rents at points along the line free transportation became recognized as a part of the wages. If an employee was asked how much he got, ten to he would name the money figure and add with a pass to such and such a place.

Employees kept on using passes until they practically filled up morning and ng trains. I remember riding on an Erie train years ago, and out of a full car the conductor got about ten tickets. The officials then decided that too many employees were riding, and the ng of passes began to be restricted, but it was a long fight, so strong had the custom become. An Erie employee who had been refused a pass by his superior officer carried the matter to Gould. Gould asked the man that if he was working for a farmer would he expect the farmer to hitch up and cart him to wherever he wanted to go. The applicant said: "No. I would not. But if the farmer had his horse hitched and was going my way, I would think him damned mean if he refused to give me a lift." He got his pass.

In those days shippers and politicians had no trouble in getting passes, but with railroad consolidation pass restriction began. Ordinary officials no longer had authority to issue passes, and as the lines lengthened free transportation became more valuable. Petty officials having axes of their own to grind-both for mselves privately and to increase their standing with the company-re sorted to various schemes to furnish free transportation. While working at the business in New York city I was under an official who allowed employees only two round-trip passes a year, but his friends, police captains, ward heelers and others, rode on the other passes issued in the names of employees, but which they never saw. This official died in disgrace, it having been found that he was adding the pay roll and at the same time keeping expenses down by robbing the men to the extent that he padded

At another station at which I worked in New York the official in charge worked the same game, but a little differently. He would call an employee into his private office and say: are not likely to want a pass for a month or two are you?" Of course the man would take the tip and say: "No." "Well, I want to get a pass for a friend, and will use your name, if you don't object." Of course, the employee wouldn't object! On the contrary, some of them felt highly flattered at being asked to allow the use of their names.

I wish I could remember all the places I have visited—in name only. I have been "a valuable employee who needed a trip for his health," or "who wishes to visit his old home after a long ab, ce," etc. I knew one man, an employee, who got an annual pass because "he stood by us and rendered valuable service in time of a strike." Thank Heaven! this never could be given as a reason for granting me a favor!

er an amusing incident or one occasion. A pass for another had been issued in my name to a point adjacent to Atlanta during the Exposition re. The general office of the road was in New York—the pass-issuing office-and I was warned to make myself scarce in case any one from that office came to our place during the time I was supposed to be away.

I was working away one afternoon then a gentleman from the general of fice put in his appearance. He had the reputation of being "nosey," so I scootreputation of being "nosey," so I scoot-ed, and the only avenue of escape was up the stairs to the stock room in the garret. It was winter, the stock room as unheated, and I was in my shirt sleeves. After a while I cautiously renoitered, but the enemy was still below, and in dangerous proximity to the part of the office in which I worked. The porter managed to smuggle my coat to me, and I shivered up there for an ir and a half. The place was unlighted, and I dared not move around, as re was no flooring, and gas pipes and er impediments were likely to trip other impediments were many in which would make a racket as if

the old building was coming down.

When I think of some of the ducks he have borne, temporarily, my honor-ble name it makes me blush. I have

been a Tammany heeler, a saloon-keep er and "reputable" business man in turn everything but a preacher, and they you know, get half rates by divine right, and on the plea that they act as a "moral police" in the interests of the

Another official that I know, instead of issuing passes, buys regular tickets, taking a receipt for the money, and then by some sort of hocus pocus gets it back again from the passenger department. This might appeal to Teller & Dorsey as the best scheme, but there is dange of politicians and others working this game and selling the tickets to scalpers. True passes are also sold to scalpers, but they are harder to get rid of than tickets; the average man fears detection and trouble of some sort if he buys them. The penalty for an employee to loan or sell a pass is instant dismissal.

Now, Mr. Editor, I do hope you will be so kind as to publish this letter for the benefit of Teller & Dorsey-among others-and as for that scalawag of "A Colorado Wage Slave"-more power to Employee.

Pittsburg, Nov. 12.

TRUE TO LIFE!

To The Daily and Weekly People:-Herewith 20c. Please send, me extra copies of the Sunday Daily\People of Nov. 8, 1903. The article "Scathing and Documentary Evidence" is true to life. I handle similar transportation requests for the State Rangers, who are nominally employed to protect the border, but are really corporation police. Dallas, Texas, Nov. 14.

BADLY SHATTERED DREAMS.

To The Daily and Weekly People-When, not quite a year ago, I wanlered about my native country, Sweden, and saw many of my countrymen going beyond the great ocean, I used to think that I, too, would like to go westward to "the Great Republic," for there must be something of the independence and liberty that rumor told of, and furthermore, I thought, the working men out there must be of a higher education and more intelligence than we were at home.

At last I came here myself, landing on the 17th of November, 1902, in New York, in "The Great Republic of freedom and liberty" of which I had dreamed. I secured a situation at the Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, Mass. There I tried to how much average intelligence the American workers in the rural districts possess, and I must admit that all the dreams I had dreamed in Sweden were badly shattered. I beheld coachmen who every day between the hunt club and the residences of millionaires, but I couldn't perceive any intelligence about them. On the contrary, all of them seemed as satisfied with their low, dependent, menial position as is a ruminating cow with hers.

One never heard them interested in their own condition, but that of their masters, their fleecers. If one listened to their conversation, one would hear something like this:

"My 'fellow' has bought a new pony to-day, and I think it will win the race,

"My 'fellow' is a good polo player, so I think he'll win. I hope so," etc.

Every one of these coachmen thinks he is a great man in charge of a great business. Poor wage slaves, they don't know what will happen to them if their employers discharge them!

But once, while out at Hamilton, did I hear the word Socialism mentioned. One of these workers said, "I don't believe in Socialism. I don't think it will be of any use." Another said, "I don't think it as bad as the Post and Globe make it out to be. They never tell the truth about it. They don't want to ex-

I then tried to show them how the Boston Globe and Post represent the capitalist system and the capitalist class. They would not, consequently, give information on Socialism, which situs at the overthrow of both. I urged them to read The People and get a knowledge of Socialism: but the words "capitalist class" have no room in their vocabulary, and it would be easier to teach a hen astronomy than the majority of the men in the rural districts about Hamilton, their own class interests and welfare; in other words, Socialism.

I have not got very much to say re garding the millionaires out at Hamilton. When I heard their conversations I was reminded of some of the incidents that occurred in the royal palace in France, close on the Frence revolution of 1789. Many of them realize they are dancing on a volcano. Many of them were so degraded by a surfeit of food and liquors that I had my doubts as to whether they belonged to the human race or not.

Light, mose light, is wanted. Let it bered and let it be understoo that all who do not strive to enlighten their fellow wage slaves are traitors to the working class.

Let us join the S. L. P. and sprend its literature among the workers. Let us overthrow the capitalist system in which a handful of parasites manage to keep the millions of toilers in bondage, and substitute the Co-operative Common-

wealth! Boston ,Mass., Nov. 8. CAREY'S DEFEAT.

To The Daily and Weekly People:-The defeat of James Carey was due to his support of Tobin's union, and its policy of coercing workingmen in the interests of the shoe manufacturers and the labor fakirs. As, the S. L. P. and the S. T. & L. A. supported and furthered the opposition to Tobin, the defeat of Carey is a vindication of the policy of these two organizations. That ow it looks to me. Shoe Worker. New York, Nov. 16.

"A HOT ONE," INDEED!

To The Daily and Weekly People:-"The Eric Daily Times," a capitalist newspaper, in last evening's issue (Saturday, Nov. 14) printed an article enti-tled "This Is a Hot One." This title, while reflecting the calloused cynicism of the average newspaper, is not a mis nomer. It tells of the Grand Jury's ar raignment of the management of the almshouse, which says that the conditions prevailing there are a disgrace, and that cattle are more comfortably provided for than are the inmates.

The Grand Jury of this locality, like every other section of "Free America," is composed of men who are looked upon as "the respectable element in society. As a matter of course, they uphold the capitalist society, which produces the evils against which they inveigh; but their utterances prove what the crazy Socialists have all along contended, viz. that after lives of toil, creating vast wealth for the robber class, and when no longer able to keep pace with the intensified conditions in the various industries caused by "speeding up the machinery," having been displaced by "younger blood," the impoverished working people's only reward is an almsiouse, in which the conditions are worse than those provided for cattle. How long will the working class stand these tragedies on modern times?

Jeremiah Devine. Erie, Pa., Nov. 15.

UNION WRECKING IN YONKERS.

To The Daily and Weekly People:-On Friday, Nov. 13, it was decided by oint meeting here of the two locals of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, with a membership close to 350, to withdraw from the Building Trades Council, only six voting against the proposition.

What lead the carpenters to take this step was that whenever a non-union man of another trade was discovered working on a job where the carpenters were, the latter were called on strike until the non-union man was discharged or joined the union of his craft. It was these sympathetic strikes that the car penters objected to.

The Carpenters' organization is the strongest in Yonkers. The Bricklayers' and Masons' is next, but it got out of the Building Trades Council years ago.

The Interstate Bosses' Organization has been trying for a long time to break up the B. T. C., especially the Hod Carriers', Laborers' and the Lathers' unions. two local organizations not affiliated with any national body, which would not aflow any one outside their unions, not even if he was a union man from another eity, to work at their trade in Yonkers unless he put up a \$35 initiation fee.

The Carpenters, having decided to go alone, it means the break-up of these unions, as the Carpenters, like the Bricklayers and Masons, will now work with any men holding union cards. The Carpenters know full well that their withdrawal from the B. T. C. is the ruin of the other trades.

If this is not union wrecking, what is it to be called? It is only about five months ago when all the small brothers 'brothers" are what the union men call each other here) stood by their strong brothers during a lockout. Now, because the small brothers wish their big brothers to help them, the strong brothers refuse

Workers, shame on such solidarity! Wipe out an organization with such principles and put in its stead the principles of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, i. e., the summary ending of that barbarous struggle at the earliest possible time by the abolition of classes, the restoration of the land and all the means of production, transportation and distribution to the people as a collective body, and the substitution of the Cooperative Commonwealth for the present state of planless production, industrial war and social disorder; a commonwealth in which every worker shall have the free exercise and full benefit of his faculties multiplied by all the modern factors

Organizer L. A. 42, S. T. & L. A. Yonkers, N. Y., Nov. 16.

THE TELEGRAPHER" BRAND OF "SOCIALISM."

To The Daily and Weekly People:-Owing to the fact that the "Telegrapher," monthly magazine of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in its last issue came out pretty strong for Socialism, some surprise is expressed in different quarters at the O. R. T. delegate to the A. F. of L. convention, Dan Ramsay, of St. Louis, assisting such fakirs and traitors to the working class as Gompers, Shaffer and Duncan in an attempt to turn down the motion to appropriate \$1,000 to the victims of the capitalist system who are now combating militia, under orders of the capitalist Governor of Colorado, in their eight-hour day strike, viz., the Western Miners.

Evidently the Socialism of the U. R. T. journal is only skin deep—plainly not the sound revolutionary scientific Socialism of the Socialist Labor Party. Ramsay's action should prove to the working class that the fight must be fought by the

workers themselves.

President Perham, of the O. R. T., and President Long, of the Commercial Telegraphers, on their arrival from the A. F of L. convention, announced things "safe in the hands of Ramsay." His action against the striking miners proves it. Perham also stated that he did not be lieve in politics in the union, as, he declared, the revolutoinary politics of the miners was the cause of the militia being used against them.

Workers, educate for the future reign of justice and equity. Join the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, that teaches the working class to vote as it strikesfor the Socialist Labor Party at the ballot box for the supremacy of the workers, for a co-operation in place of wage A. J. B.

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 16.

GRAND JUNCTION VOTE AND NEWS

To The Daily and Weekly People-The election is over, the votes are all counted, and the S. L. P. steps to the front and takes third place in the political field of Mesa County, Colorado, while the Socialist Party has gone away back and sat down.

The election in Colorado this year was a tame affair, as there was but one office to fill and, and that the Judge of the Supreme Court. In fact, the majority of the people of the State thought there was to be no election at all, which accounts for the light vote cast on election

The following is the vote in Mesa County last year and this year: 1902 .- For Representative: S. P., 407;

S. L. P., 149. 1903 .- Judge of Supreme Court: S. L.

P., 84; S. P., 73. The "Socialist" Party has dropped to the fourth place and lost its official standing in both Grand Junction and

Mesa County, while the S. L. P. has, for the first time, taken the third place in both the city and county, and second place in two of the precincts, and is now an official party of Grand Junction, but not of Mesa County. The "Socialist Party" vote, or lack of

votes, calls to mind a little tilt that took place between Comrade Chase and Mr. Sawyer, of the "Socialist" party on the S. L. P. and so-called Socialist party press, at a meeting Comrade Chase addressed in Grand Junction on Oct. 22. Comrade Chase had just made clear the

fact that the S. L. P. was the only political party that owned its own press, and that the S. L. P. would not permit its press to be used in the interest of capitalism, as was the case with the privately owned press, such as the Appeal to Reason, that supports the S. P.

This riled Mr. Sawyer, and he at once spoke up in defence of the "Appeal," and boasted about the number of papers tant was supporting their party, naming "Tre Alliance of the Rockies" as their leader

As "The Appeal to Reason" is their choics of all the papers published in the world and "The Alliance of the Rockies" their choice for Colorado, and as these are the papers they always scatter in Grand Junction, we will give a sample of the rot we find in copies of recent date.

Two-thirds of the first page of "The Alliance of the Rockies" for Oct. 24 was used to boost their candidate for Supreme Judge, who is a member of the American Bar Association. This number was scattered throughout the city, and this is the way this long article winds up:

"God bless the American Bar Associa tion! They have done themselves credit as honest men, and have rendered a service to their country, the value of which is beyond estimation.

Now, wouldn't that jar you? Yet such rot is good enough for the S. P. to buy and scatter just to make votes.

Now, we will take what the S. P. think the grandest paper in the world, "The Appeal to Reason."

We find across the top of the first page of "The Appeal" of October 10 one line as follows: "Two million Socialist votes in 1904

spells victory for Socialism in 1908." Then, on the second page and first column of the same paper we learn how they are going to do it, which is as fol-

"We are not absolutely opposed to all temporary alliances with the capitalist parties, but only on one condition: THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY MUST BE ABLE TO DICTATE THE TERMS OF THAT ALLIANCE.

"In other words, we must, first of all become a prominent political factor, and the alliance must be sought, not by us, but by a capitalist party that is weaker than we are. Then they will be forced to make greater concessions to us than we shall make to them. That is the only condition under which any alliance with a capitalist party is safe for the Socialist party."

Now, comrades, isn't that rich and fine? Isn't it as rich as cream and fine as silk? Wouldn't it make a nice "P. S." for the leaflet "The Difference?" Is it any wonder that their vote has

fallen in Mesa County from 407 last year (and two of their candidates received over 500 votes last year) to 73 this year Think of a party, claiming to be revolutionary party, talking about making concessions to the capitalist!

In conclusion, and without boasting we want to say we think we have a strong an S. L. P. section as can be found in any town the size of Grand Junction in spite of the fact that this, the Grand Valley, is a sort of a paradise for the middle class, where as high as \$45 worth of wheat, \$50 worth of alfalfa, \$150 worth of potatoes, and \$500 worth of peaches, pears, apples and grapes are produced from one acre of ground has

single year, but the wage slave is robbed in the Grand Valley just the same as in every other country on earth.

S. B. Hutchinson. Grand Junction, Col., Nov. 8.

PIERSON IN ST. JOSEPH, MO.

To The Daily and Weekly People:-With regard to the week's work just ended in St. Joseph, Mo., I will say that I succeeded in getting 26 subscribers for The Weekly and 5 for The Monthly People. The packing houses barred me from

getting inside their places, and I was put out of the Burlington R. R. shops by one of their lackeys, so I had to fall back on the small factories, which handicapped me very much in my work. I held two very successful street meet

ings, distributing a good quantity of eaflets and succeeded in selling 30 books. I returned to Kansas City yesterday, and will leave to-night for Springfield. Charles Pierson.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 16.

TO THE MEN WHO MAKE THE S. L. P.

To The Daily and Weekly People: Enclosed you will please find money order for \$2, to go to help pay off the debt on our press. I will send \$3 more before January, making in all \$5.

Whenever I read of the contributions made by Comrades all over, for the same purpose, I was glad, vet it was a standing reproach to me for not doing something myself to free the paper of the debt. But it was not my fault. The money I send you now we laid away for a barrel of flour for the winter. After reading of the effort made by our New York Comrades, we decided to send this money to The Daily People. This was done after a family conclave. It was carried unanimously.

I hope that the Comrades of the S. L. P. all over will take a hand in this last effort to free the Party plant of the debt. What a glad day it will be for us! A burden will be taken off the shoulders of our officers, who so valiantly defended our press against all attacks from within and without.

Come now, Comrades, you professional men in our ranks, who can and did rise above your material interests, you have volunteered to fight side by side with us wageworkers; you will not desert us in this hour of need. There are but few of you in our ranks, I know. This I also know-that a dollar-does not look to you as big as a mountain, as to us wage workers. Perhaps you forget your Comrades, or perhaps you made peace with capitalism, and are too busy to think of your Comrades in the shop and the mill. Come, now; we need no ornaments in our army. Every one is both a general and a private combined, and every one must do his duty.

Come forward, ye noble Comrades of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, California and Washington-East, West, North and South\$4,643 is a great sum; it will be a trifle when we all take hold. Come forward, ye men who, for some reason or other, are not connected with the Party, but who are with us in spirit. You pay nothing toward the expense of running the organization. This is the opportunity for you to show that you are MEN. Come forward! The debt must be cleared before the New Year. Will you do your part?

And you, wageworkers, militants of the S. L. P., brawn and sinew of the revolutionary army of America. I fear to approach you. Your condition reflects my omen. I know every penny you give is a sacrifice. But we must-we must give all we can, no matter how little. Our cause demands it, and there is nothing too good to offer for the cause. The Bastile must be stormed, and we will do it! But we must first of all free our weapon from the hold the enemy has upon it-the debt upon the Party plant. Instead of keeping our officers in constant werry how to meet payments that come due, they will devote their time and energy to build up the party organization. New life will be instilled into our organization. Come forward, Comrades! Let us show to the world what men can do when imbued with the spirit of a noble cause. And you, too, Comrades whose voice

and pen thrilled us in our battle with capitalism-you gave us courage in the past; dip deep your pen, deep in your heart, in your mind. The cause of the working class demands your best thought, your clearest mind. Make The People not only the best, but the very best, paper for workingmen to read. Make it our guide, our inspiration, our weapon. Make The People the leader of revolutionary thought in Americal A word to you, Comrades of New

York: You need no urging; you have done nobly all along! You have been on the firing line for all these years. More than once, when the party was in danger, you responded like MEN. You gave your money, your time, fighting back all enemies and traitors, holding high the banner of S. L. P. Who would not be proud to claim comradeship with

I know you will do all you can to make the coming festival a success. Oh, how I would like to be with you on that day, to press your hand in the old-fashioned way! But no matter. Like many others far away, I will be there in spirit, and when you gather there on the 26th, remember the Comrades outside of New York are with you, brave men and women of New York. Now let us not rest until our press is

Peekskill, N. Y., Nov. 18.

clear of debt. With The Daily People plant free of debt, we can commence the campaign of 1904 in earnest.

An Old Comrade From Up the State.

TER-BOX OFF - HAND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS Ø.

[NO QUESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT COME IN ANONY-MOUS LETTERS. ALL LETTERS MUST CARRY A BOMA FIDE SIG-NATURE AND ADDRESS.]

your address. There is a mail here for

J. A. S., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. 1st. You will be pleased to know that many are The People's warm friends who, like you, favor it frequently with articles. Couple that fact with this other, that even the Weekly is of limited space, and it springs up obvious that many of these contributions must be excluded, or many very much delayed in publication. But they are not lost. Their contents help to keep this office informed. Spread your bread upon the waters, and never look for the return.

2d. Your present argument on the projected Scandinavian Federation is published in this issue.

3d. The best way to do is to write direct to that paper and get copies of that issue, Sept. 24.

A. C., NEW YORK .- The vote of called Socialist party in Pennsylvania this year was 13.245; last year it was 21,910—a loss of over 7,000 which carries with it the loss of official standing that it had gained last year.

T. H. S., BOSTON, MASS.-When Mr. David Goldstein starts lecturing upon "A Nation of Fatherless Children, he does not describe the Socialist Re public; he exposes the capitalist social system with its swelling number of foundling asylums and deserted babes." And by himself lecturing on the subject, he, so has an all-wise Providence shrewdly contrived things, illustrates in his own achelor person-a childless father-the obverse of the morally putrid capitalist social order, a society where "childless fathers" abound and are on the increase seeing the increasing rafts of Gold bachelors that are floating about. To say "bachelor" of a certain age is to imply volumes.

B. B., ALBANY, N. Y .- To properly appreciate the matter, the element of corruption must be eliminated. Eliminating that, what is left?-the Utopian, against which Socialist science guards The active element in those who seek to convert the Labor Leaders in A. F. of L. conventions assembled is Utopianism. moon-calfism. As well seek to convert the Middle Class. The "Labor Leader" has class interests at war with Socialism. Such class interests are rocks under water that wreck whatever ship fancies them to be fluid. Socialist science warns against the folly. Of course the child of Folly is Fraud. Don't impute causal powers to the consequence.

E. J. W., NEW YORK.-It is the Jamestown, N. Y., "Morning Post" of last Oct. 29. Get it. You will find a Social Democratic party meeting advertised under the false colors of "Socialist Lebor Party Rally." The paper is for inspection in this office. G. F. L., RUTLAND, MASS .- The

reason H. S. Aley's letter, "On the N. E. C.", was published is that he had not yet had the floor on the subject. reason your last letter was not published is that you have twice had the floor on the subject.

E. S., NEWPORT NEWS, VA .- (1) Matchett did not receive 34,000 votes at the last election. The official returns are not in. The bulk of his up-State vote was purely mistaken through vot-ing-machine defects, as reported in these columns. Just watch the drop next

(2) Matchett was expelled from the S. L. P. in 1899 for having over his own signature proved himself a falsifier.

T. R., ST. PAUL, MINN .- The "Modern Harvesters" will be attended

A. L. H., MINDEN, NEB .- Has Robinson Crusoe become a Greenbacker?

To The Daily and Weekly People .- On 1 and Branch 2 (English and German) of Section Hoboken was held at headquarters. Comrade Eck presided and deliv ered a short address as to the work of the party for the campaign of 1904. It was decided to start right in and leave nothing undone in exposing the fake "Socialists" of Hoboken, otherwise known as Kangaroos. Comrade Sweeney delivered a short address, calling on the comrades to make one Titanic effort to aid in clearing of the debt of the Party Press. Comrade Schroeder was appointed to

take charge of and receive contributions to The Daily People Fund. As a proof of the enthusiasm that prevailed at the meeting \$65 were pledged to The Daily People Debt Fund. The Hoboken comrades intend to fall in line with the New York comrades and follow the example set by them on last Sunday.

Three new members were accepted at the meeting, making six in all for the month of November. Hoboken, N. J., November 19.

ORGANIZATION OF RETAIL CLERKS.

To The Daily and Weekly People .-I wish to amend the call of Organizer James Hanlon, of D. A. 49, for retail "dry goods clerks" to send their names to him for the purpose of forming a local of clerks in the S. T. & L. A. I would prefer to see the call changed to retail clerks of any kind.

I do not see any reason why clerks in all branches of the retail business should not get together, for a starter anyway, and afterward branch out, if necessary

The term "dry goods clerk" is now ob With the passing of the small dry goods stores the clerk does not need

C. B., VANCOUVER, B. C .- Send Why, when we last heard of him he was

A. B., NEW YORK-Socialism, no more than hydrostatics, has anything to do with religion. A man's conception of his Creator and his views of worship are his private affair-as private as whether he prefers a pink, a blue or a green necktie.

H. B., ELIZABETHPORT, N. J .-The matter has been often treated in these columns. May get up opportunely a complete resume-The essential facts are that during the Anthracite strike bituminous coal went up from about St a ton to \$20; that if the bituminous men had struck the anthracite men would have had a better chance, but the bituminous coal mine owners could not have made the profits that they did while the strike lasted; that Mitchell caused the bituminous men to remain at work; that this was to order them to scab it on their anthracite brethren in the interest of the bituminous mine own ers, who in many instances "checked off" from the wages of their employees the strike assessment to keep the anthracite miners on strike; that the bituminous mine owners raked in millions during the strike of the anthracite men; that Hanna is a bituminous mine owner and the President of the Civic Federation of which John Mitchell is one of the Vice-Presidents -- See?

B. D., TROY, N. Y.—An instance? The "American Labor Union Journal" of Oct. 22 refers to "Scab-herding A. F. of Lism."

J. W., NEW YORK-The information is false. The gentleman did not flee from Germany because he was a Socialist. He scooted because he had embezzled. And he was not even a Socialist then. He was then a "Freisinniger" or some such other tomfool. 'He pecame a Socialist (1?!?) here.

A. J., BOSTON, MASS .- (1) The Amalgamated Union, whose men took the places of the International Machinists on strike in Hoboken, N. J., is the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, and Isaac Cowen of Cleveland is one of its officers. (2) Isaac Cowen is not a member of

the S. L. P. He is a member of the so-called Socialist party of Ohio, and ran this year on that party's ticket for Governor. What his vote is we do not yet know. From appearances it fell off. G. W. G., CINCINNATI O.-The laws against passes are meant only against the small fry. The big fellows are not affected by any such cobweb

threads. D. G., NEW YORK-What answer, any, the Social Democratic Herald made to our charge of the wholesale plagiarism from The People?—Let's think. Oh, yes, it said the Editor of The People was a "Perfessor"—or

something as much to the point. PARTEIGENOSSE, TIMBOOCTOO. AFRICA.—Du bist doch ein hoffnung-sloses Kameel. Wie kannst Du denn so einfaeltig sein am 18. bei der Volkszeitung anzufragen ob es wahr ist dass Dein eigenes, mit unausloeschlicher Begeisterung gelesenes Blaettle vom 15. so fuerchterlich 'reingefallen ist mit seinen Timbuktu-Nativismus gegen die en-glisch sprechenden Arbeiter, wie der "Luegen-People" vom selben 18- in die

hinausposaunte? Haettest Du nicht ein paar Tage laenger warten koennen, sagen wir zwei oder drei Tage nach diesen 18.? Haettest Du nicht besser gethan einen anderen Namen, z. B. "Sappermenter," anzuneh-

W. E., ST. LOUIS, MO.; J. B., RUTHERFORD, N. J.; B. C. L., PHIL-ADELPHIA, PA.; T. C., SCRANTON, PA.; A. C. T., PITTSBURG, PA.; J. PA.; A. C. T., PITTSBURG, PA.; J. O'F., ABINGTON, MASS.—Matter re-

men?

ENTHUSIASTIC FOR PARTY PRESS. to understand every branch of the business. He is either a clothing man or a Tuesday, Nov. 17, a very enthusiastic hat man, a shoe man or furnishing man; meeting of the combined branches, Branch | a silk counter man, or a white goods man, etc.

As far as I am concerned, I see no reason why even drug clerks could not join a local of clerks in the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance. To-day all these work under one roof in the department stores.

I have about three names which I intend to forward to Organizer Hanlon in a day or two. I know much could be accomplished by organizing such a local, and will state my reasons why and how at the first meeting called for that pur-S. L. P. Clerk. pose. New York, Nov. 15.

SECTION TACOMA'S PLEDGE.

To The Daily and Weekly People:-The members of Section Tacoma hereby pledge themselves to pay 50 cents each per week for six weeks to wipe out debt on Party press. Section Tacoma expects every Section

in the S. L. P. to fall in line on this proposition at once. This is certainly not beyond our means, so fall to, Comrades, and shake off the load. Yours for a party-owned press. J. C. Anderson. Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 11.

HIS CONCLUSION, To The Daily and Weekly People,-I

am a subscriber to The Weekly People. My subscription expires November 21, 1903. Instead of renewing my subscription to The Weekly, I will now take The Daily People. I have read for the last year The People, the Social Demoerat Herald and The Appeal to Reason. I have come to the conclusion that the Socialist Labor Party is the party for

Neenah, Wis., Nocember 17

OFFICIAL

RATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STREET, 20 New Reads street, Sev BOCIALIST LABOR PARTY OF CANADA-National Secretary, C. A. Weitzel, 2364, Dundas street, London, Ont. Company, 34 New York Labor New Scompany, 34 New Reade street, New York City. (The Party's literary agency.) Notice—For technical feasons so Party ansunrements can go in that are not in this office by Tuesdays, 10 p. m.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting held on November 20 with John J. Donohue in the chair. Edward C. Schmidt, the recording secretary, detained by working overtime, came late, and Timothy Walsh acted in his stead. Absent, J. Hammer. The financial report showed receipts, \$43.20; ex-

ditures, \$44.25. Communications: From Cleveland Ohio, upon the result of the election, that the loss of votes sus tained by the Kangs would probably take away their official standing; also ding money for stamps, Auxiliary League Fund and Daily People Special Fund. From Troy, Philadelphia and re relative to circular letter re ceived from N. E. C. on The Daily People. From San Francisco, Cal., report-ing exhaustively upon the situation there, the work of the educational club ently formed and the chances of soon ming a section. From Lowell, Mass., ting the resignation from the Party of John T. Youngjohns, the treasurer of the section, and filling of the vacancy by election of Horace B. Lang. Salt Lake City, Utah, a very encouraging report as to the work done there for the Party press, showing a steady rise of circulation brought about by the fact that all members are taking a hand. From Peoria, Ill., to the effect that the section is taking up the work with the prepaid subscripion blanks; also about a matter referred to Section Detroit, Mich. From Pueblo, Col., and many other points bearing upon the work done to increase the circulation. From Columbus, Ohio, suggesting a tour itation which was not con

ble at the time being. munications from the Massaetts S. E. C., one asking for a ruling upon an amendment to State by-laws, in which the S. E. C. is designated as the "General Committee." Ex tion given tend to show that, unthe Massachusetts election law the the Party will have two committees, one the S. E. C., to attend to purely political matters, nominations, etc.; the to aftend to S. L. P. work and propa da; the former to conform with the work of the Party. Section Everett hav-ing refused to vote on the amendment ing that the amendment is unconstitutional, the ruling was asked for. The N. E. C. ruled that, inasmuch as national convention of 1900 gave to State organizations the utmost freedom of action to so shape their form of organization as not to conflict with ex-isting election laws, the amendment in question, if adopted by a general vote of the membership in the State, is valid zation as not to conflict with exand will stand. The second communica-tion from the Massachusetts S. E. C. contained a complaint against the Labor News Company in connection with the printing of a leaflet for the Massachusetts campaign, the S. E. C. refusing to pay for same. Also against the editor of The People for having published matter contained in said leaflet. The Labor News Company submitted a statement of its side of the case, accompanied by exhibits in the shape of letters received from the Massachusetts State Executive dttee. The matter being too voluminous to be disposed of at once, a com-mittee of two was elected to investigate ous to be disposed of at on and report at the next meeting.

rned. Timothy Walsh, Recording Secretary, pro tem.

CANADIAN N. E. C.

ndon, Ont., Nov. 13.—The regular ing of the N. E. C. was held at arters, with W. D. Forbes in the nrades Ross and Weitzel int; the former excused, the latter

ication from Section London to the effect that Frank Hunt had been elected to the vacancy on the N. E. C. was read and filed. Comrade Hunt being present, he was installed forthwith and present, he was installed forthwith and the secretary instructed to send out same for ratification.

Owing to the absence of the national secretary, there was practically no cor-

The matter of report blanks, left over from last meeting, was taken up. As it was believed by some of the comrades that the sample sent to the committee was in the possession of Comrade Wade, the former recording secetary, J. Pearse, was appointed to interview him concern-

was also decided to instruct the na tional secretary to send out the semi-annual report immediately upon receiv-ing same corrected from the auditors. Philip Courtenay, Rec. Sec.

MASSACHUSETTS S. E. C.

egular meeting Massachusetts S. E. C.
Boston, Nov. 8, called to order by
chairman, John R. Oldham. Roll call
red all members present. Minutes of
ious regular and special meeting read
adopted.

Comrade Coyle, on Weekly People

the Boston papers; and that he had sent the Post, which first printed it, a cor-rection of the same, which was not pubished

Agitation Committee reported on the work under their supervision, and the results, which was later concurred in, nd ordered that the organizer be kept on the road until the secretary is elected for 1904.

The secretary, Berry, reports that he saw the lawyer and got his opinion, as ordered. The report was accepted and opinion ordered spread upon the records.

Bill of \$5 from J. W. Meader, for work

done in Haverhill putting out leaflets. ordered paid. From J. O'Filelly, accepted for files. From Anderson, accepted for files. From Lowell, asking for resignation blanks. The two secretaries were appointed a committee to get out new draft of same at once. Bill from Berry, for campaign expenses, ordered paid and turned over to auditors. Bill from Section Boston for \$30, due for services of James Connolly, ordered paid.

Referendum vote on Conference propositions declared closed and the following etion taken:

Art. 1, secretary to write Sections and get the full list of members who are citizens on Jan. 1, 1904. Art. 2, financial secretary to send bill

to all Sections for bill due. Art. 3, referred to N. E. C. for ruling as Section Everett claims it is in viola

tion of national constitution. Art. 4, no action necessary. Art. 5, wage fixed the secretary to

send out call for nominations for 1904 to Sections from which secretary and committee is elected. Art. 6 was killed by referendum vote

of Party. Art. 7, no action taken.

Art, 8, no action needed. Art. 9, committee of one elected to carry out the plan; Coyle, committee. Art. 10, referred to the committee of

Art. 11, Berry elected a committee of one to have charge of the certificates, he to have power to call for assistance to push the plan throughout the State.

Arts. 12 and 13, no action needed. Berry and Hillberg were elected a com-mittee of two to visit the Scandinavian Socialist Club, asking them to co-operate with us in running a fair this winter, that the funds may be secured to get the twenty certificates which the S. E. C. is

pledged to take. Ordered that secretary write all Sec tions, asking that they arrange for lec-tures during the winter months, Sections to answer, stating who they desire for

Ordered that Berry report for Daily People the convention of A. F. of L. which will be held in Boston, beginning Monday, Nov. 9. Adjourned. Michael T. Berry, Secretary.

82 Jefferson street, Lynn, Mass.

ILLINOIS S. E. C.

Regular meeting Illinois State Execu-tive Committee, held at Belleville, Sunday, Nov. 8, with Comrade Gass in the chair. Edie, Veal and Suber absent-two ormer without excuse and latter excused Minutes of previous meeting approved as

Statement and appeal for Party press sent by Organizer to Sections and members-at-large endorsed and Organizer instructed to procure one prepaid Weekly People block to supply members-at-

large. . Communications: From Springfield, relating to work of Section, and reporting that Baswell, a one-time Debsite, who joined the Section last spring, after re-nouncing the bogus Socialist party, had gone back to wallow in the mire. From Austin Alley, member-at-large, of Staun-ton, on conditions there and pledging 50 cents a month to the State Fund. From Duquoin, on Party matters and ordering stamps and other supplies. From Peoria and Chicago, ordering stamps. From National Secretary on Party press.

The action of Section East St. Louis on Daily People debt (which was based on a letter in The People of Oct. 25, from O. Beldner, Jamestown, N. Y., who proposed that each member of the S. L. P. pledge 50 cents per week for six weeks to wipe out debt by first of year) was endorsed. They reported \$13 had been col-

Financial Report:
General Fund—Balance on hand Oct.
25, \$4.59; receipts from Chicago, for stamps, \$3; from Peoria, for stamps, \$3; from East St. Louis, for stamps, \$1.20; from Duquoin, for stamps, \$1.44; from Belleville, for constitution, 25 cents; total, \$13.48; expenses, P. O. stamps, \$1;

balance on hand, \$12.48. State Fund-Receipts: From Belleville, \$4.50; from Madison Co., \$1. Expenses, Weekly People prepaid block, \$5; deficit Oct. 25, \$4.99; deficit Nov. 8, \$4.49. G. A. Jenning, Rec. Sec.

DE LEON IN TROY.

Comrades of the S. L. P. and readers of The People in Troy, Albany, Rensselaer, Watervliet and Schenectady, take

Daniel De Leon will lecture at Tibbitt's Veteran Hall, 303 River street, Troy, N. Y., on Sunday, December 13, at 3 p. m., subject, "A Bona Fide Labor Press." Admission will be ten cents. The lecture is held for the purpose of

raising \$100 for the Daily People Home-stretch Fund. Its success depends on the Comrade Coyle, on Weekly People Prize Committee, reports that he has written call to Sections, and sent the same to the Party press, urging the Party members to greater effort in pushing the work of securing subscribers for The Weekly People.

Oldham and Berry reported on the matter of the alleged Brennan interview. They, stated that Comrade Brennan did at give out the interview as printed in

DAILY PEOPLE HOME STRETCH FUND.

UNDER THIS HEAD WILL BE PUB LISHED ALL DONATIONS MADE FOR THE LAST FINAL EFFORT TO CLEAR UP THE BALANCE OF THE DEBT ON THE DAILY PEOPLE PRINTING PLANT. THAT BALANCE, ON NO VEMBER 15, WAS \$4,643, PLUS IN-TEREST. WATCH AND SEE HOW THE FIGURES OF THE "HOME-STRETCH FUND" GET UP TO IT.

Previously acknowledged \$139.50 Chr. Rossbach, Gloversville, N. Y. 2.00 34th A. D., N. Y., per M. Heyman. 24.00 H. A. Schoeps, Union Hill, N. J 5.00 Fred. Koettgen, Paterson, N. J.... 9.00 J. Schwenk, Jersey City, N. J.... J. N. Mullin, Shelby, Pa...... 3.00 G. Popper, City...... Chas. Zolot, Peekskill, N. Y..... 1.00 2.00 W. J. Wellington, City..... 1.00 5.00 Mrs. F. Brauckman, City..... F. Brauckman, City..... 5.00 3.00 1.00 A. M. Scherzer, City..... .50 H. Sauthoff, City..... 3.00 John Howard, City.....

Total\$217.50 DISTRICT ALLIANCE, NO. 19.

The next regular business meeting of District Alliance, No. 19, S. T. & L. A. will be held at their new headquarters, No. 54, Central Square (third floor). Lynn, Mass., on Sunday, November 29,

All delegates are urgently requested to attend this meeting, as several matters of much importance concerning the organization must be acted upon.

Locals that have not yet filed their quarterly reports or have not paid their per capital tax to the mileage fund are hereby noified that they must attend to these matters not later than this district meeting.

Francis A, Walsh, Organizer.

PRESENTS FOR BAZAAR AND FAIR. Additional presents for the bazaar and fair to be held at Grand Central Palace on Thanksgiving Day, for the benefit of The Daily People, have been received as follows:

A. S. Dowler, Sierra Blanca, Texas,

peautiful Mexican coin watch fob and

ladies' coin bracelet; Section Hoboken, N. J., handsome sofa pillow, five boxes of children's games, box containing six cakes of fancy soap, match holder, tidy, two ornaments, powder box, inkstand and cigar ashholder; A. Moren, New York, three fine framed engravings; F. Gertler, New York, good razor; Mrs. Manthey, Brooklyn, N. Y., half-dozen beautiful la dies' neckwear; Mrs. Brauckman, New York, six elegant sewing baskets; Section Rockville, Conn., valuable suit pattern; Mrs. E. Sherman, Rockville, Conn., three fine fruit plates; D. C. Wismer, North Wales, Pa., collection of twelve books; Mrs. A. Orange, New York, halfdozen silver plated oyster forks; Max Heyman, New York, Suvio heater and two dozen mantels; Mrs. Touroff, New York, two shoeholders, two pair of fine crochet woolen slippers, one doylie; left over from last Fourth of July picnic, fine burnt wood whisk broom holders, bottle of tooth wash, soap holder, china pitcher. inkstand, and seven fine engravings; "Socialist," six fine perfume baskets; Miss Anna Wipperman, St. Louis, Mo., one pair hand-made pillow shams, beautiful silk scarf and two doylies; Mrs. George Rose, Stamford, Conn., small framed picture, fancy mustard pot, fancy cups and saucers, fancy table bell, glass bouquetholder, fancy matchholders, smoker's tray and small vase; Patrick Quinlan, Hoboken, N. J., two fine vases; James J. Bosquett, Jersey City, N. J., two-pound package of fine tea; F. Herz, Washington, D. C., five books containing the latest views of Washington, witch hazel shaving stick, three wax figures, two fine pocket looking glass holders, salt and pepper holders, two pairs of shirt sleeve holders, silver matchbox; C. Wolf, Corning, N. Y., box of chewing gum; C. Evans, Cincinnati, O., silk muffler and tobacco pouch; Mrs. Mary Ballhaus, Boston, Mass., two aprons and fine table cloth; Oscar Poehland, Brooklyn, N. Y., box containing set of draughtsman's instruments, three harmonicas; Ernest Romary, Paterson, N. J., two books, "Socialism and Science" and "Students."

Mrs. E. F. Wegener, Brooklyn, N. Y., whisk broom holder; J. Budd, Brooklyn, N. Y., two head rests: Mrs. G. W. Bonney, Brooklyn, basket of artificial flowers; Miss Madeline Bonney, two vases; Mrs. O'Neil, two vases; Miss L. Bonney, Brooklyn, N. Y., ornament; Miss May Bonney, two baskets and one wax figure; George W. Bonney, couple of fine ornaments; Miss J. Tepper, fine, large doll; J. Tepper, ornament; Mrs. O. Sherrane, New York, seven fine ornaments and artificial flowers; Otto Ruckser, boy's summer shirt; Daily People Edi torial Staff, elegant framed picture of Karl Marx; Miss Brown, New York, mantlepiece ornaments; John Klein-New York, valuable flower berger, New York, valuable flower stand; Mrs. A. Rutstein. New York, two pillow shams; L. Cohen, Philadelphia, Pa., five volumes "Stadt Hamburg" and fine bagatelle board; Mrs. A. Boland, silver-plated spoon; John Kelly, New York, two fine books; N. Strochman, New York, valuable imported pocketbook; F. W. Kunz, Brooklyn, N. Y., nine fine cups and saucers; George Urbach, Long Island City, elegant wood-curved newspaper holder.

L. Abelson, Organizer, 2-6 New Reads street, New York.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT NOTES

Another good week's work ended Saturday, November 21, with 411 subscriptions to The Weekly People secured These were not secured in a few cities but came to this office in small lots fron a great many cities and towns all over the United States and Canada.

This is as it should be. In every in dustrial community in America we want workers for the press of the Socialist Labor Party. No matter what kind of people you are surrounded by, get subcriptions from them. Organize press clubs and visiting committees. Visit all the sympathizers you know of, then start in and canvass the working class districts. Roll up as big a circulation

State Committees should send out the mailing lists to members at large and sympathizers and put them to work They are better acquainted with conditions in their respective States than we are and can do much towards pushing the circulation by systematic correspondence.

Blocks of prepaid blanks have been sold during the week as follows: Sections Hoboken, N. J., and Collinsville Ill., two blocks each; Chicago, Lynn, Mass.; Hamilton, Ohio; Paterson, N. J. one each; Second and Fourth Assembly Districts, New York, ten blanks; Sec tion Yonkers, N. Y., eight blanks; A Francis, New York, four blanks; Eighteenth Assembly District, New York, three blanks.

John Easton writes from Wyoming that he is going to work for the movement out there. He orders \$15 worth of prepaid blanks and literature. That's the way to start in.

The following comrades have sent in five or more subscriptions for The Weekly People: Charles Pierson, St. Joseph Mo., 26; C. E. Hagar, St. Louis, Mo., 13; J. J. Dolan, Lynn, Mass., 11. W. H. Walk-Walker, Seattle, Wash., 11; J. H. T. er, Seattle, Wash., 11; J. H. T. Juergens, Canton, O., 9; Section Seattle, Wash., 8; H. Kaufer, Red Lake Falls, Minn., 7; I Baldelli, Brooklyn, N. Y., 7; T. A. Loring, Boston, Mass., 7; R. Berdan, Paterson, N. J., 7; J. A. Carmichael, Greenwich, Conn., 6; C. M. Carlson, Tacoma Wash., 6; George Anderson, Los An geles, Cal., 6; P. Neilson, Woburn, Mass., 5.

For The Monthly People: J. Ander son, Gardner, Mass., 10; A. B. Lafrienere, Moosup, Conn., 5; Charles Pierson, St Joseph, Mo., 5. Total, 78.

Workers for the Party press are urged to send to us all complaints of subscribers without delay. But please be spe cific in every instance and give us name address and date when subscription was obtained, if possible, so as to enable us to look the matter up. Too many when sending complaints are so general in their statements that they give no clue and we are unable to do anything with them. Never say that "many readers complain they do not get the paper" always say who it is that complains, and we shall then straighten the matter out. Bear in mind that we are as much interested in having the paper reach the subscriber regularly as are you.

SPECIAL FUND. (As per circular letter of Sept. 3, 1901.) Previously acknowledged \$7,949.62 1.00 1.00 -, Hoboken, N. J.... B. E. Pickle, -15.00 B. Reinstein, Buffalo, N. Y..... 1.00 M. Fagendahl, Seattle, Wash.... 5.00 -, Canton, Ohio..... C. B. --.50 Section New Bedford, Mass.... Total\$7,980.12

INTERESTING BROOKLYN LECTURE A Western comrade will tell "Why American Workingmen Should Be So cialists," on Sunday, November 29, 8 p. m., at the Socialist Labor clubhouse 813 Park avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Come and bring your family and friends.

MASSACHUSETTS. ATTENTION! Comrades:

The State Executive Committee of Massachusetts has decided to keep Comrade Carroll, State Organizer, on the road until January 1st, when the party in the State having voted for a salaried secretary, who will act as organizer also, the latter will take held and carry or. the agitation.

Now, it will be necessary for the

comrades to fall to and continue the work that has already been done to arouse the members of the working class out of the lethargy into which they have fallen. And it must be evident that it is also necessary to have funds to carry on the agitation, also to pay the salary of the organizer-secretary.

Let us hear from you more frequently than heretofore in the matter of the subscription lists sent to you for the organizer's fund. Don't forget all about that; the comrades have not responded as they should have, and, as a consequence, Boston and Greater Boston have had to bear the brunt of the financial burden.

Let us not let up, comrades! 1904 is almost upon us, and you must realize what it means to us of the S. L. P. Let not the fact that the capitalists are again in the saddle deter us. On with renewed vigor! Comrades, roll up your sleeves and to

work, to work, for it is only by hard, persistent work that we will build up the party in the State and nation. Build lup your sections, carry, on house to and Hammer.

house canvass, and all other means of agitation you can. Don't forget to push the party press, that beacon of enlightenment to our class, and by the time the campaign of 1904 is on we will be in good fighting trim all along the line.

Remember, we expect some financial assistance on this end, if we are to go ahead. So do what you can, and let us hear from you soon. In sending in donations or other monies for agitation in Massachusetts, send same to the undersigned: Wm. H. Young, 20 Ottawa street, Roxbury; Dyer Enger, 1196 Tremont street, Roxbury, Treasurer; Edgar E. Chester, 2556 Massachusetts avenue, North Cambridge, Cor. Seey.

State Agittaion Committee. Massachusetts S. L. P.

BUFFALO LABOR LYCEUM

A series of public lectures is now being held every Sunday at 3.15 p. m., under the auspices of the Labor Lyceum, in Florence Parlors, 527 Main, near Genesee, street. They are delivered mostly by non-Socialists-noted reformers, lawyers, doctors, clergymen and politicians of the city-but the Lyceum is organized and entirely controlled by our Buffalo section, and during the discussion the comrades criticise the ideas of non-Socialists from the standpoint of the revolutionary, working class Socialism. Every man and woman should atideas and notions of the non-Socialists. Admission is free to all.

The next lectures on the programme are as follows:

November 29-By Attorney Hamilton Ward, Jr., on "Legal Protection of Workingmen Against Injuries."

December 6-By Attorney Philip V. Fernelly, on "Presumption of Innocence." December 12-By Mr. W. A. Douglas, of Toronto, Canada; subject will be an nounced later.

December 20-By Hon. Attorney Arthur W. Hickman, on "Personal Rights." December 27-By ex-Assemblyman Attorney Edw. R. O'Malley, on "Modern Methods of Legislation."

Januar 3-By Prof. J. E. Stagg, on Evils of Socialism."

BELLEVILLE, ILL., ATTENTION!

All S. L. P. members and readers of The Weekly People are requested to be present at the regular meeting of Section Belleville, Wednesday night, December 2, at Wasman's Hall, 123 East Main street, for the purpose of joining in the movement to help clear off the Party Press debt and to work more unitedly as a body to increase The Weekly People circulation in and around Belle-Walter Goss. Cor. Sec. ville. 701 Briston street, Belleville, Ill.

ALLIANCE FAIR AND BALL. Party and alliance members and readrs of The People who are in sympathy with the principles of the S. T. & L. A. are requested to forward presents for a bazaar which is to be held in conjunction with the ball of District Alliance 49, S. T. & L. A., on Thursday evening, December 31 (New Year's eve), at Everett Hall, East Fourth street, Manhattan. Presents should be sent to James J. Hanlon, 813 Park avenue, Brooklyn N. Y.

UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN. (Continued from Page 4.)

does the absence of lords and dukes in our constitution do us if practically they are on our backs! Now go on with

your No. 5. B. J. (wet as a ducked hen and quite crest-fallen)-No, thank you. starch is taken clean out of my "equality before the law." -

U. S .- Now you may be able to understand what Socialists mean by "classes." The thing to look at is the material condition of man. According aspirations and needs be. The men who own large capital constitute a class that needs not work. They can live upon the work of those who do not own any capital because without land on, and machinery with, which to labor man cannot exercise his functions as a worker. Thus we have two classes: 1. The idle capitalist class that has sponged up the nation's wealth, and 2d, the workingclass, or proletariat, who alone does all the work and produces all the wealth but lives in poverty. In between these two you have the middle class. It consists of people who have little property, just enough to keep them from working for others but not enough to compete with the big fellows. This middle class is going by the board fast. Catch on? B. I.- I begin to see.

U. S .- All political struggles are conducted upon the lines of the class interests of these three. The big class wants to preserve their stolen goods; the middle class wants to prevent the big fellows from swallowing them up, but want to preserve the power of themselves fleecing the workers. The workers want to prevent all these vampires from fleecing them. Hence the class struggle of the proletariat is and must be conducted upon lines of abolishing the private ownership of the land and the machinery of production. Without a workingman realizes the

fact of class distinction, he will not understand that the Democratic and Republican parties, together with their organized Scabbery stool-pigeons, seek to protect the class that lives upon his back. Nor will he be able to see that his class interests direct him to join the Socialist Labor Party, and to vote straight the ticket headed by the Arm

AS TO THE SCANDINAVIAN FEDERATION

BY J. A. STROMQUIST, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

American S. L. P. organ, "Arbetaren," I have become acquainted with the fact that a scheme to unite the various Scandinavian Socialist clubs and societies now existing throughout the East, into a "Federation of Scandinavian Socialist Clubs," is now under discussion.

In view of the object lesson furnished in a similar case, by the "Italian Socialist Federation," I, as a member of the S. L. P., felt called upon to enter a protest, which I did by sending a letter to "Arbetaren," and as the matter is of great interest, not only to Scandinavians but to every member of the S. L. P who has the party's welfare at heart. hereby reproduce the letter, in free translation, hoping it will find room in The People's columns. The letter follows: "To Arbetaren:

"Uncertain whether discussion is as veallowed concerning the matter, I, never-theless forward these lines in the belief that they will be printed in consideration of the importance that every member of the S. L. P. (Scandinavian, or otherwise), ought to attach to the plan to unite all Scandinavian Socialist (S. L P:?) Clubs in the East in a federation with the aim of carrying on a better ordered and consequently more fruitful agitation, which has been put forth by the present traveling agent (canvasser)

of 'Arbetaren,' A. H. Lyzell. "I am not personally acquainted with Comrade Lyzell, but to judge by the write-ups from his pen that have ap-peared in 'Arbetaren' during the year now almost ended, I have no cause to doubt that he is, in every way, loyal to the principles of the S. L. P., and presume, therefore, that the motive which prompted him to propose his plan was the belief that its adoption would in some degree, assist in furthering the aims of the party, but that presumption only invites to a, for that reason, still more painful reflection on the soundness of Comrade L.'s judgment. "It would seem that the reason which

every S. L. P. man ought to have learned from the history of the founding and subsequent development of 'The Italian Socialist Federation' has been totally lost on Comrade Lyzell and his short sighted supporters. Perhaps the parallel between the 'Italian Socialist Federation and the prospective 'Federation of Scandinavian Socialist Clubs' is not in every detail fully applicable, the similarity is in all events, striking enough to allow those who wish it to see that the parallel is going to hold good also in the development, i. e., that the 'Federation of Scandinavian Socialist Clubs,' however loyal its attitude may, in the beginning be towards the S. L. P., will, neverthe less, in a more or less (probably less) distant future end up as 'neutral' be tween 'America's two Socialist parties, which simply means to help the Kangs as there cannot be any 'neutrality' be tween a genuine and a bogus party however much the latter may make believe that it has 'the same end in view,' etc For the rest, it must not be forgotten that we have not yet seen the end of the tactics of the 'Italian Socialist Federation,' but they are not likely to improve. "Another point is overlooked by those

who stand behind the prospective federation, namely, that the federation will be outside of S. L. P. jurisdiction, in other words, free from all official control of the S. L. P., and that therefore a clash between the governing bodies and the membership of the two organizations will almost certainly take place, in a near future, on account of dissimilar views on tactics, or other questions. as his material conditions so will his Alexander the Great, although he lived several hundred years ago, realized the main aim of Comrade Lyzell in advancgravity of such a situation when he refused the overthres for peace made by the Persians' king, Darius, in these words: 'As two suns cannot shine beside one another in the firmament, neither can two empires exist beside one another on earth.' and he followed up his opinion by annihilating Darius and taking possession of his country.

"This illustration is useful as show ing that two authorities cannot exist side by side in the same field of endeavor. Sooner or later it must come to a clash in which one or the other must give way and Scandinavian members of the S. L. P. ought to think more than once before they rush off to erect an authority which, in the nature of things, will sooner or later be forced to act in opposition to the S. L. P.

Those who have taken the initiative in this matter have declared that the planned federation would make possible more systematical, and consequently more fruitful agitation, especially as the Scandinavian Socialist field of endeavor should be principally among newly arrived nationals, or such as have not yet been here long enough to learn the language or get used to their altered conditions, and who were on that account more or less inaccessible to S. L. P. agitation. This looks rather plausible at first blush, but subjected to a closer scrutiny we find that the expected advantages dwindle considerably in importance, or even totally disappear. That the uniting under one central authority of a number of at present isolated clubs would enable these to do their work more efficiently is self-evident, but why form a special federation (with all the danger that such a course implies) when we have our S L. P., which just as well, or better, can handle that matter. I cannot possibly

Through the columns of the Swedish- | see why a Scandinavian should be inaccessible to S. L. P. agitation, except in the case when he has been in this country so short a time that he is still a stranger to its language and customs, and in such a case he can certainly not be of any use as an aid to the introduction of Socialism in this country. Besides, it is very doubtful if you can make a classconscious Socialist of a man who has not been here long enough to learn to understand the comparatively advanced position of our industrial system. This is proved by the attitude that 'new. chum' Swedish Socialist(?), including those who speak English, almost without exception, take toward the S. L. P. just because they do not understand our industrial development. "Every Scandinavian who sets his foot

on America's soil, in the expectation of there making a living, ought to understand that he from that moment must become an American. That it is only a question of time as to when all languages and customs which do not fall in line with the trend of American national development and act as obstacles in its way, will be but a memory, and he must act accordingly if he would become a useful citizen. It is not the policy of the class-conscious Socialist to retail evolution, rather to hasten it on. By so doing he serves his own interest by making possible a quicker realization of the aim for which he strives—the abolishment of the wage-slavery system and the establishing of the Co-operative Common-wealth. To encompass this end the workers must first learn to understand one another, they must see that their interests are identical, that they are comrades and needs must fight side by side to have any chance of victory. As long as they are separated by the differences of language and customs, and as long as they keep these differences alive and even strive to accentuate them by artificially made divergences in organizations and methods-just so long are they to be compared to a house which is divided against itself,' and can expect nothing but continual defeats.

From this point of view it ought to be the plain duty of every Scandinavian (or other, now native), member of the S. L. P. to energetically oppose the movement of secession (whether consciously so or rot), which the establishment of this 'Federation of Scandinavian Socialist Clubs' undoubtedly is.

"If he is willing to do his share of the work necessary to establish the Sociplist Republic let him join the nearest section of the Socialist Labor Party, let him teach his countrymen, who have not yet arrived so far, to put themselves above their Race-National or Religious -prejudices and, when they have done so, invite them to take their place in the ranks and with their comrades, be they white, black or yellow; Americans, Germans, Italian, or otherwise, Christians or heathens, take up the fight for workingclass emancipation under the blood-red banner with the arm and hammer, the emblem which stands for the overthrow of Capitalism, without quarter, Victory, or Death.

"Yours for class-conscious Socialism, free from race, color, or religious prej-

The above having been submitted to Victor Funke, the editor of "Arbetaren" and information asked him on the subject, he answered:

"If that federation is formed it will from the start be put upon such a basis that it cannot exist if not wholly endorsing the S. L. P., with its principles and tactics. Should Comrade Stromquist be consistent, he would have to condemn the publication of 'Arbetaren' too, which I have not been aware that he does. The ing his project was that the clear Swedish organizations should be able to control the organization as a whole, thus preventing, instead of fomenting dissentions. It goes without saying that race or national prejudices were to be discouraged instead of encouraged, differently from Serrati's 'Italian Federation,' which, it is now clear, he meant to set up for the purpose of keeping up racial antagonisms."]

FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS
An Old and Well-Tried Remedy MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP
has been used for over-BIXTY YEARS by MILLIONS
of MUTHER'N for their Offill DREN WHILE TEETZ
ING, WITH PERFECT SUCCESS, It SOOTHES the
CHILD, ROFTENS the GUMS, ALLAYS all FAIN;
UNKEN WIND COLIC, and is the best remady for
DIARREGUA Sold by Druggists in every part of
the world. Be sure and ask for
MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP,
AND TAER NO OTHER BIND.
AND TAER NO OTHER BIND.
THE SOURT SOURCE SOURC

WANTED-A comrade to start a (cobbler shop) boot and shoe repair shop in good locality; connected with S. L. P. man's notion store. Call or address at once, James T. Noonan, 37 La Favette, Schenectady, N. Y.

Workingmen's Mutual Sick and Benevolent Society meets every first and third Wednesday at 501 East Eighty-second

Experts recognize MOZLE" The Best Turkish Cigarette Made