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The food supply of the animal is the largest passive factor in his development; the process by which he obtains his food supply, the largest active factor in his development.

Nothing is lost, everything gained, even if the latest plot of Idaho's Gooding and his detectives, narrated in today's Boise dispatch, should succeed in strangling information from Boise concerning the scenes behind the scenes of the great Class Struggle drama now enacting in the Court House of Ada County, Ida.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE

As correctly stated in the Boise dispatch, Duncan has long been an object of suspicion in I. W. W. and S. L. P. quarters. The poisonous viper was all the more dangerous because, as is usual with his kind, he appeared with the external allurements of devotion to the Working Class, and of friendship.

Will Treason to the working class triumph in Denver? Will loyalty emerge victorious? Impossible to foretell. This much, however, is certain: The old maxim holds good to-day, as it ever did in the past—"When the few attempt to sell what belongs to the many, the purchaser finds his purchase a hollow one."

WAGES AND COST OF LIVING.

Despatches from Russia convey the information that to-day "no one has any difficulty in Baku, Lodz or Odessa in having his personal enemy removed for the modest sum of 40 or 50 kopecks."

will strike the blow deserve freedom. It is equally true that none but the vigilant will achieve freedom.

LOYALTY OR TREASON TREMBLING IN THE SCALES.

Within two weeks the annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners is to meet in Denver. It will be a memorable event, one of the memorable events now crowding thick and fast. In no convention of the working class, so far held in America, have such opposing forces taken a hand.

THE "EXCITEMENT" IN "FRISCO."

It is not murder only that will out. All other things, good, bad and indifferent, have a way of coming to the surface. The San Francisco "Argonaut" is the gate through which certain facts, long known by the Socialists to exist, but positively denied by both capitalists and their fellow criminals, the craft union leaders, are rushing out into the light of day.

THE PROLETARIAT RABBLE.

In San Francisco, so the "Argonaut" declares, a committee of seventy-five influential businessmen has been organized as "a rallying point for the decent, conservative element in the community, which wishes to see law and order preserved and business confidence restored."

In this "industry" are lower here than in Russia.

"DESIRABLE" CITIZENS.

A law suit, just instituted and involving no less a set of personages than Gen. Walter S. Logan, Senator Agnew and the society elite Myra B. Martin, uncovers deeds that entitle the doers to honorary membership in Roosevelt's club of "desirabilities."

THE "DETERMINED" CITIZENS.

The case of the plaintiffs in the San Luis Mining Company could have been made infinitely completer. The case presents only one side. There is another, though not opposite side. It is a supplementary side. That side could be presented only by the workmen, the miners, without whom the San Luis mines would be just so much dross.

THE "DETERMINED" CITIZENS.

It is for this reason a lot of disreputable perjurers were subpoenaed in Goldfield to secure a verdict that would notify Capital outside of Goldfield "the coast is clear." It is for this reason the stalwart St. John is now held in durance vile.

the progress of which labor fakirs and capitalists alike grind one another to dust.

CONVERSATION No. 1

[Under this head will be reproduced a series of conversations that were either listened to or partaken in by the editor of The People in the company of the capitalist passengers, whom he met in the Pullmans in the course of his recent extensive tour in the West.]

UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN

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to drive him to offer him his hand—in short, if ever Accident caused Capitalism itself to establish unity by enforcing oneness of purpose upon men active in the labor movement.

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but he isn't our sister and our wife and our uncle; he isn't several of our brothers, and all of our first wife's relashuns; he isn't our grandmother, and our great grandfather, and our aunt in the country; he isn't everybody and everybody else likewise.

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Poor Charles H. Bohl! He lays up some money in Arizona, and, misled by the Rep.-Dem.-Reform press, comes to New York imagining he would find safety here and "wealth as the reward of thrift."

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CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENTS WHO PREFER TO APPEAR IN PRINT UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME WILL ATTACH SUCH NAME TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS...

BIG AVERAGE IN SPIKE OF DOUBLE RATES.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—Enclosed find 10 subs to the Weekly People. This is an average of 1 sub a day since De Leon has been here: 32 subs in as many days...

PROGRESSIVE CALIFORNIA.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—It is almost impossible to carry on a conversation with the native element here, which consists mostly of self-employed, who own maybe a span of horses and haul ties by contract...

THE SHREDDED WHEAT STRIKE.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—It has never been my pleasure to send anything to The People with such pride and satisfaction, as a report of the strike of the Shredded Wheat Workers here...

On Saturday of last week it was my pleasure and honor to address this body of men and women, who without organization, spontaneously walked out and determined to stand solid until their demand was granted...

To-day again, I was at their meeting, and was made proud of my sex by seeing how solid and earnestly the women stood for their rights. There was not a single weak one among them, although two of the number had been in jail the day before...

Last summer, when I advocated the true brand of union in Albion, if I had been in possession of the real facts of the situation in Goldfield, I might have been able to enlighten some of them...

In my estimation it would not yet be too late to put this said explanation by St. John in leaflet form and give it a much wider circulation than can be done by the Weekly People...

With fraternal greetings, O. Escherich, Hardy Creek, Mendocino, Colo., May 18.

IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT!!

THE MOVING FUND AND SOME FACTS REGARDING THE NECESSITY OF RALLYING TO ITS SUPPORT.

The Moving Fund is getting to be a Stopping Fund and this week we have to report only one donation from:—

Yonkers, N. Y. Peter Jacobson 11.60 Previously acknowledged 2955.98

Grand Total \$2967.58 Now that the work of moving is well in hand and cash payments of all kinds are being made the fund is fast petering, and in fact even a greater sum than the \$3,000 originally estimated will be required to carry on the work to completion—that much is now clearly evident.

A cast up was made to-night and there are still 226 subscription lists outstanding and, as it takes a lot of

time and money for postage to follow these up, this opportunity is embraced to send out a rallying call to get more money on outstanding lists and hurry them along.

Push and push hard, lose no time; for now that we are in the midst of moving, we cannot be stopped for lack of funds. There should be no trouble getting on an average of three to five dollars on these outstanding lists and that would give the management a splendid lift financially and relieve it of a great deal of anxiety on this score.

When you read this stop and think whether you are one of the 226 and if you are, then hustle!

A. C. Kihn, Secy.-Treas. Press Security League. Friday, May 31, 1907.

GRAND PRIZE CONTEST

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH TO BE AWARDED TO THE BEST SUBSCRIPTION GETTERS FOR THE WEEKLY PEOPLE.

A comrade has furnished the prize money for the following WEEKLY PEOPLE subscription contest. Read the conditions carefully and get busy in the contest:—

\$100.00 in CASH PRIZES will be awarded as follows to the three that send in the largest number of yearly subscriptions to the Weekly People between June 15th, and July 15th, 1907:

The person sending in the largest number of yearly subscriptions to the Weekly People between June 15th and July 15th will receive as first prize \$50.00 cash; the person sending in the second largest number will receive \$30.00 cash, and the person sending in the third largest number will receive as third prize \$20.00 cash.

YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT WILL COUNT IN THIS CONTEST. All orders must be mailed not earlier than June 15th or later than July 14th, the post mark on the orders will show when the orders are mailed.

There will be no restriction as to the amount of help a contestant may secure, a section may elect or employ a canvasser and every member of the section may help, in all cases credit will be given ONLY to the ones who send in the subscriptions regardless of how they are secured.

The prizes will be awarded on July 25th, 1907.

Now, comrades get down to business and show to the world what you can do for your own paper, the greatest Socialist paper on earth.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

For the week ending May 31st, we received 177 subs for the Weekly People, and 37 mail subs for the Daily People, a total of 214, which is a long ways from the 500 per week that we have urged the Party to try for.

DECORATION DAY

THE OLD AND NEW SLAVERY RECALLED BY ITS CELEBRATION.

(By Janet Pearl, Brooklyn, N. Y.)

Decoration Day has been celebrated and we rejoice and are jubilant that chattel slavery is dead. We pay tribute to our fallen heroes who fought for freedom's cause, for chattel slavery is no more!

But wage slavery flourishes and bondage is as prevalent to-day as chattel slavery ever was. The chattel slave was sold to the master by a third party, the wage slave makes the sale himself; that's the only difference. The wage slave has only his labor power, a perishable commodity, for which he must quickly find a market.

To reproduce his labor power the workingman is allowed a fraction of the day in which to create necessities for his own consumption. By far the greater portion of the day the laborer must work gratis for his employer. The workingman receives pay for that fraction of time spent in creating for his own use, that portion of labor only is paid labor. The remainder of the day he creates surplus value, which the capitalist appropriates as profits.

As it is to be expected when men and women are working for such small wages, there is need for funds to help carry on this strike. We make the appeal to all believers in the freedom of the working class, to send contributions to Harry Keller, 121 Main St., Niagara Falls, N. Y., and notify Wm. E. Trautman. Prompt action is needed and funds should be sent in immediately.

With fraternal greetings, Rhoda M. Brooks, Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 25.

DR BRANN'S ATTACK

On the Moyer-Haywood Demonstration Repelled by Irish Socialists.

Headquarters of the Irish Socialist Federation, 18 Fourth Ave., N. Y.

At a recent meeting of the Irish Socialist Federation of New York (a body composed exclusively of Socialists of Irish birth and parentage) the late uncalled for attack by Dr. Brann upon the demonstration in favor of a fair trial for the imprisoned leaders of the Western Federation of Miners was taken up for discussion. As this statement of this reverend gentleman that there were but few Irishmen in the parade was regarded by the members present as a reflection upon the public spirit of our countrymen, placing them before the American public as being indifferent or hostile to a demand for justice, the following statement was prepared for publication in criticism of his position and in vindication of the character of those Irish who marched in the "horde," as Dr. Brann elegantly terms the flower of the organized workers of New York.

We, members of the Irish Socialist Federation, speaking on behalf of those working class Irish who in every movement for freedom have ever taken a foremost place, who have ever been as pioneers ready to point the way in every movement for progress, or as fighters ready to lay down their lives for its realization, desire to remind the Rev. Dr. Brann that we as Irish have a history behind us, a history that speaks eloquently against the interposition of clergymen in temporal affairs, a history that warns us of the folly of expecting from clergymen either wisdom, political prudence, or controversial decency once they step into the political arena.

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LETTER-BOX

OFF-HAND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NO QUESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT COME IN ANONYMOUS LETTERS. ALL LETTERS MUST CARRY A BONA FIDE SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS.

W. G. WICHITA, KANS.—1st—The economic laws of the capitalist system force the capitalist class to organize itself. The sociologic laws, brought about by the said economic laws, drive the working class to organize itself along parallel lines.

W. A. G. WORCESTER, MASS.—The rise of land values with its reflex on rents is the most important item in the cost of living. Differently from the prices of other goods, rentals do not oscillate; they rise steadily.

J. McC, TACOMA, WASH.—Apply to Labor News, 28 City Hall Place, for catalogue.

D. B. D., LOS ANGELES, CAL.—An honest, conscientious answer? Here it is: The Volkszeitung Corporation is a sink of unqualified corruption. It has habitually sold out the working class for advertisements.

A. G. CHICAGO, ILL.—The only mission craft unionism can have had is to help wipe out the small concerns and thereby promote the concentration of productive forces. When such concentration has been perfected the mission of craft unionism is ended.

J. W. W. SPOKANE, WASH.—Manageraders are those who talk "peaceful unionism."

W. A. S., PADDINGTON, N. S. W.—The organized I. W. W. did not start out with the full membership represented by the delegates at the first convention. Many more than 2,000 were represented.

Christian brotherhood among the nations? Does he forget that the "Star Spangled Banner" was born out of the attempt of England to reimpose by force its domination upon the unwilling people of this country, as the "Marseillaise" was born out of the attempt of England and the other monarchies of Europe to reimpose by force a slaughter, a merciless tyranny upon the people of France?

Fellow countrymen, in our land we have long seen the packed juries give our best and bravest to the hangman's rope. Shall we stand idly by while the same atrocious crimes of power are being consummated here?

Elizabeth G. Flynn, Thos. O'Shaughnessy, John Mulry, Pat L. Quinlan, James Connolly, Committee, Irish Socialist Federation. John Lyng, Sec'y.

All who are desirous to help in the distribution of this and similar literature

C. J., CHICAGO, ILL.—Help us, by all means, to institute accuracy of speech and expression. The criticism of the Portland report on the I. W. W. is correct. The I. W. W. does not contemplate the achievement of emancipation by a "general strike" against, but by a "general lockout" of the capitalist class.

"E. A. SEE," CHICAGO, ILL.—After a student has read all our Labor News literature he may be supposed to be master of the doctrine of Socialism. His reading thereupon should be, besides the current Socialist journals, good classic and general literature, not excluding good works on geology, natural sciences, and ethnology.

S. T., BROKLYN, N. Y.—Take the second edition of De Leon's translation of Bebel's "Woman." Turn to page 281, bottom paragraph and over to page 282. Then make good your own figuring. The Census report does not furnish such articles.

E. H., VANCOUVER, B. C.—Marxian doctrine is clear. "Only the economic organization of Labor can set on foot the true party of Labor to serve as a bulwark against capitalism." What that means and what follows from it is equally clear—

1st. The economic, revolutionary organization is essential to the genuineness of a party of Labor; 2nd. That party's mission is limited to serving as a "bulwark against capitalism." It can not overthrow capitalism. The work of overthrow must be the work of the Union.

"MARY SOLOMON," NEW YORK.—Write only on one side of the sheet. Other contributors also take notice.

J. B., SPOKANE, WASH., and J. T. B., NEW YORK.—De Leon arrived safe and sound on the 20th of May from Pittsburg.

F. B., PALISADES PARK, N. J.—Are hunting up the matter for you. As to the Hilquit sell-out election cards, can furnish you with none. Those we had have been exhausted. The remaining one is kept for the archives and for visitors.

R. J. G., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Machiavelli's most important work is the History of Florence.

A. B. B., NEW ORLEANS, LA.; S. E., CHICAGO, ILL.; R. K., PATERSON, N. J.; H. J., CANTON, OHIO; A. T. N., NEW HAVEN, CONN.; C. ceived. O., WILMINGTON, DEL.—Matter re-

among the workers of Irish race in America are urged to forward financial aid to the above address and to enroll themselves in our ranks.

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