

THE "WANDERLUST."

Latest Explanation Invented by Capitalist for the Out of Work Problem.

Quite often during a perusal of current literature one meets with articles that do much to mislead by fostering old and erroneous ideas.

ON TOP AGAIN.

New Trade Unionist Boston Cigar-makers Rout the Gompers-Strasser Crew.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—We desire to inform the comrades throughout the land that after a hard fought contest in the Cigarmakers' International Union No. 97, of Boston, we have again succeeded in giving the pure and simple labor fakirs a good, sound whipping.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Wild-Cat Paper Denounced.

EDITOR THE PEOPLE.—On account of many objectionable articles having appeared in a certain paper that sports the name of "Michigan Labor," especially the article in its issue of December 12th, 1896, where, under the heading, "Words that are bold and true, from Democratic Switzerland, Take Heed," the whole Socialist political movement is denounced as "practical" and "co-operative socialism" (societies or colonies) is pointed out to be necessary to break men into "popular administration."

Resolved, That the Socialist Science and Speakers' Club declines to give its support to said paper and requests its members (where it has been given) to withdraw their support.

BROWSINGS BY THE WAY-SIDE.

Past and Present Instances of How Things that Are Meek to Remain.

The capitalistic press is very loud in doling out its political sop. The labor fakir and politician are lending them a great deal of wind. On the other hand, we see the honest labor agitator instilling the truth into the workmen.

"Oh," exclaimed M., "do say that louder so they can hear you many blockers up the street."

An arrangement of society where the larger part produce all the wealth and receive but a very small fraction of this wealth, is surely in violation of all conceptions of justice.

Socialists who advocate palliatives are not honest. One of those comfortable middle class people who expected 16 to 1 would make him still more comfortable by lifting his mortgages, lately railed at me by saying I was making the people discontented.

A Socialist in traveling in the South has constant opportunity to embellish his economic knowledge by coming in contact with ex-slave owners. Recently, talking with an ex-slave driver, he told me that the slaves up to 1856 were as easy to control as the mules themselves.

When I asked what was the effect of a slave enslaving another slave, he replied that his nigger overseer became so self-conceited, and to make sure he would hold his exalted position, he would almost break his own neck in trying to break the necks of the other niggers.

Brighton, Ill. YONKERS, Jan. 6.—A Labor Lyceum has been established in Yonkers, in which all progressive literature will be found. A series of lectures is being arranged, and the place will be open every evening and all day Sunday.

ANXIOUS JOURNEY

Of a Young Man in Search of a Free and Glorious Republic.

"Behold, there was once a sad, but earnest young man, who was anxious to enjoy the liberty which prevails in a free and glorious republic." He dwelt in that "effete monarchy," reigned over by Queen Victoria, as she is called by polite folk, but who is sometimes referred to by the unregenerate denizens of White-chapel as "that bloomin' ole widder, Vickyey Brown."

One day the young man arose and exclaimed: "I will leave this monarchy, I will cease to be a subject, I will hie me unto some free and glorious republic, where all the people are free, happy and independent, and where I shall be a citizen."

"Why comest thou from that free and glorious republic of thine? Why turnest thou thy face towards monarchy?" The lively Gaul replied flippantly: "Mort! non auit; if you seek a free and glorious republic, go not to France, for there you will find less liberty and more corruption than prevailed a generation ago under the Second Empire."

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Next day the young man took ship, crossed the broad Pacific, and in due time arrived in the Chinese empire. There he thus sadly soliloquized: "I was born and raised in a constitutional monarchy, and I found no freedom there; I have traveled through a great republic, and I found no freedom there either; I am now beneath the most effete government in the world, and I find here that conditions are not worse than in either of the two lands I know. I have learned that mere forms of political liberty are of no avail, unless accompanied by industrial and economical freedom; that it is absurd to give the poor the right to vote and yet leave with a class the power to purchase or coerce their suffrages."

straight whiskey and crooked politics, drew back in horror and amazement. The earnest young man repeated his request, and to him Silver Dollar Smith exclaimed: "Ah! Shut yer face and git out of here! Go west, young man;" and he supplemented these remarks with such a threatening gesture that the young man hurried out.

He went into the southern coast of England, and longingly he gazed in the direction of France, for he knew it to be a republic, and he intended to go thither. But he met a native of that land, and saluting him, he said: "Why comest thou from that free and glorious republic of thine? Why turnest thou thy face towards monarchy?"

Considering these men derelict in their most sacred duty, he approached one and thus accosted him: "Why, friend, why do you hesitate to exercise the greatest privilege of your free and glorious republic? Why do you not vote?" The free and independent voter eyed him for a while warily and then in cautious tones, queried: "Say, pardner, are you a politician? How much is there in it?"

Now, the sad young traveler was not acquainted with the ubiquitous nature of this chestnut, hence he took the words literally and proceeded still further westward, as far as San Francisco. When he arrived there he could not go further westward, because beyond that the east begins again. He wandered disconsolately about the streets of that city, searching by day and night for that free and glorious republic in much the same manner as Diogenes searched for truth in the streets of Athens, and with much the same success.

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PARTY NEWS.

Activity of Militant Socialists East, West, North and South.

National Executive. Regular meeting held January 5th, 1897, Comrade Franz in the chair. Absent, Stahl, excused. Charter granted new Section at Salt Lake City. J. W. Latimer reported expelled by Section Oakland, California. CHAS. B. COPP, Rec. Sec.

National Campaign Fund. Previously acknowledged \$1,976 05 December, 1896. 28. Coll. by Fr. Kalbitz, Chicago, on List N. 77,000 50 30. Sec. Greenville, coll. on Lists Nos. 203, 210, 211. 4 13 January, 1897.

California, Dec. 26.—This is the vote in this State: Presidential Electors-at-Large—Emil Liess, 1,611 votes; Lemuel D. Biddle, 1,564 votes.

In the four out of the seven Congressional Districts in the State, where we had candidates, our vote was as follows: Third District—J. Eustice, 787 votes. Fourth District—E. T. Kingsley, 986 votes. Fifth District—H. Daniels, 757 votes. Sixth District—Job Harriman, 642 votes. Total, 3,054 votes.

Superior District—J. E. Peterson, 1,774 votes; 2d Ward, A. J. Sivell, 1,665; 3d Ward, Alfred Grimes, 2,297; 4th Ward, C. Prarak, 1,755; 6th Ward, W. P. Baruth, 1,641; 7th Ward, F. Schiller, 1,760; 8th Ward, R. A. Copeland, 1,705; 9th Ward, H. Warnuke, Jr., 1,506; 10th Ward, H. F. Sahlender, 1,779; 11th Ward, E. A. Bohm, 1,610; 12th Ward, E. Hoffman, 1,525.

SOMERVILLE, Jan. 4.—Section Somerville meets in Independence Hall, Union Square, Somerville, at 7.30 every Sunday evening. The speaker for January 10th, is Comrade Jas. F. Carey, of Haverhill.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 4.—Section Essex County held its regular monthly meeting on 3d inst. When the different committees and officers rendered their reports, which were all quite satisfactory, new officers were elected for the coming six months.

