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If the advocates of the present, with its black catalogue of crimes and vices... will be the blast of the coming tempest...

J. F. Bray.

TRUSTING IN THE "TRICK."

Our "reformers" should not be allowed to be wasted. One should draw from them all the lessons they teach...

The capitalist class rides roughshod to its aim; it upsets institutions, altars and men; it crushes manhood, stains womanhood and stunts childhood...

The "reformer" sees the result; he sees the capitalist class accomplish its purpose, and he sees it do so under the motto of "American."

The "reformer" fails in the success of the capitalist class lies not in the word "American," it lies in its ownership of capital...

ADMINISTRATIVE.

On the fourth page of this issue will be found a lengthy document from the Executive Committee of Section Greater New York to its membership.

The experience the New York organization is now making will be the experience that all other Sections will eventually go through...

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC.

A contributor to the Lancaster, Pa., "Labor Labor" makes this argument against the policy of striking in the shop and voting the capitalist tickets...

Watch the progress and final ending of an unsuccessful strike, and see how the unlucky laborer fares. First he goes on strike; his boss is obstinate and will not yield.

This is all settled a big election comes; employer and employee go to the polls and either vote Republican or Democratic.

"Do not think I am opposed to labor unions. I am always in sympathy with the unfortunate strikers, but I have a wholesale horror of all talk and no cider."

"Webster says: 'A system is an assemblage of things adjusted into a regular whole; or, a regular union of principles or parts forming one entire thing.'"

"Let us turn back to the striker and see what good he has accomplished by striking and not voting intelligently."

A collection should be made of the mottoes that the "reform" papers fly at their mastheads, and each motto should be accompanied with some passage in the corresponding paper...

Here is, for instance, the Cincinnati, O., "Current Events" with this motto: "Hew to the line, let the chips fall where they will."

What it calls "the line," and how it interprets the boldness of action implied by "letting the chips fall where they will" may be gathered from the following maxim found in its columns: "Open the mints and the mills will take care of themselves."!!!!

The "line" here means the interests of the silver mine barons who exploit and then shoot down their miners; and the boldness amounts simply in brazen declaration of false economics.

Can there be any economics fatter than that that implies that the amount of money the workmen can get depends upon the amount of money there is minted?

Our oft put question on this subject remains unanswered; yet, we shall put it again: "Shoes, hats, houses, bread, trousers, furniture, coats, etc., etc., are infinitely more numerous now than they were thirty years ago; they are more numerous absolutely and relatively; and yet the workmen have now fewer of them than before."

Then there is the Detroit, Mich., "Sentinel" flying the motto: "Freedom through Organization." Yet, look as one may through its columns, one finds no evidence of its understanding that "organization" is as productive of slavery as of freedom—just the same as machinery.

"Organization" is not in itself good or bad; it is either according to the principle that animates it and the knowledge that guides it. The Army of the German Emperor is an "organization," and an organization of workmen, at that, seeing that the overwhelming majority of its members are workmen.

That which will give freedom is labor class-conscious organization, i. e., organization planted upon the principles that the existing slavery to Capital cannot be overthrown except by an economic and political organization that demands the unconditional surrender of the capitalist class through the placing in the hands of the people the land and the machinery with which to labor.

Milwaukee, Wis. Comrade J. Rummel, 310 15th street, is authorized agent. All subscribers in arrears are requested to settle with him at once.

EDUCATORS.

POLK, Pa., July 6.—For the benefit of those who are seeking to make their few pennies go the farthest in the matter of propaganda, the following is offered that they may be able to benefit by my experience.

In Pittsburg, in 1893, I ran across the "Coming Nation," the first paper that I had seen that seriously attempted to criticize social conditions, therefore to me the "best paper on earth."

The result first was a co-operative store, then another (competing with the first one, but this had to be done to satisfy the leader of that class who was in his mind the prospective manager, and who left and attempted to start a third store when this plum fell another way; to the great sorrow of all for this "division of forces.")

Intelligent and responsible work is the privilege and glory of man. It is true in a sense that other animals work, and some of them in communities with regular and orderly division of labor; but even so, their efforts are instinctive and invariably alike from age to age.

All honor, then, to work and to the workers, whether their part be high or low, whether theirs are the master minds that plan or the patient hands that execute.

Idleness is the mother of mischief, and a man or woman without an occupation of some sort is on the high road to moral ruin, if not to financial.

The trifling head, or the corrupted heart, Fop at the toilet, flatterer at the board, Now trips a lady, and now struts a lord, Eve's tempter thus the Rabbits have expressed.

The moral and material blessings arising from work are not the only advantages it offers. We are too apt to think of these alone, to contrast our ocean liners with the frail coracles not yet extinct, and our complicated network of roads and canals, and magnificent bridges with the once trackless forests and impassable rivers, now traversed in every direction.

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politically, although they are very "radical" men with their mouths. Moral: "No lie can endure," intentional or an unintentional one, and nothing can succeed it but the truth, and that there is but one kind of truth which cannot be made palatable or be improved on.

In infernal inventions Like the well-meaning dunce With the best of intentions, ONE LACKALL.

WORK.

It shows the occasional perversity of social sentiment that the state of least value should often be most esteemed, that labor should be scorned and affluent idleness held in honor. Thus the general ambition of those engaged in work of any kind, and especially in manual work, is to escape from it, to gather riches and retire; for, with a large class, a gentleman is not, as in old times, a man of gentle birth or gentle manners, but simply one who can live without work.

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All honor, then, to work and to the workers, whether their part be high or low, whether theirs are the master minds that plan or the patient hands that execute. Whatever their degree, each is essential to the others, and they to each, as Menenius Agrippa showed the discontented Romans long ago in his fable of the "Belly and the Members."

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fairly remunerated and wisely relieved by rational diversion. This is the golden recipe for the Mens sana in corpore sano.

The poet Cotton said of such: "Why is our food so very sweet? Because we earn before we eat. Why are our wants so very few? Because we nature's calls pursue. Whence our complacency of mind? Because we act our parts assigned."

Work wets the appetite for pleasure as well as for food. Work gives a zest to enjoyment. Work bestows invests every possession with increased interest. We value the more that which we produce with our own hands.

THAT "CONVENTION."

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branch of production, the country, therefore, ruled the city. In modern times industry is more important than agriculture; the city, therefore, rules the country. Socialism aims at the final abolition of the antagonism between city and country by putting both agriculture and industry under the control of the nation.

Let us pass over the erroneous idea that there are in this country today outside of the Indian Territory and the Great Desert, unappropriated natural resources of any value.

Let us pass over the obvious economic absurdity of attempting to put the great industries of the nation under separate State control.

Finally, the President and Congressmen to be elected will be the agents either of the capitalist class or of the working class.

This is too much even for the highest average ability. In the proclamation issued by the rump the following choice morsel is found: "We shall ever keep in mind that all political organizations are but means which should receive neither loyal devotion nor hostile criticism on their own account."

In justice I must state that there are many truths uttered both in the platform and the proclamation. But these stand in fatal contradiction to their reactionary and utopian methods, and were evidently learned through the propaganda of the S. L. P.

These words called them "union wreck-

ers."—Let us hope that the younger and honest element may soon arrive at a clearer understanding of the social question, when they will be welcomed within the inviting folds of the one an indivisible S. L. P.

H. SIMPSON.



UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN.

Uncle Sam—So long as the capitalist class rules you need not look for improvement; it won't come.

Brother Jonathan—Butter "capitalist class." There is no such thing as "capitalist class." We are all capitalists.

U. S.—You among them? B. J.—Yes; I among them. U. S.—And what does your "capital" consist in?

B. J.—In what? (stretching out his arms) In these. U. S.—Do you imagine that the Spanish Admiral Montojo at Manila and his men had no arms?

B. J.—They certainly had arms. U. S.—And are you aware that he had more men under him than Dewey had?

B. J.—Yes. U. S.—And yet Dewey and the fewer men under him mopped up Manila Bay with Montojo?

B. J.—Guess they did. U. S.—How did they manage that?

B. J.—They had infinitely superior guns, and all that. U. S.—Superior war material?

B. J.—Yes. U. S.—But I thought you said Montojo had more men with him, and, accordingly, more arms and hands.

B. J.—But arms and hands are not war material. U. S.—Accordingly, what would you think of me if I said to you, "Borrow war materials; there is no such thing as a man equipped with war material; we are all so equipped; look at my arms and hands; these are my war materials!"—What would you say to that?

B. J. looks at U. S. in blank amazement. U. S.—Have you been struck with dumbness?

B. J.—How can you call arms and hands war materials? U. S.—That's absurd, isn't it?

B. J.—I should think so! U. S.—Just so absurd it is for you to call your arms and hands capital.

B. J.—What then is "capital"? U. S.—To be entitled to the term capital a thing must combine two qualities:

1. It must be a tool, or implement of labor; that quality alone excludes your arms and hands; your arms and hands are not the product of human labor, implements of labor are;

2. It must be powerful enough to displace those who do not own it from competing with him who does.

From this last it follows that a thing may be capital at one time and not capital at another; capital at one place and not capital at another place.

B. J.—Why, that becomes very much mixed up. U. S.—Only if you don't hold firmly to the definition. The loom that preceded the Northrop loom was capital in New England so long as the Northrop loom did not exist, because that predecessor was powerful enough to exclude competition; but just as soon as the Northrop loom shall have been thoroughly introduced, the old loom ceases to be capital because the Northrop loom is so much more powerful.

Likewise, if the old loom, that ceased to be capital in New England because of the advent of the Northrop loom, is shipped to some distant corner where the Northrop loom has not yet been set up, it will there be capital, while in New England it would not be.

B. J.—I can see that. U. S.—Then, also, take this illustration, which reduces the matter to dollars and cents. Thirty odd years ago \$500 sufficed to set up a brewery in this city; Ehret, the brewer, did so. That \$500 represented the value of the implements of a brewery and were capital then; to-day \$500,000 would be needed to set up a brewery with any chance of success as a competitor.

B. J.—I heard of that. U. S.—But you did not digest its significance. Capital, especially to-day, is such a large aggregate of wealth as can defy competition in production. The class that hold that is the capitalist class; you had better not say "bother" about it, or you will get left as Montojo did at Manila.

THAT WE MAY REMEMBER.

"If a child eats too much you do not pity but chastise him; Society is that child—greedy, over-dressed, over-amused, and over-fed. The cross stupidity of the eternal scramble is utterly, idiotically silly."—Vanity Fair."

Quite so, as our critic observeth. The elite are a glutinous crew, Who wallow in wealth To the manifest illth No less of themselves than of you.

As swine broken into a garden, Their energies all are employed In excesses debased, Laying everything waste, Till the "gardener's hope" is destroyed.

This conduct our critic deems "silly"— Were forgiven and it were no worse; But to those who reveal What the millions feel 'Tis a crime and a country's curse.

Some opine this devouring herd Are more to be pitied than blamed, And this "we" believe. Of those we perceive Of their ravage and riot ashamed.

—GLEANEY. "Labour Leader," London.

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To the Members of Section Greater New York, S. L. P.

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Nothing would be gained, because the opposition has no programme except to prevent the party from following out its uncompromising revolutionary policy. Being allied with the party's enemies...

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