

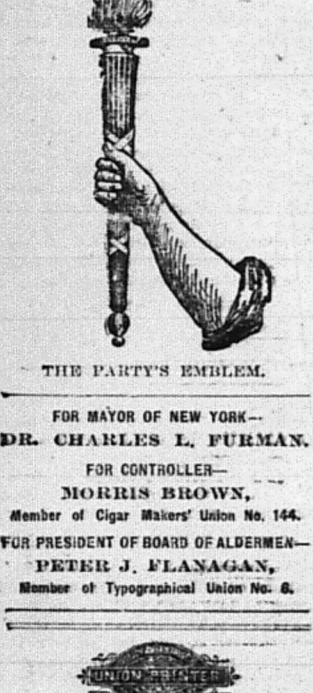
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FOR CONTROLLER—MORRIS BROWN, Member of Cigar Makers' Union No. 144.

FOR PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN—PETER J. FLANAGAN, Member of Typographical Union No. 6.

Bird S. Coler says he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Mayor of New York. Platt says Low ought to be re-elected as Mayor of New York.

The Canadian Pacific announces "net earnings"—that is, profit or "graft" for non-producing stockholders and bondholders—of fifteen million dollars during the past year.

What between Postoffice boodles and Indian land frauds, our strenuous Teddy must sometimes wish he hadn't uttered that famous phrase, "clean as a hound's tooth." But Teddy isn't to blame, it is said; he hasn't stolen any money.

STREET CORNERISMS FOR SOAP-BOX SPEAKERS.

By Peter E. Burrows.

There is nothing so unnatural as trying to be natural on a soap box. One might as well think of waltzing in an easy chair as to be natural on the soap box.

The word natural as used in this and most other cases stands for a habit acquired, and this is as true of many of our involuntary as of our voluntary actions.

Having introduced the mind to this new talker the whole of your training as a speaker will consist in enforcing such a marriage between them that she will learn without hesitation to think in the sounds of her high toned, new, noisy partner of the soap box at the street corner.

Having obtained your pitch (your nearest approach to baritone), with a will-power driving every word of it, and moreover with enough of it to hold the strain for at least half an hour, you can go into the oratory of the streets with forces composed, the continually to deliver talks made on the spot, a stitch at a time, but by a mind well informed or much interested in Socialism.

What you shall say is by no means the primary consideration; but can you say anything soapboxily. It is assumed already, and it is truly assumed, that you know enough of Socialism to make others know it, if only you could tell what you know in the pitch and tune of the street corner.

Now let us suppose that you have acquired soap-box nerve enough to be interested in your audience. I will tell you that your physical make-up being equal, you have acquired the first great quality of successful soapboxer.

THE GOAL.

By Jean Jaures.

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Impossible. Before the trade union the trade union was impossible. And now that you have the trade union the thing that is impossible to come after the trade union is impossible. The thing that is impossible is that the morning is impossible because the night is tired?

Impossible. Dare you look into the face of any forlorn child and admit that the remedy for that face is impossible? Do not believe it. The same power that makes private property possible is to make a better than private property possible.

Impossible. What have you to do with the impossible? The impossible is treacherous. You have no right to believe that the things you believe to be true are impossible.

Impossible. Was your mother impossible? If justice is impossible how did it mean that you were possible?

IMPOSSIBLE.

By Horace Traubel.

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OUR ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARIES.

(and OTHERS)

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OF HISTORIC INTEREST.

Extract from the Diary of a Boston Carpenter of 1825—Early Attempt to Form Union and Reduce Hours.

The "Public" of Chicago gives the following as being an extract from the old manuscript of a private diary kept by an intelligent young carpenter living in New England and New York from September, 1820, to May, 1827.

The cloud will blow away, of course. Everlasting laughter and more inextinguishable sandhillera can be brought to see some virtue in despoiling the Egyptian, and all of them will acknowledge that his acceptance of a pass has not strained the quality or diluted the fierceness of Mr. Tillman's rage.

When public opinion and public teachers and statesmen find it so very easy to apologize for mobs that burn men at the stake, and to defend corporations that plunder the public, it is not difficult to conceive of excuses for the outbreaks of hard-working men who know that they are robbed but don't understand the trick.

Private peace and protection of private rights from violent attack are the first conditions of social life. Until these are secure no advance can be made toward higher levels of public order.

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THE NEED OF A NATIONAL MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

By A. M. Simons.

I am firmly convinced that the subject matter of this article is of infinitely greater importance than either of the previous ones. It may be that I said nothing in any of them worthy of attention, but if the municipal problem in the Socialist Party is of importance...

If it is not enough to elaborate a program, although the formation of such a program in the first step towards given an intelligent discussion of the matter to say nothing of intelligent action...

The preparation of such a program should not be left to the hurried action of a national convention. It is unfortunate that we have followed the example of capitalist parties in thus formulating our platform in the rush and confusion of political conventions.

Such work as this will produce much better results when dealing only with the generalities and familiar phrases of which a national platform must be composed than when forming definite answers to concrete questions...

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But the time is now here when those who are converted to Socialism, who are convinced of its success, who are ready for that success and have no babyish fears of victory should move on to a consideration of the specific problems which confront us.

of these questions and the difficulty of always being able to determine how working-class interests may be best considered that I am led to propose the creation of a national committee of the Socialist Party...

If the work is to have any continuity at all there must be a permanent secretary who should be located in the office of the national headquarters.

This secretary should be a man who has made a special study of municipal problems, preferably an attorney who could assist in the settling of legal problems as to municipal autonomy...

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coming together and comparison of views and experiences would be of tremendous educational and propaganda value. If such a gathering could be arranged it should be planned in accordance with the meetings of the various gatherings of scientists...

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THE MORAL STATUS OF STRIKE-BREAKERS.

John Ellis, in The Ariel.

"A new commandment give I unto you."—The Nazarene. Not I, But the World, I wish it might be given through me.

The moral nature grows. Codes of morality become more enlightened as the ages speed, and also simpler. With our spreading civilization, the codes of morality are becoming simpler.

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ANOTHER LOCKOUT.

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The glass workers of New York City are getting an object lesson in united and drastic class action from the organized bosses of that trade.

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