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AMERICAN TRUST MAKES EUROPEAN TRUST NECESSARY.
BERLIN, March 17.—The Lokal Anzeiger says that it has special information that many large companies in West Germany will soon discharge many laborers, being compelled to take this course by the increased cost of production, due to the high price of coal. According to the same authority, the Stumm works have added from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 marks worth of iron to their stock, in order to avoid discharging operatives.

The Stahl Under Eisen, the leading iron organ, says:
"The United States Steel Corporation can undoubtedly contribute to intensify in a dangerous manner the alarm of the continent over the American iron market."

The North German Lloyd line has reduced the freight charge on wire nails to China, Japan and the Straits Settlements 4 marks per ton, but the Cologne Volks Zeitung regards the reduction as insignificant, considering the enormous difference in price between the German and American product.

The various syndicates have made an agreement discontinuing competition, and negotiations will continue for establishing a common selling agency for all the syndicates.

The Universal Iron Trust will have to come—displaying what Socialists always contend—the international character of capitalism. To meet it, Socialism must be international.

HUMAN LABOR AN INSIGNIFICANT ITEM.

Probably the greatest industrial phenomenon of the past ten years, unless it be the trust development, is the consummation of the dreams of far-sighted business men, by which the iron mines of Lake Superior have been linked with the coal and coke fields of Pennsylvania. This has led to the tremendous development of the iron and steel industry in the Pittsburgh and Cleveland districts. Human labor has been reduced to an insignificant item in all the processes, from the extraction of the crude ore from the earth, to the production of the finished product at the furnace nearly a thousand miles away. Railroads have been built from Pittsburgh to Lake Erie, as have immense docks and cavernous iron steamships, as large as ocean liners, designed almost exclusively for the transportation of ore, coal and grain. All the essentials of production, including the mines, steamships, railroads, docks and furnaces, have been combined under one hand. At the present time Carnegie, the American Steel & Wire Company and the National Steel Company own their own boats and do at least a part of their own carrying business.—World's Work.

(Since this was published, one month ago, all these companies have been absorbed in the enormous Morgan-Rockefeller Steel Trust.—Ed.)

The Element of Human Labor Scarcely Appreciable.

Coincident with this consolidation there has occurred a revolution in industrial methods before which earlier achievements sink into insignificance. A few decades ago the blast furnace was an enlarged blacksmith shop, and the finished product, whether a steel rail or a horseshoe nail, was largely the result of manual labor. By present processes, from the moment the steam scoop, handling tons of native ore, touches the soil in Minnesota or Michigan until the raw material issues as a hundred-pound steel rail on the banks of the Monongahela River, the element of human labor is scarcely appreciable. Trains in the Superior district are loaded by steam scoops. At the docks the

cars are unloaded into bins or pockets. From these pockets, ships of five to seven thousand gross tons' capacity are loaded in a few hours' time, through chute attachments running into the holds of the vessels. In the Mesaba range a half dozen men will mine five thousand tons of ore in a few hours. An ore vessel is loaded almost without the use of pickax or shovel. Gravitation does the work formerly done by man. On the lower lakes the vessels are unloaded in a few hours' time by hoisting devices or clam-like scoops, which will do the work of sixty men and transport ten tons of ore in a single clasp of the scoop. Steel cars with a capacity of sixty tons are unloaded at the furnaces by immense cranes, which pick the cars clear from the tracks, transport them to an ore pile, and dump them as simply and easily, and with as much precision, as if they were but buckets of sand. The earth is tapped, and genii-like engineering, with man's hand on the throttle, turns out the finished product.—World's Work.

WORK TOGETHER.

The meetings of such an organization will afford opportunity for consultation, for the exchange of names on the workers' lists. Where one has failed another can make a trial. When two are after the same person one may drop the name or both may arrange to act together and not at odds with each other in the same task. If you know some one not likely to be pleased to see you, there will be opportunity to arrange to send some one else to win your adversary. These organizations could raise the funds, circulate literature, get subscribers for the Socialist press, get up a workers' library of standard Socialist books, arrange for public meetings, for taking advantage of special occasions, for getting and sending to the party press all sorts of items of Socialist news, and could organize classes for special study. Your share in every one of these undertakings will be important and will bear directly on

your reaching your own list of neighbors and making you an active worker for socialism.—From Mills' "How to Work for Socialism."

Read the whole book. It costs only 5 cents.—Ed.

Leopold Jacoby says:

"The same year in which appeared Darwin's book (1859) and coming from quite a different direction, an identical impulse was given to a very important development of social science by a work which long passed unnoticed, and which bore the title: Critique de l'economie politique by Karl Marx—it was the forerunner of 'Capital'.

And this is why Germany, which has been the most fruitful field for the development of the Darwinian theories, is also the most fruitful field for the intelligent, systematic propaganda of socialist ideas.

And it is precisely for this reason

that in Berlin, in the widows of the book-stores of the socialist propaganda, the works of Charles Darwin occupy the place of honor beside those of Karl Marx.

Comrade Charles H. Vail can be secured by Washington Socialists for a whole month if they choose to get a big hustle on themselves. The National Committee will bear his expenses to the coast, if we can raise his salary and traveling expenses while here.

Any local can secure him for one evening for about ten dollars. He is a National Organizer, is the author of some of the very best Socialist books, is a good speaker, and can be advertised as a real "Big Gun."

Send in your opinions to J. D. Curtis, State Secretary.

At least a dozen places in the state ought to secure him.

Somewhere in June is the time—or possibly as late as July.

EASTER MORNING PICTURES



THE EASTER SHOW



THE EASTER SHADOW

WE PRESENT THIS WEEK A PAIR OF COMPANION PICTURES. SNAP SHOTS AT CAPITALISM. TAKEN ON EASTER MORNING AT THE SAME HOUR.

NUMBER ONE IS A BEAUTIFUL CLUSTER OF COMPANION PICTURES. SNAP SHOTS AT CAPITALISM. TAKEN ON EASTER MORNING AT THE SAME HOUR. FORCED AND HOT-HOUSE GROWN, TO BE SURE BUT FULL OF COLOR AND HEALTH, GLOWING WITH THE JOYS OF LIFE. THEY ARE SUCH CHILDREN AS OUGHT TO BE FOUND ALL OVER THE EARTH THIS EASTER DAY. REARED UNHEAT OF SUMMER, WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURE OF MIND AND TASTES, IF NOT OF HEART, HERE THEY ARE FAC-

BUT SEE THE REVERSE—THAT PUNY CHILD AND VICTIM OF POVERTY. HE WAS BORN IN A SOUTHWESTERN PRAIRIE HOME, WHERE EVERY CHILD HAD TO WORK FROM ITS VERY INFANCY TO HELP PAY FOR THE FARM. SLENDER IN FORM, DELICATE AND SENSITIVE IN TEMPERAMENT, THE AGUE SOON MADE A YELLOWED INVALID OF HIM, BUT COULD NOT QUENCH HIS SPIRIT OF HOPE AND LOVE OF BEAUTY. HE DREW PICTURES ON THE SANDS. AT THE LITTLE SCHOOL HOUSE HE CARICATURED THE LANK TEACHER ON THE BLACKBOARD. AT 12 HE RAN AWAY TO ST. LOUIS, SOLD PAPERS ON THE STREETS, GOT TOGETHER A FEW DOLLARS, REACHED NEW YORK, TOOK LESSONS IN ART AT THE COOPER INSTITUTE, GETTING A DRAWING ACCEPTED ABOUT ONCE IN SIX MONTHS BY SOME PAPER, TOOK STEERAGE PASSAGE TO HAMBURG, REACHING AT LAST THE GOAL OF HIS LONG HOPES, THE LATIN QUARTER OF PARIS.

AND HERE HE IS, AFTER THREE YEARS DEVOTED TO THE STUDY OF ART IN PARIS—NEVER A PICTURE ACCEPTED AT THE SALON, DYING OF HOPE DEFERRED. YOU CAN GUESS HIS EASTER MORNING REFLECTIONS. "LA PATRIE," HOME AND COUNTRY DO NOT EXIST FOR HIM. HE IS ONE OF THE DISINHERITED, A CRUSHED FLOWER, WITHERED AND LOST. AND CAPITALISM HAVE NO USE FOR HIS GENIUS. HE HAD NOT THE FORCE NOR THE FINESSE TO MAKE HIS WAY IN THE WORLD, AND HIC MORTUUS. "A PEBBLE IN THE OCEAN."

AND WHAT FORBADE HIS DEVELOPMENT? WHY WAS THE RACE DEPRIVED OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUM OF HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT? WHY THIS TRAGEDY THIS FAIR EASTER MORNING?

HAD HE BEEN BORN TO LIKE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS WITH THOSE LOVELY GIRLS, COULD HE NOT HAVE MATED WITH ONE OF THEM AND BESTOWED STILL FAIRER CHILDREN UPON THE UNFOLDING RACE?

TELL US, WHY, POSSESSING EVERY FACILITY FOR SUPPLYING ALL HUMAN BEINGS WITH EVERY CONDITION OF FOOD AND SHELTER THAT IS NEEDED FOR FULL GROWTH AND GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT, WHY THREE-FOURTHS OF AMERICAN LABORERS ARE REPRESENTED BY OUR SAD EASTER DAY PICTURE, RATHER THAN BY THE GLAD ONE?

CAPITALISM—THAT SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION AND PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF THE PRODUCTS—IS THE SOLE AND ONLY CAUSE.

Thoughts by Your Uncle

The order for an extra large number of mules to be sent to South Africa does not include the large number of two-legged ones about to be sent out from England.

Some of the P. N's are lecturing on the "Passing of Debssism." There's nothing like talking, you know, even if it's about nothing. To my mind the alleged existence of a "Debssism" is not half so fateful to the working class, especially now that its passage is so forcefully proclaimed, as the ever-present throttling, debasing and rotting influences of De Leonism. That it hasn't also passed should be cause for talking providing those interested dared to.

Carroll D. Wright, our learned statistician, has finally arrived at the conclusion long ago reached and scientifically proved by **The Socialist**, and that is that all the various employers' liability laws of the various states are absolutely worthless to the employes.

That the state ownership and control of the liquor business is the proper way out of this "joint" and "dive" business is well illustrated by the election returns from South Carolina. Not a prohibition vote was cast in that state, voters of that belief seeing that public ownership is better than the various other schemes that have been tried.

A straw from among the news items of one of our largest daily papers:

"The humbly in England may send a telegraph message by affixing the necessary stamps and dropping it in the nearest letter box. The savings wage worker may deposit his savings of shillings and pence at any postoffice and feel that he is positively secure beyond any possible misadventure; that interest and principal will be returned to him, no matter how financial gales may strew the investment highways with the wrecks of private corporations."

It is facts like the above that force many people into the path which leads to real Socialism, and the value of such items appearing in papers read by hundreds of thousands of men and women cannot be over-estimated.

The howl of delight now going up from the greed-maddened capitalist class who see in the Philippines another land and another people to be exploited, can only be compared with the howls of delight which no doubt would have rent the heavens from the throats of the Tories and Hessians had George Washington been captured.

In the Pittsburgh Dispatch is run a department of "Comment on Timely Topics," in parallel columns surrounded by a black border. It is not known whether it was an accident or whether the "make-up" was on to his job, but in that paper of March 29 a paragraph relating to President McKinley headed one column, while lovingly by its side at the top of the other column nestled a paragraph concerning the Czar of Russia.

"No divine right of kingship equals or is worth the divine right of American citizenship," purrs the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune. This is bumcombe. "A strike in the coal region can rightly be laid at the door of those (the mine owners) who could have averted it and in the pride of power refused," quoths the Philadelphia Times. This is a fact. In other words, American citizenship, however divine it may or may not be, doesn't amount to a hill of beans when it runs up against the power of private ownership of natural opportunities. If the fool people had half an eye they could see that one must be abolished that the other be preserved.

Another news item with meat for the student: "Fifty thousand woodworkers in Indiana produce \$30,000,000 value per year, and receive \$15,000,000 wages." That's \$1,000 per year product for each worker. A man could live pretty good on that and properly support a family. That's what he would get under public ownership. Let's see what private ownership gives

him: \$300! Quite a difference, eh? Isn't it just wonderful to vote for that and get it? What would the poor people do if they didn't have the good, kind, dear private employer and owner appropriate to himself over twice as much of the products of your labor as you receive. Personally, I hope next year he will swipe \$850 out of the \$1,000. It's what you deserve. And you'll get what you deserve as long as you keep voting as you do.

That little New Zealand sends her five letters to this country while we charge 5 cents to send one there is evidence, at least that we think more of fattening the dividends of our privately owned railroads and steamships than we do of the people's convenience. Incidentally New Zealand either owns or controls all of the railroads and therefore her legislators are not blessed with the presence of a railroad lobby to boost up mail carrying rates beyond the point of extortion.

UNCLE SAM.

DE LEON IN THE DEADLY PARALLEL.

From **The Weekly People**, April 6.
The Socialist of Seattle, Wash., welcomes an opportunity "to refute the irrelevant principle that unity of insight is essential to unity of organization."

The Socialist Labor Party, under De Leon's iron rule, has reduced the Socialist platform to one plank. They have only one test of orthodoxy. What is it? Something Karl Marx would never guess, even. It is not the recognition of "Surplus-Value." It is not the "Materialistic Conception of History." It is not the conquest of powers of government by the working class. It is not the Public Ownership of the Instruments of Production. It is not even the Evolution of the Class Struggle.

A man may accept and teach all these and still not be a Socialist. There is one inflexible touchstone, and only one.

Here it is: "The Essential Principle," says De Leon, and all his blind readers will repeat it after him, "the essential principle" is a correct insight into the Trade Union question. There you have it. Socialism of the strictest sort of the Pharisees, the latest and narrowest, finds its shibboleth in this one word, The Trade Union Question.

In action this means, belong to my little pet, the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, or you are no Socialist. Really!

Spokane Social Democrats propose to put a ticket in the field for the coming municipal contest.

Next week we will give the list of nominees.

No city or town should allow a single election to go by without taking advantage of it to teach Socialism. Nobody gets so much attention as the man with a vote about election time.

The Central Labor Union of Cleveland has voted to participate in the May Day celebration that is being arranged by the Social Democrats of that city.

In Cleveland the S. D. P. received 594 votes for Bandlow, candidate for mayor. Last year they had 600, but the total poll this year was greatly reduced, 20,000 voters not voting.

The S. L. L. got 393 votes against 810 last year.

Goldmann, a Toledo Socialist, was arrested by the hypocritical "Golden Rule" Jones' police for making a speech on a street corner. He landed in jail just in time for dinner, and shortly after was bailed out. He carried his "dinner" back to the street corner and displayed it to a large crowd. It consisted of a piece of bologna and hard bread.—The Cleveland Citizen.

The author of "The Evolution of Modern Capitalism," J. A. Hobson, everywhere acknowledged one of the ablest economists living, has accepted the Marx doctrines and joined the Socialist movement.

CHICAGO'S SOCIALIST VOTE.
Candidate of Springfield Branch of the S. D. P. Collins, 4712; Candidate of Chicago Branch S. D. P., Hoyt, 1,815; Candidate of De Leonite S. L. P., Peppin, 639. Total, 7,166.

The election issue of **Missouri Socialist** at St. Louis, is a typographical fancy and full of "hot stuff."
Fine half-tones of as fine-looking candidates as you ever saw grace its pages. And excellent propaganda material, so arranged as to catch the eye and impress the mind, fills the four six-column pages.

It particularly takes off the "Public Ownership" campaign of the small capitalists, showing how workingmen would be benefited not at all by such capitalist substitutes for the real thing. By the way, that is the fad just now all over the country—meet the Socialist proposition with this Municipal Ownership substitute.

We would like to have Brother Wayland, of **The Appeal**, tell us whether

in every instance. You waste time on any kind of reforms. Revolution is the word, the only word. The capitalist class must be dethroned and the "Dollar Gas" is a delusion and a snare. You'll never see the day. Sam Hill and Jim Hill and Tom Burke, Jimmy McElroy and Bletchen and Piles and Hughes and Hanford and the whole long list of them, big masters, little masters, are in one capitalist boat together and you have no thousandth part of a chance against them, so long as you leave them in power.
Workingmen, unite and vote them out. Then you can do as you please.

Comrade N. G. Gorrice, of Whatcom, called this week at the office of **The Socialist**. He went 32 miles to vote for Debs and Harriman. His son went with him and cast his maiden vote for the same ticket.

Comrade Gorrice reports that the last copy of **The Socialist** made a convert of a teacher who happened into his house last week.

We have similar reports of our paper's influence from many places.

LOCAL FAIRHAVEN.

Excellent things are reported from Fairhaven Socialists.

A Woman's Educational Club was formed a few weeks ago. The women are coming to see that Socialism means more for them than for any others. This is at least the second Women's Socialist Club in this state.

Will McLain delivered two lectures, one on the street and one in the opera house. Large crowds attended. Quite a number of new members were added to the Local.

Their present quarters at Fairhaven are too small to accommodate them and larger ones have been secured.

They propose to open a reading room.

At the last meeting of the Local it was ordered that 2,100 books be distributed in all the logging camps and fishing camps of the vicinity.

They are intent sending out two lecturers with stereopticons illustrating the machinery question in its historical development from the hand tool to the modern factory.

We are indebted to Comrades Cloak and Callahan for these news notes, some of which have been unintentionally overlooked.

We hope other Locals will follow the example of Fairhaven and Seattle and appoint a reporter to send items of interest to **The Socialist**.

LOCAL SEATTLE.

The propaganda meeting at Local Seattle of last Sunday evening was well attended. The speaker of the evening, Comrade M. Leites, selected for his subject "Why I Am a Socialist." He said that he is a Socialist because of the amazing inequities underlying the present system of society which makes the coexistence of millionaires and paupers not only possible, but absolutely inevitable. That he is a Socialist, because in the present system no rich or poor, can ever attain the enjoyment of freedom or the development of his natural faculties according to his mind and conscience. And because he recognizes the fact that under the present capitalistic regime every individual, policed as he is—physically by the state and spiritually by the church—is compelled nevertheless to be immoral or injurious to his fellow men.

The term "morality" itself, the speaker claimed, is only an adjustable term used to suit existing conditions. A man may steal railroads, pile up fortunes by forcing thousands of men, women and children into poverty and degradation, he may prostitute all the ethics and every decency, and yet be moral before the "existing laws" and "society"; he may even successfully aspire for high public offices, and become prominent. But if a man steals bread to feed his starving children he is immediately branded as an outcast, a criminal, a felon.

The speaker contended that a society whose morals are based on altruistic sentiments and on superstitious fear has no morals at all. Human thought and action, he said, are moved exclusively by self interest, with self-satisfaction or self-dissatisfaction as the cardinal regulators.

With the establishment of the Socialist Republic every individual will receive the full product of his labor, natural faculties and incentives, not

hampered by want and deprivation will have full swing for development to the highest degree, real individual freedom will be enjoyed by every individual and guided by self interest, will transgress or impose upon the freedom of others. This social change is inevitable; it is coming, irrefragably of all oppositions.

A question asked by a Russian emigrant precipitated a discussion on competition under Socialism. Comrades Lambert, Latimer and others showed conclusively that competition on the basis of merit and fitness will continue but the base competition for bread will cease. Men of superior ability will rise to positions for the exercise of all their faculties, but will disappear, unless a man chooses to live by himself in destitution.

Socialism offers no ideal concept of perfect brotherhood, but will remove the awful necessity for the struggle for mere existence which has heretofore existed, and thus give men a chance at least to become all that they are capable of becoming.

A C. Bunker has purchased Seaboard shop, 1102 Second Ave. C. Bunker Davis is employed in this shop, which should insure a good Social shave. His adv. will be found on the numerous business men who have foresight enough to recognize paper as one of the best advertising mediums in this state.

TREASURER'S REPORT & RECEIPTS.

Receipts.	
Previously reported	\$770
April 7, entertainment	10
April 7, books	10
April 7, J. Downing, donation	10
April 7, Mrs. Titus, donation	10
April 9, subs	10
Total	\$810
Expenses.	
Previously reported	\$770
April 7, printing No. 34	10
April 7, press work, Nos. 30, 31, 32	10
Bal. on hand	10

PLANT FUND.

Receipts.	
Previously reported	\$300
Previously reported	50
April 7, 200 lbs. paper	50
Bal.	50

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mch. 13, Bay View, dues	10
Mch. 14, Fairhaven, dues	10
Mch. 17, North Wood Mill, dues	10
Mch. 7, Apr. 2, Orchards, dues	10
Mch. 5 and 21, Pt. Angeles, dues	10
Mch. 8, Spokane, dues and papers	10
Mch. 29, Tacoma, dues	10
Mch. 14 and 23, Buckley, papers	10
Mch. 12, Tumwater, dues and papers	10
Apr. 4, Aberdeen, dues	10
Mch. 3, advanced by J. D. Curtis	10
Mch. 5, Granite Falls Organizer's fund	10
Mch. 8, Spokane, cards and constitutions	10
Mch. 8, Orchards, Organizer's fund	10
Apr. 2, Orchards, Organizer's fund	10
Bal in Treasury (Mch. 3rd)	10

Paid.

Mch. 3, Traveling expenses of treasurer	\$110
Mch. 3, Pd Organizer Spring	400
Mch. 12, Pd stamps	25
Mch. 12, Pd Butscher, P. O. order	10
Mch. 28, Pd stamps	10
Mch. 29, Pd typewriting paper	25
Mch. 12, Pd party papers	25
Mch. 12, Pd stamps and cards	10
(80)	10
Bal in treas. (Apr. 7)	150
IDA W. MUDGETT, Treas.	\$710

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WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD SOCIALIST

At this time, as well as when delivered before Local Seattle, this address is given only as the opinion of a single individual as to what constitutes a scientific or revolutionary Socialist.

On account of the ethical basis of Socialism, as well as the great moral benefits that will follow its adoption, a confusion exists in the minds of some as to its present nature. While the right of any one individual to make a religion out of his Socialism is not denied, the fact remains that neither religion, nor altruism nor morality is the test for a Socialist any more than it is for a capitalist. Undoubtedly some of these qualities would make a man more effective, but Socialism appeals to men just as they are. Some are moved by altruism, but the great mass of humanity is moved by its material interests, and it is to that which Socialism, as a political movement, points, trusting to comradeship and improved environment to develop better motives and higher qualities.

A Good Socialist must believe—First. In the class struggle.

He does not create it, but he clearly sees that it exists. He recognizes that the working class is exploited by the capitalist class, and that the interests of the two classes are directly opposed to each other. He therefore becomes class conscious. The solidarity of the capitalist class has long been evident to him and he now believes in the solidarity of the working class, and sees that, with few exceptions, there is no hope for workmen outside of intelligent and concerted action in the political and industrial field.

Second—In the materialistic conception of history.

Not that he must be a materialist—rather an evolutionist. Any one who does not give full credit to the effect of environment, can not be a good Socialist. Socialism is scientific and definite. It does not expect to win through the moral regeneration of mankind, but rather to improve mankind by furnishing better conditions. Socialism is modern. It is as absurd to call Christ a Socialist as it would be to call him an anti-expansionist. Socialism has been made possible by the present development of industry and would not have been possible two thousand years ago.

Third—In the collective ownership and operation of all the means of production and distribution.

This would inaugurate, the co-operative commonwealth. There is a world of difference between this and the "step-at-a-time" paternalism which the capitalist parties are using as a sop to divert the attention of those inclined toward Socialism.

Why does the capitalist press of this city, open as it is to every "reform," refuse to mention even the name of The Socialist. They recognize that scientific Socialism goes to the heart of the question, and that is the last thing that they desire. For instance—under capitalism, a workman saves one cent of his care fare, and pays two cents to his landlord in increased rent. Under Socialism, he would save three cents on his care fare and be his own landlord. Socialism is practical.

A Good Socialist must believe—Second. A Worker.

He can be neither a rich idler nor a tramp from choice. Being a useful worker, mental or physical, gives him a vital connection with the working class consciousness. Lacking that, he is apt to prefer his individual interests to the interests of his class and sell out at a convenient opportunity.

A Co-Operator.

One might possess all the above mentioned qualifications, but if he lacked the co-operative spirit he could not be a good Socialist. He who, without calling upon others to unite, cannot subordinate his own peculiarities to the good of the cause, is out of his proper place in the Socialist movement. Such a one is usually excessively suspicious and balky, if in the movement, or if outside has an overweening confidence in his own ability to get his share in the scramble. Single Taxers are not Socialists.

3rd—Democratic.

One of the first acts of the Puritans who came to this country for religious liberty, was to deny it to others.

Slaves often make the most cruel masters. The enlightened Socialist must always possess that toleration of the opinions of others and that regard for their rights, and especially the right to be heard, that characterizes the noble cause to which he is attached. One who is dictatorial and domineering, overfond of having his own way, and especially one who lacks faith in the ability of the working class to solve the economic problem, is not only out of place in our movement, but a positive danger to it.

Unusual ability on the part of an individual does not call for arbitrary actions. Rather should such a one be at more pains to consult the opinions of others, recognizing the principle of democracy, and at the same time training them better for their part in the great work.

Thus imperfectly is presented an outline of what a good Socialist should be. All may not agree with this ideal, and the writer himself knowing this to be merely a development of his former conception, hopes to ultimately attain that ideal which shall be most useful to the cause of humanity.

J. D. CURTIS.

NOTICE.

The applications of James Sturgeon and J. M. Cameron for membership in the Socialist Educational Union have been received and will be voted upon at the next regular bi-monthly meeting, May 5, 1901.

Any others wishing to have their applications acted upon at that time should see that such application, together with 25 cents dues for first month, are in the hands of the Secretary of the Socialist Educational Union by April 16.

MAY DAY CELEBRATION AT GERMANIA HALL.

The Seattle Local will celebrate the International Labor Day of the International Workingmen's Association in an appropriate manner Wednesday evening, May 1st, commencing at 7:30 p. m. Rally to the cause of Socialism by turning out in large numbers.

Tickets 25 Cents. On sale at S. D. P. Headquarters, 320 Union St., and at the office of "The Socialist," 114 Virginia St.

Are you trying to get new subscribers for The Socialist? We have not had time lately to talk about that. But we ought to double our list again the next three months. We can, if you will help to get just one new subscriber. It is dead easy to get one for ten weeks, and almost as easy for six months. Try it.

Said a poor woman, washing out by the day: "They're all talking about Socialism where I live, and I think it just lovely."

For the poor, and especially the poor women, it is indeed the loveliest message ever heard in this hard world.

To be delivered from the terrible grind of work, work, work. No rest, no recreation, no pleasures, but just one eternal infernal treadmill. Women prematurely old, with bowed shoulders and slave faces, leading about sickly children.

To these, Socialism brings promise of plenty of food and clothing and shelter and leisure.

Oh, for the "Right to be lazy" once in a while!

Give us the luxury of Ease and Leisure and Abundance.

Indeed, that is a "lovely" story. Talk away, fellow workers, Socialism is no dream. Get your men to vote for it and we will have it.

THE EDITOR'S ERRORS.

The editor regrets the forbearance of the comrades in many respects.

A good many letters are received every day and some of them get overlooked or mislaid and forgotten.

The Socialist has grown from nothing to the largest weekly circulation in the State of Washington in the short space of eight months. The editor has had only a very limited experience in newspaper work and almost no editorial assistance. He has to attend to his professional duties in order to get a living. He rarely gets to bed before 2 o'clock in the morning and nearly always is up the whole of Wednesday night at work on this paper.

The Socialist has had no office at all, not even a desk or a paper file; no facilities for doing business such as the most ordinary offices demand. Why? Because we could not afford it. Local Seattle has given us the basement of its headquarters in which to place our printing office. But it was so dark

we had to use electric light, and so damp the printer caught erysipelas.

We made movable tables on wooden horses to do our mailing on. One comrade gave a small table in which he made four compartments, one labeled "Editor," one "Business Agent," one "Chief of Subscription Department," and one "Chief of Mailing Department." That was our outfit, our "plant."

Not a cent of salary has been paid to any one. Most of us have paid many dollars for the privilege of conducting this paper, and spent many hours, days and weeks of hard work besides.

Comrade Downey and the Holt-kamps & Phipps before him, spent many nights, after their day's work, in copying names of subscribers upon three separate lists. When you think that Comrade Klamroth sent in 108 names last week in one batch, you will see what that means. But that work had to be done in a cold bedroom. We had no office and no desk or desk-room.

Our mailing list had to be kept in one place, cash book in another, subscription list in still another.

We are just now getting a new office, though that will cost us nothing for rent. If it did, we could not afford it.

Now, why tell all this? So that you may all know why errors and delays have occurred. Many new subscribers have written to say they had not got their paper. Others say they come irregularly.

Well, you will perhaps understand now. It has been physically impossible for one man in the few hours after work, and not a skilled penman, to do the copying in time.

every Local and other organizations as well in making this a grand success. We propose to arrange monthly tours in the various states and have one speaker or more if necessary stump for Socialism.

The idea is to get every Local to agree to hold at least one open-air meeting each month and if any organization desires to hold them often the N. E. C. will see that speakers are supplied.

Our object is to reduce the expense to each Local or organization to the minimum, and the following has been adopted: Each Local is required to pay the speaker \$2 for his day's services, his railroad fare from the point he had previously left, and to take care of him while he stays with them. We shall try and arrange the tours so that the railroad expense will be trifling to each Local, which will make the entire expense of each meeting a small matter.

We think by arranging these circuits and sending a different speaker over the route each month a great interest will be taken by all comrades in the work, which will create new enthusiasm, and the result can only be beneficial to the movement of the class-conscious proletariat for economic freedom.

Tours are now being arranged so as to begin our open-air campaign on May 1st the latest. We submit this to your Local or organization and hope that you comrades are interested enough in the cause to agree to arrange at least one meeting a month on the above basis.

Kindly advise us at once as to the decision arrived at so that your city or town can be included in the circuit; also, how often a speaker will be required. Yours fraternally,

WM. BUTSCHER,
National Secretary.

NOTES BY RANDOLPH.

Ah There, Lawyers! I read in a book of statistics the number of men in this country that practiced law last year.

Now that separate businesses, who fought each other at law, have joined the trusts and quit fighting, I wonder if the same statistician will give the number of lawyers who have ceased practicing law and taken up the practice of economy?

Then and Now.

Saw a picture recently of a house-raising as it was done 100 years ago. Took about 50 men to do it, and was the sensation of the whole community for a month.

Today as you leave home for your business you see a load of lumber dumped on the adjoining lot. When you return at night there stands a new house with a sign on it "Furnished Rooms to Let."

Possibly this is slightly exaggerated, but at any rate the ratio of speed in building now and then is as inches to feet. Listen, I heard a voice saying, "Well, as people had comfortable houses then, this extraordinary speed must furnish them with palaces now."

That voice, reader, came from the man in the moon. No one living on earth, possessed of a speck of brains, would fail to know that all the advantages that accrue from the improvements of machinery and methods belong of divine right to the Carnegies, Goulds, Rockefeller's and all the bloated capitalist class.

Why, the bare idea that the man who works should aspire to have a nice home! Such a superficial remark!

Why don't you consider?

It is not a fact that nearly all people in this country 100 years ago had homes of their own, and does not the Republican and Democratic statisticians tell us that the population is rapidly abandoning their own homes and moving into "furnished rooms?"

This ought to back any intelligent man that it is not intended by the capitalists that the working class shall be annoyed by the cares of a home of his own.

They appreciate the efforts of the workers. They see how hard we have to work, and they, in the magnanimity of their hearts, have kindly volunteered to relieve us of the cares and burdens of a home assuming that arduous duty themselves.

This does they sweetly exemplify that divine injunction, "bear ye one another's burdens."

Apologies to Russia.

The P. I. gives the following child labor law now in force in Russia: "Children under 12 years old cannot

be employed in factories, and those between 12 and 15 cannot be worked more than 10 hours a day. Mill owners are required to furnish schooling for their child employees or let them go to near-by schools in the day time. Children cannot be employed in factories at night more than 4 hours.

"Children under 17 and women are prohibited from working in textile factories."

My! How I wish we had as good laws in Georgia as those! But perhaps some day we may catch up with Russia.

We're Not in It.

The Associated Press on Sunday morning gives "complete official returns" of the election in Chicago.

It shows the full vote of the Republicans and Democrats.

Somehow I got the erroneous notion that there was a Socialist ticket there.

Fits!

A neighbor tells me that I am foolish to ever expect the rights of the working men to be respected. He says it is only a question of the "survival of the fittest," and the man who will not work will absorb the products of those who will.

So you think that the man that will not work to earn his living and is willing to fatten off the sweat and blood of honest men, is "fit"? What a preposterous idea that is!

Fit for what, in the name of common sense?

Just think of it! Industry, sobriety, honesty, fairness, are "unfit." Scheming, cheating, manipulating, laziness, self-indulgence, are "fit."

Such a view of life is enough to give one a "fit." W. C. B. RANDOLPH.

The claim that everybody can now get work is false and criminal, besides who wants to work for a mere money of what he creates, when he is entitled to all? This false claim that there is work for all, would not be made if men did not feel guilty of wronging their brothers by denying them an opportunity to toil and to own a home. There is no blacker crime on this earth than to deny a man the right to own a home every honest worker.

The worker must have a home with all the comforts that the industrial progress of the age makes possible, and the idler must do useful work if he would eat. It is so decreed.

The fact of birth undoubtedly gives to every child the right to use the earth. Can this be controverted? If not, then by what means is the child of the poor robbed of this inalienable right? In my estimation there are three robbers responsible for the injustice done the poor, and these are rent, interest and profit. But the church defends and protects every one of these robbers, and while doing so they talk about "justice" and the "will of the Father," as if either can exist in a world of plenty where the toilers go hungry and only partially clad, while the exploiters, the idlers, are "clothed in fine linen and fare sumptuously every day."

It is the "will of the Father" and common justice that these vipers dread.

STATE COMMITTEE S. D. P.

SEATTLE, WASH., April 6, 1901. Present, Mrs. Ida W. Mudgett, H. F. Titus and J. D. Curtis.

Minutes read and approved. Moved and carried that \$15 be paid to J. D. Curtis, part payment of money loaned by him to state committee.

Secretary read communication from National Secretary in reply to communication from State Committee on the unity question, saying that every effort would be made to effect unity. Also letter from National Secretary in regard to arranging a tour through Washington of C. H. Vail, National Organizer.

Moved and carried that secretary be instructed to reply to same, stating our desire to co-operate in the matter, and also write to Locals of the state in regard to the matter, and arrange details of tour.

Moved and carried that the secretary write to the National Secretary in regard to the status of some of the Locals of Washington which are delinquent in dues.

Moved and carried that a referendum be submitted to the Locals of Washington in regard to the time and place of holding the next state convention S. D. P.

J. D. CURTIS,
State Sec. S. D. P.

