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## THE PROTEST.

Said the great machine of iron and wood,  
"Lo, I am a creature meant for good,  
But the criminal touch of Godless greed  
Has made me a creature that scatters seed  
And want and hunger waerever I go.  
I would lift men's burdens and lighten their woe.  
I would give them leisure to laugh in the sun,  
If owned by the Many—instead of the One.

"If owned by the People, the whole wide earth  
Should learn my purpose and know my worth:  
I would close the chasms that yawn in our soil  
Twixt unearned riches and ill paid toil.  
No man should hunger, and no man labor.  
To fill the purse of an idle neighbor,  
And each man should know when his work was done,  
Were I shared by the Many—not owned by the One.

"I am forced by the Few, with their eyes set for gain,  
To forge for the Many new fetters of pain;  
Yet this is my purpose, and ever will be,  
To set the slaves of the workshop free.  
God hasten the day when, overjoyed,  
That desperate host of the unemployed  
Shall hear my message and understand,  
And hail me friend in an opulent land."  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## Dialogue

Between Mr. Schwab, \$3000 a Day Slave, and Mr. Steel Worker, \$2 a Day Slave.

Steel Worker—Mr. Schwab, I'm only getting on an average \$2 a day, and a long day at that. I think I ought to get more pay and shorter hours.

Mr. Schwab—Why should you get more pay and shorter hours? I think \$2 a day might be good pay for a laboring man. You fellows are always grumbling in spite of the fact that we've raised your wages two or three times already.

Steel Worker—But you see we don't work all the time, and rents and grub and clothing are so high that \$2 don't go far as \$1 did two or three years ago.

Mr. Schwab—Oh, well, but you fellows are a thrifless lot. You spend half you get in pleasure resorts and for beer and tobacco. If you stayed at home and saved your money you'd have enough and to spare.

Steel Worker—But a man has to have some fun or he'd go mad. Think of working 10 hours at 160 degrees. It's like hell. If it wasn't for my family I'd give up and take to the road.

Mr. Schwab—Well, I can't help it if the air is a little hot. I don't know of any other way to make steel; and remember, you don't have to work if you don't want to.

Steel Worker—No, I know I don't have to work. I could starve. But when it comes to the point I'd a little rather work than starve. But if it wasn't for my wife and kids I'd give up wanting for ten hours in 160 degrees of heat, just in order to keep life in me.

## Good for the Brewers and Carpenters.

There's a Labor Day row in Columbus, Ohio. Committee of arrangements invited Gov. Nash and a lot of other politicians to make the customary mushy speeches. Thereupon the four brewery workers' unions and the carpenters withdrew, announcing that they would hear a speech from one of their own class or nobody. Good for them.—[Cleveland Citizen, official organ Cleveland Central Labor Union.]

And the silence of Seattle union's official organ on these questions is becoming actually painful to those who look through it for real labor news and live records of unionism's doings.

## Labor Fooled by Capital.

**Webster's Definition of Socialism:**  
A theory of Society that advocates a more precise and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of mankind than that which has hitherto prevailed.

**Capital's Definition of Socialism:**  
A Theory that advocates a dangerous and awful disarrangement of Society  
**POISON! ANARCHY! BEWARE!**



NOTICE! Beware of Socialism! It is Dangerous! Don't read anything on the subject. Continue to vote the old party ticket, and let capitalists revel in luxury on the fruits of YOUR labor. Slaves have no right to read and think. If you should read a Socialist paper it might cause you to think. Don't do it.  
(Countersigned) Capitalist Labor Editor Rice. (Signed) MARCUS AURELIUS HANNA.

## HOW TO UNITE THE STRIKERS.

The American Federation of Labor, by its president, Gompers, is giving only "moral" aid to the Amalgamated Association in its great struggle with the steel corporation. The Locomotive Engineers gave them the cold shoulder. The Locomotive Firemen are lukewarm.

The South Chicago steel workers refuse to go out because they have signed a scale of wages yet unexpired. The tube workers out on sympathetic strike with the Amalgamated are afraid the A. F. of L. will not stand by them. So there you are. If the great strike fails it will be due to the divisions in ranks of organized labor.

What will bring all workers into one solid body which cannot be defeated? Only one thing—the clear consciousness that the interests of all workers are identical.

The San Francisco workingmen are setting a splendid example to all their class. They stand together in a most remarkable way—teamsters, longshoremen, engineers, everybody. That's the way to win. STAND TOGETHER!

The Frisco unity must be due to the Socialist teaching which has long been taught by our California comrades. Only when the workers learn the Socialist doctrine do they see why they should stand together. Then they see there is a class war going on, that there is an irreconcilable antagonism of interests between Capital and Labor.

Make a Socialist of a man and he won't waste any time trying to patch up a truce with Capital. He won't try to reconcile the interests of Capital and Labor. He will FIGHT Capital from start to finish. He will stand by his brother worker every time. His motto is, always, "Workingmen, Unite!"

## NANAIMO HEROES.

Did you read what a glorious deed was done by the Nanaimo coal miners? They have been thrown out of work by the San Francisco strikers, as there is no one to unload their coal at Frisco? Have they complained? Not a murmur. On the contrary, they have passed a resolution of sympathy with the strikers, urging them to continue the fight, and even contributing toward the strike fund.

You milk-and-water moralists, always worshipping heroism in the dim past, what of this present instance of heroic action!

Such is the spirit that strikers are made of in this twentieth century. By the way, the Nanaimo crowd are pretty well leavened with Socialism. Maybe that accounts for it!

It won't be long before Labor will celebrate its own Labor Day on May 1st, not a Capitalist Labor Day like this one in September, graciously granted Labor by its master, Capital. A Capitalist government will never do anything real for Labor, be sure of that, not even grant a Labor Day, except to blind the workers' eyes.

Vandervelde's "Collectivism" for sale at this office, 25 cents, postage prepaid. Every Socialist should read it.

## Good for Everett's Union Men

A big meeting of striking iron workers and their friends was held in Everett Aug. 28 in the Labor Hall. President O'Brien of the Machinists' president and W. MacClain spoke. After a lengthy and intelligent discussion of the question, the resolutions declaring for Socialism, passed at the meeting held in the Armory, Seattle, were unanimously endorsed.

Union record(?) please copy again.

years old! Mr. Schwab—Well, there are children on the dumps not over 5 years old. I don't know as your children are made of any finer clay than the rest of them.

Steel Worker—Oh, no. I don't think mine are any better than other people's kids (barring yours, Mr. Schwab), but I've always had a notion it's kind of against nature for 5-year-olds to be working on coal dumps and in slaughter houses and in sweatshops, and so on, but it sort of looks as though that's the way things are going now. I didn't suppose, though, the capitalists would take little children for their victims.

Mr. Schwab—Why, what nonsense that is. What have we to do with victims? We are here to make money and the only way to make enough of it to satisfy the stockholders is to keep down wages, continue long hours and put the children to work. You have no idea of the trials of a business man. I've got to have a million a year myself, and I have got to see that I get it, too.

Steel Worker—Don't you think it's pretty hard on us fellows that we've got to put our children on the coal dumps in order that you may get that million a year?

Mr. Schwab—Now there's some more of your nonsense. Why, man, there're millions invested here, and we've got to make our profit. In order to make our profit we can only pay just so much for labor. If you're not satisfied with what you receive get the rest any way you can. If you put your children to work, that's your business, not mine. We've got plenty of chances for children, of course, for that cheapen's the cost of labor. But don't blame me, I'm only doing what you would do if you had the chance.

Steel Worker—I see how it is, Mr. Schwab, and I don't blame you. But I'll tell you what I do think: This is a

most damnable government to allow such things, and I guess the workingman hasn't had much to say about the government, and I guess the government hasn't had much to say about the workingman, but I'll be switched if I ever vote for such a government again. Good-by, Mr. Schwab. I'll have to get my children to work, I guess.

AUNT SALLY.

In reply to a little advertisement, "Girls Wanted," by a Jersey City cigar firm, about 400 men and boys blocked the entrance to the factory. On the outer edge of the crowd were some 300 girls. The men shouted and clamored for work, saying they could do anything the girls could, and would work just as cheap. The manager was obliged to summon a force of policemen to drive them away. So it would seem that there is really much prosperity in the land—for the capitalist class. This species of prosperity can be increased indefinitely by the "sovereigns of labor" continuing to vote the same old tickets.—[Commonwealth.]

The fruits of the unity convention are being felt. Special election was held in Sedalia, Mo., and the enthusiastic Socialists, pleased with the outcome and the outlook, got out and hustled, with the result that their vote was increased from 101 last fall to 324. The republican and democratic parties got scared, threw off the mask and combined, polling 976 votes.

# THOUGHTS, By Your Uncle.

WM. HERWIG of Ohio, aged 24, misled by a capitalist talk of prosperity, ventured into business, lost all he had saved, and despondent because he couldn't become a big skinner of men, blew his brains out. Thus doth the capitalist majority of future elections grow less and less. This latest victim of misplaced confidence has probably gone to a place where "full dinner pails" cease from troubling and incentives are at rest.

A SEATTLE bookstore has a sign in its window, "4 off on all Bibles," and still the place is as deserted as ever. Seattle has a tough enough name in the east as it is without advertising the fact that her citizens had rather pay list prices for novels than to invest in Bibles at even second-hand rates. But maybe they have discovered the fact that the Bible is a mighty poor guide to follow if you wish to succeed nowadays.

THE distinguished consideration of certain and various capitalist labor editors is most respectfully and courteously called to an article in another column from a real labor paper, and one which is a true union record.

THE committee of twelve workmen from England who are now in this country for the purpose of studying industrial conditions have an interesting view before them. The gist of their report to the mother country will probably be to the effect that the American workman puts in a day or two getting ready to vote for what he doesn't want, and then puts in the rest of the year striking, starving, rioting and getting shot in celebration of his joyful victory at the ballot box.

THE daily papers say that old man Kearns of Tarrytown, N. Y., was poor, foolish miser because he starved himself to death with thousands of dollars in his possession. Strange. For when workmen, surrounded by wealth inconceivable, even merely protest against starving to death, the very same press calls them fools and idiots and howls for troops to prevent the workers from doing what the miser was called crazy for not doing. The foregoing sentence is not exactly as clear as I wish it might be, but it is a danged sight clearer than the consistency of the capitalist press.

Two targets costing \$15,000 each have been erected at Sandy Hook for gun practice, and it is expected they both will be demolished with two shots. Rather expensive targets, and some of the democratic papers are lamenting the cost. They probably yearn for the good old days of Chicago, Albany and Homestead, where targets for gun practice were both plenty and cheap.

THE shingle mills are about to be shut down for a month or so to help keep the price of shingles. This is gratifying indeed to the poor devil of an idiot who voted for capitalism and higher prices and who now wants to shingle his back. It is passing strange, however, that some capitalist paper has not attempted to head off the shutdown by computing the thousands of dollars in wages that will be lost to the workers by this "enforced idleness." But I suppose that in the golden lexicon of capitalism "enforced idleness" by striking workmen who want living wages is of different definition than is "enforced idleness" by capitalists who want riotous profits.

FURTHER proof of the eminent fitness of English capitalists to reign over South Africa is furnished by the fact that the number of persons on the famine list in India is decreasing. Only 507,493 are starving to death over there now. It is hoped that when this week's figures are recapitulated and returns are in from all the graveyards the famine list will show a further gratifying decrease.

THE daily press is now inspiring the perspiring workman with the hope that when Edison's cement patent gets to working houses can be "poured" so cheaply that they can be rented for \$10 a month. In view of the fact that the true rental value of nine-tenths of the best-built residences in the country is not \$10 a month, and would be far less than that under Socialism, the capitalist press must take workmen for fools to expect them to joyously pay \$10 a month to live in a cement mould. Considering, however, the way workmen continue to vote to build mansions for someone else and live in styas themselves I am inclined to coincide with the opinion of my capitalist brother editors as to their mental condition.

**MONDAY IS LABOR DAY.**  
It is the day when Labor is supposed to take a few minutes off from the rush to pile up wealth for someone else and think a little about itself.

Unfortunately, however, thanks to self-seekers, mis-called "leaders," Labor is made to believe that not only it mustn't, but it can't, think. All it must do is to parade in scant and gaudy regalia, applauded by women in cheap calicos and cheaper finery, and stared at by open-eyed, ill-dressed, poorly-educated children.

It is pitiful to watch the shambling gait of the workers, bent and bowed by hard and unrequited toil, but it is still more pitiful, nay, shameful, to see them led to believe that this one day of particular leisure should not be used to investigate why they are bent and bowed, why they never receive only a bare existence in return for all the wealth they create, why they wear snobby and their wives calico, why their little ones are in the workshops instead of the schools, why they must seek with their parades the cheaper streets to win applause, and why they dare not enter into pleasures for the day save those that are free or comparatively little cost.

Every city in the land, in the "downtown" districts, will respond to the marching of Labor's hosts. Guided in their ignorance by the self-seeker, the labor fakir, the man who yells "no politics" if Socialism—the only hope of the workers—is mentioned, and then forces the endorsement of some capitalist politician who promises an impossible reform, in many cities Labor Day will draw to a close without one word having been said that might guide the hosts of Labor into the path which alone leads to their deliverance. In too many cities will Labor Day mean but a half-enjoyed holiday, even enforced among themselves by threats of fines and expulsions, a mean oasis in the desert of wage serfdom, with but a spring of brackish thought that gives neither refreshment nor strength to defeat the human tigers that will drag them down on the morrow.

Workers, why be ye not men! Can you listen unmoved to the wails and woes of those you love that ye pass idly up the street, thinking only of the tinsel glitter of pageant and the small plaudits of a few of your own class, with no expressed wish for better and with no courage to hear the truth?  
Wage slaves! Ye are not worthy of better. Inconsistency? Thy name is Workingman!

Else, when Socialism would point the way to freedom, why cry "no politics," stop your ears with fingers hard and scared, and then perpetuate your miserable existence and plunge yourselves deeper into slavery by voting the politics of your masters, politics pointed out to you by the white hands of those who shared not Labor Day with you, and who point with smothered finger only because of the roughness of yours. But, thank God, in some cities ye are men. In some cities ye are listening to truth.

In some cities the hold of the fakir and the capitalist labor editor is loosening, and more and more is Labor Day becoming what it should be—a day when those who toil may come nearer

to the sight that shows them clearly the hopelessness of their industrial struggle, the vainness of their efforts toward amelioration, the foolishness of the hopes of their wives and children for homes and happiness, unless manfully as befits American workmen, and intelligently, they seize boldly the very weapon which enslaves them—the ballot—and use it as have their masters, to advance the interests of THEIR class.

To deny the study of economics by the cry of "no politics" is the act of either the knave or the fool, the criminal or the coward.

The Socialist gauntlet lies at the feet of the Labor Fakir, and he dare not pick it up.

Evil thrives only in darkness, and they who would mislead labor always shun the light.

Right and Wrong cannot go hand in hand, and they who traffic on ignorance are the first to cast a stone at Truth.

Oh, Labor, be wise to your own needs, your own rights. And if any there be who would block your path because of self-seeking sweep them aside as chaff. Your rights and those of your families are far greater than the right of self-advancement of any individual.

Let Labor Day mean something. It can teach everything.

But an empty parade is not knowledge, and the building of a labor temple of lesser proportions even than their masters' stables, shrunken and dwarfed in comparison with the costly edifices erected by the prostituted mouthpieces of those who fatten upon you, and on a far less central and prominent location than sits the city jail, is but a monument to your shame and servitude if with that you are content and refuse to listen to the call with which the world is ringing.

If Labor Day passes and you listen to not a word of Socialism, of industrial freedom, of economic justice, then would it have been better that Labor Day had never dawned.

For the fetters will sit firmer on your wrists, and the chain of ignorance, uncertainty and fear that binds you to Wage Slavery, with its attendant horrors of poverty, interrupted employment, strikes, riots, hunger, suffering and degradation, will be welded still more strongly by those who ride upon your back.

And he who says this to you, brothers, though what he says may sound cruel on your ears, and as painful as is the surgeon's knife in removing a poisonous cancer, yet he is one who aided in the first celebration of Labor Day, one who has marched in your ranks for years, and one who has, till sick at heart, toiled by your side with the dulled tools of "no politics," finding the capitalist wall about our industrial prison growing higher and thicker, while on its hardened surface our tools made not a mark.

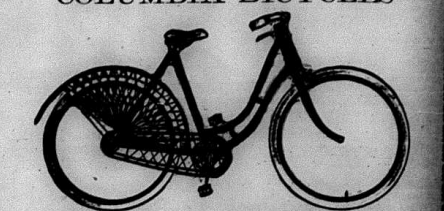
UNCLE SAM.

### A Fair Question.

The Dayton Manufacturing Co., of Dayton, Ohio, has sued its "hands" for \$25,000 damages, claiming to have been injured to that amount because its metal polishers went on strike. The suit is undoubtedly based on similar cases brought in the states of New York and California, and if the courts find in favor of the plaintiffs the few dollars that the workers may have accumulated by reason of cheating their stomachs and those depending on them, will disappear. It is getting to be mighty dangerous for trades unionists in this country to own property. The capitalists need it, they expand for it, and they are bound to get it one way or another. The Dayton polishers have been satisfied, in the past few years, to continue to vote to endorse the present capitalist system and all its iniquitous laws, and are now reaping the whirlwind. Make no mistake, the courts have no use for unionism, and if there is any way in which the union people of Dayton can be made to suffer and their capitalist exploiters can be enriched, it will be discovered. Meanwhile, how are the metal polishers, machinists, molders, etc., going to vote this fall? It's a fair question.—(Cleveland Citizen.)

Never received so many returns from an advertisement in my life.—(Second avenue merchant.)

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(From the Exposition, Saginaw, the leading trades union paper of Michigan.)

In an interview given out Monday, Secretary-Treasurer Williams of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers said:

"I tell you this question (the right to organize) will have to be settled some way—if not by peaceful strike, then by legislation. If legislation fails, the ballot will be tried. If all else fails I believe that it will result in an appeal to the bayonet. I tell you there is a condition existing today that places this country on the eve of one of the greatest revolutions that ever occurred in the history of the world.

For many years it has been the rule for officers of the Amalgamated Association to take the stump in every political campaign and advocate the election of their masters to power. Their late president, M. M. Garland, is even now reaping the fruits of his political expediency in a federal office in the city of Pittsburg, the storm centre of the strike.

President Shaffer and other officers toured the country only last year in the interest of the very capitalists who are now exerting all their power to crush the union.

It looks like the supremest folly for men who have persistently rejected the ballot to talk of an "appeal to the bayonet." A class of labor leaders in this country willingly close their eyes to the great CLASS STRUGGLE going on all about them, and brazenly insist that "the interests of capital and labor are identical," and all the while the fight goes on for higher wages for the working class on the one hand and for greater profits for the capitalist class on the other.

How can Mr. Wilson and his kind get legislation in their interest, when by their own votes they have blindly given the power to legislate into the hands of a class whose economic interests are diametrically opposed to those of the working class?

When Wilson says they will try legislation first, and then the ballot, he puts the cart before the horse, for until the workers learn to intelligently use the ballot they will never have a chance to try legislation.

In no other country on earth have the working class such great political power as in the United States. They may, if they will, overthrow presidents and congresses, governors, legislatures and courts, and change laws and constitutions to suit themselves—all by the use of the ballot. Why, then, this impotent whine about an "appeal to the bayonet"? Men who have not sense enough to make an intelligent use of the ballot can expect nothing from the bayonet but prods in the rear as it is thrust into them by the armed forces of their masters.

To use the ballot rightly it is necessary for the workers to understand their interests are, and then to elect men of their own class to make laws in furtherance of those interests, judges to interpret such laws, and governors and other executives to carry them into effect.

So long as we fight for "wages" only so long do we consent to servitude; but when the working class comes finally to know that as all wealth is the creation of labor, so all wealth should belong to labor, then will we join together at the polls and take possession of the reins of government, and through the government take over the industries, to be operated for the benefit of those who produce the wealth.

The country is surely on the eve of a great revolution. The great steel trust, the railroad trust, the sugar trust, the copper, leather, oil, cotton, lead, ship-building, salt, type, starch, and any number of other trusts have all perverted their part in the EVOLUTION of industry under capitalist rule, for the benefit of the capitalist class. The REVOLUTION will come when the working class use the ballot intelligently, a Socialist ballot, and take possession of the trusts in the name of all the people.

No bayonets, no bullets—these are the weapons of anarchists, reactionaries and capitalists—nothing but the ballot in the hands of the class-conscious workmen of America.

The strong, after appropriating the land (a product of nature) and the instruments of production and distribution (the products of the multitude) in sanctimonious gall turn to the proletariat with a fatherly "Thou shalt not steal!" and woe to the poor devil charged with a petty theft who has not complied with the rules of muniting as established by our masters.

The robbing of one another must be done, but done systematically, say our successful deplorers, and so entangled are we in the network of their institutions that we can have no business relations (nor hardly any social) with one another without being a purloiner or the victim of one.

No person can be honest while controlled by the principles of thieves. We may, perhaps, choose the style of thief we will become, but whatever kind it chances to be, it looks ill in us to condemn other varieties. It is unseemly for "the pot to call the kettle black."

What are we to do, you ask? Well, let me make a proposition: You, reader, join the Socialists and do your share to help inaugurate an economic system of society where theft will be non-essential in the acquirement of those things which the human soul demands. A society where every able-bodied man must do his share of labor or starve, a society where every man, woman and child will be guaranteed their share in the necessities, comforts and pleasures of life, produced by the social labor of all the able-bodied in the land. Chattel slaves labor for their masters; are poor, dependent upon the whims of owners for food, clothing, shelter, and are kept in intellectual darkness. Wage slaves toil for "employers," are poor, dependent upon the whims of monopolists (supply and demand) for wages with which to procure food, clothing and shelter; are illiterate, or else are instructed in non-essentials, parrot and monkey fashion, that which is termed "education" being mainly mental and physical gymnastics, or tricks such as beasts of burden may acquire.

Just now there is a tendency to teach experts in drudgery in polytechnic schools. Of those slaves who "work for themselves" the market is the master, and its exactions are as rigorous as those of any other stripe. One system of exploitation is simple and direct in its execution; the other is complex and roundabout.

As society is constituted today it is either plunder or be plundered. There are two classes with conflicting economic interests—one the class of employers, the other the class of wage-workers. There is a struggle between those two classes—a struggle between those who produce all the useful things for society and those who, parasite-like, produce nothing but their kind.

The capitalist governments says, "You must fight, and I will see fair play." A socialist government would stop the fight, would give to every worker economic equality and the product of his toil. The Socialist Party is the only working class party; its platform is solid as the earth itself. If you do not wish to plunder or be plundered your place is in the Socialist Party.

ALBERT STROUT.

Comrade Willard Barringer, of Dayton, O., after five months spent on the road—as a "drummer," not as a tramp—writes to a Socialist paper: "I have become more a confirmed Socialist than ever I was before. The last five months has put me where I could hear the rumblings of discontent among the small middlemen, grocers and retail dealers. The growling of the merchant where competition is sharp is of a nature to convince a thinking man that beyond doubt there is wide discontent in every trade and calling; and the puny effort of the small dealer to compete with the great stores, is sabinely ridiculous, were it not so serious a matter.

Applications for membership in the Socialist Educational Union, to be voted on at the next bi-monthly meeting:

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The competitive system makes nations murderers, makes business men liars, makes men who work hate each other and struggle for material promotion and advantage. It makes of some scabs and outcasts—Ismaelites—and society is made one seething hell in which there is no real love or happiness among men. Competition produces poverty, the corner-stone of crime; it subjects the weak to annihilation; it produces strikes and wastes labor and effort; it produces the marble heart and casts out love and mercy; it brutalizes the race and arouses the savage instincts of past ages; the ministers become mere politicians and compete with each other for care of rich churches and big salaries.

The Magdalenes array themselves in gala attire and parade before the lecherous world for trade. It destroys morality, enslaves children, makes professions of women who would otherwise be honorable mothers. It is destroying the nerves of the people, fillinz our asylums and prisons, and our almshouses are monuments to the infamy of the system. And the greatest wonder of the whole system is that men can be found who are either ignorant or base enough to support the damnable system that has made such a black page in human history.

Now, the Socialists propose to substitute collective ownership for private capitalism—co-operation for competition. When this is done the bitter struggle for existence will cease, and enmity and strife engendered under competition will cease. This would produce a new society based upon economic justice which would be like entering a new world. The struggle for great wealth would cease because the people would have no want, and the very fear of want would cease.

A society based upon a just economic basis would be a society in which industry and moral worth would be the test of a man's social standing. Under the present system the standing of the individual is based upon the possession of wealth. All of this Socialism will result for the good of the whole people.

—[Social Economist.]

A hobo (tramp) writes to the Chicago Times-Herald regarding the widely advertised wages of \$3 a day for harvest hands in Kansas. He says it is a fraud. The little middle-class capitalists offer \$1.25 a day when you arrive in emigrant coaches at "special" rates. If you don't go to work, merchants in small towns refuse to sell you anything to eat. If you do go to work, you are compelled to start at 3:30 in the morning and toil until 8:30 in the evening. Your food consists of fat pork and corn bread, and when pay day comes, after the harvest, the little capitalist would-be plutocrat has a list of "extras" to deduct, and you draw less than a dollar a day. Then, when you leave, the railroad charges 2 cents a mile, and if you "bum" your way the marshals in small towns rob you outright. It is a great bunco game, and the daily newspapers are the "cappers."

The capitalist class bias-phemes against holy writ by denying that men plough, and sow, and reap, that they may eat; build that they may inhabit; weave and spin in order that they may be clothed. It not only withholds its assent to this biblical proposition, but for such a protracted period has it enforced its will that only that which it can sell shall be produced, that this absurd dictate is now numbered as the Eleventh Commandment. It is the Socialist who is accused of outraging morality when he asserts that no "rights" of private property should be allowed to invalidate man's natural right to live by labor and to enjoy the full measure of well-being he can secure by co-operation with his fellows. "Thou shalt not work unless thou create a profit for thy master," is for the capitalist all the law and the prophets.

—J. Hunter Watts.

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The Socialist party, in National convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the increasing uncertainty of livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society in two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers.

The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the face of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and schools, and enables them to reduce the workmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of the working class is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage-workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, the Bourgeois and Socialist Ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the

collective powers of capitalism, by concentrating themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition of Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate:

1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts, and combines. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, to the improvement of the service and diminishing of the rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working men against sickness and lack of employment in old age and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be furnished by the government and to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of eighteen years, as state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in advocating these measures as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movement as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

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THE PERSON SITTING IN DARKNESS.

By Mark Twain.

Extending the Blessings of Civilization to our Brother who Sits in Darkness has been a good trade and has paid well, on the whole; and there is money in it yet, if carefully worked—but not enough, in my judgment, to make any considerable risk advisable. The People who Sit in Darkness are not so shy. And the business class is now left really by an indifferent quality, and not dark enough for the getting to be too scarce—too scarce game. The most of those People that Sit in Darkness have been furnished with more light than was good for them or profitable for us. We have been injudicious.

The Blessings-of-Civilization Trust, wisely and cautiously administered, is a Daisy. There is more money in it, more territory, more sovereignty and other kinds of employment, than there is in any other game that is played. But Christendom has been playing it badly of late years, and must certainly suffer by it. The hour of reckoning has been so eager to get every stake that appeared on the green cloth, that the People who Sit in Darkness have noticed it—they have become suspicious of the Blessings of Civilization. More—they have begun to examine them. This is not well. The Blessings of Civilization are all right, and a good commercial property; there could not be a better, in a dim light. In the right kind of a light, and at a proper distance, with the goods a little out of focus, they furnish this desirable exhibit to the Gentlemen who Sit in Darkness:

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PARTY NEWS

State Committee—Chairman, J. D. Carter, 1720 15th Ave., Seattle, Secretary, Treasurer—Joseph Gilbert, 1284 1/2 Ave., Mail Building, P. O. Box 67, Organizer, A. G. Selbert, 64 W. Cedar St., Seattle, Assistant Organizer, J. M. Cameron, 114 Virginia St., Seattle, Chas. S. Wallace, Hawthorn, Wash., Meetings every Friday in each month, 20 Union St., Seattle.

Local Seattle—Headquarters, 230 Union St.—Recording Secretary, G. H. Peters, 2022 Boren Ave., Financial Secretary, Joseph Gilbert, Box C. T., Organizer, A. G. Selbert, Librarian, G. C. Peterson, Business meetings, first Friday evening of each month, Social meeting every Friday evening, 220 Union St., popular every Sunday evening at 7:45, Germania hall.

LOCAL

Don't forget the socials at headquarters Friday evenings. Free to members and their friends.

Many of the comrades were missed Sunday evening, but as most of them were out of town, holding meetings and organizing locals, they will probably give good excuses for their absence.

Mr. Shelding, the single-tax lecturer, who came west in the vain hope of inducing the people to support that middle-class reform scheme of taxation, will address the Germania Hall meeting Sunday evening. It will probably be one of the warmest meetings we've had, and not a comrade should miss it.

Those who can ought to encourage the Building Trades Council by attending its Labor Day ball in Germania hall Monday evening. The members of the unions composing the council are rapidly recognizing the necessity of Socialism, and a little friendliness will encourage them to step into the path they must sooner or later follow.

One result of this paper's determined stand in favor of true unionism as against capitalist fakirism is the making friends to Socialism though in every way they differ. They will not continue much longer to strike against their wage-slavery shackles 304 days in the year and re-visit them on stronger than ever on the next day, until democratic or republican ballots.

Anarchoes is waking up and talking about organizing.

Our folks enlisting. Several new members in sight.—E. S. Martin of Olympia.

The Journal of Haines, Wash., is the most lighted paper in the United States. It refuses to take The Socialist from the post office.

Comrades Cameron and Lindwall are making the fur fly in Snohomish way. Meetings are held every day, lists of subscribers are being sent in, and when they make their reports there will be new locals to add to Washington's already long list.

Everett had a big house-warming Sunday. The new hall is a dandy. Mr. Squires and Comrades Melain and Selbert were among the speakers. The evening meeting was held in the evening. The hall has several live members, among whom are Comrades Whartenby, Graybill, Walsh and Seagrave. Everett is starting off with flyers colors and other locals will have to hurry to keep up with the procession.

NOTES AFIELD

An exchange says the union members of Colorado for the Socialist Party, and they have secured Debs to make several Debs.

Our new national committee has issued a circular urging all members to join the union of their craft and to aid the Amalgamated Association in their strike financially and otherwise.

Hamilton, Ontario, unionists are congratulating their president, Samuel Lacroix, over his splendid address at the Socialist picnic in Toronto recently. The Hamilton unionists are "Socialists, too."

The Montreal Federated Council of Labor has resolved that the City Council of Montreal for the Socialist Party, and they have secured Debs to make several Debs.

A united Socialist movement, under the name Socialist Party, means a largely increased vote and a clarifying of the political atmosphere. Hereafter another party claiming to be Socialist has gathered in many votes obviously intended for the old democratic ticket, and the dropping of the word "Democratic" will do away with misapprehension in the minds of the voters.—Regina Exponent.

According to latest reports, the Social Democratic party in Bohemia numbers 400 locals, with 17,027 members; 31 political groups, with 9670 adherents; 261 societies for instruction and education, with 15,214 members, and 154 unions, with 167,067 members. The party owns 11 political organs, two of which are dailies, 17 professional papers, one satirical paper, and three scientific publications circulating 1,000,000 copies. The cost of the executive committee is in France.

To Advance, S. F.—Don't you think it about time to hand down that notice at the head of your column: "The official organ of the Socialists of the Pacific Coast? The Socialist was an "official organ," just as much as Advance, when there were "official organs" though neither of us stood especially for the Pacific coast. We never thought it worth while to object, no more, just in the interest of making down your misnomer, Brother No. 48. And while you are about correcting papers, send The Socialist due credit, as time you quote from it. Yours truly,

CORRESPONDENCE

PLEASE NOTICE!

Comrades who write to The Socialist will please enclose at least 2 cents in stamps if they expect a reply by mail.

We have had so many requests for the use of our cartoons from all parts of the country that we are obliged to decline to all. Otherwise we should have no cuts left in our files. But any comrade welcome to reproduce those cartoons by giving us credit, and return The Socialist correspondents have already done.

Want to Make It Better Yet?

Send me a bundle of No. 581 I will distribute same among my friends and try to get you some subscribers. Have worked considerably for the paper the last three years and generally take 25 copies a week. I consider No. 581 of The Socialist as superior for propaganda purposes to anything the paper ever sent out. Enclosed are a few suggestions for cartoons. A. C. Palmer.

It's Socialism Growing.

Spothane, Wash., Aug. 19.—I am glad to see such an evidence of prosperity as your edition of the 11th indicates. W. J. Walker.

The Imprisoned Fishermen.

Provincial Jail, New Westminster, B. C., Aug. 17.—In behalf of the comrades and myself who are imprisoned, we would send our greetings to the comrades—and also The Socialist for the fear's course it is pursuing for Socialism. One of the comrades messages got in to The Socialist occasionally, which is eagerly read and passed around. A prisoner here who knows very little about the class struggle was loaned a copy, and the next day he said, "Rogers, have you any more of those Socialist papers. Why, this is a working-man's paper." So we were glad to work go on. I suppose some of the comrades would be interested as to why we are in jail. I will tell them. We belong to a fishermen's union. We struck. The masters armed the Japanese and told them to shoot the union men. We did not take 'em to such proceedings; the masters said we had broken the King's law; were arrested; had a sham trial before the masters' servants; sent to jail; dangerous men to be at large, not men of substance, hence jail refused. So there you are. But to be serious. When we think of all the degradation and misery and wrong, and the wrong class endures, and of the noble sacrifices that have and are being made to better those conditions, our imprisonment seems mere bagatelle. We were pleased to see in The Socialist of the Unity between the Socialist Party. In conclusion, I do not know how long the masters will keep us in his law and order prison. Nevertheless, comrades, remember the ballot, and the masters start with \$500,000 vote for Socialism in 1904. Comrades, you can do it. Your comrades, Joe Deplaine, W. A. Rogers, F. Welling.

That's Right, Husle in the 30's.

Muscatine, Iowa, Aug. 20.—believe my last two weeks have been run out, and as I like it I herewith renew. A comrade to whom I showed your last issue thought it was all O. I only wish I had a regular illustrated paper, as pictures in the Socialist speaks louder than words. Everyone will look at pictures, when they will not read anything on a subject they do not wish to take an interest in. I wish you success, and whenever I can get you a subscriber here I will send in. J. W. Zetler.

That's the Sort.

Danville, Ill., National Military Home, Aug. 15.—Enclosed find my sub. for ten weeks. By that time I will send money and the names of several friends to whom I wish the paper sent. I am taking several Socialist papers now, but I will still take more, as the more one gets of a good thing the more they want. I always read my papers and then loan them out, and then bunch them up and send them away to others. There are several Socialists here. R. A. Nott.

Got to Let 'Em In.

Nanaimo, B. C., Aug. 19.—I send you two important items about one individual, our "labor" friend, Ralph Smith. The mines here started working today loading steamers which were unloaded by scabs in Labor. Where, oh where is Ralph's much boasted union principles that he allows his union to load these steamers? I suppose if anyone raised an objection to working Ralph would denounce him as a "radical." Ralph Smith is a delegate from the Labor Movers' union to the Trades and Labor Congress, and he is bound by instructions to support a motion to admit Socialists to the latter body. A gas explosion wrecked No. 9 mine extension last week, but owing to the mine being shut down and deserted an account of the Frisco strike no one was injured.

A Prohibitionist Sees the Light.

Fairhaven, Wash., Aug. 20.—Enclosed find a coin card for another six months to you to your noble paper. I think The Socialist the best paper I ever read, and the cartoons are splendid. They attract people and get them started reading, when they would not otherwise have looked at the paper. I was a Prohibitionist before I read The Socialist, but it set me to thinking, and I can plainly see now that the Prohibition party can never accomplish its purpose under a capitalist government. So long as a man is profitable we will have him, but I want to say to my Prohibition friends that under a Socialist government there would be no chance to make vice profitable, because it would not need a profitable party to put it down. Yours in the fight. G. W. Armstrong.

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