

THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

"Workingmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains: you have a world to gain."

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HOW SHALL WE "GET COAL"?

A. M. SIMONS in "Boycot Weekly".

The question which is now agitating the whole country, inspiring editorialists, giving rise to investigative committees, threatening our great cities with coal riots, and in general attracting public attention—a typical question of our present society—is HOW SHALL WE GET COAL? The problem is not one of how to dig coal. That was solved long ago. It is not a question of how to transport it where it is needed. We have the most wonderful transportation system the world has ever known. With coal as with everything else, the question today is not one of producing goods, but of "getting" them when they are produced. The self-binder, steam-thresher, elevator, railroad and roller mill can prepare the grain for the use of man far faster than it could possibly be consumed. YET THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE UNABLE TO "GET BREAD." This is not because of the stinginess of nature. Her stores of wealth are boundless, and their secrets are being unlocked at a rate far more rapid than the increase of population. There are single States in the Union that could furnish bread for the world with the intensive methods of cultivation known to modern agriculture. The known coal beds of the United States cover nearly 200,000 square miles, more than the area of the entire British Isles. Steam, steel and electricity are being applied in ever more effective ways to coal production. YET THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA ARE UNABLE TO "GET COAL!" What is the trouble? When fuel was cut on the old "wood lot" by the farmer and his sons and hauled to town during odd spells there was no trouble. The trees lasted and the strength of the workers held out in "getting" fuel. Today there are ample workers at the mines. President Mitchell tells us there are thousands of miners still clamoring for their old positions which have been refused them. But nothing is said about this in the same daily press that has so much to say about the wickedness of those who are at work wickling people from "getting" coal by taking a holiday on Christmas Day. The old "bob-sleigh" has given way to the "mogul" locomotive hauling mile-long trains of mammoth pressed steel cars—certainly a far greater improvement in transportation facilities than is demanded by the increased use of coal and fuel. What then is clogging the action of these wonderful new productive forces, until a nation is left shivering and freezing, the lives of thousands are shortened, industry paralyzed, and a land filled with vain cries for warmth? It is because these new and exhaustless resources, these improved and more effective means of producing and distributing wealth, which are operated collectively by "great industrial armies to create national necessities are owned by a few individuals who take no part in production and have no interest beyond possible profits in the satisfaction of human wants. It took but one man to use the ax and "bob-sleigh" and it was fitting that this one user should own them. But today when it takes a million men to dig and transport a nation's coal we still permit a few individuals to own the sources of supply and the tools with which these million work. Worst of all, THE MEN WHO OWN THESE TOOLS ARE NOT THE ONES WHO USE THEM. The one motive which moves these owners to action is profits. They desire the production of coal, not that people may be warmed, but only that profits may come. If profits can be obtained easier by withholding from the market what has already been produced, and thereby raising the price of the diminished quantity which the people are permitted to use, then cars will be left standing on the tracks and ships left laden in the harbors while women and children, the sick and the aged die for lack of the warmth which the coal thus withheld for profit might supply. The way to "GET COAL" is to REMOVE THAT OBSTACLE. The way to remove it is to make the mines, the coal-breakers, the railroads and coal yards the property of those who must use these things. What can only be used collectively should be owned collectively. There will then be no one interested in keeping coal from the people who want it. There will then be no class of profit takers riding upon the backs of the producers and the users of coal. THAT IS THE WAY THE SOCIALISTS WOULD "GET COAL."

YOUR OWN GAME.

By J. L. McGarry.

My friend, do not ask me to worry my soul because of the price you are paying for coal. 'Twill be worth all it costs you, if you will but heed The lesson that's in it—a lesson you need. I distinctly remember that, not long ago, in conversing with you I attempted to show That each human being, by virtue of birth, Should share in the natural wealth of the earth; That its God-given bounties were never designed For a favorite few, but for all of mankind; And that its treasures of gold, iron, silver, or coal, And the like should belong to the race as a whole. And not be allowed to be held or possessed By a few, as a means of oppressing the rest. The preceding remarks, and indeed many more In substance the same, I have made heretofore; Your answer was honestly truthful and frank: You deemed me a fabulous dreamer, a "crank"; Equal rights to the bounties of God, you insist, Never can, and indeed, never ought to exist; The doctrines announced in the great "Declaration" Our forefathers signed at the birth of the nation, Were only intended to tickle the ear, And are worthy of naught but a laugh and a sneer; And Jesus's teachings—his famous mis-named "Golden Rule"—from the Palestine mountain proclaimed, By one who was never in business himself, Is obsolete; long ago laid on the shelf; It is right for the strongest and brainiest man To head off his fellow, and seize what he can, And use the control of our common domain To extort from his neighbors a fraudulent gain; So, in case of my needing coal, iron, or stone, I must pay someone else for these things—of my own. In thinking it over you'll readily see You must believe this, if you disbelieve me. Now watch the result of a business transaction That ought to afford you complete satisfaction: A few dozen men have acquired the control Of the national stock of our anthracite coal; Of "ours," recollect; but "our" share of the task Is to pay what it pleases the coal-trust to ask; Six dollars last winter—and this winter ten; Next winter—who knows what the price will be then? YOU can not complain when the anthracite clan Extort from their fellow men all that they can; You looked for a future when YOU should be known As a reaper of harvests you never had sown; That YOU should be skinned was no part of your plot— But how do you like it as far as you've got? If you are outplayed at the end of the game That YOU have selected, who else is to blame? And similar trusts, by the dozen remain, Unscrupulous, soulless, and greedy of gain; And since you are one of the persons who must Be lashed by injustice ere you will be just, I venture to say that ere long you will learn (Perhaps not before your last dollar is gone), Some lessons you now superciliously spurn; And so the good work, Evolution, goes on.

How To Do It.

Do you want to help effectively in the most important work now before Illinois Socialists—the organization of the State? If so, the best way is to help out by selling tickets for the great theatrical performance at Glickman's Theatre on Feb. 4th.

Our Jewish comrades are pushing this with might and main. Turn in and help them. It is possible to raise a clear \$900 if the affair is made successful. Tickets are on sale here at 181 Washington street. Get a supply and sell them. Money is much needed and there is no better way to get it than by hustling this affair. For the State Executive Committee, JAS. S. SMITH, Sec'y.

13TH WARD GETS BUSY.

Comrade Crook, in his article on the increase of the Socialist vote, called attention to the fact that the 13th ward was behind the procession. Evidently his remarks have made a deep impression on the comrades in that ward for they have planned a campaign of education which will surely bring them forward. In the first place they have planned to have their candidate for alderman, Wm. H. Kellogg, address a letter to the voters of the ward, urging them to study the Socialist question. This letter will be delivered to every voter in the ward by the comrades, in sealed addressed envelopes. Enclosed in the envelopes together with the letter will be a mailing card asking all who voted "right" at the last election to send their name in to the secretary and also telling those who fill out and return the card that they will be supplied with a certain amount of free literature. When these cards are returned, a three months subscription to the Chicago Socialist will be sent to them. In addition to this, they propose to hold mass meetings every other Friday night, at the Temple, at which good speakers will be in attendance. The first meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 30th, at the Socialist Temple, 120 S. Western ave., at 8 p. m. Comrade Breckon will be the speaker of the evening, but a novelty will be introduced which is of interest to all comrades in the city. The Soap Box Oratory Club, which meets weekly at the Temple, will give some of the best of their talent a chance at public speaking. These comrades are progressing finely and every Socialist whether they live in the 13th ward or not should attend this first meeting. A lot of new talent is being developed. Remember the date, Friday, January 30th, at the Temple.

The anarchists fight us and the Republicans fight us and they both use the same arguments. Do you know what that means?—Socialist Voice, Fort Wayne, Ind.

THE CITY CAMPAIGN.

Statement by the Campaign Committee of the Socialist Party of Chicago.

The Socialist Party of Chicago has nominated a full City and Aldermanic ticket to be voted for April 7th next. The Socialist Party being composed of workingmen and women seeks control of our municipal government for the purpose of securing every benefit to them and the speedy establishment to the Co-operative Commonwealth, in which the people will own the machinery of production and distribution. Through which alone the rights of all to life, liberty and happiness can be secured. And it will not descend to the level of such "practical politics" as means the advocacy and support of those palliative "reforms," which even if honestly and intelligently applied, would but modify some of the effects of the capitalist control of the machinery of government, and the more firmly anchor all the basic causes of our present municipal incompetency, corruption and dishonesty. This is in brief the aim and object of the Socialist Party in every city, state, nation and the world at large. It includes every reasonable demand, every hope, and every aspiration of the working class. It looks to the working class to accomplish its own emancipation by electing workingmen to office, instead of depending upon leaders. These aims and objects will be presented to our fellow citizens more fully by our candidates, speakers and writers under the management of the Campaign Committee which is already at work. To carry on this work, funds will be required. These must come if at all from the small earnings of the wage workers whose numbers alone make it possible at present for their small contributions to supply our needs. Our reliance being solely on the number and not on the amount of each contribution, we urge all our comrades and all unorganized Socialists to each constitute himself or herself, not only a contributor to, but a solicitor for our campaign fund. Such contribution will be acknowledged by name or otherwise, when desired, in The Chicago Socialist. To the increase of the Socialist vote from 100,000 in 1900 to 300,000 in 1902, Chicago contributed 20,000 votes. This entitles our party to the third place on the official ballot. In some cities in this nation our ticket stands first, and second. With your financial and political assistance we hope to bring Chicago to second, and in the future, to first place on the ballot. Note the Party name, SOCIALIST PARTY. Make all money orders, etc. payable to James S. Smith, Treasurer, Socialist Party Campaign Committee. THOS. J. MORGAN, Chairman Campaign Committee. THOS. K. BATES, GEO. T. MILLAR, Finance Committee. JAS. S. SMITH, Campaign Manager.

CAMPAIGN FUND RECEIPTS TO JANUARY 11TH.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes: Previously reported \$128.71, Van Middlesworth acct. 1.00, J. Wahlquist 1.00, John McGill on acct. 2.00, A. Levinger on acct. 50, L. Harrack 1.00, O. Rubenstein on acct. 1.00, C. W. Lindgren 1.00, M. Mortimer on acct. 50, Total \$146.71. JAS. S. SMITH, Fin. Sec.-Treasurer.

Mass Meeting at Headquarters. Last Sunday's afternoon meeting at Headquarters, 181 Washington st., was declared off because of lack of chairs. We are all right this week. Meeting begins promptly at 3 p. m. Comrade Millar, of the Street Car Men's Union, and candidate for City Treasurer, will speak. Tell your trade union friends to be present. Free floor. Discussion follows of address.

CORRECTION. In the Financial Report of the City Secretary last week an item of \$120.00 was omitted. Said money was paid to the State Secretary for Due Stamps for the month of December. Comrades will take prompt notice of this.

EDITOR. When men learn that there is no difference between profit and theft, and that the eradication of the former means the eradication of the latter, the universal brotherhood of man will become a reality instead of a dream.—Coming Nation.

ANCIENT AND MODERN "FORESTALLERS"

Away back in the good old times, long before the virtues of a "business man's administration" had been discovered, these enterprising individuals who tried to do on a small scale, what coal mine owners, railroad corporations, and big capitalists are now doing, were confronted with many difficulties, which do not exist in this era of enlightenment and progress. In those times such people were usually known as "forestallers" and "regraters," and the "public opinion" of that day took very practical measures to express its dislike of their methods. The term "forestaller" was applied to those who bought all the visible supply of some certain necessity and raised the price afterwards, or as we should say to-day, "cornered the market." The "regrater" bought and sold goods in the same market, for the sole purpose of profit making. Both were regarded as "enemies of society" at that time. Various penalties were devised to discourage the business ability and foresight of these gentry, amongst which may be mentioned, triple damages, double costs, forfeiture, imprisonment with bread and water diet. Sometimes one ear was clipped from their heads, and sometimes the offender stood in the pillory and was taunted, or perhaps pelted with mud and filth by the outraged "consumers." In those days there was no such thing as securing a continuance, getting a change of venue, appealing to a higher court, or any of the thousand and one methods of legal delay known to the present age. At least these things didn't exist for the "forestaller." He had no politicians or judges at his beck and call, and "justice" was always dealt out to him promptly and impartially. There was no question whatever about the possibility of enforcing the laws against him. Those laws, with modified punishments of course, for we are too humane to torture a criminal in the 20th century, are still on the statute books. And now there is talk of proceeding against the individuals or corporations who have cornered the coal supply of Chicago, as "forestallers of the market."

Such proceedings may or may not take place. But one thing is certain. There will be no punishment of any kind for these "forestallers." Even though the law be there, its enforcement is impossible. And yet if the punishment were proportioned to the crime, these men would deserve a far heavier sentence than the ancient "forestaller." The latter at best could only raise the price on several hundreds or at most a few thousands of people. He had to operate in a very limited sphere. There was practically no communication in those days as we understand it now. No railroads, steamships, telegraphs or board of trade "tickers." He might possibly corner the grain or wool of some small locality, but it is altogether probable that the people of the next county neither felt nor knew of his operations. And it was just because he was a small thief, and could not be a big one under those conditions, that the law could be enforced against him. And it is because the modern "forestaller" is an infinitely bigger thief, that he will escape. Because he can corner the necessities that millions instead of a few hundreds require, no punishment can be inflicted upon him by laws. He has grown so big that he is bigger than the law. His depredations and his power increase in the same ratio. In the olden time, law was not made for the benefit of the "business interests." But it is now.

Robbery and extortion of the great mass of the people has always been the foundation of class society. No matter how these classes succeeded each other, the robbery went on the same, only under different forms. This robbery cannot be abolished through the laws at present existing. Such laws are made, maintained, and interpreted by and for the present ruling class. To abolish it, the producers must make themselves the RULING CLASS, and take from the capitalists their law making power, just as they formerly took that power from the great landholders. That is the only possible method. And there are only two ways of doing this. By physical force or by the SOCIALIST BALLOT. The former is not possible at present. The latter is. And until power is thus taken from the modern "forestallers and regraters" it is the sheerest folly to expect that they can be punished by existing law, which is their own creature; just as foolish as it would have been to imagine that the great land holders could be punished by similar means while they remained the ruling class in society. But in all probability it will take considerable freeing and starving before the plundered and exploited class will learn how to deal effectively with the "forestallers and regraters" of the twentieth century. Power to do so they now have, but yet lack the consciousness of its possession, and the intelligence necessary to use it. That will grow however as a knowledge of Socialism spreads, and will ultimately bring about the complete disappearance of class society, and the robbery and extortion upon which it is based.

LATEST LITERATURE

New Books on Socialism. The comrades will find in the following list of books an opportunity to make a choice selection of literature for propaganda and self-education. Notice the books of Father McGarry and Hargrett: Collapse of Plutocracy, E. Boehman..... \$1.20 Socialism, Walter Burnham..... 1.00 Spirit and Soul, Clarence S. Burrow..... 2.00 Capital, Karl Marx..... 2.00 Capitalist Society, Chas. G. Smith..... 2.00 Beyond the Black Ocean, McGarry..... 30 The Silver Age, E. Boehman..... 30 Past and Future, Leo Tolstoy..... 30 Capital and Labor..... 30 Crimes and Offenses, Hargrett..... 30 Socialism and the Labor Problem, McGarry..... 30 Economic Demerits, Hargrett..... 30 A Voice from England, McGarry..... 30 The Proletariat, Kautsky..... 30 Capitalist Class..... 30 Impending Crisis, E. Boehman..... 30 The Workers of New England..... 30 Eighteenth Brumaire, Marx..... 30 A large and complete stock of all the standard literature of Socialism, including all the publications of Chas. H. Kerr & Co. Any book published will be furnished as list price, correspondence being careful to give full name of book desired and publisher. No person need be a member of the Chicago Socialist Party to get any book they want through this office. Address: THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST, CHAS. H. KERR & CO., BUSINESS MANAGERS. A sample copy asks for your subscription.

NEWS NOTES OF THE WEEK.

"Dakota Sieve" has come out for Socialism. Wm. Thurston Brown will tour part of Ohio this month. There are now thirty four Socialist locals in the state of Iowa. 'Nother new child labor bill is up before the Illinois Legislature. Six Socialists have been elected to the provincial council of Mantua, Italy. Social Democratic Herald will be enlarged to seven columns on Feb. 14th. A Socialist paper "The Tribune" has been started at Johannesburg, South Africa. Arkansas has organized nine locals of the Socialist Party in the last month. Ohio Socialist state headquarters will be removed from Dayton to Cleveland. John P. St. John, prohibitionist ex-Governor of Kansas is seemingly "coming our way." A Western tour extending to the Pacific coast is being arranged for Father T. McGrady next summer. Oklahoma Socialist Convention held Jan. 1st declared emphatically against political fusion or compromise of any sort. Omaha, Neb., Socialists have placed a full ticket in the field and are pushing the local campaign with great vigor. Socialist of Berne, Switzerland, have elected seven new members to the city council in addition to the two already there. Comrades Franklin H. and Mrs. Wentworth are now engaged on an agitation tour through Maine and Massachusetts. The Strickland-Jones agitation combination will work through Indiana next month. In March they will go west to Colorado. Bobby Burke has been marked O. K. by a ruling of Judge Brentano, in the matter of withholding the fees of the oil inspectors office. A professor of history in Russia has been sentenced to six months imprisonment, for the crime of being suspected by the police. Thirty four Socialist senators were recently elected to the French Chamber. One third of the senate is elected at one time in France. Letter carriers of Ulica, N. Y., recently arranged to present a theatrical

Prosperity Pickings. "Times are hard," said the Picked Chicken. "Why," said the Rat; "this is an era of prosperity; see how I have feathered my nest." "But," said the Picked Chicken, "you have gotten my feathers." "You must not think," said the Rat, "that because I get more comfort you get poorer." "But," said the Chicken, "you produce no feathers and I keep none." "If you would use your teeth," interrupted the Rat. "I—" said the Picked Chicken. "Without consumers like me," said the Rat, "there would be no demand for the feathers which you would produce." "I will vote for a change," said the Picked Chicken. "Only those who have feathers should have the suffrage," remarked the Rat.—Life.



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Socialist City Campaign 1903:

For Mayor - CHAS. L. BRECKON. City Treasurer - GEORGE T. MILLER. City Attorney - THOMAS J. MORGAN. City Clerk - HJALMAR F. LINDGREN.

PLATFORM.

- 1. The Socialist Party, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles of international socialism as expressed in the platform adopted at the National convention of the Socialist Party, at Indianapolis, Ind. 2. We call the attention of the wage workers to the fact that the Socialist Party came into existence because of the division of Society into two opposing classes—capitalists and wage workers.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that since the Socialist Party is an International Party committed exclusively to the interests of the working class and an integral part of a world movement, it cannot locally or otherwise fuse or ally itself with any other party, without losing its essential character.

AS TO "SLUGGING COMMITTEES".

A correspondent who evidently has no particular use for trades unions or their methods, inquires whether Socialists endorse the "slugging" or non-union men, as revealed in the recent enquiry in which the Brass Molders Union was involved.

There are still a multitude of people who imagine that a Yes or No is quite sufficient to answer any conceivable question that can be asked. Our correspondent is evidently one of them.

He has his mind made up on this question. He thinks "slugging" is "wrong." If anybody else says it isn't, he knows that that fellow is "wrong." But if he were asked his opinion as to the rightness or wrongness of the employers hiring spies and informers to mix amongst the union men, to pretend to be of them in order to betray them and then bear evidence against them at the enquiry, he would probably hesitate and declare that the employers had to do it to protect their interests. And that is exactly what the employers themselves would say, and do say.

And that answer is good for the union men—they had to do it to protect their interests. It may not have been the best way, but it was the only way they knew. The employers knew this, and laid plots to prevent it by hiring the spies.

In short, this system of society forces both sides into a struggle in which neither can afford to be choice about the weapons they use. Right or wrong doesn't apply in this case.

In the eyes of the union man, the "slugger" who "slugs" in his interests will, while not altogether "right," be more nearly so than the hired spy of the employer. The employer can only see this exactly reversed.

Both would probably dislike being employed in either capacity, so they hire others to do the slugging and spying, and this shows beyond question that neither have very definite ideas as to the rightness or wrongness of what they do or get done.

One thing however we will tell our correspondent. If the union men KNEW THE BEST WAY of protecting their interests, they would abandon the sort of "slugging" they are now charged with, and the employers instead of being glad, would at once raise the howl that the world was coming to an end.

And the union men will yet discover this best way, and will have to use it to protect their interests. Instead of getting non-union men "slugged," they will unite to form one great "slugging committee" out of the entire working class, and "slug" capitalism to death with Socialist ballots on election day.

Socialists not only endorse a "slugging committee" of that sort, but are actively engaged in getting it together. And when it finishes the job good and proper as above stated, there will be none to say that it isn't "right."

THE "DARROW MOVEMENT".

While the growing tendency of the working class to break away from the old political parties is now undeniable, it is nevertheless true that the now popular phrase "independent political action," by no means signifies in every case a complete rupture with traditional political ideas.

Outside the Socialist movement, independent political action of the working class cannot exist. Such local movements arrogating to themselves this title, in every case show that their promoters still cling to and reason from many of the ideas, which capitalism instills in the minds of the workers for the perpetuation of their own slavery.

The circulation of petitions requesting Mr. Clarence S. Darrow to accept the nomination for mayor on a so-called "independent" ticket is a case in point.

Whether there be political trickery on the part of the abrewed capitalist politicians in this move is not now to our purpose, though it is altogether probable. But there is no doubt that there is also a sincere desire upon the part of many who are circulating these petitions to secure the acceptance, nomination and election of the individual of their choice.

The letter of solicitation which heads the petition blanks shows in itself every ear-mark of capitalist reasoning. While asserting that the petitioners are tired of "slavish political dependence" upon "party bosses," it requests the candidate to accept the role of "boss" himself. "The time is ripe," it declares, "for the MAN and the movement to step in and end these conditions."

The man first and the movement afterwards. The old game of

leader and followers. Not a single word about inculcating self-reliance in the workers. The "man" has been found. The "good man" who is to work wonders for a trustful following, who without him would be helpless. The "friend of labor" has at last been discovered, and the "time is ripe." In what does this differ from the capitalist conception, that sees in the working class, mere voting cattle, useful only to place some "man" in office? The very "slavish political dependence" against which the circular seems to protest, is in fact the foundation upon which it is based.

Behind the "man" there is no trace of an organization, no policy of concerted action, no definite object to be achieved. Around his personality alone the movement, if it can be called so, centres. It is a one-man movement simply and solely, and the measure of its strength is merely an index of ignorant working class discontent—the same factor that has been used innumerable times to ensure and perpetuate capitalist class rule.

Whether the "man" accepts the nomination thus thrust upon him by fool friends of the workers, or not, is a matter of little concern to the Socialist Party. Such political will o' the wisp it expects to be confronted with until a clear conception of independent political action is attained by the working class. But when the report is persistently circulated that any such nominee is a Socialist, it becomes imperative upon the Socialist party to expose the falsity of such "retensions as far as may be possible.

We believe that Mr. Darrow himself makes no such claim, and there is no reason to believe that he will do so in case of accepting the nomination. But we do not propose to permit the advocates of his candidacy to represent him as such, without denial.

It would be difficult to classify Mr. Darrow. That he is not a "democrat" in the current meaning of the term may be admitted notwithstanding his long connection with the Democratic party. The term "radical" is too vague and indefinite, though it has a great attraction for those who admire "brave words." If there is any word in the language that perhaps more nearly expresses Mr. Darrow's political ideas than any other, that word is anarchist. This however will in all probability make little difference to those who regard him as a Socialist. With them it is the individual not the principle, that is to be considered.

No betterment of conditions can be achieved FOR the working class by the election of any individual however brilliant. Such results can only be attained by the working class itself, relying upon its own strength, organized upon distinct class lines, and with a definite object in view. The Socialist movement is the only one in existence that complies with these requirements and the only one whose success is eventually assured. Its international character, efficient organization, steady and continued growth in spite of the fiercest opposition mark it distinctly as the only working class movement containing the elements of success.

During its rise and progress it has seen the beginning and end of "one man" movements innumerable. It will see the end of this one also, and probably many more such, before repeated disappointments teach the workers the necessity of relying upon their own intelligence and power in the struggle for economic freedom.

However there is no effort altogether wasted. Successful failures eventually compel men to seek the only possible road to success, and are therefore not without their uses. And in this sense those who would set Mr. Darrow up as a political idol, are teaching their dupes, and themselves perhaps, a lesson, which though expensive, will not be wholly lost in time to come.

Ohio Makes Progress.

State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Ohio issues a most voluminous report for the month of December. A synopsis of it shows receipts for the month to be \$220.49. Expenses \$209.49. Five new branches in Dayton, Cleveland and Cincinnati. New members 109. One member expelled. Agitation tours are being arranged for comrades Geiger, White and McGrady. Subscription lists for the following papers were sent out: New York Worker, Chicago Socialist, Seattle Socialist and Coming Nation. Comrade Critchlow was elected member of the National Committee. Agitation is to be carried on more vigorously than ever before, the distribution of literature being a special feature.

The capitalist press says that the canned-beef issue is dead. This is a slight mistake. It is the American soldiers who ate the beef that are dead.—Liberator, Portland, Ore.

MANAGER'S COLUMN.

The supply of new books and pamphlets is well nigh complete. Catalogue see what we have. Much splendid material for propaganda can be purchased for little money. Be always loaded.

The comrades are responding nicely to the call for ward teams to reach precinct voters. Are you looking after your precinct? No more effective means of making Socialists can be devised than in circulating the Chicago Socialist. Twenty men paying 25 cents each per week will put out 1,000 copies. Wrappers 25 cents per thousand. Will every ward and branch respond?

Your business manager had a mighty hard time of it last week. Money came in so slow that the credit of the Socialist was severely jeopardized. The end of the week showed a balance on the wrong side of the ledger. Capitalism has not yet produced a business manager who can make \$1,000 cash pay \$3.90 debts. Does the Socialist Party think it can beat capitalism? No! Well, then, all at it and always at it, if you have any cash in your treasury and owe the paper anything, bring in the cash. We need the money.

Last Sunday afternoon's meeting had to be declared off for want of chairs. Think we see the way to get a supply for next Sunday without money or price—that's the only way possible. Again we need money.

A statement of accounts due has been mailed to all wards and they will be fully informed by the time they read these lines.

The campaign is on, and business must commence to boom. Are you lifting all you can? It needs your best effort.

Have you purchased a metal stamp. They are winners. Use them on your letters. Cover dead walls with their message.

BUSINESS MANAGER.

IN MEMORIAM—ROBERT BAUER.

If there was no figure that had grown to be considered an essential part of almost any Socialist gathering and particularly on the North Side of Chicago it was that of Comrade Robert Bauer. Hence it was that the news of his death last Friday came with a shock to a vast number of comrades throughout the city. The funeral was held at the North Side Headquarters of the Socialist Party, 363 Sedgwick street and long before the time set for the service the hall was crowded to overflowing. Comrade T. J. Morgan made an address at the house and Comrade A. M. Simons spoke at the hall.

The German Socialist Singing Society sang and Comrade Elsemann rendered as a solo a song which he had translated from the German especially for the occasion. At the grave another address was given by Comrade Mance and the comrades dispersed feeling that the cause of Socialism had lost one of its most faithful workers.

Comrade Bauer leaves behind him a wife and three children to continue the struggle for existence without the help of the father and breadwinner, who had always endured the lot of the proletariat. His devotion to the cause of Socialism was such that no work was too hard, no task too unpleasant for him to undertake in its behalf. Few men in Chicago have done more to spread Socialist literature, secure subscriptions for party papers, distribute tickets for entertainments and in general to perform the daily necessary tasks of the Socialist movement than Comrade Bauer, and now that he is gone we can but wish that his spirit of devotion and energy may enter into some of the comrades still with us, that the ranks may close up and no work remain undone.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Resolution of Local St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 5, 1903. The following resolutions were adopted at the general monthly meeting of Local St. Louis, Mo., of the Socialist Party, January 4, 1903.

TO THE MEMBERS AND COMRADES OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES.

RESOLUTION I. "Local St. Louis of the Socialist Party, in regular general meeting assembled, adopts the following resolution concerning the San Francisco fusion affairs:

"RESOLVED, That Local St. Louis reiterates its allegiance to the principles and tactics of the Socialist Party as adopted and agreed upon by the Indianapolis Unity convention. We are fully convinced of the correctness and soundness of the Socialist Party tactics, and therefore most emphatically disapprove of and condemn any attempt to lead our movement into fusion and confusion with so-called Union Labor and Reform parties, thereby disrupting the Socialist Party at this very moment when the prospects are brighter and more encouraging than ever before, and when, by polling over 300,000 votes, our organization has become the third political party in the nation, and in many of the states and industrial centers has also become the recognized third party.

"RESOLVED, That we call upon the Socialists and their sympathizers throughout the country to be on their guard, because the capitalist politicians are beginning to realize the seriousness of the political situation, and the onward march of the class-conscious movement of the Socialist Party. It is especially the Democratic Party that will do all in its

power to side-track the Socialist movement by the organization of a Democratic Union Labor Party for the purpose of misleading organized labor and catching the labor vote.

"Recent developments have shown that the Democratic millionaire and newspaper publisher, Hearst, of New York, with his New York Journal, Chicago American and San Francisco Examiner, assisted by a number of capitalist political hangers in the labor movement, such as Secretary Steinhaus of the National Building Trades Council, and others, are already freely advocating the Democratic Union Labor fusion ticket with millionaire Hearst as Democratic presidential candidate for 1904, and the Cook county Democratic politicians are making strenuous efforts to enlist President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers as candidate either for governor of Illinois or for the vice-presidential companion of millionaire Hearst.

"RESOLVED, That the Socialist Party of St. Louis will continue the class-conscious political battle of labor in all future campaigns, and also its effective co-operation with the trades union movement.

RESOLUTION 2.

"WHEREAS, Comrades E. Val Putnam and James S. Roche have come out in the Socialist press of the country, not only defending the San Francisco political deal known as the Socialist-Union Labor Party fusion movement, but also advocating the extension and expansion of said fusion tactics all over the country.

"WHEREAS, Comrades M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum, have also publicly advocated the extension and expansion of said fusion tactics.

"WHEREAS, By their said action, Comrades E. Val Putnam, James S. Roche, M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum, have acted in direct violation of the party's principles and tactics, defined by the national platform as follows: 'The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois public 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, and have disregarded the confidence and trust placed in them by their constituents who elected them members of the local quorum of the national committee of the Socialist Party; therefore be it:

RESOLVED, That Local St. Louis hereby disapproves of their action and kindly requests Comrades E. Val Putnam, James S. Roche, M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum, and all those favoring their fusion schemes to resign as members of the national committee and as officers at the national; and be it further:

RESOLVED, That, failing to resign, we call upon the national committee of the Socialist Party to remove them.

ALBERT E. SANDERSON, City Secretary of the Socialist Party of St. Louis, Mo.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAY SIDE

With thousands of coal miners out of work in Pennsylvania and John Mitchell hinting at the possibility of another strike unless they are reinstated, "divine right" Baer has the nerve to claim that the scarcity of hard coal is due to the fact that the miners refused to work during the holidays.

Rev. Gleason says Socialism is a "state disease"—this week. Last week it was a "dream" and the week before a "tendency of society." If none of his congregation have their curiosity aroused sufficiently by this time, to inquire for themselves what Socialism really is, they need no more warnings against it.

"Why were not the passengers told?" is the heading of a Tribune editorial, on the recent 13 days passage of the liner St. Louis. That's an easy one. Because, had they been told, they would have taken passage in other vessels instead, and the company needed their money. That is about all there is to it. No mystery that requires half a column to explain.

Just as mischievous boys sometimes torment a drunken man, so some grown up people show the same inclination to have sport at the expense of others who have become mentally unbalanced on some subject or other. Taking advantage of the Chicago Chronicle's present hallucination on Socialism, a correspondent breaks into their columns with a plea for the suppression of public schools, on the ground that they encourage Socialism. Of course the poor old Chronicle didn't know any better than to print the stuff, but such jokes, to say the least, are in very doubtful taste.

Burglars are taking desperate chances now-a-days. Last week they broke into a saloon at 111 Franklin street, and after chloroforming two big watch dogs, robbed the place at their leisure. They evidently didn't know that a "vehicle sergeant," Martin B. Maaden by name, resided on the premises. May be they do not know it yet, as they got safely away with the swag.

To the capitalist class in every country, Socialism is a "foreign importation." In the United States this idea has been specially prevalent. Some of our capitalist critics who insist that Socialism is essentially German in its origin, will no doubt be surprised to hear the greatest "conservative" journal in Germany, declare that German Socialists have borrowed their ideas from the United States! Yet this is what the Kreuz-

zeitung of Berlin asserts in an editorial lamentation over the growth of Socialism in the Fatherland. This sort of thing will finally negate itself and our exploiters will at last be driven to the position that we Socialists, like "Topsy" in Uncle Tom's Cabin—"just grew."

The sheriff of Sunflower County, Miss., asserts that the inhabitants of Indianola, Miss., consider President Roosevelt "a 14-carat jackass" for closing the local postoffice during the recent trouble over the appointment of a colored postmistress. People down there are evidently poor judges of jewelry, thus to mistake a "boss-filled case" for 14-carat material.

It is reported that Kaiser Wilhelm has offered a "Prince's crown" to Chancellor Bulow, if the latter can devise a scheme that will effectively disfranchise the working class and thus get rid of the Socialists. Bulow is reported to have answered that he was unworthy of being called "Prince" but would "try to satisfy his majesty". Certainly the Socialists will have no objection to Bulow or any one else saying the role of "nigger on the safety valve" if they see fit. If Bulow tries it, his chances of a "crown" of some sort look likely enough, at any rate in the next world, if not in this.

Campaign Committee Meetings.

Campaign Committee met Tuesday 8 p. m., Jan. 13th. Minutes read and approved. Report of Fin. Sec'y approved.

Communication from Election Commission referred to Comrade Taft who holds an interview with them relative to column our party will appear in on the ballot.

Bills amounting to \$53.42 ordered paid. Finance Committee reported notice to appear on appeals for funds and subscription lists approved.

Moved fifteen thousand pluggers bearing pictures of city candidates be printed at once, approved.

Committee on Literature instructed to draw up a statement showing Darrow's position in reference to trade unions, adopted.

Adjourned.

Campaign Committee met Friday, Jan. 16th.

Financial Secretary reports on hand last meeting \$80.96. Bills paid \$7.98. Balance \$72.98. Bills paid this meeting \$2.50.

Credentials from 26th ward for Comrade Jno. Kaiser to act as delegate accepted.

Thirty-first ward made requisition for 500 campaign buttons with mayors photo on same; 10,000 platforms and 10,000 pluggers.

The Literature Committee returned letter of appeal rewritten and same was accepted.

Motion to have this letter of appeal run in paper and also printed and mailed with subscription list approved.

Copy of the appeal to be sent to other Socialist papers with request to publish same approved.

Moved the Committee on Literature examine all publications and books sold by the 21st ward branch in propaganda meetings and withdraw from sale such books as they deem injurious to the cause approved.

Resolutions from Comrade Mitchell relative to the color of hands on campaign buttons referred to Committee on Literature.

Motion Committee on Halls and Speakers look up hall to hold big McGrady mass meeting approved.

All candidates are requested to attend the conventions of this body so as to give their suggestions and assistance in the work.

The editor of our paper is requested to use all knowledge in his possession to place Darrow and the movement he represents before the people in its proper light.

THOMAS K. BATES, Secretary.

Poles Will Celebrate.

Polish Socialist Central Committee will hold a great celebration in Walsh's Hall, cor. Noble and Emma sts., on Tuesday Jan. 27th at 8 p. m. The occasion is the 10th anniversary of the death of the four great Polish proletarians, Kunicki, Bardowski, Pietrusinski and Osowski. Admission 10 cents. Principal speaker, A. Debski.

A certain farmer living near here, said he did not want Socialism, because the people from town could go out to his farm and help themselves to his property, and all other farmers. They would be fools to do that, when under the present system the people in town (your commercial fakirs) force the farmers to bring their stuff into them and rob them of it. Did you ever hear such argument? This farmer said a banker told him that lie. Of course, who else would?—Referendum.

What a bluff the president is making to "curb" the trusts, when the capitalists have hold of the reins. Congress can't even get enough coal to heat the capital.—Erie People.

Well Mr. Workmanman has your son returned to Yale or Princeton yet since his holiday vacation? Has your daughter gone back to Vassar? Or isn't that the college she is attending? What's that? She's working in the shirt waist factory? Well that's funny! You send thousands of young men and women to college; why don't you send your own children? All together, give the answer: "Because we're chumps."—Socialist Voice.

SOCIALIST POINTERS.

Socialism will abolish the holdup men by destroying their incentive.

Teddy might like to lead the strenuous life but his bosses will not let him.

Kaiser Wilhelm may scheme and tear his hair but he is up against it.

De Leon has discovered that the Socialists of Chicago know exactly who he is.

Capitalism will stand as long as the working class allows the capitalists to think for it.

After all the greatest crime of the negro in the South is that he is a working man.

Darrow stands for Darrow; Breckon stands for the working class. That's the difference.

More child labor laws with the capitalists to enforce them won't do a whole lot of good.

Do you really want Socialism? Then spend a quarter a week educating the people of your precinct.

The procession has left W. J. Bryan so far behind that there is danger that he will never catch up.

Unless everyone you come in contact with becomes a Socialist you are not doing your full duty.

Remember that it is up to you to let the people of your precinct know that we have a ticket in the field.

In booming Clarence Darrow, Shoaf and John P. Hopkins appear to be very comfortable bedfellows.

Prosperity has not put the charity organizations out of business. Nothing but Socialism would do that.

Wait for a month or two and see how easily they can quash those indictments against the coal men.

As long as the coal mines are private property they will be run for profit. That is the only way they can be run.

It will be a wise Kaffir in South Africa who can tell the difference between Dutch and British exploitation.

Every time you sell a subscription card to a new man the chances are that you will make a Socialist of him.

As all parties agree that we must have municipal ownership, the Socialists need not bother about it any longer.

The best way to head off a Darrow movement is to give the people of your precinct the right kind of stuff to read.

The Socialist movement is very backward in England but with a million men out of work it should be looking up.

California has been sufficiently punished without rubbing it in but still it is our duty to draw a lesson from its failures.

Some people seem to imagine that it would be easier to pay coal bills if we had United States senators elected by direct vote.

Coal dealers may be making Socialists but what interests them more immediately is the fact that they are making profits.

Does your neighbor on the right and your neighbor on the left know that we have a ticket in the field and what it stands for?

Two grandsons were born to Baer a few days ago and while capitalism lasts they will never have to do a stroke of useful labor.

The Jenkins resolution to take possession of the coal fields is not so much a joke as an indication of the tendency of the times.

By the time the railroads have put up freight rates a few more times the farmers may be ready to study Socialism from the standpoint of material interest.

According to a comrade who has just returned from there the workingman in Massachusetts who is not a Socialist is ashamed to own it. That is progress.

Some people fear that Socialism will be a new kind of slavery, forgetting that they will be a part of the Socialist state and will not be likely to vote themselves into slavery.

The conflict between labor and capital can be permanently settled on only one basis: That the capitalists shall begin to do useful work and the whole product of labor go to those who perform it. Any other attempted settlement will result only in a prolongation of anarchy.—The Carpenter.



McGINNIS AT HOME.

By JAS. H. BROWER.

"Good mornin' McGinnis, it's a bit coldish in th' sthrate, Murphy remarked as he entered the 'sitting room' and drew up to the heater. 'Yis, 'tis could—I was tellin' Mary this blisid mornin' that it seem'd a shame t' be comfortable these days, with so man-ny iv th' poor be sufferin' in'..."

IN THE BAY STATE LEGISLATURE

Session Opens This Time With Three Instead of Two Socialist Representatives. Capitalist Members Start with a Trick to Allow Gas Companies Time to Water their Stock. Socialists Expose it, but it Succeeds. Committee Appointments. Socialists will Agitate the Coal Question. Installation of Socialist Mayor at Brockton.

The customary routine involved in the process of organization was disturbed on the opening day of the Massachusetts legislature by the introduction of an order by Representative Callender seeking to instruct the attorney general to appear before the supreme court and pray for an injunction to restrain the Massachusetts gas companies from voting to add \$20,000,000 of watered stock in violation of the state laws at a meeting called for the following day.

Callender protested against this procedure and was supported by Representative Carey, who denounced the attempt to side-track the order by the use of parliamentary technicalities as aiding the violation of law, which in turn involved a species of anarchy, respectable perhaps, but nevertheless anarchy of a kind far worse than that which respectable people professed to despise.

The order was laid over until the afternoon, and then taken up and passed. The attorney-general, upon receiving it, administered a rebuke to the legislature for "exceeding its jurisdiction," and Callender thereupon introduced an order requesting the attorney general to co-operate in a suit already in process against the gas companies.

Speaker Myers was re-elected, there being no opposition except from the Socialists, who voted for Carey. The Democrats decided not to run a candidate, evidently because they did not wish to antagonize Speaker Myers and injure their chances for reorganization and committee appointments, a proceeding clearly illustrative of the calibre of the Democratic party.

The committee appointments, so far as the Socialists were concerned, were quite what was expected. The committee on labor is composed almost entirely of the same members that emancipated last year's labor bills, and the new members are no better than the old ones.

Mayor Couler and his Socialist colleagues were duly installed into office in Brockton last Monday and the occasion was celebrated by a harvest supper held that night at which Comrades Carey, MacCartney, White and the writer were among the visiting speakers.

Couler's inaugural message ably covered every question involved in the municipal government, the opening paragraphs containing an unequivocal affirmation of the Socialist position. "Society," he said, "which creates and operates all the means of modern industry, should own and operate those industries for the good of society as a whole."

Couler again appointed Garito S. Beas as City Marshal, the appointment being confirmed, without opposition, by the city council. George A. Monk, Socialist, was elected president of the common council.

WILLIAM MAILLY, Boston, Mass., Jan. 12th, 1903.

TO WORK, COMRADES!

Illinois Must be Thoroughly Organized for Socialism by 1904.

To the Socialists and Sympathizers of Illinois. Greeting:

The Socialist vote at the recent election in the state of Illinois shows an increase which is most gratifying to all those who are interested in the advance of Socialism. We are now an official party in the state and the laborious and costly work of getting signatures is no longer necessary for nominations. This fact not only brings with it great encouragement but also new and enlarged responsibilities.

No nomination can be made under that name in this state henceforth, except by regular organizations of the party. But it is of the utmost importance that nominations be made in every town, and city throughout the state for the coming municipal election. In these elections valuable lessons in propaganda work, and general campaigning can be acquired by the Socialists. No local organization should miss this opportunity.

In order to do this, there must be an extension of party organization to correspond to the increased vote. Although the growth of organization in this state has been very remarkable

ready in existence can we effectively use these forces to conquer new territory and to more completely cover the territory now entered upon. Do not lay this down until you have written to the State Secretary letting us know what you are willing to do.

To organize every county in the state between now and the presidential campaign of 1904 is the task that the State Committee has set itself to. To do this however, the committee must have your help as without your co-operation nothing can be done. As well as in the production and distribution of the necessities of life so in the agitation and dissemination of those principles we should adopt the co-operative methods. Six thousand Socialists in Illinois outside of Cook county means sixty to each county. Sixty aggressive Socialists organized in a solid body in each county means 50,000 votes in the state in 1904.

Address all communications to, JAS. S. SMITH, State Sec'y, 181 Washington st., Chicago, Ill.

X Rays By JOHN M. WORK.

If you are not for us you are against us. All told there are millions of people in America who have been suffering on account of the fuel famine. As the rabbit said when he was being skinned, "It's nothing when you get used to it." Are you going to get used to it or are you going to learn the very practical lesson wrapped up in it and act accordingly?

That town in Oklahoma which recently grew up in one night from naked prairie to a little city of two thousand inhabitants is a reminder of the old West. Time was when such occurrences were so frequent as to scarcely deserve mention. But the frontier has now been pushed into the Pacific Ocean. Its invitation to the unemployed has been withdrawn. The great West is now fiercely exploited. And it very naturally follows that it is seething with Socialism.

For the convenience of those clerical brethren who bow the servile knee to capital I here furnish a form of contract to be used by them on entering upon their duties:

Memorandum of agreement made and entered into this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190-, by and between Plute & Co., parties of the first part, and the Rev. Dr. Meek Lowly Obedience, party of the second part.

Witnesseth: That whereas the said parties of the first part have this day hired the said party of the second part to be and act as pastor of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church, located at \_\_\_\_\_, the state of \_\_\_\_\_;

It is therefore agreed by the parties of the first part that during the continuance of this contract they will pay to the said party of the second part the sum of \$- per month for his services as said pastor, the same to be paid promptly on the first day of each month.

In consideration of the foregoing, the said party of the second part here by agrees that he will well and faithfully perform all and singular the duties devolving upon him as pastor of said church; that he will preach two harmless sermons each Sunday, visit the sick and bury the dead, provided, however, that he shall receive ten dollars extra for each funeral sermon and five dollars extra for each wedding ceremony; that in his sermons will not say anything calculated to remind the parties of the first part of the fact that they are skinners; that he will studiously avoid any reference to the fact that the men who do the useful work of the world are entitled to the wealth of the world, and to the further fact that the parties of the first part do not do any useful work in the world and yet are enjoying an enormous quantity of its wealth; that if he cannot escape mentioning the problems of the day he will treat them in a lame and ignorant manner; that he will constantly assert that the interests of capitalists and laborers are identical; that he will urge the workmen to trust the Christian generosity of their masters and not rise up against them, especially at the polls; that he will make a special effort to exaggerate all violence on the part of workmen committed during strikes, and will carefully conceal the fact that they have been goaded to violence by militia and mercenary detectives and plug-uglies; that he will constantly uphold the right of capitalists to receive the lion's share of the products of society; that he will treat any other theory with utter contempt and brand it as a vicious attempt on the part of the thrifless classes to deprive the Drifty classes of the hard-earned fruits of their toil; that he will give out solemn warnings against confiscation of the property of the wealthy classes by the working class; that he will in the next breath absolutely deny that there are any classes in this

during the past year it is still far below what it should be. Very many counties are still absolutely unorganized even though the returns show that votes were cast within those counties for the Socialists. In the other counties the organization is altogether too imperfect for the best possible work. Steps should be taken at once to perfect city and county organization.

The farming district should be invaded during the coming winter; schoolhouses can almost always be obtained free of charge for lecture halls and a good audience is always assured. Those locals that are already organized should at once take steps to see what can be done to reach the places still unorganized in their immediate vicinity. Some one should make a personal visit to the locality and secure the names of one or more people willing to assist in organization. Arrangements can then be made for a speaker. In all work the State Committee will co-operate to the fullest extent of its ability. We should be glad to put a large number of speakers in the field before the coming of the spring campaign. This cannot be done, however, without the organized co-operation of all parts of the state.

And individual who is interested in Socialism whether he knows of any others who are willing to organize a local should at once communicate with the State Secretary expressing his willingness to assist in the routing of speakers and the distribution of literature. The efforts of associated individuals can thus be multiplied manifold by the State organization. Just at this time the watchword for Illinois must be "organize, organize." Only by the organization of the forces al-

country; that in case any of the parties of the first part should die he will preach a funeral sermon containing not less than seventeen tons of gush, asserting with tears in his voice that the deceased was an exemplary man in every respect, particularly pointing him out as an illustrious example of virtue and probity for the youth of the land to follow, and warily dodging the fact that the deceased spent his whole life driving hard bargains, cheating poor widows out of house and home and driving young girls into the brothel.

Witness our hands the day and date first above written.

PLUTE & CO., Parties of the first part, Rev. Dr. MEEK LOWLY OBEDIENCE Party of the second part.

There is nothing like having things down in black and white so you know exactly "where you are at." I recommend the use of the above form to all preachers who are afflicted with weak knees.

There is fortunately, however, a growing number of preachers who either never had weak knees or else have been investing in some stiffening. May their tribe increase like compound interest.

PARTY NOTES.

North Town. Comrade A. M. Simons will speak at our headquarters, 363 Sedgwick street Sunday Jan. 25th at 8 p. m. Subject "Socialism and American History." February 1st Comrade F. W. Knox will speak.

Our grand stag banquet will take place to night (Saturday) Jan. 24th, at 8 p. m. Tickets 25 cents. This includes all refreshments. City candidates will speak. Also comrades Simons, Wanhope, Morris, Bates and others. Do not forget to come.

Last Sunday we had a large audience and a good collection. Keep it up comrades. Bring your friends and neighbors. Make these meetings a grand success.

Discussion meetings every Tuesday evening. Everybody welcome. Sunday School for children every Sunday morning at 10.30.

TEMPLE NOTES.

Saturday Jan. 24th The Dramatic Club and the Woman's Alliance, have combined for a big evening. Commencing with a drama entitled "Hickory Farm" and at 10.30 p. m. the floor will be cleared for a dance with refreshments included. The ticket for the whole evening 15 cents.

Sunday Jan. 25th at 8 p. m. Comrade Geo. T. Millar our candidate for City Treasurer will speak. Arrangements have been made to have each of the city candidates speak at the Temple. Comrade Millar will be followed by Morgan, Lindgren and Breckon. These men are staunch trade unionists and abundantly able to tell their own story Hear them.

Tuesday 27th School of Soap Box Oratory, everybody invited. WALTER HUGGINS.

SOCIALIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

At Temple every Sunday 11 a. m. At 363 Sedgwick street 10 a. m. At Armitage and Mozart ave., 11 a. m.

Comrades send your children and come yourselves.

At Kensington Turner Hall.

Last Sunday the 33rd ward branch formally opened the municipal campaign in Kensington Turner Hall, where a meeting of between two and three hundred were present. The manager and editor of the Chicago Socialist, the former of whom is the candidate for mayor, were the principal speakers, and their addresses were listened to with deep attention and frequent applause. The cold weather that prevailed diminished the expected attendance somewhat, but what was lacking in numbers was fully made up in enthusiasm. These meetings will be continued during the campaign and the best local speakers will be engaged from time to time.

Meetings of the Third Ward Branch are held weekly at their Headquarters 3521 State street every Sunday at 8 p. m. Speaker for next Sunday, M. Kaplan. Everybody invited. Free Discussion.

The 28th Ward Branch have rented a large and commodious hall at 1495 Milwaukee ave., near Oakley, and will move their headquarters there on Feb. 1st. The room is on the ground floor and the comrades expect to do effective work for Socialism in that neighborhood during the campaign.

Comrade Phelan speaks at Mozart Hall, cor. Mozart and Armitage ave. next Sunday 2.30 p. m. Free Admission. Free Discussion. More subscribers always wanted.

Don't fail to attend the entertainment and dance on Saturday, Feb. 14, 1903 at Lundquist's Hall, corner 61st and Morgan sts.

The 25th ward branch will give an entertainment at Clifton Hall, corner of Belmont and Clifton avenues Saturday evening Feb 14th.

Music, moving pictures, recitations and dancing. North Side readers of THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST specially invited. Tickets 25 cents.

A coal meeting will be held Sunday Jan. 25th, at Lundquist's Hall, corner 61st and Morgan streets, at 8 p. m. The octopus will get his tentacles trimmed. Attend the meeting and learn how it will be done. T. J. Morgan, candidate for city attorney, and Chas. L. Breckon, candidate for mayor, will speak.

Society Gossip.

Coal and Labor. Col. Rend hit the nail squarely on the head when he said. "A man was a fool if he didn't sell his coal, or labor, in the best paying market."

Why certainly, colonel. That is the fundamental principle of Capitalism. The very men who are loudest in denouncing you do the same thing in their particular sphere, but because they are not so successful they, hypocritically protest.

The wage workers are perfectly satisfied. They emphatically said so, at the ballot box, last Nov. True, they have another guess coming April 7th.

Remember the Lash.

When the chattel slave was punished the lash fell on his back ONLY. The lash of capitalism falls ALSO on the back of the wage slaves' wife and children. The chattel slave was tangible property. No sensible MASTER would destroy his own property. Under capitalism the wage slave hunts for a MASTER and when he fails to find one—the lash of hunger is applied to his wife and family. Think of this on Tuesday April 7th when your capitalist friend (?) tries to buy your MANHOOD with a few drinks and a cheap cigar.

Same In Both Places.

In Sweden the wage slaves are eating the bark from trees and in Kansas they are burning corn. In both places the capitalists are doing very well thank you; and in both places capitalism only exists because the wage workers vote for it.

Children are Cheaper Now.

Mrs. Arthur Mitchell of Glenwood, Pa. SOLD her four-year old daughter, Lillie for a ton of coal. Girls of Lillie's age were worth more than that in the old chattel slavery days; but then, the wage slave of to-day is a cheaper commodity. There is some consolation Mrs. Mitchell, in the fact that over 30,000 MEN of your class, in Pennsylvania, voted to abolish the condition which COMPELLED you to SELL your child.

Incentive To Theft.

Miss Florence Summerfield is in trouble. She is also in prison. She STOLE tangible property—furs from her employer, CAPITALISM which compelled her to labor and yet see her aged parents suffer from hunger because she was unable to receive enough to support them, in competition with the thousands of other girls situated the same way, did not STEAL her labor. IT DID NOT! The individual capitalist who employed her COULD not last, under capitalism, if he paid his employers, more than his competitor did. If you don't like the system which subjects our sisters and daughters to this kind of hell; why do you vote for it? Be a MAN.

A Scavenger of Capitalism.

Mark Hanna, the active champion of capitalism in this country, has invited President Roosevelt, Gen. Ballington Booth and others emissaries of capitalism to a banquet to be held Feb. 12th. Why not?

Roosevelt is the head of the U. S. government which only exists to-day, to regulate capitalism. Booth goes to the slums and preacher to those of OUR class who have fallen by the wayside, to be contented.

THEY SHALL HAVE HAPPINESS IN HEAVEN. He also feeds them on Thanksgiving (?) day and Christmas; and generally does the dirty work of capitalism.

He never tells OUR class that labor alone, produces all wealth. That capitalism takes nearly all because it OWNS the means whereby wealth is created.

Had he said so he would, probably, have also fallen by the wayside. He is doing very well under capitalism. If you are—vote for it, but—self preservation is the first law of nature—vote for the interest of yourself your wife—your children.

RICE WASBROUGH.

More subscribers always wanted.

CHICAGOS' DENTAL PARLORS.

Dann; DeLeon Drops in, and "Kangaroo" Jerk the Teeth out of His "Buzz-Saw."

The "wild man from Borneo" otherwise known as "perfesser" Daniel De Leon came to town last week and after giving an exhibition at which the elite of Socialist society attended en masse, left for St. Louis a sadder and wilder man.

Horan's Hall on Harrison and Halsted sts. was the spot selected for the show. Sunday Jan. 18th at 2.30 p. m. the performance was billed to commence, and promptly at the above mentioned time the "perfesser" appeared on the stage before an audience of about 400 disguised "Kangaroos" who had come to see the famous "buzz saw" in action.

The "faithful fifteen" of the "fighting S. L. P." knowing not the composition of the attendance, were congratulating themselves on the prospects. Here at last was the evidence of the six thousand votes cast in Chicago for their party last November. Here in the midst of innumerable "traitors to the working class" were the results of the vigorous campaign which had been made in Chicago in the columns of the New York People.

They were 400 of them, solid as a rock, aggressive, uncompromising and determined, waiting patiently for the appearance of the mighty warrior whose valor had carried the banner of the unconquerable S. L. P. into the very midst of the enemy's camp. So the great and only Daniel was trotted to the center of the stage by his admiring body guard, and the show was on.

The usual preliminary remarks were received with some applause and confidence rose still higher. Then the "buzz saw" was brought out, rigged up, and the "perfesser" gave a few vigorous turns on the crank.

All at once a yell of derisive laughter rose up from all parts of the house. The "traitors" were unmasking themselves. The faithful few looked at each other in astonishment. The "perfesser" was stunned for a moment but recovered quickly, got a new grip on the handle, and whirled it around with savage vigor. The wheezy old buzzsaw responded gallantly, and ripped, snorted and tore around for all it was worth.

The audience rose as one man cheering and yelling wildly. They were evidently delighted and showed their appreciation by shouting encourage-

ment to the now thoroughly rattled performer.

Then came a cross fire of questions from one corner of the house. It was taken up by all parts in succession and aimed directly at the rickety old machine, which now began to sledge its teeth in a most alarming manner. Every dog has his day, says the proverb, and the "whipped whelps" of Chicago were having the time of their life.

After the "buzzsaw" had been reduced to splinters, a small group in the audience known as "little Kangs," wanted to turn their attention to the "perfesser" and proposed to have some physical exercise at his expense. They were restrained only by the cooler heads of the majority, who had merely come out for harmless sport, and who had no intention of permitting violence towards the poor creature who had done so much to amuse them, and instruct his own scanty following on the utter and absolute hopelessness of their tactics.

In fact the "perfesser" was willing to pay for their fun, and proved it when the collection boxes came around by stuffing them with pennies and nickels sufficient to pay for the hall, though the amount taken up was not announced.

We learn on good authority that Danny has made what is "positively his last appearance" in Chicago. He needs a rest anyhow, but he cannot say that Chicago Socialists failed to give him a royal send off, and we strongly recommend his show to our St. Louis comrades, before whom he will next perform.

We hate to lose Danny, and don't take altogether kindly to the idea of remaining dependent for our future amusement upon chance reformers and sociological freaks who drift in here from time to time, not one of whom are in his class as entertainers, and who usually put up a bum performance at best.

However as we cannot have good things with us always, and Danny is decidedly a good thing, we took the opportunity to push him along as best we knew how.

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Remember to night at the Temple the Socialist Dramatic Club will give that comedy drama "Hickory Farm," to conclude with a Grand Ball. The Ladies Alliance will co-operate with us to make this a night of enjoyment to all who come. Supper will be served free. Admission 15 cents, children with parents 5 cents. Old and young will enjoy this night.



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"Get Coal" Schemes. The daily press, city councilmen, states attorneys, some members of the legislature and various kinds of reformers have all sorts of schemes to get coal by process of law.

Capitalist Philanthropy. Armour subscribed \$1,000 for the coal fund, likewise Mr. Hearst. They evidently consider this good advertising, and perhaps so, but instead of contributing this money to perpetuate a system which causes coal famines, it would be far more creditable to them to subscribe funds for abolishing it.

Will Keep Them Here. The railroads at the behest of "business interests," have declined to put on low passenger rates westward for laborers. These men are needed in Chicago where they may be used as strike breakers if occasion arises.

Tariff Twaddle. The Democratic press persistently weeps over the scarcity of the necessities of life. One paper says that "the robber tariff and the conspiracies it fosters are doing their perfect work." No, dear reader, it is not the tariff; that's only a blind.

Peace Through Class Strife. Rev. D. Lyman Abbott says capitalists as well as workmen must thoroughly organize, and when that is done they can work harmoniously together. His statement is not borne out by facts.

"Confiscation" Endorsed. "Preservation is the first law of nature, and I heartily approve of yesterday's raid," said the president of the State Bank at Arcola, Ill., on the day following the seizure of a coal train of 15 cars.

We Thrive By It. Socialists in America are not alarmed or discouraged one bit by the concerted attacks now being made by the church (both Protestant and Catholic) and the press.

selves in America resulting from the development of the trusts and coal famine. Socialism will likewise increase rapidly here.

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MUSINGS BY "TYRO". Some time ago, oil was discovered in Beaumont, Texas, and many people down there were happy, for they could slip their oil at Port Arthur; but the Standard Oil Company went down there, bought Port Arthur and the railroads, and now the people who own oil wells will be obliged to sell them at reduced prices, or go to the wall.

In the middle ages, children were cut, carved and twisted; their lips were torn off, their ears were clipped, they were strapped in boxes so that upon reaching maturity they would be short, stunted; they were the "king's fools and play-things and court entertainers; but they were well fed and enjoyed the luxuries of the court without its dignity.

In civilized times, children are placed in factories; they are stunted and killed, but that is done for profits and to enrich a great nation, which stands for liberty and equality. The padrones teach children to beg and send them forth for profit, and the insurance Companies of Philadelphia now decline to insure the lives of infants, because the discovery has been made that parents murder their own offspring to collect a paltry insurance of from \$50.00 to \$150.00 on their lives; but economic necessity is the basis, and as long as the capitalist system lasts, the murder of the helpless will play a ghastly part in its regime.

Under Socialism, children will be sent to school, educated and developed mentally, physically, and morally, to the highest possible standard. And we wonder why people, especially those who worship in the name of Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto Me," oppose the introduction of a systematic organized method of producing and distributing wealth, which will at least make it safe for children in a civilized world.

Some time ago, a smart (?) set in New York organized a club, giving it an Egyptian name, and then very ignorantly selected Egyptian symbols represented the sensual, debasing and degrading practices of the Isis and Osiris department of the Egyptian religion.

A smart (?) set in Chicago have a Napoleon Club. They should feel honored and honored with such a name. He poisoned his own soldiers in Egypt, and after a battle, kicked the corpses on the ground with the exclamation, "mere rabble." He was a gigantic thief, a dishonest financier, and under the banner of liberty and freedom, for which the French nation stood, in the latter part of the 18th century, he plundered the adjoining nations, who received him as a liberator, and then placed kings upon their thrones. He would openly insult women, and if they had the courage to rebuff him, he would reduce their husbands to poverty and privations.

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