

THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST

Issued every Saturday at 151 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

The Chicago Socialist is published under the control of Local Chicago of the Socialist Party of Chicago, a corporation without capital stock, the whole revenue of which must be expended for Socialist propaganda.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One year \$4.00, Six months \$2.50, Three months \$1.50.

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: To secure a return of unused manuscripts postage should be enclosed.

Contributions and items of news concerning the labor movement are requested from our readers.

PHONE FRANKLIN 454.

Entered at the Post Office Chicago, Ill., as Second Class Matter March 21, 1904.



OUR PICNIC.

The purport of Socialism is serious. We strive by teaching, agitating and by the dissemination of literature to overthrow the present social chaos and to bring about a reign of social and industrial order.

All our comrades from all the wards and branches usually come together upon these occasions, we meet them and their wives and all the children and for one brief day we live and enjoy ourselves in fraternity, happiness and beauty.

But although we use picnics as means of raising funds we must admit we enjoy ourselves.

TO THE SOCIALIST COMRADES AND READERS OF THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

We take it for granted that, from the fact that you are a reader of a Socialist paper you are interested in the spread of Socialism.

One of the most effective ways of propagating Socialism is by circulating a Socialist paper. That is the question which we wish to have a talk upon with you.

We are interested in circulating the Chicago Socialist because you have placed us here to attend to your business and a very important part of that business is making the paper circulate where it will do the most good.

You will readily understand that this is the most difficult part of the work of your editor and business manager, it is the one question that has puzzled all of our predecessors in these offices.

We have reduced the subscription price of our paper to 25c. per year in clubs of four. We have over 1,000 members in the city of Chicago, now comrades, you can easily see that if each one of you would invest \$1.00 in four sub. cards that would place 4,000 cards in the hands of the membership who are scattered all over the city.

So we ask you to help circulate your paper at least to the extent of investing \$1.00 in four sub. cards, we are satisfied if each one of you will do your little share, you will see what a swell there will be in the circulation of your paper, besides you will be making Socialists as well as helping to put the paper upon a paying basis.

RACE PREJUDICE PROFITABLE FOR CAPITALISM.

The following appeared in the Chicago Tribune, July 8th:

Prof. Edward A. Steiner of Grinnell college returned from Russia on July 4. He spent some time on the estate of Count Tolstol and with the members of the Tolstol circle.

Tolstol was exceedingly ill when I arrived. A physician lived with him. He recovered soon, but he remains and will doubtless always remain a broken down man.

The confession contained in this statement could no doubt be duplicated by some Russian savant who after a sojourn in the United States would express his views on the underlying causes of the race trouble in this country.

The prejudices that arises from ignorance are carefully fanned by the demagogues. Some time ago William R. Hearst over his own signature wrote an article justifying the robbing of the negro of the right of franchise.

The Northern workers will yet be compelled in self defense to stand up for the rights of the negro laborers in the South. For if they do not the ten million negro population defenseless and disfranchised will be used against them in their economic struggle.

ABOLISHING TRUSTS.

The policy of the present administration of the national government in reference to trusts is being watched with keen interest and is exciting comment as varied as the interests that inspire it.

The indignation of J. Pierpont Morgan to the President's anti-trust crusade has been especially exploited by the western papers, for the edification of the small capitalists who look trustfully to the administration to save them from the colossal combines that threaten them with extermination.

of no candidate more acceptable to the interests of corporate capital than our present president, and I therefore do not blame the stock market manipulators in the least for their adroit maneuvering to keep him at the helm for another term.

"No thoughtful man could be foolish enough to suppose for an instant that the centralization of capital, essentially and inevitably the result of economic development, will cease at the command of any political administration.

"When the recent Court of Appeals announced its decision against the merger of the Pacific railroads, J. J. Hill said: 'We will appeal; we believe the Supreme Court will sustain us, but if not, the end in view will be accomplished just the same.'

"The people for the most part have yet to learn that capital is centralizing in trusts and combines not so much from choice as from necessity. It is an economic tendency that is irresistible and means that the competitive era is drawing to a close.

"As a Socialist I am opposed to all attempts to destroy trusts and crush out combines. Such attempts are foolish and sure to end in failure. Let the capitalists combine and centralize as rapidly as they choose and all the sooner will industry be organized and the people be ready to take control.

SCATTERING PARAGRAPHS.

Congressman J. C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, who used his official position to enrich a company in which he is a stockholder, is one of the latest topnotchers involved in the postoffice swindles.

The Department of Commerce and Labor opened for business July 1. As far as "labor" is concerned, the title looks like a travesty in view of the fact that no one from the ranks of the workers is found at the head of the department.

Announcement is made that the price of coal will be advanced 10 cents a ton each month. Also that the coal trust in the past seven months has more than made up the entire loss on account of the recent strike.

One operator with machine can stitch about 1,000 pairs of shoe soles a day and pegging machines will peg a pair of shoes in 14 seconds. Were these labor saving inventions beneficial to the working class? Yes, to the extent that it put those who were thrown out of employment to scheming how to beat some one else out of a job, or to invent another labor saving machine and probably fail to receive any benefit or reward for their inventive minds.

The vast majority of our rich people inherit their wealth. It does not require either brains or talent to accept inheritances from a silver or golden plater. And how we Americans do today to our plutocracy who may be able to write a check for a million or so dollars.

be 20 per cent of the actual cost of construction. This same corporation has broken up every attempt of the telegraphers in its employ to form a union since the strike of '23.

Some one recently pointed out the fact that the word God is not mentioned in our constitution, but that our almighty dollar bore the label "IN GOD WE TRUST."

The census reports for 1890 shows there were 6,324,702 persons 10 years of age and over who were unable to read or write. Of these illiterates 3,112,123 were colored persons; 2,665,003 were native whites; and 1,147,571 were foreigners.

Four judges of the state circuit sitting at Portland, Oregon, have declared the referendum law unconstitutional on the ground of irregularities on the part of the legislative assembly in dealing with it.

The business agent of the brass molders and a striker have been indicted for violating a court injunction. They are getting what they probably voted for. When the working class realizes the necessity of electing judges on a class conscious platform as represented by the Socialist Party, they will then have the pleasure of seeing the other side getting a dose of their own medicine, injunctions and jail sentences.

One of the capitalists' most powerful weapons, the subsidized press, never loses an opportunity to publish a photograph and sketch of some mayor, chief of police or officer of the law for his excellent work in breaking a strike.

In Strausburg, Germany, a clerical candidate was defeated at the recent election where the Socialists achieved such great success. The clericals, who were exasperated at seeing their man get left, started a disturbance and several of them were locked up.

The working class have been ruled for ages. Bowed down under the iron rule of the master class, either as slaves, feudal serfs or wage slaves, it has become a part of their very nature to look up to and depend upon the class above them.

According to the census of 1900 the following astounding figures represent the annual idleness of men in the states mentioned: 133,000 in Illinois; 41,000 in Maryland; 35,000 in Connecticut; 145,000 in Massachusetts; 50,000 in California; 52,000 in Wisconsin; 200,000 in New York; 290,000 in Pennsylvania; 50,000 in Missouri; 60,000 in Indiana, etc.

Study Socialism and then work and vote for it. We will send the paper three months to ten addresses for one dollar. Have you the dollar?

THE RIGHT BASIS FOR SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION.

In the New York Worker by A. A. Lewis.

Shall the middle class Socialists and their intellectual proletarian cousins guide and direct the Socialist movement, or shall the working class dominate the movement? This important question must be met by the Socialist Party. There can be no mutual concessions by which each element in the party will do its part in the fight against capitalism.

Looking at the matter from the working class standpoint, and, I believe, from the standpoint of scientific, revolutionary Socialism, I maintain that the destiny of the working class must be entirely in their own hands.

All true Socialists are agreed that the Socialist movement is wholly a proletarian movement, that men as a class are moved by their immediate material interests; that the working class must emancipate themselves.

1. That there is a struggle between two classes of men—the working class and the capitalist class—whose material interests are directly opposed the one to the other, and are irreconcilable.

2. That this class struggle will be ended only by the working class taking over to themselves all the powers of government through the ballot and administering those powers in the interest of their class alone, and they must not be swayed one iota from their purpose by the material interests of any other class.

3. That in this struggle to get control of all the powers of government the working class must learn to rely wholly upon their class. The logic of events is demonstrating to the working class that the class struggle is on. It is, therefore, not difficult for the Socialist to show them that there is such a thing as the class struggle, because they feel it.

The working class have been ruled for ages. Bowed down under the iron rule of the master class, either as slaves, feudal serfs or wage slaves, it has become a part of their very nature to look up to and depend upon the class above them.

The working class must come to realize that the Socialist movement is a movement of the working class, by the working class, for the working class. How can they realize this when the leading exponents of the Socialist movement, while evidently in full sympathy with the working class, are really not of the working class.

The working class must come to realize that the Socialist movement is a movement of the working class, by the working class, for the working class. How can they realize this when the leading exponents of the Socialist movement, while evidently in full sympathy with the working class, are really not of the working class.

APPLICATION BLANK. I hereby apply for membership in THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST TRADE UNION FUND and agree to pay the fee of five cents per week for one year from date.

"The great only appear great to us because we are on our knees. Then let us rise." Nay, the Socialist Party must go further. It must get the working class to realize that as they are to inherit the earth they are BETTER than their idle masters.

To inspire the working class with the highest degree of moral courage so that they will neither fear nor respect the capitalist class, is the imperative duty of the Socialist Party.

As the movement grows there is danger of its losing some of its revolutionary character through the conflicting material interests of the middle class and the strictly working class elements in the party, and gradually becoming a reform movement in fact while revolutionary only in theory.

THE IDEAL IS GRAND AND APPEALS TO ALL LOVERS OF HUMANITY. BUT THE ROAD OVER WHICH WE MUST TRAVEL IN ORDER TO REACH THE IDEAL IS ROUGH AND RUGGED. TOO MANY OF THESE SENTIMENTALISTS HAVE THEIR THOUGHTS FIXED UPON THE IDEAL AND NOT UPON THE MEANS BY WHICH WE MUST ATTAIN THE IDEAL.

Why should those who are not of the working class be doing the work which the working class should do themselves? There is no excellence without labor. The working class must achieve in their own way their own emancipation if they are to enjoy the full blessings of liberty and bequeath them to posterity as a perpetual legacy.

ANARCHISM A Criticism and History of the Anarchist Movement By E. V. ZENKER. The fullest and best account of Anarchism ever published. A most powerful and thoughtful criticism. 160 pages, 10c. CLOTH, 12mo, 328 PAGES. Publisher's Price, \$1.50—OUR PRICE, 65 cts. Postage, 10 cts. extra. TWENTIETH CENTURY PRESS 17 East 16th St., NEW YORK

OUR BAND OF HUSTLERS

During the month of June we sent out a little over TWELVE THOUSAND pieces of literature with the dues paid in by the MEMBERS of our TRADES UNION FUND. Now it is up to you to make the amount sent out in the current month double the above figures.

APPLICATION BLANK. I hereby apply for membership in THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST TRADE UNION FUND and agree to pay the fee of five cents per week for one year from date. (The whole year can be paid at once if you desire.)

