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Millions of workers are starving in the midst of a plenty they have created but dare not touch.

The Chicago Chronicle says that a broker is not a gambler. No, he only runs the game while the other man gambles.

The ultimate goal of the Socialist party is the collective ownership by the whole people of all the means of production, distribution and exchange.

The Chicago authorities that were elected by workmen's votes are giving the striking teamsters and tailors just what the Socialists pointed out they voted for.

Let us see; who was it that paid Dunne's campaign expenses? If we are not mistaken, it was paid by the capitalists. Perhaps this fact has something to do with the way the hickory club is being used in the interests of the bosses in the strike now on.

The Massachusetts State Senate has just rejected, by a vote of 20 to 15, a bill "legalizing peaceful communication with applicants for positions during strikes, lockouts and labor disputes." The labor unions of Massachusetts have been laboring to pass this bill for four years.

Radicalism is the fad of the hour. The great magazines are vying with each other as to which can publish the yellowest and most sensational attacks on the trusts and their managers. Magazines that a short time ago were sedate, safe and conservative are now out-yellowing the yellowest of Hearst's yellow productions.

In all these radical articles one seldom finds that the real producers of wealth, the working class, is ever seriously taken into consideration. Do they advocate municipal ownership of public utilities, it is for the purpose of making profit, so that taxation may be reduced.

In the meantime, the natural laws of development are rapidly bringing about conditions where this once powerful class has no important function to perform in society, and they are doomed to final destruction.

The great mail order houses and rural free delivery will in a few short years reduce the country merchant to what the large department stores have reduced the small store in the city.

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a new phase of the whole matter, the question of "State autonomy." There is a tendency on the part of some comrades to try to "empty out the baby with the bath" by calling for greater centralization, even to the extent of wiping out State lines of organization.

Neither is it a certainty that the national organization is always possessed of all wisdom. It has not shown itself so in the past, certainly not under Greenbaum or De Leon, and there were some who were daring enough to suggest that not all of Comrade Mally's attempts at State discipline were wise.

What, then, can be done? In the first place the main offender happens to be within reach of the national organization, Comrade Berger is a member of the National Executive Committee, and he can be deposed from this position by the same forces that elected him, and if he persists in his position this may become necessary.

The real remedy for this situation lies with the Wisconsin membership, and the main thing that all that is "too much Berger." I am not one of those who have a fit every time Comrade Berger's name is mentioned. I know him to be a thoroughly informed Socialist who is doing untiring work for the cause.

Neither do there seem to have been any especially extenuating circumstances in the case under discussion. If Milwaukee has such a remarkable vote and Socialist strength as the comrades there claim, which we may doubt, but they will never admit, then there is certainly much less excuse for them than for any other city in not entering into every campaign.

AN INTERESTING MIX-UP.

Louis F. Post Delivers an Interesting Lecture on the Municipal Election Before the Commonwealth Club.

Louis F. Post, editor of The Public, and one of Chicago's most prominent single taxers, spoke on the late municipal election at the fortnightly dinner of the Commonwealth Club on the evening of April 7.

Mr. Post gave an exceedingly interesting and instructive summary of the struggle for municipal ownership of street railways in Chicago from the time of the Humphrey bill up to the last election. It was an admirably designed and able speech, with just one weak point.

The speaker remembered that he was talking to Socialists, and for our benefit he opened with a distinction between industries that were suitable for public ownership and those that were not. His distinction was based on whether the permission of the community had to be obtained before engaging in such industry.

THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH VOLUMES OF MARX'S "CAPITAL."

BY ERNEST UNTERMANN.

(Continued from last week.)

"The different organic composition of capitals is * * * independent of their absolute magnitude. We have merely to ascertain in each case how much of any hundred parts is variable and how much constant capital."

Capitals of different magnitude, expressed in percentages, or what amounts to the same here, capitals of equal magnitude, operating with the same length of the working day and with the same intensity of exploitation, may produce considerably different quantities of profit, because they produce different quantities of surplus value, and this they do because their variable part differs in different spheres of production according to the difference of their organic composition, so that the quantities of human labor set in motion by them differ, and in consequence the quantities of surplus labor appropriated by them, the surplus product being the substance of surplus value and, therefore, of profit.

"Since capitals in different spheres of production, expressed in percentages—or capitals of equal magnitude—are unequally divided into constant and variable elements, and since, therefore, they set in motion different quantities of human labor and thus produce unequal quantities of surplus value and profit, the rate of profit, being the percentage of surplus value calculated on the total capital, is different for them."

"Now, if capitals in different spheres of production, expressed in percentages, that is to say, capitals of equal magnitude in different spheres of production, produce unequal profits, on account of their different organic composition, it follows that the profits of unequal capitals in different spheres of production cannot be proportional to their respective magnitudes. Therefore the profits in different spheres of production cannot be proportional to the magnitudes of the respective capitals invested in them."

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mission from the municipal authorities. At the conclusion of the address, Comrades Mills, Hickey, Stedman and Gilbert were called upon, and all made telling criticisms from the Socialist viewpoint. Mr. Post, in his closing speech shifted his ground to the position he would naturally have been expected to take in the first place, saying that the use of the streets was a "natural monopoly."

Friends and admirers of Mark Twain will like him none the less for those simple lines, which he has had cut in the modest block of marble which marks the resting place of his wife in the cemetery at Elmira, New York: "Warm summer sun, Shine kindly here, Warm southern wind, Blow softly here, Green sod above, Lie light, lie light, Good night, dear heart, Good night, good night."

At the Copenhagen city election, on March 28th, the allied Socialists and Radicals, after a heated campaign, defeated the combined forces of "Anti-Socialism." Five Socialists and three Radicals were elected by big majorities as members of the City Council, which now consists of 15 Socialists, 12 Radicals and 14 Anti-Socialists.

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PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION.

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The following is a copy of the proposed constitution. It is to be taken up for consideration at a special meeting to be held on Sunday, April 23, at 55 North Clark street. Save this copy of your paper. You will need it at the meeting!

ARTICLE I.

Section 1—This organization shall be known as the Socialist Party of Cook County, and it shall be part of the Socialist Party of Illinois.

ARTICLE II.

County Central Committee.

Section 1—The County Central Committee shall be composed of two (2) delegates from each Branch of the County Central Committee.

ARTICLE III.

Committees and Officers.

Section 1—The Executive Committee shall be an administrative body of the Socialist Party of Cook County.

ARTICLE IV.

Branches.

Section 1—All active members of the Socialist Party residing in a Ward of the city of Chicago or a district in the county shall constitute a Branch.

ARTICLE V.

Clubs.

Section 1—All active members of the Socialist Party residing in a Ward of the city of Chicago or a district in the county shall constitute a Club.

ARTICLE VI.

Miscellaneous.

Section 1—A district in the meaning of this Constitution shall be composed of a group of townships, arranged as follows: First District, composed of the townships of Evanston, New Canaan, Niles, Forest Park, Northfield, Wheeling, Elk Grove, Schaumburg, Pullman, Barrington and Hanover.

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Foreign Speaking Organizations.

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ARTICLE VIII.

Representation of Sections on County Committee.

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ARTICLE IX.

Dues of Sections.

Section 1—Each section shall reserve its dues stamps at the rate of twelve and one-half (12½) cents each, provided, however, that any foreign speaking organization which has less than the required number of clubs and cannot therefore qualify as a "section" shall pay the full amount of fifteen (15) cents for its dues stamps.

ARTICLE X.

Initiative and Referendum.

Section 1—Whenever seven (7) Branches shall make a demand upon the County Central Committee to have any measure or proposition submitted to a referendum vote, including amendments to this Constitution, it shall be the duty of the County Central Committee to comply with such demand within fifteen (15) days, provided, however, that the County Central Committee shall have the right to express its opinion or make recommendations upon such a measure or proposition.

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ARTICLE XIV.

Order of Business.

Section 1—The following shall be the order of business for all regular sessions of the County Central Committee: 1. Roll call. 2. Reading of minutes of last session. 3. Reading of credentials and seating of members.

ARTICLE XV.

Stating of Delegates.

Section 1—Delegates shall be seated on the basis of the order of credentials signed by the Branch Secretary and Chairman, and shall bear the address of the delegate.

MINUTES C. C. MEETING.

Delegates were present from all wards but Sixth, Eighth, Twelfth, Twentieth, Thirtieth, Charters were granted to Twelfth, Bohemian, No. 3, 16 members; Seventeenth, Slavonic, 35 members; Seventh Ward, Eighth District, 6 members; and other applications, making a total of about 250.

OUR GUESSING CONTEST.

The name of the Revolutionist appearing in our last issue was Jean Baptiste Drouet. He was instrumental in stopping the flight of King Louis XVI, and in having him arrested and brought back to Paris.

THE RECORDING ANGEL.

This great Socialist novel, by Edwin Arnold Brenholtz, has now been ready for some days, and copies have been mailed to all out of town buyers who had ordered in advance.

THE REPUBLIC OF PLATO.

Last week's issue of the Socialist contained a list of books on science and philosophy, with the prices fixed by the ordinary process of competition or monopoly.

COOK COUNTY.

CHAS. L. BRECKON, Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is the secretary's report for week ending April 8, 1905:

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