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"HATRED OF THE RICH."

Chancellor Andrews of the University of Nebraska has furnished a text which has called forth no end of editorial comment from the public press.

In an address lately delivered to the students of his university he is quoted as saying: "Current rage against promoters is simply part and parcel of the popular hostility felt against all wealth. This hatred, so deep, so wide, so intense even to savagery, so unreasoning and so relentless, I deem the most dangerous sign of the times. If the mob alone felt it this brutish antipathy would be less appalling, but it has sympathy and support in all classes. Hardly a newspaper in the land but frequently gives it voice. Pulpits are equally intemperate. The cry is that this gnashing of teeth goes on against the rich as such without the least discrimination between the good and good-for-nothing rich."

If what the professor says is true, instead of being the deplorable things he describes it, it is a hopeful sign of the times. It at least indicates that there is universal dissatisfaction with the unequal and unjust distribution of wealth, which is all the product of labor.

Of course it is very stupid on the part of the wealth producers and small exploiters to hate the rich personally because they are rich; but as stupid as it may be to hate the rich it is hard for the average man or woman, whether they belong to the middle class exploiters or the exploited workers, to distinguish between the men and the system that robs them.

The average person who has not studied Socialism blames the individual rich for their suffering and privation.

We can assure Prof. Andrews that he will find very few Socialists who are so foolish and short-sighted as to waste their energies "hating the rich" as individuals. To the middle class and the non-Socialist worker Rockefeller, Carnegie and the other successful multimillionaires are devils incarnate, who are the cause of most of their suffering.

How different it is with the Socialist. He sees in Rockefeller et al. only the victims and natural product of a system that is bearing its natural fruit. The Socialist knows and understands that these men, when they are wise and organizing our industries into great national and international organizations, are preparing the way for the new order of things that is about to burst into life.

SYSTEMATIC ORGANIZATION.

Ulich's Hall was filled to the limit last Sunday afternoon to discuss ways and means of organization. County Secretary Breckon presented a paper arguing the need of a plan for the systematic organization of the city and county into primary district organizations, as laid down by the new county constitution.

The plan as proposed was vigorously argued, the general idea prevailing that the need was very great for some practical way of effecting a close-knit organization.

It was finally moved that the plan as presented be indorsed, and it was recommended that the County Central Committee proceed at once to put the same into full force and effect. This motion, when it came to a vote, was carried almost unanimously.

The duties of the county committee being so manifold, and it being necessarily pre-occupied with routine affairs, receiving new members, internal party affairs and general legislative work, seems to make it absolutely necessary to provide for organization and propaganda work in some way outside of this committee, yet fully under its management and control. It is manifest that such of the active members as are adapted to the work in one ward, should be enabled to join hands with others in adjoining wards, in a systematic work of organization, to perfect primary district clubs within the wards. This would make it possible to have new and fresh literature, whereas under the present practice every penny of income falls into the "Chicago Socialist" deficit. This compels the organization work to go very lamely. Many necessary things for organization work are sacrificed in the interest of the paper. It is believed that while the one cannot be neglected the other must not be. The following plan is therefore presented for your most careful reading. The subject matter fully explains itself.

Whereas, The present requirements of the Socialist party demand a more thorough organization of every ward in the City of Chicago and every town in the county, and makes it necessary that we have an active organization in each primary district in the county; and Whereas, To bring about the organization of these primary clubs it will be necessary that a number of wards and towns co-operate together and jointly assume the work of a systematic campaign of organization and agitation; therefore, be it Resolved, That an additional article be incorporated into the County Constitution, to be known as Article VII, which article shall deal exclusively with the question of the organization of primary clubs and shall read as follows:

ARTICLE VII. Division Organizations. Sec. 1. For purposes of better facilitating the organization of primary clubs the county shall be divided into seven parts and each part shall be known as a Division. Sec. 2. The seven Divisions shall be composed as follows: FIRST DIVISION. All of wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 23, 30 and the towns of Stickney and Lemont. Number of primary districts, 53. SECOND DIVISION. All of wards 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and the towns of Hicksville, Evanston and New Trier. Number of primary districts, 45. THIRD DIVISION. All of wards 13, 16, 17, 27, 28 and the towns of Leyden, Norwood Park, Niles, Main, Northfield, Wheeling, Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg, Hanover and Barrington. Number of primary districts, 41. FOURTH DIVISION. All of wards 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 33 and the first and second primary districts of ward 34 and the towns of Oak Park and Providence. Number of primary districts, 42. FIFTH DIVISION. All of wards 9, 10, 11, 12 and the third and fourth primary districts of ward 34 and the towns of Cicero, Berwyn, River side and Lyons. Number of primary districts, 29. SIXTH DIVISION. All of wards 7, 8, 21, 32 and the first, second and third primary districts of ward 33 and the town of Forest Park. Number of primary districts, 42. SEVENTH DIVISION. The fourth, fifth and sixth primary districts of ward 33 and the first primary district of the town of Worth and towns of Calumet, Rich, Thornton and Bloom. Number of primary districts, 24. Sec. 3. The business of each Division shall be conducted by a division committee, composed of the chairmen of the primary districts of the wards and towns located in each division. Sec. 4. The officers of the Division Committee shall meet regularly each month at the centrally located place and shall arrange and conduct organization and agitation in each primary district within their respective territories and organize and maintain a primary club in every primary district. Sec. 5. The officers of the Division Committee shall be: chairman, secretary, financial secretary and a treasurer. Sec. 6. In case there shall be a ward or a town containing no organized primary club, the Division Committee in which such ward or town is located shall have power to appoint a chairman for each primary district in such ward or town and such appointees shall have the same rights and privileges as the regular primary chairmen of organized wards or towns. Sec. 7. There shall be created an organization committee of twenty-one (21) members, composed of two delegates from each division, and the organizer of each division. The delegates shall be elected by their respective division committees at the time of the election of the officers. Sec. 8. The officers of the Organization Committee shall be: chairman, secretary, financial secretary and a treasurer. Sec. 9. The duties of the Organization Committee shall be to assist the Division Committee in every way possible and to act as a jobber for the transaction of such work as may be required of them by the various divisions. Sec. 10. Each Division Committee shall pay into the treasury of the Organization Committee each month a sum equal to twenty-five cents for every primary district within their respective territories, which amount they may charge up to the various wards and town branches. These funds shall be used by the Organization Committee to supply the Division Committees with literature and other propaganda material. The collection taken amounted to \$22.17. It was moved and carried that all of the collection above the price of half cent be applied toward the literature fund in the newly proposed organizing districts. After the adoption of the above plan, the following was offered by Comrade Morgan, and on vote was declared adopted: That it be the sense of this meeting that the first 25 cents collected from each applicant shall become a subscription for the paper, and that the application card shall be returned with the second payment of dues, and then the application is to be forwarded and take its regular course. This is to have no application to those comrades who do not read English. It is believed that a careful study of this organization plan in its entirety will meet plain its practicability. The intense enthusiasm of the militant Socialist must be harnessed to some definite and systematic plan of organization, that shall reach out into every precinct and give every comrade a specific piece of territory in which to distribute literature and carry on effective propaganda. The Socialist philosophy promises a great ideal for the proletariat. That great ideal will only be realized in effective organization. The biggest possible revolution of to-day will be a thoroughly organized proletariat.

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Methods of Wealthy Jews in Regard to Russian Policy Denounced—Time for Begging and Pleading Past—Only Hope of Jews in Russia is Revolution.

The Jews are always an interesting people to study. No people on the earth have played a more important part in the evolution of human society from the pastoral stage where we get our first glimpses of them, on through the ages of slavery, feudalism and the development of capitalism up to the present moment.

The Jewish quarter in Chicago, known as the Ghetto, was thoroughly stirred up last Sunday night. At the meeting announced to be held in one of the synagogues to hear the report of the committee, consisting of some wealthy and influential Jews who had waited on Sergius de Witte and members of the Russian peace commission, the class lines got the best of race unity and for some time there was something doing in Israel.

REAPING THE HARVEST.

Officers of the Law Alarmed—Negro Strike-Breakers, Fill Jail and Terrorize the City—Crime Increasing.

The following is from the news columns of the Chicago Chronicle, the paper that so strenuously defended the Employers' Association in importing the thugs from all quarters to break the strike:

"Crime on the part of negroes has increased at a startling rate and to such an extent that the officers of the law are seriously alarmed. Never in the history of the Cook County jail have so many negroes been confined there at one time as at the present period, and if they continue to arrive at the present rate the jail will be filled to its capacity with colored prisoners."

Yesterday morning there were ninety negro prisoners, or one-fifth of the entire number of persons confined there. As a rule the number averages about twenty or thirty, and fifty has been looked upon as a high mark.

An investigation by the jail officials has revealed the fact that the predictions made by sociological workers and others during the strike have begun to come true. The predictions were that after the strike the city would be burdened with a wave of crime which would continue throughout the winter because of the negroes being forced from their places of employment at the end of the strike. A majority of the negroes are illiterate and were imported from the South. Few of them can read or write, and when the strike was declared off they were unable to get other employment.

A few weeks ago the Chronicle was lauding these men as honest, contented workmen, who wanted nothing but to be let alone to work for whom they pleased. But since they have quit work and adopted capitalist methods of making their money for capitalists don't like to compete with them.

CLASS LINES MORE IN EVIDENCE.

The failure to secure a jury to try the alleged sluggers and officers of the Wagon Workers' Union is revealing beyond a shadow of doubt that the class lines are now clearly drawn.

Ten days have been spent endeavoring to find twelve men who will say that they are not prejudiced against one side or the other. Out of over 300 venire men that have been examined, the working men all say that they are prejudiced in favor of the accused. While on the other hand, the capitalists and little business men that have been called frankly confessed they are prejudiced against the union men on trial.

So completely have these class lines shown themselves that the court and attorneys despair of ever getting a jury in Cook County to try the case.

The failure so far to get a jury in this case was made the text for an editorial in the Chicago Chronicle Wednesday morning, attacking the jury system and advocating and justifying government by injunction.

Socialism is the only remedy for this fierce and perpetual class struggle. When the people collectively own the means of life there will be no employment for Pinkertons nor Gilboleys. Socialism would put them all at useful labor.

THE NEW CHIVALRY.

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A GLANCE AT THE RECORDS.

In the session laws of Illinois for 1905 are found the resolutions printed below.

There is nothing printed in connection with this resolution that throws any light on who introduced it into the last session of our legislature, but there it stands, having been concurred in by a joint vote of the House and Senate, recommending the Governor to appoint a commission to thoroughly investigate and report a bill providing a plan for industrial insurance and workmen's old age pension. The resolution is very imperfectly drawn, but even with all the imperfection of language, the author, whoever he may have been, has drawn a scathing indictment against the capitalist system of producing and distributing the wealth of the nation.

So productive has become the labor of the industrial class in all civilized countries that the great problems before the statesmen of the nations is how to dispose of that product and keep it from becoming a curse instead of a blessing.

The Socialist knows that it will take something more drastic than mere industrial insurance or old age pension law to remedy the almost intolerable condition of the helpless wage workers so graphically and realistically portrayed in this resolution.

COMMISSION TO DRAFT PLAN FOR INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

THE RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The limited time at the disposal of the present session of the General Assembly is insufficient to take up, much less carefully and fully consider, the important subject of industrial insurance, including pensions for aged workers, and protective measures in the interest of working men which in other countries have proved of great value and benefit, and

Whereas, In the most favored countries the margin between work and want is an exceedingly narrow one, besides there can be no apprehension more keen or pitiless than the constant clinging dread shared equally by all wealth producers that misfortune in the form of sickness, the liability to become incapacitated through accident or by Time's inevitable advance accompanied by waning strength, there will be lacking the means necessary for ordinary maintenance. This most melancholy fact, of which all are conscious, poisons the present and fills the future with tears. The so-called civilized industrialism of our day can be subject to no stronger criticism than the charge fortified by universal experience that the men and women whose productive energy have contributed so much to our wealth, progress and development leading simple, unexpensive lives become in their declining years powerless principally because they are penniless, and

Whereas, It ought to be the duty of the law-making power of the state to prevent, so far as legislative aid and encouragement can modify this deplorable state of affairs; therefore be it

Resolved By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring hereto, That the Governor is hereby authorized and requested to appoint a commission consisting of five representative men, who shall serve without remuneration and whose duties shall be to thoroughly investigate and report to the Governor the draft of a bill providing a plan for industrial insurance and workmen's old age pensions for consideration and action by the members of the Forty-fifth General Assembly.

Adopted by the House, May 2, 1905. Concurred in by the Senate, May 4, 1905. See laws of Illinois, 1905, page 320.

So far as we are aware, the commission that this resolution empowers and calls upon the Governor to appoint has not yet been appointed. We hope that the Socialist members of the legislature and the legislative committee of the Illinois Federation of Labor will investigate this matter at once and urge upon the Governor to have this commission appointed. A thorough investigation into the precarious condition of the workers in this industrial state will furnish data that will be invaluable in our educational and agitation work among the wealth producers.

We call upon all Socialists who take an active part in their union to bring this matter before their unions and urge them to take action on this matter at once, and have the commission appointed. Listen once more to the terrible indictment brought against the result of capitalism as to the reward it brings to your class: "The so-called civilized industrialism of our day can be subject to no stronger criticism than the charge, fortified by universal experience, that the men and women whose productive energy has contributed so much to our wealth, progress and development, leading simple, unexpensive lives, become in their declining years powerless principally because they are penniless!"

Nothing less than social ownership of the means of life by the people collectively can cure this awful social disease, but a commission may shed a lot of light on the subject.

The workers are entitled to a thorough investigation of this subject. Let them see that they get it.

EVOLUTION OF LEISURE FOR ALL.

By A. M. SIMONS, in "The Craftsman."

It is hard to realize how great a change, both in quantity and quality, has taken place in human evolution during the last century. This change has been in direction as well as in rapidity of movement. From the time when homogeneity first took on heterogeneity, through all those endless aeons of years of world building and species creating when "selection" and "struggle for survival" were moulding organic matter into ever more complex and more perfectly adjusted forms, until at last the genus homo stood erect on this earth, and then on through those other almost countless centuries during which man was transforming the bough torn from the tree, or the stone dug from the earth into the first crude things that could be called tools, on through still other weary lines of centuries in which language and the beginnings of social relations were being painfully worked out, and chipped stone was being polished, to give way to bronze and iron—during all these stretches of time, beside which that related by the historian is as but a wink of the eye, the one great pressing problem, social and individual, for each and every organism, whether plant or animal, amoeba, fungus, microbe, mammal, or man, was how to transform the material environment into forms that would satisfy needs.

At last it was given to man alone, of all animate creation, to create a trifle more of goods that would sustain life. This was a new epoch in cosmic evolution. It marked for the first time the possibility of regular, systematic, calculated leisure, rest, or to speak more accurately, of activity not conditioned upon the immediate furtherance of physical existence. Yet the amount of leisure which was possible to each individual, the margin of exertion left over after the satisfaction of physical necessities, was so slight that it was impossible for each one to utilize it individually. Had it been so utilized, or had its use been so attempted, it would simply have meant a relaxation of effort in the struggle, followed by decadence, and failure of the group in the struggle for survival. If this new element of leisure was to benefit the race it must be collected from the many and vested in the few, who by thus gathering a few moments from each could accumulate a lifetime free from the necessity of producing. This was done, and during the last few thousand years there have been a few persons in each social group who, by gathering to themselves, through force or cunning, the leisure of all their fellows, were relieved from the necessity of struggling with their physical environment to procure food and shelter. Some few among these favored ones used their leisure to build up things on which the race could rise to higher planes. But always this advance was brought at the expense of others. If a Phidias, or an Aristotle lived fuller, longer and better lives, and contributed mightily to racial advance, it was only because a multitude of slaves were condemned to shorter, more confined and limited existences. When Cicero and Virgil built for eternity they did it with

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THE NEW CHIVALRY.

A STORY, BY BERTHA S. WILKINS.

(Continued from Last Issue.)

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Burnham looked dumfounded. "For God's sake, Gunther, let it stand," he blurted out. "I accept the situation, Burnham. I'm in a fever to get at my rock-drill. Heath took me by the arm and showed me that laboratory shop they have. He treated me like a man, not like a workman; that gave the thing dead away. But that's a shop to gladden one's soul, and the apparatus at my service there will shorten the work of my experiments from months to weeks."

"Your hand on that, Gunther," Burnham said, pleased as a boy. "If you need capital, call on me. Mrs. Gunther does not suspect my hand in this, you say? Mrs. Elliott is my aunt; I couldn't have done it all without her; but there's no bluff about her Socialism."

"You need not apologize for her," Gunther said; "when my wife is an old woman she will be like Mrs. Elliott." Burnham assented. "She was an abolitionist in Boston and now she is in the fight with you." Burnham seemed to enjoy getting the secret off his mind now that it was out. "Heath was a college friend of mine. But don't let Mrs. Gunther suspect. Think what a sensitive woman like that suffers facing difficulties such as you were likely to encounter. There's not much doing in your line in Chicago just now, and I wished to save her the worry of having you come home without work, even the first day."

"Yes, I know, it would have been a fierce struggle for me, as it is for others in my line, and she is sensitive, Burnham, you're right; but think how all women suffer," Gunther's voice was impressive. "For her sake, for whose life I should be willing to give my own many times, in the name of my wife, I think of other women. By their very constitution they are all sensitive. If they are not, if they have become hard, then the damnable system which makes beasts of us all, is to blame."

"Gunther, you tell me to think," Burnham began, slowly. "Never in my life have I done so much thinking as during the past week. What stuff do you think I'm made of? First the tragedy in my life had left me suspended. Then Mrs. Gunther's illumination came, and I am frank to say, you helped me, too. I am not the same man who left Denver a week ago. I must have been blind. I must have been stone-blind!"

Burnham rose to go. "I have an appointment and shall make my adieux to the ladies," he said, slowly.

"By the way, have I given you my word of honor not to explain this—joke to my wife?" asked Gunther, dubiously.

"Not so bad as that, perhaps, but don't you think it's wiser to—"

"It may be wiser, but I confess to a tremendous curiosity to see how she takes it."

"That's it—there's no telling how these complex women are going to take things—she may insist upon moving pellmell."

"Well, you see this is different from living in your mansion," Gunther began, judiciously. "That was more loyalty to my poverty than anything else. She didn't want to get used to grand things, and then find all others cheap. I'm inclined to trust to her sense of humor; it's the keener thing about her. Really I'm afraid I'll make bad business of keeping this—my curiosity may get the better of me—"

"When it comes to that," Burnham conceded, sheepishly, "I'm curious myself, and if you think it's safe, I don't see why we shouldn't—let me know by telephone to-morrow morning."

(Concluded.)

A Personal Word to the Comrades:

Shortly before submitting "The New Chivalry" to the editor of the Chicago Socialist I ask d. c. t., associate editor of one of the most radical magazines in the United States, and Jack London to pass judgment upon it. In both cases the criticism is not only upon this story in particular, but upon "fiction with a Socialist purpose" in general, and as it might be not only interesting, but vitally instructive to Socialists, I quote the essential parts of each letter of criticism.

C. T. writes: "I have read your story, and my criticism is primarily what I told you the evening we talked about it—that is, I think it is very dangerous to try and do prognostic work through fiction. If the story is sufficiently human to carry you into the conversations without realizing the motive of the author, then it may be successful to use arguments such as you have, but I doubt if this can ever be done in short story form. Zola and Tolstol, with their perfect art, are able to do it in long stories. You have here two distinct things—a very interesting encounter between the capitalist and the intelligent miner and his wife, and the child incident is original. This is not so much a criticism of your story as it is a criticism of the tendency of our most earnest Socialist writers. I feel the matter very strongly, because I am so anxious that we should develop as Socialists a literary art that was unexcelled. I think to do that we must deal with human facts and experiences. Could you have told the story of the woman's hardships, and made her encounter with the capitalist a climax, you would, I think, appeal to many readers who would not now give the conversations and the story their attention. As you have written it for Socialist papers, it may be that you prefer to clothe the matter in this way, but I wish our Socialist papers might feel—I do on the subject."

Jack London says: "I think there is a middle ground to be found between your position and C. T.'s position. C. T. is right when she says you cannot successfully embody economic arguments in a short story. Such a short story would certainly not be an art product. On the other hand, as far as propaganda literature is concerned, I believe that a story such as you have written in 'The New Chivalry' has its place and power. But of course we must frankly admit on the face of it that such literature is not art. C. T. is right as far as the art side is concerned, while she is wrong, I believe, when she thinks so one but a Socialist would find interest in reading a story like 'The New Chivalry.' You are right where you think that such a story is good propaganda literature, but you are wrong where you think it is good art. I enjoyed your story very much, and consider it splendid for propaganda purposes. The argument was especially good. Wishing you all the success in the world, Yours for the Revolution, J. L."

As for myself, I did not mean to intimate that this particular story of mine was "art." I tried simply to make the story strong and human enough to float the argument, so the baby incident, which occurred on one of my cross country trips, suggested itself to me.

C. T. says that "we must deal with human facts and experiences." I contend that this vital movement just dawning upon the consciousness of the people is a tremendous "human experience." It makes drunkards sober and frivolous women sincere; it has even been known to prompt a man to cut down his allowance of cigars in order to have more money to spend for the "cause." Such a movement, it seems to me, is bound to find its place in the fiction of a people.

Socialism is beginning to take the place which patriotism, religious fervor, philanthropy and honor of name and profession held in the fiction of the immediate past. Since realistic fiction is the reflection of life as people live it, Socialism cannot much longer be avoided even by our "art" writers in their shorter works of "art."

EVOLUTION OF LEISURE FOR ALL.

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hours and minutes clipped from the lives of the multitudes of their fellow beings who still lived on the old level of the beasts of the field.

The Middle Ages saw a glimmer of what future generations may see the full radiance. Large masses of the people caught glimpses of the possibility of beauty and pleasure in their lives. But the margin of production over existence was still so narrow that this general diffusion of leisure and beauty was purchased only by sacrifice in other lines. What was gained extensively was lost intensively. If all shared, even so little, in pleasurable life, all shared also in a depth of ignorance and physical crudeness to which the ruling classes of Greece and Rome were strangers. Artisans, who wrought so beautifully as to challenge the admiration of the world to the end of time, lived in miserable huts, unroofed, windowless, and almost unwarmed against the

HERRON ANSWERS.

So untrue and unjust are recent press reports concerning my wife and myself, and so terribly false their implications as to Socialist men and doctrines, that I feel compelled to give them an explicit public denial. Not that I have any hope of counteracting, by means of a brief statement, the effects of wide misstatements that have occupied pages in our daily journals, and that have been read by millions of people. I can only hope that some of the serious minded may read what I herein set forth, and accept it for the truth that it is.

1. According to these reports, Mrs. Herron and myself have recently inherited from her mother, Mrs. E. D. Rand, eleven millions of dollars, of which sum is to be devoted to the destruction of the family and of religion. Now, Mrs. Rand never had eleven million dollars, nor one million dollars, to bequeath to any one. Her whole estate does not amount to one-twelfth of what the press reports her to have left to her daughter. And the bulk of that twelfth does not go to Mrs. Herron at all, but is held by trustees to be equally divided among Mrs. Rand's six grandchildren as they respectively become twenty-eight years of age, during which time one-half the income is to be devoted to the founding of a school of Socialism in New York City, with Mrs. Herron and Mr. Morris Hillquit as its trustees.

2. It is stated that there is gathered at Elmwood Farm, our home near Metuchen, N. J., a colony of people who are putting in practice the supposed doctrines that are destructive to the family and to religion. There is not, there has not been, nor has there been any intention or dream of having a colony of any sort whatsoever at the Elmwood Farmstead. The place was an old and neglected colonial farm, which we bought four years ago, in the first place as a home for my father and mother, who are conservative Presbyterians and Republicans, and also as the only place who have ever lived on the place, aside from the superintendent and the employes. We also thought of the homestead and land as a place where we could work out of doors in the summer months, while giving hospitality to friends in need of rest, and while making a piece of practically waste earth fruitful and beautiful again. The only cottages on the place are those occupied by the farmer, the mechanic and the gardener. The persistent story of a colony at Elmwood Farm is pure invention; and neither in fact nor intention has such a colony ever existed. It is to be hoped that this statement will forever set the matter at rest.

3. It is reported that I and my "followers" are engaged in a crusade against marriage, and that I am writing a book, to be published in all lands and in all languages, that is meant for the destruction of the family. I am not writing and never expect to write any such book; nor am I engaged in any crusade against the family. In the real sacredness of the real family none of our accusers believe so devoutly as my wife and myself. One of our complaints against a capitalist civilization is that it is destroying both the economic and sympathetic basis on which the family can alone be built. The only crusade upon which I have been engaged is that of the working class for its emancipation from a capitalist society that I believe to be already rotten to the heart and brazen in every feature. Furthermore, I never had, never sought and would not consent to having "followers" of any kind whatsoever. I am myself but a humble and unimportant follower of the International Socialist movement for the overthrow of the hideous and depraved capitalism which at present dooms the peoples of all nations to slavery, misery and hypocrisy.

4. For the millenth time, it is reported that Mrs. Herron and I took each other as "companions," nearly four years ago, and that we were not duly and legally married. This again is unqualified and malicious invention. No such expressions as those used by

the press, and by certain sordid novels, were ever used. We were married legally and even conventionally. The only thing in which the marriage differed from any marriage service was that the clergyman used the word "annulment" instead of "pronouncement," and that each of the friends present was asked to express some chosen sentiment as a part of the ceremony.

Finally, it is only after painful and reluctant consideration that I send out this statement. In the unimaginable falsehood and warfare to which my wife and I have been subjected, for now more than four years, whenever our names have been publicly mentioned, I have made no reply and no defense. Nor is this mere statement of facts a defense of anything that we are or do or teach. In the end, it is only the lives of men or women, and the truth that is in them, that can defend them; and if the truth of their lives cannot justify them, nothing else can; and if the truth cannot finally care for its own, then the world has no justice to give that is worth the having. Besides, it seems to me that the manner by which my wife and I were married, and the things I am supposed to teach, have occupied a place in the public mind, out of all proportion to their significance. What I do, or do not, what I teach or do not teach, is very unimportant; and it is humiliating to be forced to assume them to be important enough to demand a defense against injustice and misstatement. And it is only out of deference to the cause of Socialism, to which such life as I have belongs, that I put forth this correction, in order that the Socialist movement and its doctrines may not be misread in the light in which I have been presented to the people by the reports referred to. While not expecting for a moment that this statement can efface the long effect of evil report from the popular mind, I can at least hope that facts herein given may have weight with some, and that there is still enough fairness in the press to allow me to set forth this much of the truth against the volumes of unthinkable falsehood that have appeared. I furthermore hope that this statement may be accepted as final, especially as my wife and I are leaving to make our home indefinitely in a foreign land. GEORGE D. HERRON.

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SOCIALIST STATE NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

GENERAL PARTY NEWS.

In accord with a referendum of the locals in Indian Territory, they are turned over to the Territorial Committee of Oklahoma and become part of the territorial organization of which J. E. Snyder, 201 1/2 W. Grand avenue, Oklahoma City, is secretary.

The comrades should see to it that the perpetual campaign seasons are put in general circulation. Many more organizers are needed. Order from your State secretary and the local, State and national organizations will share in the proceeds.

John W. Slayton of New Castle, Pa., has been elected National Committee member, succeeding Robert B. Ringler, resigned.

A. M. Simon, 56 Fifth avenue, and Seymour Steadman, 92 La Salle street, Chicago, have been elected as additional National Committee members by the State of Illinois, H. Berlin being re-elected.

Test will be made by St. Louis, Mo., comrades as to their right to use of the street for meetings.

Kansas City, Mo., comrades are holding street meetings every night.

The comrades in Ohio are putting up a wonderful campaign. Some expect they will exceed the phenomenal vote of last year.

The Massachusetts organization is in better shape than ever. They have about doubled the average monthly dues to the national office the past two months.

Comrade James P. Carey, candidate for Governor, and P. F. Maloney, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, are in demand everywhere and each will thoroughly canvass the State. National Organizers John Collins, Guy E. Miller and M. W. Wilkins will each spend from ten to twenty days in the State. Every indication points to a greatly increased vote.

John Collins and other comrades in New York City are being pestered by hoodlums at their meetings, apparently by connivance of the police, who showed a disposition to stop the meetings, but failed.

Resolutions similar to those passed by Local North Cambridge, Minn., reported in the Weekly Bulletin of Sept. 9, calling for a complete investigation of the existing trouble between Local Minneapolis and the State Executive Committee of Minnesota, have been passed and reported to this office by Locals Scanlon and Duerwood, Minn.

Robbinsdale, Minn., Sept. 14, 1905. To the Members of the National Committee, Socialist Party:

Dear Comrades--We, the State Executive Committee of Minnesota, most emphatically protest against the interference with the internal affairs of this State proposed by Bandow, and against the insulting slander that Minnesota is in a chaotic state.

While we have nothing to fear from an honest investigation, we are amply capable of managing the affairs of this State within the limits of the National and State Constitutions and for the weal of the party, and demand that our rights be respected, together with the National Constitution you were elected to uphold and observe.

Fraternally, M. N. Rogers, chairman; S. M. Holman, C. F. Dight, F. Miller, B. F. Morledge, State Executive Committee. J. E. NASH, State Secretary.

Dates for national lecturers and organizers for the coming week are: George H. Goebel--Oct. 1, Aberdeen, S. D.; 2, Rondell; 3, Warner; 4, Highmore; 5, Pierre; 6, 7, en route.

Guy E. Miller--Oct. 1-2, Crestline, Ohio; 3, Sandusky; 4, Elyria; 5, Cleveland; 6, Akron; 7, Barberton.

John W. Slayton--Oct. 1, en route; 2, Cheyenne, Wyo.; 3, Sterling, Colo.; 4, 5, Denver; 6, 7, en route.

M. W. Wilkins--Oct. 1, North Walpole, N. H.; 2, Keen; 3, 4, 5, 6, in Vermont, under the direction of the State Committee.

John M. Work--Oct. 1, Flint, Mich.; 2, 3, 4, 5, Detroit; 6, 7, Toledo, Ohio.

The Rev. John Basil Barnhill of Illinois is important Socialist local for dates. He to take the negative in debates on Socialism. His advertising states that he debated with Comrade E. V. Debs during presidential campaign.

This statement is untrue. He also states in his communications to locals that a number of prominent Socialists fear to meet him in debate. This also is untrue.

Mr. Barnhill is seeking to employ the energy of the comrades to secure audiences with paid admission, the object being the division of the receipts.

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

ILLINOIS. PRINTING OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION FUND.

The following additional locals and branches have responded to the appeal for contributions for a fund to print the new State Constitution in booklet form, together with a manual on how to organize and conduct local and branch organization and organization work as well as other useful material:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Includes Cook Ward (\$1.35), Fourth Ward (1.00), Twentieth Ward (1.00), Twenty-first Ward (1.00), Twenty-second Ward (1.00), Twenty-seventh Ward, No. 4 (2.00), Chicago Heights (1.00), Adams County (1.00), Madison County (2.00), Previously reported (27.95).

Total to date, \$39.30. Only 24 locals and branches have participated in the contribution of this sum of \$39.30 out of over 150. The best figure obtained from the printers for ten thousand copies is \$75. This sum is necessary to make the printing possible, and so the locals and branches as well as individuals comrades which have not yet responded are again appealed to to send in their mite, as a booklet of this nature is of great value in the work before us of thoroughly organizing the State of Illinois.

Fraternally, J. E. SMITH, State Secretary.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 13, 1905. Chicago Socialist:

Our local press, whose reporters are blessed with more imagination than conscience, did Comrade Sam Block an injustice in their account of his address at Peoria on Labor Day. According to them he made a very conservative speech on Trade Unionism, counseling moderation, obedience to law, etc., etc., when, as a matter of fact, he made one of the strongest Socialist talks that I have ever heard. Nor did he mince matters.

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RUSSIANS MAKE APPEAL.

Russian Self-Defense Committee Appeals to the Public of Chicago--Needs Money for Wounded and Publicity.

The war between Russia and Japan is ended and a real internal war between official-Russia and Russian subjects is beginning.

The Russian government disorganized by the enormous task of conducting a foreign war thousands of miles from its resources, together with the incessant struggle it had with the more or less class-conscious working men and all classes in general compelled the government to grant some concessions to the people and practically recognize the right of the people to a voice in the government of the empire.

But now the war is over and the ruling class of Russia does not think it necessary any longer to maintain friendship with the different nationalities comprising the Russian Empire. They no longer find it necessary to tolerate opposition from any source, especially from revolutionary and Socialist organizations.

The Russian government is gathering strength and with all the terrible power of an organized state with a standing army and navy, gendarme cossacks and terrible rough and ignorant police, corrupt officials, low and high submissive judges and courts is facing the inner enemy. It is generally known, we believe, all over the civilized world what horrible tragedies are of daily occurrence in Russia these days. The present struggle is becoming particularly heavy on the Russian Jews because of the peculiar position they have occupied in Russia for the past century. The Jews in Russia have been depressed and oppressed, not even having the privileges of a Russian of orthodox faith. They have in the past been submissive, passive, resistless and therefore helpless beings.

With the development of industries in Russia the situation has rapidly changed. The Jews in Russia, through the industrial development have been divided into two conflicting parts: Employers on the one hand and wage workers on the other.

Among the Jewish working men the Socialist ideas of western Europe have rapidly spread. As a result they organized themselves into associations and agitated, educated and attempted to enlighten themselves and their fellow workers in their own way and tongue.

We are, therefore, proud to admit the truth of the accusation of the Russian government "that the Jews are the most dissatisfied, revolutionary and Socialistic of all nationalities in Russia." They have not only united with the Social Democratic Society called "Der Bund," but they take a prominent part in all revolutionary and Socialist organization and agitation throughout the entire empire.

Bearing these facts in mind the ferocious and merciless manner in which the Russian government suppresses and exterminates the Jews is easily understood. It loses no opportunity to make them feel its iron hand. The wealthy and well-to-do class and the clergy are threatened with extermination if they are unable to stop the young Jews from joining the revolutionary working class movement.

The conflict has reached the stage where only two paths are open: The one to ignominiously continue to submit; the other to openly resist the continuance of our awful condition. The Jewish "Bund" preferred to resist, let the consequences be what they may; therefore, to assist our comrades in Russia we have organized the Russian self-defense committee of Chicago.

At present the struggle is taking on an acute character. In every conflict there are killed and wounded on both sides. The soldier and cossack who fight to suppress the working men are becoming enraged at the resistance they meet; like savages they thirst for blood, shooting men, women and children. We realize that all civilized nations are indignant at these outrages, but they do nothing to assist in the struggle for liberty.

Therefore a central committee of the Russian Revolutionary Society and progressive organizations of Chicago decided to call the attention of the public of Chicago and United States to the most appalling state of affairs in Russia. We believe we have the sympathy of the public with us. We call upon all who are in sympathy with the cause of liberty to assist financially as speedily and as liberally as possible. Money is very much needed at once to carry on the work.

We appeal especially to the hundreds of thousands of American citizens who themselves have lived in Russia and who still remember the perils of living in a country governed as Russia now is. Remember it is impossible for all to emigrate. The object of this committee is to render every assistance possible to the struggling revolutionists in Russia. Send all contributions to Dr. Kamin, Treasurer of the Russian self-defense committee, 478 S. Halsted street.

(Signed) PRESS COMMITTEE.

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IT BRINGS THEIR FIRE.

The judicial and sanitary convention of the Socialist party of Cook County received a little more serious consideration at the hands of the capitalist press than any previous Socialist convention.

Commenting on that portion of the Socialist platform which frankly states that if our candidates are elected they will interpret the law from the standpoint of and in the interest of the producing class, the Chicago Chronicle says "that two wrongs do not make a right."

If the Socialist party would only let the capitalist politicians and newspapers write their platforms they would at least save themselves from "censure and ridicule."

CONVENTION FAVORED.

Your article in last week's issue urging the holding of a special national convention in 1906 is indeed a timely one, and in my opinion should receive a most serious consideration by the membership at large.

Not only is it necessary that we give renewed utterance to our fundamentals to dispel the mental darkness of the wage-workers because of the rapidly shifting conditions on the economic stage, but also to find out just where we ourselves are at.

A few more such referendums as the one just closed on the Wisconsin affair will soon tangle us up so badly that we may yet become the laughing stock of the world.

Besides, according to section 3 of article 4 of the National Constitution, the expenses of the committee men will have to be paid out of the funds of the national treasury.

In spite of this, however, we may still manage to survive next year's session, only what good will it do to go to such a sacrifice when we could hold a special national convention which would have full power to act and free us from the profane knots.

Let us have a special national convention. Fraternally, JAS. S. SMITH.

compelled to do the bidding of John H. Walsh and men of his class. One of the most pitiable and disgusting things connected with modern newspaper life is the fact that the men who furnish the brains that makes a newspaper like the Chronicle add inter-oceanic possible do not publish their own ideas or opinions or publish the facts about events as they know them.

The intellectual mental who wrote the editorial in the Chronicle attempting to ridicule the Socialist platform makes us say "that the only wealth producers are those who work with their hands." Now the man who wrote that is not only a slave, but a liar.

The Democratic and Republican parties will permit Mr. Walsh and the class his paper represents to suggest what they put in their platforms, because they put up the money to pay campaign expenses.

We are of the opinion that the fact that our judicial platform drew forth two serious and ridiculous editorials from the defenders of all forms of exploitation is very good evidence that it has not missed the mark.

What a pity the great wealth-creating class from Japan to the United States and from all southern to all northern boundaries, cannot get one clear glimpse of what International Socialism really stands for. If the workers of all countries could but for one instant see the possibilities that await their intelligent class action the dream of the prophets of all nations and all ages would soon be a tangible fact.

It is said that the trust managers are tremblingly waiting for President Roosevelt's message in Congress, fearing lest he will wipe the trusts out of existence by a stroke of his strenuous pen. How much longer will the voters of the nation be rocked to sleep by that kind of dope? Don't they know the trusts furnished Roosevelt's campaign funds and placed him where he is, to look after their interests?

The Inter Ocean says that worse men than T. J. Morgan have been elected to the judicial bench, but notwithstanding that fact he hasn't the ghost of a show of being elected. The only reason that Comrade Morgan and every other Socialist on the ticket may not be elected is because as yet the great mass of the workers are not aware of their own interests.

Coal mine owners and Coal Miners' Union are preparing for another long struggle. There is only one way to settle the coal problem, viz.: Let the people own and operate the mines. Incidentally they will need to own the railroads and steamboats.

STREET MEETINGS.

The following is the list of meetings and speakers for the week, Sept. 29 to Oct. 5, inclusive. Both speakers and chairmen are urged to be faithful to appointments. Have stand and literature in readiness. Do not keep the box lid. Set it out in the street, with papers upon it, so that speaker, if a stranger to you, may know he has reached the proper place. Gather close to the speaker, and thus encourage the crowd to do likewise. All meetings at 8 p. m. unless otherwise noted.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30. Harlem, Ill.—A. W. Mance. 45th and Cottage Grove—W. A. Jacobs. Maxwell and Halsted—J. H. Cowland. Jefferson and Maxwell—Katzman and Robinson. 14th and Center—Morris Skolnik. Wood and Van Buren—Barney Berlin. 111th and Michigan—Seymour Steadman and Phil Engel. 72d and Halsted—Thos. J. Moran. 62d and Halsted—Jas. McCarthy.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1. Exchange Hall, Monroe and Sangamon, 2:30 p. m.—A. M. Simons and Chas. L. Bevelton. Clark and Walton Place—H. T. Root. 47th and Indiana—C. E. Kirkland. 26th and Cottage Grove—Seymour Steadman. 11st and Cottage Grove—J. A. Prout and L. Bevelton. Western and Madison—Walter Huggins. Center St. and Erie—Sam Robbins. 26th and Archer—Jas. McCarthy and Phillip Engel.

TUESDAY, OCT. 2. West 24th and S. Western Av.—Sam Robbins. North Av. and Orchard—A. Lafa and A. W. Mance. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3. Congress and Halsted—Morris Skolnik. Lincoln and Belmont—C. E. Kirkland. THURSDAY, OCT. 4. 26th and Wentworth—Barney Berlin. Center St. and Congress—Seymour Steadman. 26th and Emerald—Sam Block. Evanston, Ill.—E. M. Winston.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5. Madison and Aberdeen—Walter Huggins. Western Av. and North—Geo. Koop. Canalport St. and Union Av.—Mrs. E. F. Orr. 47th and Ashland—Sam Robbins. 122d and Homestead—Noy Anderson. Belmont and Lincoln—Geo. Koop. Milwaukee and Center—Samuel Block. Chicago and Madison—Mrs. E. F. Orr. 46th and Madison—Andrew Laff. 48th and Lake—A. M. Simons. Marwood, Ill. (terminus Lake Street line)—J. W. Baskin.

WORKERS IN THE FIELD.

Comrade S. A. Taylor, Buda, Ill., captured a couple of the unconverted for the Chicago Socialist.

Jas. Hazel, Oklahoma City, Okla., remembered us with a club last week. Don't forget our prize contest and book offer.

Comrade Heutemann, Dalsell, Ill., is always in it and he never misses an opportunity to get subscribers for the Chicago Socialist in his vicinity.

Comrade E. Y. Edkins, Greensburg, Ind., writes: Could not tell what the matter was with the Socialist until I looked at my label. Enclosed find payment for another year, as I wish to keep close tab on the movement in Chicago. Have great admiration for the comrades up there and appreciate their paper very highly.

Comrade Cole, Sioux Falls, S. D., has had mention in this column because of his excellent work as a hustler. He hit a center shot this week that overtopped all his former efforts. Our supply of adjectives are quite exhausted, but we still have room for a few more clubs like the one he sent in, \$4.00.

Comrade C. Kookwag, Seventh Ward, Chicago, is doing good business for the Chicago Socialist in that aristocratic ward. \$5.00 for subs is his contribution this week.

Comrade Higgins, Monmouth, Ill., orders 10 half-yearly sub-cards and a bundle of Chicago Socialists. Come again, comrade.

Send in your order for the Game Leaflet—1,000, \$1.00; 2,000, \$1.75; 5,000, \$4.00; 10,000, \$10.00.

Comrade A. N. Nelson, Chicago, touches us up with a club of five yearlies and takes the "Story of Pullman-town."

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Receipts—Due stamps, \$46.16; delegate dues, 75 cents; campaign fund, \$133.95; literature, \$5.85; balance on hand, \$28.70; total, \$215.30.

Expenses—Due stamps, \$40; printing, \$25; postage, \$15.50; hall rent, etc.; 221 supplies, \$8; secretary's salary, \$20; other expense, \$5.30; paid loan Bruning, \$15; balance on hand, \$54.50; total, \$124.30.

Stamp Account—On hand last week, 18; purchased, 400; total, 418. Sold, 321; balance on hand, 97.

CAMPAIGN FUND.

The first list received at the office on the fall campaign was No. 707, by B. Bell, for \$1.00. The second, coming the same day, was No. 708, by E. T. Newman, for \$2.00. The third one was from our old war horse from the Thirty-first Ward, list No. 105, Arnold Rasmussen, for "none" amount. Just how much of a joke is wrapped up in the last list from the Thirty-first Ward chairman we are unable to state. The following are the complete returns from all sources since last report:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes John Aird, 20th Ward (\$2.00), Bartenders and Waiters' Union (\$3.00), Ninth Ward Jewish Branch (\$3.00), Adolph Harsack, 21st Ward (\$1.00), Twenty-fourth Ward Branch (\$3.00), Brand's Hall collection (\$8.28), Jacob Bruning (also one judge's receipt) (\$5.00), B. Bell, 1st Ward (\$1.00), E. T. Newman, list No. 708 (\$2.00), H. T. Smith, 1st Ward (\$2.00), J. Simon, 25th Ward (\$2.00), E. S. Palmer, 6th Ward (\$1.00), R. S. Mowder, 20th Ward (\$4.00), J. P. Johnson (\$2.00), Chas. S. Wheeler, 27th Ward (\$1.00), G. O'Reilly, 35th Ward (\$2.00), C. and M. Bernard (\$4.00), Wadsworth's (\$2.00), B. B. Assen (\$1.00), Collection Ulick's Hall (\$2.27).

FIRST WARD.

There will be a meeting of the members of the First Ward branch on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 8 p. m., at Jung's Hall, 106 East Randolph street. All Socialists in First Ward are urged to attend. The purpose is to reorganize the ward. CHAS. L. BRECKON, Co. Secy.

TWENTY-FIFTH WARD.

Regular meeting of Twenty-fifth Ward branch occurs on Sunday, Oct. 8, 10:30 a. m., at Lincoln Turner Hall. All members urged to be present.

The capitalist press is now clamoring for Federal jurisdiction and supervision of life insurance companies, in order to protect the policy holders. Judging from the way the Federal authorities have handled the interstate commerce affairs, the small policy holders will not get much relief from the present reign of graft from that source.

Make the street meetings "warm" ones from this to the end of the line weather.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. ON account of my increasing optical business, it has become necessary to place this important department in charge of an expert, and I feel fortunate in securing the services of DR. CLAWSON, whom I know to have had wide experience in every branch of the optical business. Dr. Clawson is a graduate and expert refractionist, and thoroughly understands the scientific fitting of the eyes—not the hit and miss "maybe it's right" way, but principles based on the best methods known to optical science, one of the most important of all professions; for when the eye is at fault, all is at fault. Under Dr. Clawson's personal supervision I have installed the latest improved optical instruments, which places us in a position to take the very best care of my customers. If heretofore you have been unsuccessful in securing the proper glasses to relieve your defective vision, I especially invite you to let Dr. Clawson examine your eyes, which he will do free of all charge. If, after a thorough examination and consultation, you do not think he can improve your vision, say so, and if he does not think he can benefit you he will frankly tell you; but I know he can improve your vision if it is possible for any one to do so. We are also prepared to replace broken lenses and do all kinds of frame repairing. My prices are from 25 to 75 per cent lower than the average opticians that turn out the same class of work. As a sample of our price, we are selling a solid gold frame fitted with first quality lenses, for \$5.00, exactly the same as is sold at from \$7.50 to \$15.00 by the average optician. REMEMBER! We make no charge for examination and consultation. A. B. CONKLIN Room 25, McVicker's Theater Bldg. CHICAGO DON'T FORGET THAT I DO ALL KINDS OF WATCH, CLOCK AND JEWELRY REPAIRING

"NO TIME TO GET A DRINK." An employe of the Atlas Engine Works, located at Independence, Ind., sends us a letter and a plan that has been adopted to increase the pace that puts men on the "scrap pile" at 35 and 40 years of age. He says that since these rules have been adopted many of the men have not time to take a drink of water. Of course there is nothing new in this. It is the old method of getting men to work at the highest possible speed. They will be rewarded a little for it for a while; then down will go the scale and their condition will be worse than ever. Here are the inducements to "rush": In order that all employes may be thoroughly familiar with the conditions and rulings in connection with the standard operation plan, the following outline has been prepared: THE 20 PER CENT INCREASE FOR SUCCESS. For all jobs successfully completed within the standard time, the company will pay in addition to the regular hourly wages at which a man is employed an increase of 20 per cent over his regular hourly rate. For instance, a man employed at 20 cents an hour will be paid 24 cents an hour for all work successfully done under standard operation plan. THE 50 PER CENT BONUS FOR GAIN. For all jobs successfully completed within less than the standard time the company will pay in addition to the 20 per cent increase as explained in section 1, a gain-sharing bonus of 50 per cent of the man's base rate for all time gained. For instance, if a man employed at 20 cents an hour brings out successfully in ten hours a job on which the standard operation time is fixed at twelve hours, he receives 50 per cent of the saving or 20 cents extra pay in addition to receiving 24 cents an hour for all work successfully done under standard operation plan. All those that desire to take advantage of the 50 per cent gain-sharing feature of the plan can do so by notification to their foreman. QUALITY OF WORK. Work must be completed to entire satisfaction of foreman and inspector. Time is counted for good work only. For instance, if a man has ten pieces to do and spoils one, the time is counted as applying on nine pieces finished. TIME WITHIN WHICH WORK MUST BE DONE. Standard time as fixed constitute the limits allowed and work must be done within these limits if credit is desired for the bonus for success. IN MEMORIAM. At the last meeting of Local Cleveland the following resolution was adopted by rising vote: On Aug. 24 disappeared from our midst Comrade Herbert W. Baird, at the early age of 46. As Socialists of Cleveland we desire to express our profound appreciation of his fine personal qualities and his interest in and aid to the cause of Socialism. Comrade Baird became identified with the cause of Socialism in a formal way in April, 1901, from which time he not only contributed his best thoughts, but threw into the movement the whole power of his enthusiasm, not only on the floor of the Socialist Club, but in all his practical relations of business life; his thoughts and his interest was in the cause of Socialism. In view of his value to the cause and

"The Chicago" Four Button Sack, blunt corners, in black thibet, drape and chevots, \$12.50 to \$30.00. "The Portland" Three Button Double Breasted Sack, 3 1/4 inches long, neat patterns, newest colors, best of fabrics, \$10.00 to \$18.00. Fall Overcoats and Cravattets have arrived, all the Latest 1905-06 designs, \$10.00 to \$25.00. Specialists for the "Dollar" Health Underwear. The Known Heavy Lisle Fleeced Health Underwear, 50c. SAM BACH Outfitter for Men and Boys Cor. 115th St. and Michigan Ave. The South Side's Largest Clothing Store. Nonshrinkable Health Underwear, \$1.00 Warranted to Give Satisfaction. The Famous All Wool Cashmere Men's Hosiery, 25c Pair.

in view of the kindly memories he has left among his Socialist comrades, we desire to herewith record our lasting regard in the permanent minutes of our records. In Comrade Baird's life and work every Socialist may find hope and cheer. ROBERT BANDLOW, TOM CLIFFORD, A. M. HUCKE, Committee.

THE GREATEST PRIVILEGE. You have the greatest privilege that any people on the face of the earth ever had before. In all previous revolutions, none of them, not one of them, ever had it in its power to do anything more than liberate a certain group of people, or a little nation of people. Take the war of the rebellion; all it could do was to liberate the black slaves from chattel slavery and make wage slaves of them. Go back to the Revolutionary war and all they could do was to take our political liberties for ourselves and get our political independence from King George. But this movement does not propose to free me and leave another man a slave; this movement does not propose to free the people of Cook county and leave all the rest of the people up and about it. This movement proposes to free every man and every woman and every child on the earth, wherever they be, whatever color they may be, for all time. This movement is not only worth living for, but it is better worth dying for than any other movement in the world. Campaign committee meets every Sunday at 10 a. m.

this thing, I say to you, let your hearts be as true as steel, be steel to the very back; put your soul and body both into action, and we will have Socialism in our time and in our country.—Closing paragraph of a speech by Ben Hanford.

THRIFT, A DIMINISHING VIRTUE. "The working population is required to be standardized, movable and interchangeable in much the same impersonal manner as the raw or half-wrought materials of industry. From which it follows that the modern workman cannot advantageously own a home. By force of this latter feature of the case he is discouraged from investing his savings in real property, or indeed in any of the impediments of living." "The conditions of life imposed upon the working population by the machine industry discourage thrift." "The industrial classes appear to be losing the instinct of ownership. The acquisition of property is ceasing to appeal to them as a natural, self-evident source of comfort and strength. The natural right of property no longer means to them so much as it once did."—Veblen's "Theory of Business Enterprise."

LATEST BOOKS. Issued by the Co-operative Publishing House of Charles H. Kerr & Company. FRANCE, R. H. Germs of Mind and Plants. Translated by A. M. Simons. Library of Science for the Workers, Vol. 2; Cloth, 50 cents. "This volume treats of the many voluntary actions of plants that indicate something very much like, if not identical with, intelligence." "The author makes science readable and attractive for the book holds the attention as only fairy-stories are supposed to do. The problem of human life is inseparable from the problem of all life, and this fascinating contribution to popular literature will go far toward establishing among the many those scientific principles upon which a rational conception of nature and human relations must be based."—Appeal to Reason. MEYER, DR. M. WILHELM. The End of the World. Translated by Margaret Wagner. Library of Science for the Workers, Vol. 3. Cloth, 50 cents. Ready October 10. Worlds and suns, like men, animals and plants, have their birth, growth, maturity, decline and death. And in each case death means transformation into new life in some other form. Our world like the rest must have an end, and this end will involve the extinction of all human life on its surface. But Dr. Meyer's little book is reassuring in that it shows the chances to be a million to one against the end coming in the time of any who are now living. The latest facts of science, in so far as they touch on the various destructive forces that may in time bring the world to an end, are fully set forth, and illustrated with drawings and photographs. The style is as charming as that of the preceding volumes in the library. UNTERMANN, ERNEST. Science and Revolution. Library of Science for the Workers, Vol. 4. Cloth, 50 cents. Ready October 10. In this work the author traces the development of the evolution theory from the earliest scientific writing that have been preserved down to the present time. He shows that throughout history there have been two opposing tendencies in the interpretation of the facts of the universe. Ruling classes, living on the labor of others, have constantly supported in some form or other the idea of a supernatural power to be recognized as supreme, while the rebellious workers have slowly been evolving the conception of the universe as one and self-controlled. In this concluding chapter, Materialist Monism, the Science and Religion of the Proletariat, he shows more adequately than any previous writer that the philosophy of Socialism is the necessary outcome of modern science. MARX, ENGELS, LIEBKNECHT. The Communist Manifesto, by Marx and Engels, and No Compromise, by Liebknecht. Standard Socialist Series, Vol. II. Cloth, 50 cents. This replaces our former cloth edition of the Communist Manifesto, which was in a shape far less convenient for the library, and includes a valuable work by Liebknecht which until now has been obtainable only in pamphlet form. No Socialist library is complete without this volume. GLADYS, EVELYN. Thoughts of a Fool. Extra cloth, \$1.00. A volume of revolutionary essays attacking the hypocrisies of capitalism in a style that is nothing if not refreshing. The author is not a member of the Socialist Party, and three or four phrases scattered through the book betray misconceptions of the aims of International Socialism. But the main emphasis of the book is on the vital Socialist principle that happiness is the natural and inevitable aim of every intelligent being, and that it is simple stupidity on the part of workers to let themselves be deceived by capitalistic moralizers into acting for the happiness of their masters instead of their own happiness. The book is easy reading, as may be guessed from chapter-headings like "How Smart I Am," "On the Ground Floor," "Shoes, Pigs and Problems," "The Fly and the Donkey," "Balled Cabbage," etc. The book is beautifully printed and bound, the biggest dollar's worth we have yet been able to offer. VAIL, CHARLES H. Modern Socialism. Cloth, 75 cents; paper, 25 cents. Also by the same author, Principles of Scientific Socialism. Paper, 35 cents. Comrade Vail's books have long been recognized as among the best popular expositions of scientific Socialism in any language. They have until lately been published in the east, but we have purchased the plates and copyrights from the author, and shall hereafter supply them on the same terms as our own publications. COLE, JOSEPHINE R. Socialist Songs, Dialogues and Recitations. Paper, 25 cents. This book has been issued in response to a long continued demand for something available for use at Socialist entertainments. 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