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representatives tell you that the docligious, you know that you are right in rejecting those doctines without further controversy." These were the unequivocal words in which Bishop Quigley gave the workingmen of Buffalo his opinion of the Socialist agitation. What is there, one is tempted to ask, in the collective ownership of the means of collective ownership of the means of production and distribution which can be considered finally and hopelessly anti-religious? Why is one system of industrial organization any more anti-religious than any other system? In fact, is not Socialism much more closely allied to the Catholic idea than individualism ever can be? Does not Socialism emphasize that same idea of the subor-dination of the individual to corporate authority which Catholicism emphasizes? Ought not the Catholic hierarchy, out of consideration for its own philosophical system, to be inclined to believe that the ideal organization of society would be that in which the individual was subordinated in matters of religion and morals to the church and in matters of politics and economics to the state?

That these last three questions are sometimes answered in the affirmative can be seen in the fact that the younger members of the Catholic party in the Church of England are much under the influence of Socialist thought. One does not have to go far, however, in order to find that the Catholic church as a whole has good reason for its anti-Socialist policy. What is that reason? Not Socialism so much as the Socialists. Not the economic theory of collective ownership so much as the persons by whom that idea has been supported. Continuously and consistently Socialists take up a position of hostility to the church. Some Socialists, of course, call themselves Christian Socialists. Such Socialists, however, are not the body of the party. They are the fringe of the mantle. Socialist speeches are full of gibes and diatribes against the church. Socialist papers publish cartoons against the church. What is the result? The Catholic church turns against its maligners and with millions of workingmen at its back gives Socialism its anathema. It does not stop to distinguish between Socialists and the Socialist idea. Its centuries of experience have taught it too much for that. Socialism is in the hands of anti-religious men and Socialism may therefore expect to find religion ranked among its enemies.

That Socialism has for the present made up its mind to accept this situation appears clearly from the current incidents of Socialist activity. Take a few of the smaller straws in the stream. Those Chicago Socialist Sunday schools which came into temporary prominence a few weeks ago are not necessarily antireligious-people may meet on Sunday afternoon and discuss anything they please-but in point of fact their tone is undeniably one of disregard or even aversion for the Catholic faith. Last Sunday, too, the Socialist city convention was held at the hour of high mass. Things like these are not overlooked by the church. How could they be overlooked? They stand out aggressively on the face of the Socialist movement. The Catholic church consults only its own safety and the safety of the souls committed to its charge when it denounces Socialism as a spiritual danger. Now the Catholic church is a church of work- Dubuquers with a penchant for defending people, and it is from working people that Socialism expects to recruit its ranks. Are the Socialists good politicians?-Chicago Tribune.

No! They are not politicians at all. The democrtaic and republican parties may cajole and beg-yes, crawl on their bellies in the dust of humiliation in a manner that would bring the blush of shame even to the brazen cheek of a harlot, in order to get the Catholic vote, or the Protestant vote, prohibition vote or labor vôte, only to give them all the cold shoulder after election, but the Socialists, never. They will swerve neither to the right or the left for all the votes in the world. However, it is not true that the Socialists "continuously and goes Vanderbilt one better when he says: pulsory. But this has not resulted in consistently take up a position of hostility to the church." It would be true if put the other way: "Continuously and average capitalist, this "independent" consistently the church takes up a posi- coal baron overlooks the fact that if his tion of hostility to Socialism." That the Socialists should defend themselves market for his coal. against these attacks is natural, and if the church meets in Socialism a Roland for its Oliver it has no one to blame but itself. There is not a word in the Socialist platform as to church or religion. Socialism has no more to do with a man's religion than with his digestion. In "Socialism and Labor, and Other Arguments," Bishop Spalding, of Peoria. Magazine one year for 75c. For a limlends the authority of his position as a church dignitary to the statement that Socialism and religion have nothing in common. He says: "A Socialist may coal. Now, watch the price of coal How fares the mother and child when Socialist one year for 75 cents. It's a be a theist or an atheist, a spiritualist or tumble. Nit.

a materialist, a Christian or an agnostic. A large number of Socialists, it is true, are atheists and materialists, but the earnest desire to discover some means whereby they may be relieved from their poverty and misery, and the resulting vice and crime, is in intimate harmony with the gentle and loving spirit of Him who passed no sor-

Chicago ministers are discussing the coal strike and this from the sermon by the Rev. R. A. White at Stewart Avenue Universalist church is a sample of several radical utterances:

"Certainly if ever the absolute folly of permitting a comparatively few individuals to own and control one of the prime elements of industrial success and of life itself was made glaringly apparent it is just now. Whatever the immediate reason for extortionate prices for coal the final difficulty rests in the fact of the private ownership of a public necessity. If the present inconvenience, sickness, suffering, and directly and indirectly death hastens the time when the people shall control their own it will not all have been in vain."

The coal strike proves the inexpediency of private ownership of the coal mines no more than strikes generally prove that private ownership generally is a false system and that public owner-ship should be substituted. According to the logic of this clergyman, the A. R. U. strike proved the inexpediency of private ownership of the railways and a strike in the steel industry, resulting in higher prices for steel and a general suspension of business operations, would constitute an argument in favor of placing the government in charge of the steel industry.

Government ownership would transfer industry from a competitive to a political basis. The coal famine has resulted from no failure of the competitive system but from the failure of the government to protect the citizen in the exercise of his right to enter or accept the service of another. The government's failure to discharge one obligation is no reason why it should be charged with new responsibilities .- Dubuque Times.

Every strike proves the inexpediency private ownership, and is a nail in the coffin of capitalism. When the history of the future co-operative commonwealth is written, strikes, and especially the great coal strike of 1902, and its resulting misery, will be found to have played a prominent part in hastening the overthrow of the tottering ruins of the competitive system.

Comrades Frederick Strickland and Oliver Jones will be in Dubuque from February 8 to 12 inclusive. Temple Hall, Ninth and Locust, has been secured by Dubuque Local, and lectures will be given every evening on the dates named. These comrades have a standing challenge to meet anyone in debate. Comrade Strickland challenged Tom. L. Johnson, of Ohio, during the campaign last fall and the latter accepted. It is to hoped the fact that Mr. Johnson came off second best will not bar ambitious ing the competitive system from meeting Comrade Strickland on the rostrum.

One-third of the members of the French senate were elected on January Of the 98 senators elected the Socialists secured 34. The radical party, which votes with the Socialists on many questions elected 18. This is an unprecedented gain and shows an increase in Socialist sentiment, which if continued will give the Socialists and radicals the majority when the terms of the present hold-overs expire and new elections are held.

"Let the public go to hell." With the characteristic short-sightedness of the home and all private interest in children advice were followed there would be no

The Standard Oil Company proposes to pension its old employes. This will undoubtedly raise a question in the mind of Prof. Bascom as to whether they can conscientiously accept Reckefeller's money in pensions.

The Iowa Socialist and Wilshire's ited time only.

The following communication on "Socialism from a Woman's Point of View" by Caroline F. Corbin appeared in the Chicago Record-Herald of last Sunday:

To the editor:- In the lively discussion which is going on concerning the Socialist propaganda it would appear that women have as deep an interest as men, since they are equal sharers in social conditions. Possibly also their peculiar functions which lie at the foundations of the state o dation of all society give them a fully equal right to an expression of opinion or sentiment on the subject.

By all means the most important product of human society is the human infant. Not wheat nor corn, houses nor merchandise, stocks nor bonds, compare with it for a moment in importance or value. It is in fact for this one product that all others exist. If the human infant should cease to be produced every other social product would at once lose its value. But in this incomparably valuable entity the mother is by far the most important factor. So absorbing is her agency, so exhausting the draft upon her every power, physical and mental, that the common experience of the race has demonstrated that for her own good, for the good of society and the welfare of the child she ought to be exempted during the period of her maternity from the labor necessary to her support. Her maternal condition of physical incapacity becomes, therefore, a permanent and inalienable tax upon property.

In the present social order the father of her child is held responsible for her support, and his capital or labor—the labor which is his capital—is pledged for this purpose. But let us once suppose that all property is held collectively. then the provision for the support of the mother and infant must be transferred to the collective owner, namely, the state. This is a well understood and openly advocated tenet of Socialism. That it involves the utter destruction of marriage, the home and all private interest in children on the part of the par-ents is conceded by such Socialist leaders as Rousseau, Marx, Hasenclever, Hyndman, Bebel and many others.

Collective ownership, therefore, which is the kernel of Socialism, can never be fully discussed without taking into account this its ultimate result. It stands in fundamental and uncompromising opposition to the present social order and to the teachings of Christianity, and whoever accepts it must be prepared to go its full length and arrive at its avowed and advocated result.

It is utterly fallacious, therefore, to say that Socialism is simply an economic system. In its far reaching but inevitable results it threatens the whole basis of religion and morals, as embodied in Christian civilization. It proposes an entire revolution in the construction of society, and it is for this reason that it so justly takes the title of revolutionary Socialism.

The subject, therefore, becomes of serious importance to women, and two questions naturally arise in the consideration of it. The first is economic: Are women prepared to relinquish their present legally established rights and privileges in the home for a lien upon the state? The second is personal: Are they willing to give up these rights and privileges together with the care and protection of the father of their children and the love and companionship of the children themselves, in exchange for the right (and obligation) to earn their own ian interest as the state may manifest in their welfare thrown in?

Such is the "justice" which Socialism proposes to mete out to the mother of the race. There may be a few men who are willing to escape the responsibilities of family life on such terms, but it is scarcely to be wondered at that women are not coming forward in great numbers to accept a proposition which they feel instinctively is fraught with ruin not only to the dearest interests, ideals and traditions of their sex, but to the best interests of mankind as well.

Society now undertakes the education of children in public schools. In some One of the independent coal barons states and countries education is comthe "utter destruction of marriage, the on the part of the parents." If the facts were not present to disprove it, there would be as much sense in claiming that public education would cause these dire calamities-evidently conjured up in a fit of dyspepsia or by a reading of Rousseau's pre-Revolutionary communismas that they would result from Socialism.

"In the present social order the father of her child is held responsible for her support, and his capital or labor-the labor which is his capital-is pledged for that purpose." How many husbands are there today whose only capital is their labor power? And this is valuable Congress has removed the tariff on only if they are able to sell it to others. the husband is unable to sell? How bargain. Grab it!

about the families of the average workingman of the United States? With an average annual wage of \$437 and an average of five in the family, the mother's "own good, the good of society and the welfare of the child" appears to be held very cheaply. Why, there is many a litter of prize pups rated much higher than that by the kennel clubs.

It is true that Socialism stands "in fundamental and uncompromising opposition to the present social order," but whether it is in opposition to the teachings of Christianity depends on whether you get those teachings from your Bible or your bank-book.

"Are women prepared to relinquish their present legally established rights and privileges?" Why, bless your soul, who ever heard of a slave having any rights or privileges. Woman today, as ever, is the slave of a slave. Not, perhaps, Mrs. Brownstone-Front, but the wife of the average workingman under the present system is nothing more than a slave.

"Are women willing to give up the love and companionship of their children?" In Massachusetts 9,000 children work in factories; in New York 16,000; Illinois 20,000 (twice as many as in ing the breaker boys of the mines. A their companionship or were they compelled to through economic necessity?

Under Socialism women will have the same right of suffrage as men. They in this locality are employing 900 men constitute fifty per cent. of the voting who are idle half of the time because of population. The "state" will be the lack of cars. The miners blame the people. Can women not be depended the operators and the operators blame upon under Socialism to so vote as will conserve "not only the dearest interests, men. deals and traditions of their sex, but the best interests of mankind as well."

A correspondent of the Boston Herald says the purchasing power of a good, honest day's labor in the New England mills, as measured by the necessities of life, is less than during the hard times and the trusts has not come to the wageearner. "Hogs is high, and hogs is rising," and the western farmer is enabled would half a dozen years ago, but the former upon the latter-must be cut. dollar that comes to the hand of the toiler will not buy half as much hog as it would six years ago. The Herald's correspondent suggests the remedy lies in a rise in wages to meet the new conditions. A good suggestion, but its just possible that a rise in wages will be followed by another rise in hog. Another rise in wages would be necessury every time there was a rise in hog. This night be kept up until the toiler drew \$100 per day in wages, but what benefit would he derive from this endless chain if the proportion between his wages and the price of hog remained the same? In other words, so long as the means upon which the toiler depends for a living remain in other hands, those others will fix his wages and the price of his living. And thus it will remain until the toiler demands an equal share in the ownership of the means of production and distribution, which is his by every law of justice, and under which he would receive not a mere wage, but all the product of his toil.

A correspondent of the Railroad Telegrapher, who is a railroad president, an abundant sufficiency for that purpose. driven from every point of vantage - the A living is all any beast of burden gets.

All signs point to the extinction of the longer a definite class interest to conserve.-John C. Chase.

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Wilhelm's wild harangue denouncing its connection with the affair, the "Vorwaerts," of Berlin, has secured an increase in its subscription list of 5,000. Hit 'em again yet, Bill!

The ice teamsters engaged in harvesting ice for a certain firm of Dubuque ice men struck last week for an advance of five cents an hour in wages. This was refused by the firm on the ground that 1897); Pennsylvania 35,000, not includ. it was competing with concerns which were having ice put up at six cents per few are also employed in the cotton ton. "In the good old summer time" mills of the South. Were the mothers the festive consumer pays forty cents of these children "willing" to part with per hundred or \$8.00 per ton for ice. "How would you like to be the ice

> Pana, Ill., Jan. 13 .- The coal mines the railroads. A walkout is possible in one of the old shafts employing 350

> Meanwhile people are freezing to death. But what's the odds? Is not the charm of individuality thus preserved? And is not the future progress of the race thus assured?

The labor problem is impossible of solution, says Carroll D. Wright, U. S. and there is social discontent in the Commissioner of Labor. As long as the home of honest labor. The prosperity wage system lasts there will be a labor that has come through gold inflation to problem impossible of solution under the farmer, the merchant, the speculator that system. Abolish the wage system and the labor problem will be solved. When Alexander was unable to untie the Gordian knot he took his sword and to pay off the mortgage on his farm be- cut it, saying to cut is the same as to cause 100 lbs. of live hog will pay twice untie. The existing relation of labor as many dollars of the mortgage as it and capital-the dependence of the

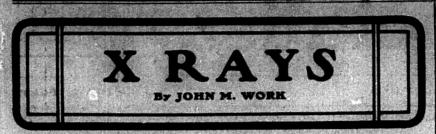
> I believe that in less than ten years we will see great rents occur in the social fabric, almost simultaneously on all points. I believe that in less than twenty years, although it were idle to expect the realization of all we want in that time, profound political economical and purely social modifications will have bettered the world considerably, brought a greater total sum of happiness, made the good things of life more evenly, therefore more equitably, divided.

> I also believe that we will soon abolish the abnormal privilege of inheriting wealth: it will be abolished on the same principle that made us republicans already deny the inheritance of the sceptre. The two things are one

> In fact, it is much more absurd that a young Vanderbilt or Castellane, with a possible commercial value of \$25 a week, should inherit millions, than it would be to permit the sons of McKinley and Loubet to rule on because their fathers did.

To say that even today-Socialismthe wonderful doctrine of salvation scientifically and practically irrefutable says all a laboring man needs and should though it is, compelled to gain converts have is enough to live on properly, and slowly-one by one, condemned without that he considers \$45 or \$50 per month hearing by most people, its advocates church, pulpit, the university hall, the editorial chair! Why! to make Socialism go down your progresive American democratic party, as that party has no throats Edward Bellamy (he said so himself) was compelled to sugar-coat it with fiction "Looking Backward!" These are facts which must bravely be uncovered to the public gaze. But after after all, I am not a pessimist. Deploring the present, I look forward into this pregnant new century with joyful confi-dence.—Emile Zola.

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A capitalist is a vampire. A vampire is a blood-sucker. A capitalist is a parasite.

A parasite is an animal which lives during the whole or part of its existence on or in the body of some other animal, feeding upon its food, blood or tissues.

We frequently hear capitalists called parasites or vampires. We will see from the foregoing definitions that the epithet is well taken. The figure of speech is a fitting one. In so far as a capitalist does useful work he is not a parasite, nor, indeed, even a capitalist. In so far as the accumulated wealth in his possession or under his control enables him to appropriate to himself the products of the toil of others he is a parasite and a capitalist.

Frances E. Willard, after a lifetime spent in temperance work, became a Socialist and said she had at last become convinced that poverty is the cause of intemperance rather than intemperance the cause of poverty. Poverty and the nerve-racking work and worry which are now necessary in order to escape poverty are the chief causes of intemperance. Within a fortnight this fact has been forcibly impressed upon my mind. A certain young man of my acquaintance was at the head of a business. Through no fault of his, but because of cut-throat competition and because he tried to live up to the Golden Rule, he went to the wall. Up to that time he had been a young man of exemplary habits and most upright character. He was strong enough to fight off the temptation to drown his sorrows in dissipation during the pre crash period. But after the crash he became reckless. Financially he was ruined. Bill collectors met him at every turn. They besieged his house and even haunted his dreams. He was discouraged, disheartened. He began to swear, to smoke, to drink, and he was on the high road to the gambling house and the brothel. I am pleased to be able to say, however, that he did not arrive at those twin hells. He was on the brink of the precipice. He was and is at a most critical point in his moral development. He is making a manful effort to arrest the downward tendency. He has a strong character, inherited and acquired, and a strong will, much stronger than the average. I have confidence in him. I believe he will pull through on account of his will power. But he has had a close shave. And if his resisting power had been average instead of superior he would have sunk Hundreds of thousands of the average have sunk and are sinking. Poverty, with its disheartening lack of hope and its dreary outlook for the future, is driving hundreds of thousands into intemperance. Business, with its fierce competition, its unremitting toil, its ceaseless grind, its racking worry, its mentally and morally stunting superficiality, is driving hundreds of thousands more to drink. Moreover, the present social system makes it profitable to sell liquor, and thereby attracts men to that business and causes them to give tempted men every facility for yielding to their temptations. Now, my prohibition friends, if I have told the truth, Socialism will cure the evil of intemperance. For Socialism will abolish poverty. It will put an end to overwork and prostrating worry. And it will put an end to profit in the liquor business, taking away every incentive for men to urge their fellow men to indulge. Your present efforts, through the prohibition party are utterly futile, utterly abortive. You them the election by a reduced majority are trying to cure a cancer with a sticking plaster. The cancer must be taken out by the roots. You are hammering of Iowa. So they might as well save

most where there is no organized resist- duplicated under the progressive stand ance. If it were not for the power of they have taken in wresting economic resistance established by labor organiza- freedom from these monopoly tyrants.tions in this country, notwithstanding Butte Labor World. the ballot, there would be an absolute tyranny of wealth as in centuries past. What the labor organizations have at- wills and settling estates.

And Socialism alone can remove the cause. Socialism is the movement of the hour. It is the vital upward heaving of the race. The Socialist ship is a goodly craft, thick armored and invulnerable. It has already met with storm and stress. Even now it is riding the gale. For a time it will continue to be tempest-tossed by angry seas. But it will weather every storm and arrive safe at last in the land-locked harbor of the co-operative commonwealth. Prohibitionists abandon your leaky old hulk and join us. Why waste your lives and your energies? It is worth while to appeal to you. You are honest, earnest and energetic. When you have seen the light you will be as ardent Socialists as you are now enthusiastic prohibitionists. Calmly and seriously consider it.

An inquirer wants to know if the public is going to own all the dwelling industrial centers also has become the houses under Socialism and compel ev- recognized third party: erybody to live in rented houses. He thinks they would be a homeless lot if that were the case. As if they were not out the country to be on their guard, a homeless lot now. It remains to be because the capitalist politicians are beseen whether the love of owning a home ginning to realize the seriousness of the of one's own is an enduring feature of political situation and the onward march human nature. It is possible that it is of the class-conscious movement of the only a feeling which has been induced Socialist party. It is especially the demby the fact that capitalism makes the ocratic party that will do all in its power comfort and financial security of a home to side-track the Socialist movement by owning family greater than those of a the organization of a democratic "union renting family. The vast majority of labor" party for the purpose of misleadthe people of the United States live in ing organized labor and catching the rented houses. Nearly all of them have labor vote. Recent developments have no prospect whatever of owning a home shown that the democratic millionaire as long as the capitalist social system and newspaper publisher, Hearst, of exists. A very large percentage of them have rented so long that they have even Chicago American and San Francisco lost all desire to own a home. Socialism will remove the fear of poverty. It is possible that after it is introduced and the person who does not own his own home is on just as sound a financial basis as the person who does own his own home, the desire on the part of the people to own their homes will gradually disappear. On the other hand, it may be that the feeling of permanency afforded by ownership will cause the desire for ownership to persist and even to increase. In any case, I do not know of anything in the fundamental principles of Socialism that will prevent anyone from owning his own home if he so desires. The average man will be as permanently located as he is now. He will be vastly more so, in fact, unless it is his own pleasure to move about. So it will be practicable also for one to own his home if he wants to. No, you need not worry about losing your home if you live in it yourself. But you may also rest assured that Socialism will make it impossible for anyone to own houses and rent them out to others. That would be exploitation and Socialism is aimed at all forms of exploitation. I do not mean that we will pass a law prohibiting the renting of houses by private parties. We will own a sufficient number of them ally advocated the extension and expanourselves and rent them at cost. If a private party can afford to do the same, let him do it. Exploitation will have

The vulgar and primitive display of gorgeous wealth at the Durbar in Delhi is a painful reminder that we have only advanced a few steps from barbarism. Indeed, it is doubtful if Lord and Lady Curzon and their ilk have advanced from it at all. Such a spectacle ought to be an impossibility in the twentieth century.

The Cummins machine is beginning to cast about already for an available man to run for governor of Iowa after Cummins gets through in 1905. They take no note of possible defeat. We concede next fall. But in the autumn of 1905 we propose to elect a Socialist governor away at the effect. The effect can be themselves the trouble of trying to fix removed only by removing the cause. things.

Fortune and wealth displays its might tained in this respect will be more than

P. C. Murray, the lawyer in the office building, makes a specialty of drawing

Opposed to Fusion

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

To the members and comrades of the Socialist Party of the United States: Local St. Louis, Socialist Party, in regular general meeting assembled, hereby adopts the following resolution concerning the San Francisco fusion affair:

Resolved, That Local St. Louis reit erates its allegiance to the principles and tactics of the Socialist Party, as adopted and agreed upon by the Indianapolis Unity Convention. We are fully conviaced of the correctness and soundness of the Socialist Party tactics, and therefore most emphatically disapprove of, and condemn, any attempt to lead our movement into fusion and confusion with so-called Union Labor and Reform Parties, thereby disrupting the Socialist Party at the very moment when our prospects are brighter and more encouraging than ever before, and when, by polling over 300,000 votes our organization has become the third political party nationally, and in many of the states and

Resolved, That we call upon the Socialists and their sympathizers through-New York, with his New York Journal, Examiner, assisted by a number of capitalist political hirelings in the labor movement, such as Secretary Steinbiss. of the National Luilding Trades Council, and others, are already freely advocating the democratic "union labor" fusion ticket with Millionaire Hearst as democratic presidential candidate for 1904, and the Cook County democratic politicians are making strenuous efforts to enlist President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers as candidate, either for governor of Illinois or for the vice-presidential companion of Millionaire Hearst:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11.

Whereas, Comrades E. Val. Putnam and James S. Roche have come out in the Socialist Press of the country not only defending the San Francisco political deal known as the Socialist-Union-Labor Party fusion movement, but also Thurston Brown.

Why I am a Socialist, by George D. Herror advocating the extension and expansion of said fusion tactics all over the country:

Whereas, Comrades M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum also have public- ton Brown sion of said fusion tactics:

Whereas, by said action, Comrades E. Val. Putnam, James S. Roche, M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum have acted in direct violation of our party's principles and tactics, defined by the shire principles and tactics, defined by the
National Platform as follows: "The
democratic, republican and bourgeois
public ownership parties and all other

A Sketch of Social Evolution, by P. W. Boyd
Mackay
Socialism vs. Anarchy, by A. M. Simons.
Industrial Democracy, by J. W. Kelly.
The Socialist Party. parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are alike political representatives of the capitalist class," and have disregarded the confidence and trust placed in them by their constituents who elected them members of the Local Quorum of the National Committee of the Socialist Party; therefore be it

Resolved, That Local St. Louis hereby disapproves of their action and kindly requests Comrades E. Val. Putnam, James S. Roche, M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum, and all those favoring their fusion schemes, to resign as members of the Local Quorum of the National Committee of the Socialist Party; and be it further

Resolved, That failing to resign, we call upon the National Committee of the Socialist Party to remove them.

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

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A Boston alderman has offered a resoution to the city council, having for its object the establishment of a city coal supply station whereby the municipality will undertake to sell coal to the people at cost. About the only real good of this is to put the small retail dealers out of business and thus fit them for Socialism. Such measures are of little actual value. They destroy the small merchant while the railroad robber goes on in his plundering and the coal trust reigns supreme. Socialists are wasting effort on these measures. Leave that to the puzzled capitalist class. We are after "big game" with the strenuousness that our "Teddy" thinks so essential to our national life, and have no time to waste on the underbrush.—Appeal to Reason.

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ADVANTAGES SECURED

On Dec. 14 the Teamsters Union of Creston secured an increase of from 15 to 25 per cent. Obtained by means of conferences.

The Horseshoers Union of Des Moines celebrated New Years by reducing the working hours from ten to nine without reduction in pay. Work suspended during conference with employers.

Switchmen at Marshalltown, after a strike lasting about a week, secured an increase of from 2 to 4 cents per hour.

The strike at the gypsum mines at Ft. Dodge has been declared off. Negotiations for a permanent agreement will be entered into later.

The strike against the Iowa Telephone Company in Des Moines has been won. All original demands were granted.

Bookbinders at Dubuque are reported to have secured an increase of from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per week.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Mine Foremen at Mystic. Clerks Union and Trades Assembly at Iowa City.

Women's Union Label League and Coremakers Union at Burlington.

Street Car Men and Trades Assembly at Davenport.

Tinners at Oelwein.

Trades Assembly at Ft. Dodge. Shoemakers at Council Bluffs. Painters at Iowa City.

IN GENERAL

John P. Reese has resigned as member of the Federations excutive board, and John P. White, secretary of district No. 13 United Mine Workers, has been selected as his successor.

Mr. A. L. Urick, one of the pioneers of the Iowa trades union movement, is the recipient of a handsome gold watch as a token of his faithful services as chairman of the advisory board which conducted the negotiations with the Iowa Telephone Company.

Charles L. Breckon, delegate from Muscatine to the 1899 and 1900 conventions, and formerly president of the Allied Printing Trades of Iowa, has been nominated for mayor of Chicago on the Socialist ticket. Mr. Breckon was formerly managing editor of the Muscatine Journal and in 1900 was nominated for mayor of that city on the republican ticket.

accepted a position to travel for a union

tobacco house. He will be certain to carry progressive unionism as a side

After several fruitless attempts to secure a man for the position, the Polk county treasurer decided to leave the appointment of assistant treasurer in the hands of some of the Des Moines labor leaders. In less than no time H. U. Keasey was slated for the job.

Commencing Jan. 1, 1908, the Tri-City Labor Voice, of Clinton, will be edited by Geo. E. Campbell, historian of the Iowa State Federation of Labor.

Since issuing the second call for the 10 cent assessment, which is used exclusively to maintain an organizer in the field, \$112.65 has been received. Up to the present time 103 unions have paid the assessment, being a little more than one-half from which the assessment is yet due. Greater demands will be made on the organizer during the spring months, and your union ought not to be numbered among the delinquents. The next bullecin will contain a complete list of the unions having paid the assessment. In case of doubt, correspond with Secretary-Treasurer J. H. Strief, Sioux City.

Iowa school teachers are seriously considering the advisability of following in the footsteps of the Chicago profession, and are preparing to organize unions and affiliate with the Federation of Labor. The school census of 1902 shows a decline in the wages for female teachers, which is now down to the ridiculously low sum of \$30.17, the lowest for seven years; while the male contingent has averaged an increase from \$41.53 to \$43.06. Out of this meager income the teachers are required to pay tuition in colleges or institutes during vacation and to subscribe for magazines and literature to keep abreast of the times in an educational way. Should the efforts on the part of teachers succeed there can be little doubt that they would receive a royal welcome into the ranks of unionism and all possible support in their endeavor to secure for the public school-where the children of the laboring class necessarily must receive their education-competent teachers at remunerative salaries, which is better than an exhibition of "false economy" by the school boards to the taxpayers.

During the congestion of freight trains in the Marshalltown railroad yards, the striking switchmen furnished men day and night to assist in getting the mail trains out on time. Had Uncle Sam owned the railroad the same solicitude would have have been exhibited on behalf of the freight trains. The railroad employes would then be working in eight hour shifts, with a month's vacation once a year, at salaries equal to that of the mail carriers. No inexperienced 16-year-old telegraphers would then be held responsible for such accidents as occurred recently in Wyoming, A. M. Larsen, to whom in a large where thirty lives were sacrificed. There measure is due the healthy growth of the would be no more railroad strikes and movement in Waterloo and Oelwein, has no \$45,000,000 salary for J. P. Morgan. Advices received from the A. F. of L.

A Business Proposition

The election is over and another campaign on. The Socialist vote of last month must be doubled next year. This will require hard work, agitation and education. One of the best and cheapest ways of getting Socialism before the people is through the Socialist newspaper. The comrades of Iowa have been given a splendid opportunity of doing this through the establishment of The lowa Socialist. It should go to the homes of not only the 6,360 who voted the ticket at the last election, but all of these should make an effort to get it into the homes of their neighbors. In order to add much needed equipment to our plant and to improve the paper we need a larger subscription list, and we ask every comrade in Iowa and elsewhere to assist us in this matter. Socialism is international and not bounded by state lines. Socialist papers are devoted to the propaganga of Socialism and because a paper may bear the name of any particular state does not neces-

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indicate that the eight hour bill has been accorded similar treatment in the committee of the United States senate as did the Chinese exclusion act and the anti-injunction bill, the only redeeming feature being that the captains of industry don't like it either, the measure being denounced in circulars issued by manufacturers' associations as entirely too socialistic for this country. It is understood that the A. F. of L. desire the enactment of the amended bill. During the past year a considerable

number of unions composed of employes in the railroad shops have been organized, and this condition has invariably been followed by obtaining for the participants increases in wages and an adjustment of accumulated grievances. The increase will average 10 per cent and was secured, except in one or two isolated instances, without anything vinced of the error of his opinion. Inmore than a simple demand for same. Commencing Jan. 1, 1903, a new wage scale went into effect benefitting conductors, engineers and firemen to the extent of an 8 per cent advance, also obtained through negotiations between the unions and their employers. But what has become of the unorganized, the freight handlers, section men, office clerks, telegraphers and signal men? These unpretentious, simple and docile employes, as Emperor William would say, have neither asked nor received. They have been entirely overlooked and have obtained nothing for their modesty. Why were these free and independent-President's Eliot's "real heroes"-not

Will the contracts for the erection and decoration of the Iowa building at the St. Louis exposition be given out to a New York firm or to Iowa contractors employing union labor? It is up to the lowa commission to answer.

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Dubuque Trades and Labor Congress

There was a large attendance of delegates at the regular meeting held Sunlay, jan. 11.

In the absence of the president, Vice President C. D. Belden presided.

A communication was received from the A. F. of L. urging union men to demand union label goods, to organize school teachers and to endeavor to increase the membership in the older organizations

Delegates representing the Federal Union, Machinists, Coopers, Garment Workers, Clerks, Tailors, and Car Work ers were obligated.

The national organization of the Boot and Shoe Workers, in a letter to the congress, stated that they had notified the local union to join the central body.

A communication was read, requesting organized labor not to purchase the Black & Germer Radiant Home hot air

Another communication was received from Cincinnati stated that the trouble with the breweries in that city had been satisfatorily settled.

The officers' reports showed the congress to be in a flourishing condition.

The Diamond Rubber Co., the Goodrich Rubber Co. and the Kokomo Rubber Co. being unfair a committee was appointed to confer with the committee of the whole of the city council in re gard to the purchase of hose for the fire der existing forms. department.

The Garment Workers announced they would give a card party Saturday, Jan. 31, and that all members of organized labor were cordially invited to at-

The semi-annual election of officers esulted as follows:

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Union Labor Notes

Hotel and Restaurant Employes organized sixteen new unions in Novem-

St. Louis plumbers now receive \$5 a day for eight hours. Thirty-six new unions were chartered

by the bakers international during November and December.

St. Joe, Mo., bakers have about won their strike. All but four bosses have Electrical workers granted thirteen

charters during November. Machinists are advised to stay away from Kempsmith Milling Machine Co.,

A monkey trust is the latest.

The Hypothesis

In a former article, which appeared in The Iowa Socialist, the word "if" was used in connection with the word "sincere." There was no intention of charging any one with insincerity. The word was used as we would use it in a geometrical proposition, e. g: If the opposite sides of a parallellogram are equal. the interior opposite angles are also equal. We assume the equality of the length of the lines and then argue the other fact. So we assume the sincerity of those referred to and from this urge the continuance of those in the highway of socialism. We join in emphasizing the fact that there may be honesty and sincerity in holding differing opinions. And every man is to be allowed to hold his opinion on any subject until contolerance is not a plant of God. The fact that he has given every man a head full of brains indicates that the individual thus endowed is to be allowed to use it. If he had intended that one man was to do all the thinking he would have made but one big head, and placed it upon one pair of shoulders. True, some have the big head, but it is either a monstrosity or the evidence of disease. Let every man use the gift divinely given according to his ability. And let none molest or make him afraid.

There is no intention to urge any one to become fast disciples of Fourier or Karl Marx. We would that every individual should think, speak and reason for himself. He may seek aid in all directions. But the trouble is, and always has been, to get the masses to think, to reason and thus arrive at the truth. "The truth shall make you free" was spoken wisdom. Truth is "more precious than gold, yea than much fine gold." Pilate asked Jesus, "What is A. R. Knights & Co. Truth?" This was asked, possibly as to truth in the abstract. But truth is not abstract. Truth pertains to existing fact. If he had asked what is truth in relation to life, no doubt the answer would have been as given later. "I am Finest Store, Largest Stock and Lowest the way, the truth and the life." The truth as to Socialism is many sided. These are all to be considered. And here is the divergence. Let it be asked, what is Socialism? Then observe the definitions. The assertions and the hypothetical assumptions become numerous. The evils predicated under these hypotheses are numerous and dire. Evils exist and have existed. No form of government has eradicated all evil Some state, are positive, that no form of government ever will. Some are not so far, but assume that the time is "a long way off," at the dawn of the millenium which is characterized as a mere theory finely spup. But are we to wait for the millenium, the one so finely spun? Are we to wait until we are sure that all evil will be eliminated before we make a trial of a government by and for the people, in deed and in truth? Many have been the predictions of the dire calamity that would come if republicanism were substituted for monarchy. Many predictions of the dire calamity that come if democracy were to get the reins of government, or if the republicans should hold the power. Well, the assumption has come to pass. Evils have come, exist and will continue. So it may be anticipated that all evil will not be eliminated by the adoption of Socialism. We assume that less evil will exist this form of government than un-

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From Sloux City

Sioux City, Jan. 6, 1903.

Despite the bitter cold of Sunday a fair sized audience was in attendance at the propaganda meeting to listen to the discussion of the following question: "Can the Workingman Solve the Unemployed problem." The first speaker, E. E. Southard, a new convert, like all who have not yet come into a full understanding of Socialism, made a short talk along the lines of making laws to regulate the many obstacles now holding the laborer down. Of course, after a more careful study of the subject this brother, like all such, will see that Socialism does not mean to regulate or to patch up the old system, but it does mean a complete revolution, a displacement or a casting Use it for your own interests in the fuoff of the old and taking on the new. It is right about face, quit living for self alone but live for all society.

Comrade Duffy made a short talk and advocated "wiping out of the profit system." This, of course, is one of the hoped that a large crowd will be in atremedies and will be the first evil to fall tendance. Hewin's union music will when justice is established.

The next speaker, a stranger to trip the light fantastic. "Krank," thought the first thing to be done to assist the unemployed, should Socialism be adopted at once, and while working under the present system "would be to abolish child labor, which crowds out and makes idlers of men." large stores, the place which twentyfive years back was filled by men at a good living salary is now fillled by children and girls at from \$2 to \$5 per week. The result is idle men and in many cases poor girls are forced into lives of shame in order to exist at all." He also advocated some legislation to regulate wages. This means more patch work which if accomplished would only result in a raise in the cost of living so the worker off with eighteen members and many would be no better off. Continuing, he claimed "that the employer is no longer satisfied with a profit but wants all but membership of this organization and we enough to allow the worker to exist." He cited an instance of an old acquaintance on the verge of bankruptcy who managed to engage in the butterine sary to be a thorough Socialist. All Sobusiness at DeKalb, Ill., and who after cialists are in favor of unions, but we two or three years became several times a millionaire, while the worker in the union men are not Socialists. However, factory had advanced in position in the they must come. factory but did not advance in wages." Of course, this is only one of many instances of robbery legalized under the present system, and no amount of regulation will ever help the worker. He must reverse and be his own man instead of another man's tool.

Comrade Brodkey took the floor and delivered one of his characteristic speeches. He said in part: "Socialism means government ownership by the workingmen. The working man under the present system cannot solve the unemployed problem. On account of the conditions there are more men in our jails during the winter months than in summer. Men are not morally any worse in winter than in summer, but the cold pinching weather, the lack of work which causes suffering forces otherwise wersal brotherhood of man will become Boone, George E. Bisbee, 600 Monona St. good men to commit petty crimes in or- a reality instead of a dream.—Coming der that they may be locked up in warm Nation. jails and fed. Preachers tell you to be good and you will be cared for, but under the present system you will be better cared for if you are bad. Socialists do not claim that men should be bad, any good? If all the gold of the world but advise all to be good; yet the system under which we live makes it impossible to always do as we like. This system is worse than the system which allowed and recognized chattel slavery in it there because it helps them in their

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Thursday night, Jan. 29, the club has arranged to give a grand ball for the benefit of the free employment agency. The music will be first-class and it is make it agreeable for those who love to

A letter from Comrade Wilson at the Mills school in Kansas City, states that he with five other Iowa comrades will graduate at the close of his term which will be in about three weeks. He is very hopeful and declares that this band He said that it is now the exception to of five will be able to do things in Iowa see a man behind the counter of the during the coming year. That is what we need-workers. The ball keeps roll-

The West End Federal Union which is made up of craftsmen whose craft has no union organization of its own, and which had become demoralized because of the withdrawal of members, was reorganized Sunday last by T. J. Burnam, president of the Trades and Labor Assembly. The new organization starts more will soon be added. A good sprinkling of Socialists are among the hope they will be able to do much good by way of showing the union men that to be a thorough union man it is necesare sorry to say as yet all supposed to be "KRANK."

Stolen Thoughts

It is about as foolish for a man to exclaim that the people are not yet ready for Socialism as it is for a hungry man to declare that he is not ready to eat .-American Labor Union Journal.

Germany's 1,000,000 members of orranized labor are not afraid of carrying their unionism to the ballot box solidly for the Socialist ticket and their emancipation from wage slavery.-Western So-

When men learn that there is no difference between profit and theft, and that the eradication of the former means the eradication of the latter, the uni-

The greatest horde of gold ever piled together is in the United States treasury. Are you proud of it? Does it do you were there would it add a cent to your wages or prevent the trusts from extorting from you? This is a part of the game the trusts are playing. They want business. If it didn't it would soon be out of there. Can you think?-Appeal to Reason.

We are in the year 1903. All that belonged to the thought of the happy New Year should be realized. But it will not. The thing, though, that can be realized is that the condition of every human being can be bettered and improved if the people only "will." It is a good season to inculcate the doctrine that all men are brothers; that the unity of society is only equal to its well-being; that this unity means the truth and that the result of truth will be that all men shall have an equal opportunity to the means and necessities of life, thereby attaining a condition that means economic free dom and the destruction of the privileges that has established a set of modern tyrants who are recognized as industrial emperors. Let us determine to attain in the near future the blessings of the co-operative commonwealth.—Butte La-bor World.

Party Notes

Comrade J. Stitt Wilson is lecturing

St. Louis Socialists march to the time of a drum corps.

Father Hagerty is in Montana on an organization tour.

Trade union Socialists of Chicago have organized a club.

Jewish-speaking Socialists of Cincin ati have organized a branch.

Comrades Strickland and Jones will be in Dubuque Feb. 8 to 12.

The Dakota Sieve, of Wessington Springs, has joined the Socialist move-The Tribune is the name of a Social-

Jo. A. Parker, of Louisville, Ky., national secretary of the peoples party, is new convert.

Socialists in Dusseldorf, Germany, captured all the offices formerly held by the Anti-Semites.

Two newly elected representatives to the Arkansas legislature have applied for admission to the Socialist party.

The Socialist party in Porto Rico is thriving. At elections held in three cities 680 votes were cast for Socialism.

Webster City, Iowa, Socialists have organized and will have a full ticket in ship of the instruments of wealth production.

Socialist Party of Iowa

Davenport, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1902. TO THE SOCIALISTS OF IOWA

GREETING: The Socialist campaign is always on. If we are to carry this state for Socialism we will have to work and assist in the work. Speakers should be kept at work continually, explaining to the people the principles of Socialism and organizing them into working branches.

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SOCIALIST PLATFORM

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

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

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the

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The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives the capitalists the conmeans of revenions gives the capitalists the con-trol of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery. The economic interests of the capitalist class

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

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike in rested

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Ship of the instruments of wealth production. The democratic, republican, the bourgepis public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class. The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes. While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist. conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depends upon the stage of development reached by the proletar-iat. We therefore, consider it of the utmost im-portance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate:

1. The public ownership of all means of trans-portation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines; no part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the taxes of the capitalistic class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, and to the improvement of the service, and diminishing the

rates to the consumers.

share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected from the revenue of the capitalist class, and to be administered under the

control of the working class.

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

of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age The education of an emidden up of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books.

clothing and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men

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

But in advocating these measures in steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establish-ment of the Co-operative, Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership inevenents as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other in-dustries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

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