On earth peace, good will toward men

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#### MAN WITHOUT A SOUL

VIVIDLY DESCRIBES THE MARCH OF THE MILLIONS.

No Fusion, No Compromise, No Retrogression; No Industrial Rest Till Freedom is Secured.

Success is never limited to the men who work hopefully and untiringly towards any possible and probable end. If we sigh for something, and long for it, and work for it, bravely and cheerfully and unflinchingly, success is almost always sure to come.

I have found it so in my own individual life. Men with a purpose, and a will to work for that purpose, are the men who triumph over the many difficulties that fall to the lot of man. Men or things that live are the men or things with a purpose.

I believe that the Social Democracy of America has a purpose, and is working for the triumph of a cause that is more grand and noble than any cause

ever battled for on earth.

Men have worked and fought for freedom' and liberty and justice, as they saw it; but never before did men work and fight and long and hope, and swear that the earth belongs to, and shall and must go back to the peo-

All other battles for liberty, freedom and justice stopped short of this, our great and overshadowing curse, and men have laid down their swords believing that they had triumphed over every feature of oppression and wrong, while private ownership in land was left standing to curse the future generations with rent, interest and profit; and men, like cruel vultures or vampires, have continued to devour the life's blood of the toiling millions, un-

der the protection of church and state. The Social Democracy will never lay down its pen until this one greatest curse of all is swept absolutely out of existence and we taught to look upon private ownership of land as a crime against God and man, more heinous than chattel slavery or cannibalism.

Was there ever a cause more just? Was there ever a crime more black to be suppressed in the name of humanity? Was there ever a grander army of determined men than those who are now enlisting under the banner of the Social Democracy? Was there ever before a time, in the history of civil-Was there ever ization, when men, women and chil-dren were forced into suicide and starvation, when the earth was yielding her most bounteous rewards to her parasites and dependent creatures?

My brothers, this battle has been de-

layed too long. While men hesitated, and groped in the darkness of political intrigue, to find a way out of this liv-ing hell, thousands have been driven to starvation and death; little children have been ground and dwarfed in the sweat and smoke of dingy factories, when they should have been in school, or playing in the green fields of God's grand and glorious earth; and young girls have been drifting down to a life of prostitution and a hopelessness darker than the shadows of death and the grave.

And we have stood by and seen it all enacted on the stage of industrial slavery and did not raise our voice against all this hellish wrong.

Men, what ails us? Have we all been blind? Do we not know a wrong when we see it practiced before our eyes every day? Have we become so used to wrong and suffering and hu-man misery and death and starvation that we no longer consider them crimes against humanity?

the footsteps of the marching millions who are coming over the hills, and out of the valleys, with no other flag but the rags and tatters clinging to their gaunt and hungry bodies, and with a new-born hope burning in their hollow and feverish eyes?

The marching of the millions! . How we have longed and hoped and worked for this eventful day. They are coming to us from all over this greedcursed land, demanding their right to live and labor for themselves and loved ones, and declaring that the great God of Nature has given them more earth than a shallow and nameless

Marching of the millions! They are coming like a giant wavefrom a stormtossed sea; not to murder, plunder, or destroy, but only to demand their Godgiven rights to the blessings that were

There will be no fusion with any political intriguers; no retrogression, no compromise, and no social, political, or industrial rest until justice has been done to the most humble of God's humanity, and the religion of Jesus Christ means more than a social club of fashionable people, who wear the pious cloak of pretense while they plunder

The marching millions will trample down all visible signs of outrage and injustice, and tyrants will fiee from before them like animals fleeing from the vengeance of an outraged God.

No wonder that the plunderers of the eople and the political intriguers are telling all manner of lies about the pi- another man's brow.-Goldwin Smith. form.

wronged and ruined people.

They, too, hear the marching of the millions, and they know their day of legal and plous plunder is nearing its

this day of freedom coming? Will it not be a glorious thing to see the earth go back to the plundered people before we lie down to die?

We who have seen so much wrong and oppression and outrage and hunger and human privation and miserywill it not be a grand sight to see justice spread her white wings over our suffering and hopeless brothers before we close our eyes upon this stage for-

And the day will and must come. The marching millions of determined, resolute men will never rest until the earth is given back to the people, and figuratively hustled from the royal pre-the brotherhood of man is the one cincts of Palace Yard by spongy offigreat feature of the world's religion. What a pleasant memory to lie down cries to heaven.

with when our time comes to step down and out and leave the busy world to the coming generations—to know that and we had walked all the way to St. constable, had "passed away." we leave the living absolutely free and James's to see the color trooped and "A Successful Head!" The irony of

## HE HAD TO MOVE ON

REASONS WHY AN EDITOR MISSED THE GREAT LONDON SHOW.

Robert Blatchford, Author of "Merrie England," Encounters a Stubborn Bobby, About Three Skulls.

I have been moved on! I have been directed by clump-soled constables to "pass away!" I-I the editor of the paper-I whose works have been translated into foreign tongues, whose poems have been set to music and paid for at the rate of a shilling a word-I have been chevied by large-limbed, thick waisted minions of law! I have been cers. Oh! their offence is rank, and

I had brought Winnie in to London

Now, who I am? I'm one o' the men as pays their wages; and yourn."
"Come along, Win," said I; "I don't

like the airs of these German bands," and with this withering sarcasm I 'passed away."

I was fearfully indignant, and my anger didn't get down below 110 in the shade until I reached Ludgate Circus and caught sight of some skulls in the window of the phrenologist's shop There I recovered my wonted calm. Even under an effete and tyrannoumonarchy humor will survive, as flow ers spring up in the wake of the heavy

There were three skulls. The first was labelled 'A Successful Head," the must determine whether they will acsecond "An Unsuccessful Head," the cept and consent to live under the third, "A Criminal Type." I stopped to rule of an oligarchy of wealth or study them. They were all brown, bat tered, and jawless. They stared blankly out of their bony orbits at the King Lud, and seemed to take no interest in preserved. The present struggle has anything. It must be many years since their owners, at the behest of the grisly

## AN EARNEST APPEAL

BY PRESIDENT BLATCHFORD AND THE MINE WORKERS' UNION

To Organized Labor, Reformers and Philanthropists on Behalf of the Striking Coal Miners.

Columbus, O., Aug. 20, 1897 .- To the Organized Labor of the Country, Greet-ing: The great miners' strike has gone beyond a struggle for living wages. A crisis in the affairs of the nation has arrived, in which all patriotic people whether the institutions of free government, the rights of free speech and peaceable public assemblage are to be assumed a contest for the preservation of civil liberty and constitutional rights.

The tyrannical and un-American in-

liberty would triumph over the oppression, industry over greed and right over wrong, without the necessity of

But it is no longer a mere struggle between employe and employer. The judiciary has assumed the indefensible claims of the operators, and the struggle is between tyrannical courts and the whole people. The courts, although under oath to serve the rich and poor alike, have volunteered to defend the sordid interests of the rich as against the God-given rights of the poor, and now threaten to turn the gatling guns and the Winchester of criminals and thugs against all who dare protest against their de-spicable restraining orders. The judiciary is prostituted to the bidding of oppressive capital, has placed the rights of property above the rights of persons, and has discriminated against the many in the interests of the few. That 350,000 miners should be condemned to lives of drudgery and starvation by the arbitrary rulings of the courts is an insult to a beneficent Creator, an outrage upon free government and a disgrace to the Christian civilization under which we live.

The recent injunctions and their extreme application against the lawful rights of the poor, the arrest and incarceration of hundreds of innocent, inoffensive people, the general employment of armed thugs to overawe, harrass and coerce the miners have so exasperated the people in localities where applied that we feel that we can no longer be responsible for the public peace, and to the end that a just and equitable settlement of the differences between employers and employes may be effected, the public peace, the liberty of the masses, the sacred institution of free government preserved and the courts stopped from their outrageous perversions of constitutional rights, we appeal to that higher, more humane and patriotic court—the great plain people, who in times of trouble have always proved the just arbiters of every difference between diversified interests and contending elements in the government of human society. We appeal to the liberty-loving people of this great nation to send accredited delegates to St. Louis, where a massmeeting will be held Monday, Aug. 30 1897. The object of the convention will not be to merely protest against the usurpation and tyranny of the courts, but to formulate plans to compel a return to the principles of free government and put said plans into practical operation.

Our people have suffered all the evils that are sufferable, and we are left to the alternative of submitting to the injunctions of the courts and cowardly entreating our miners to return to their hovels of misery and shame or appeal-ing to the patriotic hearts of America to consider our cause and render a verdict in accordance with the just claims of suffering humanity. We have chosen the latter and will accept the verdict with that fortitude and resignation be coming every liberty-loving patriot of this great nation.

(Signed) M. D. Ratchford, president; W. Pearce, secretary-treasurer; R. L. Davis, James M. Carson, Patrick Dolan, J. H. Kennedy, Henry Stephenson, W. E. Karnes and Fred Dilcher, National Executive Board of the United Mine Workers' Union.

# A CALL TO THE PEOPLE

To the Social Democracy and all Lovers of Liberty and Fair Play, Greeting:

A mass convention will be held at St. Louis, Monday, August 30th, in the interest of the striking, starving coal miners. The official call has been issued by the Executive Board of the United Mine Workers and indorsed by the executive heads of the American Federation of Labor and the Knights of Labor.

I understand that this convention is called, not to pass idle resolutions, but to take prompt, vigorous and united action, and this being the case, I appeal to the Social Democracy and to all lovers of Liberty and Humanity to meet at St. Louis on the day named to lend a hand to the stricken, suffering miners of the country.

The injunction has again done its deadly work. Constitutional liberty has been bludgeoned to death and

has been bound and gagged for the perpetual exploitation of corporate capital.

There is no relief in the courts. We have tried them all, from the bottom to the top, and they are all against labor. So far as I am concerned we will appeal to them no more. We will now appeal to the American

Judges, the creatures of the plutocracy, rule the country by injunction. From justice of the peace to justice of the Supreme Court, the injunction has full sway. American citizens are forbidden to open their lips or to walk on the public highway.

Sheriffs, marshals and other petty officers issue proclamations and then proceed to shoot and club workingthey are not as servile and obedient as if they were so many savages off their reservation.

That there has been no violence and bloodshed in the miners' strike is simply because the judges and sheriffs and deputies have been unable to provoke an outbreak. The miners have patiently, meekly submitted to the most flagrant insults and abuses.

The hour has struck to call a halt. The cowardly, brutal and wholly un-American reign of injunctional gov-

A VAST ARMY OF MINERS ARE FAMISHING—THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN ARE DYING. THE CALAMITY CRIES TO HEAVEN.

We do not ask the courts or the authorities to help these perishing toilers, but we do demand that they take cruel clutches from the throats of workingmen and allow them to help themselves in lawful ways.

The Pittsburg operators have declared that they will open their mines if they have got to do it with Gatling No injunction has been issued and no soldier has been called out to restrain them from executing their murderous designs.

Injunctions, soldiers, marshals, deputies, thugs and jails are for the exclusive benefit of the workingmen. Under the rule of the money power, labor is plundered until the starvation point is reached and then its emaciated body is shot full of holes. It is notoriously true that the American miners have been robbed in countless ways, and now that they are hungry, it is proposed to murder them.

The horrors of Siberia are not of greater enormity.

Every atom of American manhood revolts against the spectacle.

ludges by the usurpation of power, playing the role of tyrants, have annihilated the constitution, abrogated the right of trial by jury, forbidden free speech, suppressed peaceable assemblage and transformed our republic into an absolute despotism.

They are guilty of judicial treason and should be made to answer at the bar of an outraged people. The issue has been forced upon us and we have retreated before it to the verge of slavery. Let us now meet it as it would have been met by the patriots of 1776.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., August 23, 1897.

Eugene 1. Webz

Are you awake now? Do you hear happy, and that the broken chains of hear the music, and we had gotten us it! Here was a head so successful as to junctions of the federal and state slavery are rotting with tyrants in the a goodly coign of vantage and were in succeed in successfully finding its way grave.

Ah, dear God of love and justice thoughts, and I wonder if some strange power has given me the prophetic mental eye to see far into the future, where the triumph of the marching millions brings the world a millennium of joy and peace.

## Comrades We.

(Inscribed to the Social Democracy.) Comrades of the Faith are we. Comrades of the Truth to be — Workers for Life's Unity.

Comrades of the Common Weal, Comrades firm in hearts that feel, Fraternal each with all that's leal. Comrades of all brain that's free, Comrades true of Liberty, Working for holy days to be.

omrades in the struggle real, omrades strong with will of steel Firm for strains Time may reveal.

Comrades each to other sworn. Comrades seeking Freedom's bourne. Crowns alone by Equity worn.

Comrades, faint ye not nor falter, Comrades vowed at Life's altar, With no compromise we'll palter, mrades of the Faith are we, mrades of the Truth to be— Workers all for Life's Unity,

RICHARD J. HINTON. Washington, Aug. 20, '97.

No Christian who knows the Gospel can possibly believe that it warrants him in living uselessly by the sweat of

case to be pleased, when lo! a posse of into a Cockney shop window. Nay, it An, dear doubt of the string and held their waist bored through the top of its skull to throbbing through my troubled buckles bulged beyond their chin hang it up by. A pretty success, instraps, like a file of fat ducks seeking worms, marched upon the crowd and we-pass away at the bidding of two s of beefy stupidity in baggy slops and a helmet!

O! many a cup of this forbidden wine Must drown the memory of that inso

Pass away! Could he have said worse o a goat, or a guinea-pig? "My friend," said I. touching author-

ity gently upon his indigo sleeve, "why we turned out this morning?" 'Why," said the stolid giant, "you always are turned out when there's

anything going on." O! wise constable! O! my loyal fellow countrymen, how pregnant are his a spotless collar? Did it love Bee words. We always are turned out when there is anything going on.

And the hulking minions even followed us into the public street and toss on its pillow sleeplessly because moved us on there, and lines of policemen were thrown across the roads, in a kind of wooden avenue-so that royalty might be graciously pleased to that "Unsuccessful Head. keep our soldiers all to its own royal

And to think that a few days syne l wrote a mild defense of the throne! And now I am ordered to "pass away." And this is Christian England. "Garn," said an honest citizen, as authority laid its hand upon his tardy

"Garn. Who're yer shovin'!

wooden policemen, men who waddled had even succeeded in getting a hole

Whose head was it? How came it nere, and whence? Was it a "fatal accident." a "found drowned." a workhouse infirmary "case;" or what? When its lost jaw was bearded when its staring orbits held liquid eyes, and vanished tongue wagged bravely, dia the brain under that string hole, in wildest dream or most morbid fancy ever conceive the possibility of this its successful public appearance? Was it a poet, a painter, a phil-anthropist? Who loved it, who scorned it, who kissed it where the teeth are grinning, who boxed it on the ear? Did it wear a tall silk hat, thoven and Herrick? Did it smoke a chianti, or prefer coffee? Did it ever some poor female ghost looked kindlier upon another skull? Nay, its rival may have been that "Criminal Type," or

The poor old "Unsuccessful Head!" Perchance it belonged of yore to some Jay Gould of the period, or was it car ried upon the shoulders of a Lord May or, or an erotic poet? Who knows? But yet we see it here cheek and jowl with the successful Head, and the "Crim-

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courts are revolutionary against the first principles of free government and derogatory to the inherent rights of the masses, endangering the public peace and destroying the personal se curity and individual liberties of the common people. The courts have deserted the temple of justice and now stand forth the defiant bulwark of con federated capital. Their arbitrary fulings have set up one standard of right for the rich and another for the poor. They decree that capital is always right and labor always wrong. They have made it unlawful for starving working people to appeal against tyrannical treatment, present grievances or propose just and peaceable terms for

The present great miners' strike is an expression of discontent that originated in poverty and starvation. It was born in sorrow and destitution of hungry women and children it was the last protest of impoverished and enslaved labor, and it presents to the world a cause as righteous and humane as ever inspired the hearts of a Christian people. The philanthropic heart of this great nation has responded in sympathy with the miners' apocal for the right to receive a respect able living for the most arduous and hazardous labor in the world. Their appeal for a small share of the wealth they create and for the right to enjoy some of the fruits of advanced civilization finds a responsive chord everytion finds a responsive chord every-where, and if it were a struggle be-tween miners and mine operators only, of the relief is upon us all."

#### Governor Mount's Opinion. Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 24 .- "The

condition of the Indiana miners gives me deep and constant distress," Gov. Mount said to the Chicago Journal re-

"Judge Terhune, one of the commissioners appointed by me to inquire into their condition, tells of actual suffering which he witnessed, and I am daily advised of misery that prevails.'

"I have no sympathy with the criticism that these miners have not husbanded their resources; that is not humane: these people are suffering. They are the victims of a system. Operators have admitted that miners' wages are insufficient. The old scale, I say, was not a decent scale of wages. My pride and American manhood revolt against

"There is another thing the people of Indiana should remember. These miners have sent me word time and again that they are law-abiding citizens; that I need have no fear that they will incite riots and disorder. Now, if there should be disorder and if it should become necessary to call out militia to restore quiet, thousands of dollars would have been spent that might, if applied in relief, have averted all the trouble.

"The governor cannot without violation of law apply this money in this way. It is proper then, that the people should heed the cry of distress. We have had some noble responses to our appeals, but more is necessary.

"My sympathies are with them. We want none of the conditions to which the contract system reduced Pennsylvania miners to prevail. We do not believe timely aid to these Indiana miners encourages pauperism. They

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"No member of this organization shall accept an office, elective or aporder."-(Adopted by the National convention June 21.)

Competition is discord. Co-operation is harmony.

Prosperity can be assured only by making the People-that is all the people-prosperous. .

Of course De Armitt will not be a matter of "business" with him.

Secretary Sherman's watchman in his campaign expenses.

The Benedict Arnolds of to-day are the flunkey judges who "enjoin" the people in the interests of the capitalists. They deserve hanging.

Between truth and falsehood, purity and corruption, justice and usurpation there is eternal war. Between them there never can be peace.

Whene'er I take my walks abroad, how many poor I see, What shall I render to my God for all his care of Me?

equity we will have justice in fact, no: the bogus article at present supplied to the capitalistic class and in their favor by the venal men now on the bench.

Judge Collier might next enjoin the striking miners from eating three meals a day. There is no doubt bu such an order would be obeyed, and the judge would thus suffer no loss of

Many a man thinks it is his innate goodness that keeps him from crime when it is only his full stomach. Feed him on as slim diet as the bituminous coal miner gets and he would become a dangerous criminal.

Secretary Alger admits that McKinley can beat him all hollow in running up hill. There are some things, how ever, in which Alger takes 'a back seat for nobody-stealing pine land and dodging taxes, for instance

ler a long time to wake up to the fact that our courts are being prostituted to base uses. But now that he perceives the wrong, what is he going to do about it?

The government of these United States is not "a government of or by the people" but a barbaric confedera tion-a government of privileged and incorporated classes—a government into which no moral principle enters.

The modern idea of civilized prosperity (with a "capital" P,) seems to be nay it is in two extremes; monstrous opulerce on the one side; strous misery upon the other; all the enjoyments to the few; all the privations to the many.

The mad rush to the Klondike, and the great suffering and loss of life that is sure to follow in its wake, typifies the cardinal vice of our sccial tem. The Moloch of "business" de-mands victims. What is called prosperity can only be built on the quiv-ering hearts and lifeless bodies of martyred human beings.

Join the Social Democracy! Remember you are to act against incorporated injustice and wrong. How long do you think, non-incorporated bodies or societies could stand up against the solid phalanx of the privileged classes? Join the Social Democracy.

The Chicago Record in a recent issue was pleased to observe that the number of suicides was lessening. Our esteemed contemporary should remember that with the increase of deaths by starvation and diseases resulting from poverty there is less occasion for sui-

The Social Democracy intends to establish inter-dependent common interprivileges. It intends to have a high plane of intellectual, wholesome vigorous life in place of the low, deprayed, diseased criminal existence through which this country is now struggling.

The "Wave of Prosperity" predicted by Mark Hanna and his protege Mc-Kinley is here all right. It has brought with it higher prices for all the necessaries of life and has increased the profits of the wholesaler, the jobber and the middle-man, but it is a "Wave of Misfortune" for the poor, the toil-

At a recent convention of railroad men in Detroit a railroad magnateno matter about his name, because he only spoke the sentiment of his "push" -advised the members to elect old men as officers, "because the young men are liable to be tainted with Socialism." What an insult to old railroaders to insinuate that they were less intelligent than their young comrades.

A few weeks ago one of the big depointive, from any political party un-til he first severs his connection with ing spurious medicines, a bogus quithis body; and no local or state branch nine pill. The manager was arrested shall go into politics through fusion and fined \$50-though \$5,000 would or otherwise, without the consent of have been a more fitting sentence. Not the national executive board, except one of the capitalistic papers dared to in states already under control of the publish this news. If the culprit had been a poor wretch who never advertised "chob lots" one page a week, we should have had a column about his crime from the capitalistic toad-eaters.

The pleasure yacht Comanche, with Mark Hanna and a party of friends on rccks of the north shore of Lake Superior. The Detroit News suggests that the accident was due to the practice of convicted of perjury. That was merely maneuvers which Hanna proposes to apply to the ship of state. Hanna and Mark Hanna might at least be generous enough to include the salary of maneuvers are now for the purpose of getting her off into water where she will float safely.

T. V. Powderly has announced that, in his official capacity of commissioner of immigration-which appointment is the reward of the wageworkers for their valuable services in saving the national honor last fall-he will take extraordinary precautions to prevent the landing of persons holding anarchistic views. Powderly is no doubt anxious to pay the debt he owes his masters, but if the purpose of his appointment was to keep anarchists out of the country, a mistake has been On every street and lane abound the made. Pentecost would have been the poor, the lame, the sick; But God has been so good to Me that I will never kick!

The profit system is continually forcing people into idleness and denying them all opportunity to make a living. The army of the unemployed continues to grow, and will continue to grow as long as men remain dependent on the profit system. Those who are cast into the ranks of the unemployed must be taken care of in some way, and instead of supporting them as criminals or paupers, is it not better to organize them entirely outside the profit system, so as to enable them to support themselves? The Social Democracy goes to the root of the evil; its programme embraces the whole problem. While organizing men politically for the ultimate destruction of the profit system, it also organizes them industrially, so as to make them independent of capitalism, and thus enables them to use their political power for all it is worth.

At the opening of the bankers' convention in Detroit, a few days ago, Gov. Pingree delivered an address of welcome, during the course of which he said: "The prosperity of the community depends largely upon the smal manufacturers and their ability to borrow money at reasonable rates. When bankers help build up enter-prizes they help themselves. My advice to bankers is to help small manufacturers in every reasonable manner." This is the full measure of Pingree's corception of world-wide industrial conditions. Both he and Bryan are champions of a middle class interest that is doomed to extinction. The prosperity of the community does not depend upon the small manufacturers It depends on the ability of the collectivity to utilize for the common good the highest economic forces that science can give. When Pingree realizes this he will not be making speeches to bankers, begging them to lend money to small manufacturers at reasonable rates.

If we know anything about financial status of the middle-of-the-road Populists—and we think we do— Maj. Dick will have a mighty hard time to collect those \$25 loans.

The Famine in India.

The August Cosmopolitan contains an article on the Indian famine from the pen of Julian Hawthorne. Hawthorne is on the ground, and he describes the famine situation as it actually exists. His recital of plain facts is one of the most terrible indictments of our present economic system that was ever penned.

Eight million human beings have already perished of starvation. Millions ey to small manufacturers at smshr more will perish. The scenes which Mr. Hawthorne describes are simply horrible; they turn the heart sick, and make one wonder how it is possible for human beings to retain their sanity amid such awful surroundings. And ests in the place of independent special these unutterable horrors are all due to the damnable greed of man! There is grain enough in India to teed all the people there! Mr. Hawthorne gives this advice to those who respond to the call for relief:

"As to sending grain, as I see has already been done, it can only result changes and in which it develops. in harm to the starving persons; for The American Social Democracy of tothere is at this moment grain enough day is already something quite differin India to feed everybody there. This ent, much better, from what it was at In India to leed everybody there. This ent, much better, from what it was at grain is held by native dealers, and is sold at the highest possible price. Now, if we import grain and sell it at a low glad to state here. Only a short time figure, or give it away, the course of ago, still being affected by the pre-trade is disturbed; the dealers with-draw altogether from the market, and for most severe criticism, the new parthe condition of the people is far worse ty to-day has already overcome that than ever. The English proved this up to the hilt in the last famine, and revolution in a limited correction. are not making the same mistake now. gene V. Debs has pushed the coloniza-Unless you are willing to take upon tion plan aside, as we have already your shoulders the whole burden of stated in last week's Brauer-Zeitung. supplying three hundred million peo- The only thing left is the idea to prople with grain, you are doing only tect the unemployed from the dangers harm by sending any grain at all. Send of direst want and to care for workers money, and it will enable those who threatened by demoralization to such need grain to buy it; the dealers will be enriched, no doubt, but the people will be saved."

these dealers protecting them in their heartless murder of millions of people. Should these famine-stricken persons arise, as they would do were they not so terribly degraded, and in the madness of starvation take from the dealers the food that is withheld from them, the whole British army would be hurled against them, if necessary to reduce them to subjection and protect the property of the dealers. But property is so sacred that this great government cannot raise a hand to protect the lives of these starving milboard, was recently wrecked on the lions by compelling the dealers to release their hoarded stores. works a system which protects only property and regards not men. How much longer, ye wage slaves, will ye submit to the degradations of this damnable system?

#### Restricted Immigration.

Those reformers who are pinning as a remedy for the evils of an overstocked labor market would do well
to go just a little bit below the surface of things. There was a time when their faith to immigration restriction measurably checked the growth of capitalism in this country and permitted the laborer to obtain a much larger share of the product of his labor, but that was just the time when immigration restriction could not have been large the capitalism of the party will consist—how larger thousand times no!" must be the any swer of the American proletariat. Let us all unite under the banner of Social Democracy. To the ballot box on whereby we understand the relative strength of the various elements of that will guarantee to every human that was just the time when immigration restriction could not have been large the capitalism of the new swer of the American proletariat. Let us all unite under the banner of Social Democracy. To the ballot box on election day! Vote for a social system that will guarantee to every human was made by the free sliver forces that what was needed to bring properly was to so order our financial system that the farmers would get better prices for their products. The gold men replied to this that an advance in the party will consist—how being big or the free sliver forces that what was needed to bring properly was to so order our financial system that the farmers would get better prices for their products. The argument what was needed to bring properly was to so order our financial system that the farmers would get better prices for their products. The day is the free sliver forces that what was needed to bring product of the American proletariat. Let us all unite under the banner of Social Democracy. To the ballot box on that the farmers would get better product of that was just the time when immigra-tion restriction could not have been had. At present it is possible to obtain restrictive legislation, and that is how large the rebellious farmers and true simply because such legislation middle class men on the other side? will not sensibly affect capitalistic interests, and will in no way benefit the condition of the wageworkers.

Our industrial system has developed party. to such a point that it is no longer dependent on immigration schemes to suck the surplus labor from foreign countries so that it may have a sur- referred at the end of my last week's plus of laborers at home who madly article. bid against each other for the chance to work. Our system has reached a workers without class consciousness point where it is able to create its own in this country. But the wagetrue, were it true that the interests of become class conscious and a revoluchance for the enactment of any law on the subject. But, as the case stands, there is no doubt but our next congress will enaet a pretty stringent immigra tion restriction law; and the public, including many labor reformers, will duly pat Mr. Lodge, Mr. Corliss, or the understanding that his own class Somebody Else on the back and hail him as the great friend and saved; he must at first burn the bridge champion of the rights of the laboring classes. What fools these mortals

this matter was unconsciously exposed by the remark of one of our immigration inspectors while commenting on the provisions of the Lodge-Corliss to prevent a middle class degeneration bill at the time that measure was be- and corruption, then it will in due time ing discussed in congress. Speaking of the exemption of females from certain educational restrictions bill, the inspector said that the exemption was right and necessary, and would work no hardship to labor, because there was still a considerable demand for domestic servants in this country, and if the educational restriccould not be well supplied.

of meat for those who pin their faith to immigration restriction

By parity of reasoning, if there was party is moving. still a considerable demand in this and while the party believes in push, country for ditch diggers, hod carriers, it is being pushed in the same direction coal miners, etc., it would not answer with accelerated speed through the his against male immigrants, as employers might then have difficulty in supplying the demand for these several. It matters not so much as to wh

classes of laborers. And, similarly, no restriction would hold good which tended to reduce the numbers of any class of laborers below a point where the demand for their services could cially when we amend the above renot be fully supplied within the borders of the country itself.

There is the whole philosophy of the immigration question in a when that is gone the question can be properly dealt with.

#### Debs' Social Democracy.

"It does not matter so much where you stand as in what direction you are moving."—O. W. Holmes.

Debs' Scc.al Democracy is the phenomenon of the day on the political horizon. It is a phenomenon which shows its true American origin by the leaping manner that calls for our consideration and immediate action concerning our position, but mostly in the leaping manner in which its picture

Thus the movement inaugurated by Debs has undergone a marvelously fast class of idle drones and for the coudevelopment; in rapid leaps it developed out of an apparently insignificant sect into a hopefully rising and healthily growing political party.

an extent that they may keep body and

scul together. No objection can be

Whether the American Social Demto the conception or its plan of colonization, or whether it will smoothly develop the way we wish, and, consequently, as we are more easily disposed to believe time alone will show.

Of course, this will not depend upon our dear Eugene. or on his lieutenants or other single versons. This is to be decided by the class-conscious, organized wage-workers, especially by the progressive trades union people of this country.

Of what elements will the Social Democracy be composed in the next few months? Of what elements will it will show you the way out of the dark it not rather severe on the consist at its first general march to the and thorny paths of modern capitalism. ballot box? The answer to this question contains

But thereon depends something more: the last and most important condition

This is its intellectual development to the proletarian class consciousness. And this is the main thing to which I

of progress and of the growth of the

It is true, there are too many wage surplus reserve army of laborers and worker or proletarian is irresistibly stand on its own feet. Were this not forced by his class conditions to employers of labor would be in any tionary thinker. Only the sinking into way jeopardized by immigration rether of the class of degenerated, proletarians might prevent him reaching this natural social aim of his ev- the grand army of Social Democracy, olution. It is quite different with the I remain, your beloved sister, middle class man and farmer who is kicking against capitalism and monopoly, because he himself cannot be a Rockefeller. He must at first come to interest is reactionary and cannot be behind himself that might enable him to return to the capitalist class; or he himself must have become proletarian The capitalistic point of view on before we can greet him as a useful and reliable comrade in our ranks.

If the A. S. D. will in time becom mainly a proletarian party soon enough and corruption, then it will in due time become what we need: a class conscious political organization of resistance of the American proletariat.

The rest we may quietly leave to the further development of the condi-

tions. At the time of the adoption of its platform and constitution in Chicago the American Social Democracy was tion should be enforced against fe- still far from being all right in the great main points, but during the short time past sirce its manifestations-in Here is brilliant and unanswerable the official organ, in Debs' latest decreasoning! Ard the conclusion is full laration in the "New Time"—show a powerful progress; these manifestations show the direction in which the new

And while the party believes in push, to enforce any educational restrictions torical necessity, through the irresisti-

a man stands, but much more as in have had no time to sow and real direction we must move.

The new party is, in my opinion, on is far short of the usual amount. Arthe best road to become a true labor gentina is reported short of wheat. shell. Let the immigration restriction party, a revolutionary party of the these statements of fact should alone tionists expend their energies in aiding proletariat, and it only depends on the us to break down the profit system; condition that the necessary number of of wheat, an advance which cannot fall proletarian hands will soon fall in line to be but temporary, for as the price to push the new movement onward in goes up the consumption will be les the right direction.

To work, comrades, to work!-The Brewers' Journal.

Rosa's Notes to Brother John. Brother John, the time for action has come. Let the voice of Social Democracy be heard!

be: Social Democracy vs. Plutocracy, the party of Labor against the combined forces of Capitalism.

John, you will readily admit this: The wage worker's condition is one of

Mind you: wage workers who vote for parties that legislate for the rich

Capitalist individualism is the ruling "ism" of this century; it has deprived about seventy millions of American people of the last spark of their in-

compromise with capitalism! This is the watchword of Social De-mocracy. To fight for Labor's class inwill be saved."

There is a great government behind
hese dealers protecting them in their

Thus the movement inaugurated by

terests means to fight for the welfare of humanity. To defend capitalism means to fight for the interests of a tinuation of economic serfdom.

> Ye, that love mankind! Ye, that dare oppose the tyranny of capitalism, stand forth! The poor and oppressed ocracy will suffer a reaction in regard of our nation are waiting for your action. Be true to the principles of freedom. Join the American Social Democracy and fight like a brave soldier for the noble cause of labor from the ly the result of others' misfortune, but yoke of wage slavery.

> > The signs of the present time indicate that before the first sunrise of 1900 this continent will groan and writhe in the agony of revolution. Conditions, are getting worse and worse. Proletarians of America, open your eyes! Look up at the majestically rising star of Sccial Democracy that

Dear Brother John: Shall we

ocratic movement. Let us hasten the day when America will enjoy the blessings of the Co-operative Commonwealth, when strikes and riots and rapid firing and starving wage workers shall not be known, when the colors of the American flag shall no longer be used as a decorative label on tenement house goods made by starving wives and children.

We're low, we're low—we're very, very low—
Yet from our fingers glide
The silken flow and the robes that glow
Round the limbs of the sons of pride.
And what we get and what we give
We know, and we know our share.
We're not too low the cloth to weave,
But too low the cloth to wear.

Assuring you that I shall do all in y nower to secure new recruits for ROSA PROLETAIRE.

#### Passing Comment. (By a Contributor.)

The metropolitan press of the country has the calamity howlers on the run. We are at present being given an exhibition of the power of the press equaled only by the power of that greater force behind the press-organized capital. He is a daring man who publicly declares "there is no prosperity," and yet a very little calm consideration of the situation will make the most exuberant optimist change to pessimist. There is a boom on in stocks. the speculative value of the shares of some railroads having been pushed up from almost nothing to par. prices of cereals, notably wheat, have advanced But what is the underlying cause of all this? If it can be shown that it is the result of an advance in wages, a more general employment of the idle mass and a consequent increase in the purchasing power of the consuming public, then it would be not altogether a misnomer to call it a "re-turn of prosperity." But this is not No considerable number of idle true. men has been set to work except those given employment in harvesting the crops, an occupation now nearly ended and the wages paid these is generally used up with the season. Whatever impetus there is to business, therefore must have a cause aside from what is called the "home market." This cause is found in the famine in India. The It matters not so much as to where inhabitants of that far-off country are synonymous terms.

what direction he is moving-a word wheat; they have been either dying or that fits Debs and the American So-ckal Democracy most accurately, espe-rible plague having visited and devastated India the past year. Russia, a marks: it matters much more in what great wheat growing country, has suffered from drought, and the crop there sened, for the wheat eating peoples of the famine stricken countries are short of money as well as food.

To sum it all up the business advance so far as it is reflected by an advance in the price of wheat, is founded on the distress of the peoples of other countries. This is not prosperity, and In the campaign of 1900 the issue will only the ghouls of society would char-

acterize it as such.

The advancing price in stocks has its explanation in the fact that some of the corporate industries have been given special license to rob the peo-ple, and the amount that can be filched from the pockets of consumers is re-flected in the advancing price of such stocks, notably, sugar, gas, street rail-ways, etc. These are now known as trust stocks, and the value of the privilege to steal from the people has been

added to the selling price of shares. No, there is no boom. What is heard now, and believed to be a boom, is the beating of tom toms by an ignorant, selfish, corrupt press, urged on by the capitalistic force behind if. The calamity howler is all right, and he should keep on howling, for the wave of adversity is coming and will overwhelm the present manufactured of prosperity so thoroughly that today's hard times will be days of affluence compared to the days to come.

Prosperity founded on famine! Wearing good clothes because others are naked! Eating to gluttony because others are starving! And the Chris-tian people of America gloat over their temporary good fortune, a good for tune based upon the dying women and children of India! I talked to a Sunday school superintendent a few days ago, who did not hesitate to say, "Yes, that is true. Our good fortune is large-God has so ordered it and we should be thankful that we are not the sufferers." And he is of the class who "saved the nation from dishonor" at the last election. Is it not reasonable to suppose that hell will be made a little hotter than usual when he gets there?

Referring to last fall's campaign, is vocates of the single standard to be compelled to take up the ar-guments of the double standard fellows John, do your share of the good tears over the poor wage worker. Now work. Go out on the highways and these same hypocrites are rejoicing byways and work for the Social-Dem-that wheat and other grains are soaring aloft in price, but they fail to weep over the reduction of the purchasing power of the wages paid the earner.

Again. The gold standard advocates loudly proclaimed we had an abundance of money; the banks were full of it; all we needed was confidence. Now they are rejoicing that our wheat is going abroad and for it will return money, and this money will go into business and open the mills. Verily the gold standard man is a liar or a fool, or both,

But this only demonstrates the truth of the saying of Mr. Crane, that "what the people want is something else," and his saving might be improved by adding that the "something else" is to be found in the declaration of principles of the Social Democracy, and the sooner the people come to this knowledge the better for the world.

The old time schoolmasters taught the children their A B C's with school book in one hand and a tough willowy switch in the other. They did not spare the rod, and a good whack across the shoulders of an urchin invariably caused said urchin to see things distinctly and to fasten them in his gray matter in such a way as to never be forgotten. The teacher in the school of experience stands with the book of knowledge in one hand and a stout cudgel in the other, and every once in a while the cudgel comes down on the cranium of the scholars in the great school, and they are reminded that they have not learned the lesson of life. The immature minds of the people think they now see in the temporary and abnormal rise in the price of wheat and a doctored advance in speculative stocks an end of their school days, and that they can go out and play. The cudgel of adversity is over their heads, and all too soon it will come down with a crushing force and arouse them to a realization of the fact that that they have not learned the lesson of life. The song of "Hard Times, Hard Times, Come Again No More," cannot be sung yet, and never will be sung by the people until they have learned the lesson right, and 'hat is that profit taking and poverty

### FROM OUR CONTRIBUTORS

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#### Words of Encouragement.

am in accord with the aims, hopes aspirations and purposes of the cooperative commonwealth. I am for the commonweal under all circumstances. When the lines of human movement require attack on static obstacles that stand against democracy—the civil embodiment of the Golden Rule-I am for advancing on any line that leads to the new points. Therefore, when accumulation becomes plunder and shelters its brigandage behind institutionalism; when Things are in the saddle; when militant usury furnishes its commissariat by robbery alike, of the cupboard and cradle of the Toiler; when all our marvelous progress in mental utilities are material and threatened in their capture by Plutocracy, it becomes necessary to reform lines and advance on such other roads as can be made open to the march of man. Therefore, if that is necessary, am a Socialist, and always a Democrat, however named by others. I am the one for ethics in economics, and the other for political equality and civic manhood. And for both, because human history is a continuous movement, and not a series of hops and jumps. I am an Opportunist; seeking and seeing always a work for to-day; holding and growing to and for the duty and

aspiration of to-morrow. The aims and plans of the Co-operative Commonwealth are hinges at least for opportunity. Education, social, economic, ethical-must travel through the valves of occasion to the goal of achievement. I am for the notable education offered. It leads in many and severely too, practical directions. The creation of California by the haphazard greed of a reckless pioneering, cost more lives than did the Crimean War. Yet, organization and faith made within the aridity of the savage-faced Utah Basin, the honest beginnings of the Mormon state-co-operative in spirit however narrowed-at least until commercialism was borne upon it by the railroads entering the Jordan Valley and skirting the shore of Salt Lake, A rude political force, made into flame by the breath of Liberty, combined the North during the fifties and organized a free emigration to Kansas, thereby saving that state and the whole Trans-Missouri region from the grasp of a slave propaganda. Shall not the superb conception of a nobler political and material life than that which organizes the law of economic war-competition only—serve to bind those who suffer and those who feel, into a living Brotherhood and give it wisdom enough to use the appliances that are lying loosely waiting for the moulding will, all around us? The settlement, sparse, poor, semi-savage as it has been and remains, of our seventeen western states, is, in the human lives and waste of means it has cost, a bitter satire on the howling conflicts of a cutthroat struggle for life; a striking commentary on the waste induced by scientific (?) individualism. As an object lesson only the efforts of collectivity and the methods of co-operative endeavor, will be of great value. Whether it shall build but one county out of arid land, wresting it from the savagery of sterile conditions into a fertile community based on ethics and by industry and freedom conducted into equality of opportunity and the security of results for all, or whether it may hold and grow thereby into the control of an American state, founded upon and administered by political, social, and economic co-operation, the efforts outlined by the comrades of the Co-operative Commonwealth must be productive of nothing but benefit. It will lift those engaged onto nobler planes of effort, and it must prove to the world that not all the powers and forces of this marcountry are bounded by the sneerer or held by the exploiter and the master. It will give to the dogma of the "survival of the fittest, and more superb illustration by proving that that which is just is also fit, than it has received since sycophantic scholars and shallow-pated apologists for economic barbarities have endeavored to substitute it for the gospel of Christ and the Law of Confucius-"Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you." By organizing effort and directing movement the commonwealth can prove it possible, that humanity may live on other lines than brute greed, plus the baton and the gun, for it may help to show that the human brain can serve and not retard human advancement. It matters not whether or no flaws may be picked in the commonwealth plans. The informing spirit will mend the flaws and cure the rents. All such efforts serve well, teach grandly, and must bring results of great value. There is sagacity in the selection of Washington. Land, location, climate, great business situation, are all related with enormous and undeveloped materialities therein. To me it is a subject of congratulation that the first and concentrated effort is fore? Most emphatically no! The to be within the arid region. Let me reason it does not, is that the consuto be within the arid region. Let me say that wherever therein you can obtain water for the quickening of its fertile soils, you have on your side in earned it for the owner thereof, who, fundamental physical and social-politition through the advantage of monopoly cal law, as well as in a growing public has actually gained control of, not only opinion, a principle of economic equity the machine, but its products. which lawfully maintained and logical-ry applied, will go far to make plain tial that we have access to the neces-

clamation through irrigation. Bear in justly made into property. It cannot be identified or formed in place. The means then of using it for industrial purposes must be constructed, owned, regulated and maintained also by the community that uses all great codes of law, and all systems that custom has built, holds water to be natural wealth, not property—public or private. It is to be administered as a trust, not to be legislated with or parted from for private gain or public profit even. This statement is true of the Asiatic empires -ancient Assyria or modern India, of Egypt and of Italy, of Spain and of Mexico. Under the codes of Justinian or Napoleon, by the laws of the Inca or the Toltec, by the rule of the Moor, the mastership of the Roman, or the custom of Pueblo, mission or early mining camp, the fundamental concept s the same-water is a natural wealth to be used only as a public trust.

Apply under local law, this strict principle of general law, and there will e set in motion an automatic process of distributive equity, which of itself will socialize and make industrially democratic, all communities within the sphere of its operations. As one who has been for years recognized as among the foremost in this field of irrigation work and the laws and conditions thereof, I may speak with some au thority.

There is another point worth suggesting and that is, that there must be no yielding to the intellectual bull-dozing, widespread as it is, that in the commonwealth's motive, purpose, and principle, or that there should in any methods evolved, necessarily be antagonism to the spirit of the declaration of independence, or that just interpretation and firm administration of institution and nrm accitions and laws thereunder. There to no unconstitutionality in co-operative ownership of property. Whose states ownership is an ignoramus or a knave. There is law as well as ethics-disjoined as these often are-in the effort to retain and to repossess that natural economic wealth and those social administrative functions which owe all their organic vitality and wealth-producing utility, to the existence only of the Commonwealth and to the steadfast endeavor of all to maintain and sus-tain the same. There is nothing, for example, in our American system or laws, to forbid the common ownership of all land. It all hangs on consent and the consequent adjustment of interests that would follow. What is there to forbid the community conof all mineral wealth? Every civilized state in the world but our own exacts a royalty for use and thereby retains the sign of control. We gave this away under a belief that the homestead principle was involved. Cun ning lawyers sat in congress when it was done. Have not the people the right to resume what the people gave as franchises, when they find them-selves enslaved through the gifts they made? Transportation, intercommunication and exchange, are public functions even now and at the charged only with remuneration to the capital invested. Do we not have the lawful right, both of control and own-Do not let jibes disturb equanimity or sneers be permitted to arouse passion. Let the plutocrats alone. The despoilers will finally spoil The slaveholding oligthemselves. archy illustrated that and to their own destruction. Let the oppressor do the law-breaking. The law will break them if we do the exposing. The ballot is still ours. The schoolhouse is yet open. The types and press remain at our command. The mails are unimpeded. Agitation, education, organization, are still a Trinity to bless and conquer by. Democracy is the real force of our era. It must not fail by unbelief in its vitality or by refusal to understand that its comprehensive crats, that we assist this organization spirit holds economic life as well as political forms within the hollow of

Greeting, then. I am with you in spirit. Too old to be again a pioneer. am anxious to aid. If my knowledge and my pen may serve, command both Use me if its possible and let me aid myself by serving all. Your friend and comrade always,

RICHARD J. HINTON.

its powerful right hand.

## Abolish Competition.

The very foundation is wrong! Competition is the direct cause of our industrial enslavement. Therefore a competitive system is barbarous and must sink into oblivion sooner or later. Day by day we look out upon the industrial field and see the displacement of productive labor by improved machinery, and as a natural consequence, more human energy is thrown upon the slave market. The production goes on just the same as before. How about the consumption? Does that go on just the same as bemer has earned nothing, therefore he is unable to purchase; the machine has

co-operative saries of life. Through the above colonizing. I mean the Law of Water operation humanity is deprived of its been made favoring the strong; natwhose common character and equal use actual needs: hence, is cursed and will creates the industrial life of arid re- be for all time to come, unless the C. L. Kloss.

present industrial system is oblicerated from the face of the earth, and in its stead a humane one established. Let justice and equality reign supreme!

Do you expect to ever harmonize the interest of both capitalist and laborer, when it has proven itself to be a wild-eyed delusion? Just think of the situation! John D. Rockefeller's income per minute (every minute of the year, rain or shine) is vastly greater than that of a first-class mechanic for a whole week. "And there are others" who exact their (lion's) share from the people through the ini-quitous laws of the land. In other words, the people (the masses) tribute to those non-producers-manipulators who sit upon their thrones and exact from the producers of all wealth, their annual earnings in rent, interest and profit. If this is a government of, for and

by the people, why not institute prin-ciples that conform with justice and equality? There's something radically wrong, and to my mind, the present capitalist system will swallow itself sooner than is expected by many writers on the subject. The disastrous results of competition is seen and felt throughout the entirety of civilization, and how to avert misery and starvation amid fields of plenty is the allabsorbing problem now up for solu a question of vital import ance. Shall mankind be blessed with an era of justice, or shall the many suffer from a wrong system of production and distribution controlled by the few coupon clippers.

The workers: the producing and distributing classes, of all grades, must essentially realize that their common enemy is the present system of capitalism; that any measure which does not look to the abolition of the system itself is irrational, incompetent and futile in its efforts. The union of the workers in one grand class conscious struggle against modern capit-

To Eugene V. Debs. MRS. H. S. LAKE.
Sail on, sail on, where skies are blue,
And soft winds waft you o'er the se
Where love and living may be true,
In Labor's real democracy

Sail on, sail on, no storms shall mar The prospect of the perfect day; Upon the sky one brilliant star— The Star of Falth shall light the way

Sail on, brave Captain of a crew Of anxious hearts and weary lives, Of dreamers of an Earth made new, A goodly State that e'er survives.

Survives while "systems" rise and fall Survives while men and women die, Jood for the poor, the weak, for all, Peace for mankind—democracy.

Yes, thou who art illumed to see That savagery in social life Must yield to better states to be, That Peace must supersede the strife,

Sail on! no wars shall mark thy course No cannon belch their deadly flame, No darkness of a grim remorse Shall rest, a pall, upon thy name. God's word is thine; thou well hast said The Earth and all it doth contain Is for its children, and the "dead" Take up the gladsome, grand refrain,

We, tollers from a thousand climes,
Who died in want, in chains, in fear,
We watch the never-ending signs
Which tell the dawning time is hear.

Lead on the hosts, their footsteps guide With counsel calm, with fervor deep, The brave ones battle at thy side, And Justice shall not slways sleep. Above thee floats a flag unfurled,
As white as drifted snow its face,
'Tis hope for all the waiting world,
'Tis life for all the dying race.

Religion? it is born of truth, Yea, Truth it is, and Equity, And through the ages maid and youth Shall call thee savior, and be free.

EXILED NIHILISTS.

Graphic Description of the Farewell Given a Siberian Contingent by Friends

A party of exiles was leaving the city of Wilna last month for remote parts a number of highly educated persons, well as workingmen, all seized and kept ganize a strong movement among the

## COLONIZATION DEPARTMENT

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Why Colonies?

I have some giants to kill, and some captivity; therefore, pay attention to

In the last issue of the Social Demoerat "Inconnu" told you some things about the building of a state, and I hope you caught his thought properly because if you did you will be able to realize how much easier is the task which the Social Democracy has set itself to do than the pessimistic croakers of the world would have you be lieve it is.

Understand this: Our work is not a work of construction, properly so-called. We do not have to build; we have merely to organize and direct. There is no need for us to bother our heads with the work of constructing the Social Democratic State, because that part of the work has already completed—the State exists now. The work of constructing this State has been going on for a longer period than either you or I have any need to spec-ulate about. Plato contributed his part to the work nearly four centuries before the beginning of the Christian era, and the great Sir Thomas More placed his stone in the half-completed edifice when he wrote his history of

Utopia.

It would be easy for me to ransack of Wilna last month for remote parts of dreadful Siberia. Among them was the records of the ages and give you the names of a great many illustrious a number of highly educated persons, personages who have contributed to teachers, graduates of universities, as this work without in the least knowing why they did so, but that would rein prison for more than a year and quire much time, besides which it is finally sentenced to exile for propagan- not at all necessary-all I want you to da of socialism and attempting to or- understand thoroughly is that the real work of building our new State has alworkingmen. Some of them were quite ready been done. This State now exyoung and were going to Siberia not on ists in abstract form, as a completed alism, along political lines, will result account of their own "crimes," but for entity, in the minds of unnumbered thousands of people; our work is merely to furnish the means whereby it hay become a concrete reality.

When you once catch this view of

the case you will very readily see that there are a great many good people who are subjecting themselves to much needless anxiety on our account.

The main obstacles to our success are purely physical in their nature; and the history of the world proves conclusively that men have never yet shrunk back appalled at the physical obstacles to their progress when their minds were firmly and resolutely set on the accomplishment of a purpose. When a thing exists as a completed organism in the minds of men, when its bases are laid in reason and its workings determined by the rules of scicrete realization are encountered only to be overcome. Physical obstacles in the emancipation of labor, the ab- refusing to disclose the names of the disappear like magic before the as-

The constructive work aiready done after the obstacles themselves have been swept aside. This means that many of the obstacles which men dread to encounter are mere figments of the imagination, shadows which will fade away as mist before the morning sunlight when once the proper force is brought to bear upon them. They exist, as the dark shadow of the eastern cloudbank obscures the glory of the rising sun, making us doubtful whether the coming day will be one of storm

Our problem, then, is merely to over-The enthusiastic hurrans on the physical plane of a mental state

I am here reminded of the words of One must not forget that the reform army, words which express so much truth that I propose to quote

"There is no use in attacking an evil in the abstract when we can do so fatally in the concrete; in deploring an existing ill which we have the power to cure; in desiring better men women when we neglect the methods Under no by which they can be produced; no use in looking for a Christ to save the practices by which it is developed.

Colonies, because, under conditions as they exist here in the United States, a point of departure from the present system which will lead to its solution. Colonies, because that is the best way to practicalize the truth expressed in happiness from behind the gratings of the car windows and waved their Our conditions of life are such that

the evils which men suffer from, and which we so greatly deplore, can be attacked by us only in the abstract. of self-preservation compels the majority of us to conform to certain institutions which are mere expressions, or we consider it in conection with the manifestations of the evils we attack. purposes that were sought to be accom-We are thus forced into conscious, plished by it. It was essentially a comthough involuntary hypocrisy; our promise all the way through. It suited

existence becomes a living lie. This is very painful to us. It compels us to be continually at war with ourselves. It forces us to continually crush down the Divine Spirit within us and disobey its promptings. Our lives become one continual round of self-sacrifice, and we are hindered from realizing our own personalities. The conditions of life should not compel us to sacrifice, they should permit us to realize ourselvesbe ourselves; act our own thoughts. and order our lives as the Divine Spirit within us prompts us to do. It is thus only that we can be real men and wom-

We know that the Golden Rule exresses, not merely an ethical principle, but a scientific rule of life. We know that this rule is our only complete expression of a harmonious social principle, but when we attempt to expound this rule to the Philistine he meets us with the platitude: "Oh, your theories are all right, but they are not practical." And what can we answer? Only more theory! Under our conditions of life, the argument is with the Philistine—we cannot live the Golden Rule ourselves!

It thus becomes plain why we must be so strenuous to bring our physical environment into harmony with our mental state. And this brings us once

more to the question, "Why Colonies?"
We know that the Philistine's platitude expresses a lie. We know that our theories are practical. We know that they are so practical, indeed, that until they are lived it is utterly impossible for society to have peace and order. We do not depend on mere sentiment for this knowledge-we go further. Sentiment, of course, was the primary motive force which animated us—as is true universally, I believe—but we have tested the sentiment by the rules of science in order to determine its quality, and we have found our knowledge to be exact. We have found our theories to be, not merely practicable, but mathematically demonstrable. Ethics and science agree, as they should do. I merely giving you an outline. These propositions have been demonstrated over and over again, and will be again whenever necessary: but this is not the place for it, and you must accept my word for the fact for the present.

The Philistine is something of a factor in our problem. He is never anything but conventional. He prides himself on being "as other men." The Fetishes which capitalism has set up for men to bow down to he worships without question, because that is "respectable." Outside the circle of conventionalities his brain is as a blank piece of paper-it expresses nothing. He never thinks; he never moves forward; he simply conforms. Most men are Philistines. Object lessons are the only kind they ever learn they are so intensely practical!

We have an exact and harmonious social principle, and the Philistines must be brought to conform to it by an actual demonstration of its practicability. Note, that we take account of the Philistine; we do not propose to solve our problem independently of his existence; we take account of all the social elements, because we know that our solution requires us to do so; we know, in short, to use an expression of Bellamy's, that "a solution which leaves an unaccounted for residuum is no solution at all."

A straight line is the shortest distance between two points. There is a vast economy in using the straight line wherever possible. In some situations it is not possible; in others it is possible. We have the two States, the Capitalistic State and the Social Democratic State, and we want to proceed from one to the other. Understand:

supports us here. If we were over in many, for instance, it would not possible for us to use the straight line -here in the United States it is pos-

sible. We have the primary elements to a prominent soldier in our present day form the basis of our new state in great abundance here in the United States and their procurement for our purpose is not at all a hard matter. In this espect, we are probably better situated than the people of any other part of the earth's surface. Then, our scheme of government favors the straight line; and this is a very important matter European governmental scheme would it be possible for us to proceed as we may here in the United world from sin when we continue the States. And I want to take this opportunity, while speaking of government, to call attention once more to those constructive forces which I spoke sponsible for our government were unstructing our new state when they adopted our present constitution. They were building for us; they made it possible for us to adopt the straight line to-day, when we have at last reached the point in evolution where we may begin to give our new State a concrete existence.

> Our bifurcated scheme of government is very illogical; it is, in fact, one of the most infernal nuisances ever concocted by the brain of man,

# LABOR DAY EDITION

The next issue of THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT will contain a word-for-word report of the speech of EUGENE V. DEBS before the ST. LOUIS CON-FERENCE of anti-injunction labor leaders. Also articles from able writers on social reform, etc., A FULL-PAGE CARTOON, and will consist of EIGHT PAGES.

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olition of poverty, the building up of real perpetrators. Such heroism, such saults of a trained and resolute will. a higher civilization, and the universal readiness to sacrifice their lives for the And these physical obstacles them-

MARK MORRIS.

Brewery Wo kers' Convention.

Next month the annual congress of the Brewery Workers' National Union will be held in Boston, Mass. It is a well-known fact that this national union, representing over 13,000 members, is one of the most progressive trade organizations in the country. While ever active in the economic field, successfully organizing the brewery employes in nearly every city and where the brewery industry is of any importance; and while ever endeavoring to better the conditions of labor under the present conditions, the Brewery Workers' National Union recognizes the principles of the class struggle and the necessity of independent political action on the lines of international Social Democracy. platform is purely sccialistic, emphasizing the necessity of the economic and political labor movements working hand in hand, and that the emancipacrats, that we assist this organization in its hard struggle against capitalism. This the principle of solidarity commands us to do. We feel confident that the members of the prewery Workers will do their duty, and in ac cordance with their past action, based on their Social-Democratic platform they will most assuredly assist the So cial Democracy of America, and do all in their power to help build up a strong, powerful party of the American proletariat, which will become not only the pride of every true American citizen, but also of the great Interna-

The existing conflict between labor and capital has its foundation in unjust laws, enabling the few to accumulate vast estates and live in luxurious ease while the great masses are doomed to incessant toil, penury and want. What is needed is the removal of the cause which permits the accumulation of the wealth of the country in a few hands and this can only be brought peacea bly about by a change in the laws of property.—Lyman Trumbull.

tional Social Democratic movement.

Direct legislation and effective voting would make boodle legislatures and corrupt courts impossible.—Pittsburg Kansan.

"We never had so many millionaires as now, nor so many tramps; never so much wheat, corn and breadstuff, and never bread so scarce. Laws have urally the strong made them."-Rev.

a higher civilization, and the universal readiness to sacrifice their lives for the betterment of mankind generally. cause, such firmness and intrepidity revealed by workingmen who had not many good people imagine them to be. gone as yet through the training which every Russian "conspirator" goes through in the course of time, revealed physical obstacles to our success. Lack under the most trying conditions and of proper organization, however, has pressure of the Russian secret police. obscured this fact, has permitted the could not fall to call forth the gratitude mental forms of certain obstacles to and admiration of those who still remained at liberty, and accordingly, the people of Wilna have witnessed a scene which not often presents itself in the land of the czar and is, therefore, the more impressive and significant when it does take place. The full significance of the demonstration will be still more comprehended when we think of the danger the participants were in curring. Here is what our Russian inwrites among other things: 'On Saturday a crowd of sympathizers, and shadow or of sunshine and calm; about 100 in all, workmen and profes- but a fair wind comes and sweeps away sional people, went to the depot to the lowering cloudbank, exposing the meet the incoming train. They met the god of day in all his splendor to the prisoners in a body and accompanied eyes of men, and then we know that both of these States exist; the one is them to the prison, in spite of the rether the day will be a fair one. A great as real as the other; the one has consistance of the police. It was a silent, many of these obstacles, in short, exthough the more solemn and impressive ist only in the imaginations of men; stract—that is all the difference there a demonstration. On Sunday (the day of deportation) a large crowd of work-realities only because—in Artemus is between them. ingmen waited near the prison for the "etape" and with shouts of "Hurrah!" many things that 'aint so. 'Long live the exiles!" followed the latter to the depot. The prisoners come certain material obstacles which Europe, if we were in England or Gerbowed their acknowledgments to the stand between us and the realization drowned the clang of the chains, and that already exists, and this brings us the "etape" from being a disgrace (as to the question, "Why Colonies?" it generally is), turned into a triumphant procession. Many wept from demonstration was not planned beforehand and was a spontaneous and them: unexpected event to all. You should have seen the proud and radiant faces of our dear imprisoned comrades! Really it was worth spending a year in prison to live through such monts! It was a complete deep mora triumph, and I am sure the recollection of the scene will more than once help them to keep up their spirits, more than once give them courage to bear the hard life of privation and suffering in far, cold Siberia. But that was that is the shortest and easiest method of in the beginning. Those who are renot all. A group of workingmen about fifty in number, went ahead to the cause that is the best way to establish consciously aiding in the work of connearest station, and as the train came up bearing the comrades, shouted, Long live the social dem-'Hurrah! The prisoners smiled with

> journey, our dear comrades." Let us join in this wish and hope to see these heroes who sacrifice their lives unknown to the world attain their great end, the emancipation of the people from the iron heel of despotism and triumph of the socialist common wealth.

the car windows and waved their

no one perfectly, and it has always been productive of a vast deal of trouble and worry since the very moment of its adoption; but its very deficiencies are in our favor and will operate to our advantage.

The principle of State autonomy which is entirely inconsistent with the ideals and natural course of development of a capitalistic state, a principle which has caused no end of trouble and expense to the people at large, and been productive of one of the bloodiest wars in the world's history—this principle is still active, and upon it we may build with a surety of success, so far as the governmental phase of our problem is concerned. We may proceed without undue fear of molestafrom the constituted authorities. This is a big subject, and I am merely giving you hints, but these will serve to convey the idea I desire you to grasp. It is true that the interpreta-tion which has been put upon the constitutional provision forbidding a state to make any law annulling the obligation of a contract may rise up to trou-ble us, and may bring us into conflict with the federal authorities after a time. But when that time comes our power will be pretty well developed and consolidated, and we will have so prominent an object lesson before the comrades will help in the work by people that even the Philistines, who can do nothing but conform, will be they will do most good. with us in sufficient force that the To give an idea of the growth of crisis will be passed—I believe—without serious difficulty.

In short, we adopt the colony didea, because all things here conspire to make that the straightest and best in the State of Indiana was organized at Evansville; the first Massachusetts at Evansville; the first Massachusetts

#### GOOD MEN WANTED.

Opinion of Brother J. R. Armstrong on Co-operative Organization.

In my judgment a semi-agricultural town site should be selected upon the bank of a good sized river, in say Washington or elsewhere for colonization purposes. The water, if properly utilized, could supply power for man-ufacturing tools, clothing, lumber, moetc., etc. Even the farming could be accomplished by this means and the dirty noisome reek of smoke belching Evidently in the near future all human labor will be performed by electricity generated by our great rivers and it particular in mind. It is not necessary to start this great undertaking on an elaborate scale—at first. Ordinary provisions, clothing, seed and tools (farm and otherwise) with a good stretch of virgin soil, on the skirt of some mag-nificent stream, taken in hand by REAL MEN, would in a very brief time show good and lasting results. The weakness of the case will not be found in nature, for she is kind and always smiles upon wise, industrious effort. The raw materials for building a model commonwealth, in which all shall, indeed co-operate for each other's welfare, are quite at hand everywhere the eye may be cast. The man who joins this affair must be vigilant and keep out shysters, traitors, detectives, lazydogs, greedy-beasts, and of all elsecontentious disputants. Many glorious efforts for the emancipation of human kind from tyranny have been blighted by dirty, insufferable scalawags sneaking footpad fashion into reform organizations and spreading malicious falsehoods. Keep them out, my compatriots, and you will never regret it. If the Social Democracy is composed of an unbreakable unity and a start is made on the lines suggested above, nothing short of earthquake, pestilence and famine combined can possibly defeat the magnificent scheme. After the first colony gets impregnably rooted and begins to have a sufficient surplus a new branch can be formed elsewhere on the "surplus." In the meantime, every effort should be made to capture a state and show to the world the feasibility of at least partial public ownership and co-operation.

The following I cli

English newspaper:

CO-OPERATION SPREADING. CO-OPERATION SPREADING.
Co-operation continues to flourish. In
Dundee the local society has had an increase of 16,000 in the receipts during the
past quarter; and in Edinburgh the
profits of the Northern Co-operative society were increased by £6,000 during the
last year. In Edinburgh the electorate is
38,000, and the co-operators number 18,000.
In Scotland 'there' are more than 250,000
co-operators altogether, and taking the
familles of members, about a million people in this country, or about a fourth of
the whole population, are supplied by cooperative societies.

Are the keen-witted Amer'cans go-

Are the keen-witted Americans going to continue being outwitted by the so-called "slow coaches" across the Atlantic? Most of our wants could have been supplied for many past years, by co-operative effort (in the store line), if we had not been such infernal blockheads. Let the good work of education, initiated by Mr. Debs and his able comrades, go on, and may the introduction of the co-operative commonwealth start within the near fu-ture! Millions of human lives depend upon this and no time should be lost.

The time is coming when private ownership of railroads will seem as absurd as private ownership of our streets and highways would now.-Star and

One of the flercest antagonists of the Roman Catholic Church is Justin L. Fulton, a Baptist clergyman. One of the most grievous offenses the Roman church is charged with is the sale of indulgences. And yet the great Baptist university in Chicago was built by the sale of indulgences to Rockefeller .-Rev. Sidney Holmes.

### SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

A RECORD OF THE WEEK'S PROP-AGANDA AND PROGRESS.

Result of Three Days' Work by S. D. Organizers. What the Directors are Doing This Week.

The progress of the Social Democracy is only limited by the number of organizers in the field. Wherever the men who preach the evangel of the organization appear results are sure to follow. The people are longing for the evolution of the Social Democracy, so " the cause is marching on."

At the headquarters of the National Council in the Trude building, the clerks are kept very busy attending to the correspondence which shows no let-up.

The Social Democrat is doing its share and is making itself felt in the field. It is growing rapidly in circulation with every issue and makes friends for itself and the cause wherever it goes. The paper is a forerunner of the organizer and friends and sending out copies where they think

following as the result of three days

of Connecticut in Hartford and the ninth branch in the Empire state in New York City.

On the 21st No. 1 of the state of Washington was organized at Palouse. On the 22d a large branch was organized at Trinidad, Col., the third in that state, and on the same date No. 10 at Buffalo, N. Y. and No. 1 at Min-

eapolis, Minn. All the foregoing are composed of earnest, active people and the indicative power for cars, electric lighting, tions are that they will be loyal propagandists for the cause.

President Eugene V. Debs is still confined to the house. He is convalesfrom stacks, could be done without cing rather slower than was expected from the attack of sun-stroke which he received while working on behalf of the striking miners. He thinks he would be well for the projectors of the will be himself again in a few days colony scheme to bear that important and in the meantime writes cheerful words of encouragement to headquar-

> Please observe the additions to the list of agents for the Social Democrat. Vice-chairman James Hogan is in Denver making arrangements for a campaign through the state of Colo-

> Director William E. Burns is still in Moline, Ill., where he has succeeded in organizing two branches.

rado.

Director Roy M. Goodwin and John F. Lloyd having finished a very successful mission in Milwaukee where our friends are legion, have gone to Racine which bids fair to respond to their efforts in a substanttial manner. Organizer N. L. Greist has been heard from at Trinidad, Col., with a

new branch. Sylvester Keliher Secretary pooked to deliver an address on the Social Democracy on Monday, 30th inst., at No. 270 Warren avenue, before the annual conference of the Cooperative College of Citizenship.

## HE HAD TO MOVE ON

Continued from First Page.

inal Type"-the latter, it may be, once used by a cabinet minister, or able editor-the criminal type, the successful and the unsuccessful skulls are here on a level in the same dusty window, blindly staring at the same old human strife and folly; the same old speedless haste and aimless hurry, and bootless care of the crowded London street:

Outside of all the worlds and ages,
There where the fool is as the sage is,
There where the slayer is clean of blood,
No end, no passage, no beginning,
There where the sinner leaves off sinning,
There where the good man is not good.
To this complexion must we come at

last! We are like leaves before the winds of Fate. Who knows what thing the sarcastic gods have in store for us by way of reward for all our vain-glorious mouthings; our aspirations after higher things? Perchance, Horatio, yonder constable, when he shall have laid by the insolence of office and the truncheon of force, shall "pass away," and lay his skull and his greatness here! There is a stern justice in lifesometimes-who knows?

"If any plutocrat doesn't see what he wants, just let him get it by injunction," seems to be the new motto among federal judges. It is a short cut to absolutism, but it won't last long in America.—Faribault (Minn.) Jeffersonian.

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away, but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has possessed him.—James Russell Lowell.

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DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY ADOPTED AT CHICAGO, JUNE 21, 1897.

We hold that all men are born free, and are endowed with certein natural rights, among which are life, liberty and happiness. In the light of experience we indithat while all citizens are equal in theory, they are not so in fact. While all citizens have the same rights politically, this political equality is useless under the present system of economic inequality, which is essentially destructive of life, liberty and happiness. In spite of our political equality labor is robbed of the wealth it produces. By the development of this system it is denied the means of self-employment, and by enforced, idleness through lack of employment, is even deprived of the necessaries of life.

To the obvious fact that our despotic system of economics is the direct opposite of our democratic system of politics, can be plainly traced the existence of a class that corrupts the government, allending that corrupts the government, allending that corrupts the government, allending that the corrupts of the creator of all wealth and all civilization, it rightfully follows that those who perform all labor and create all wealth should enjoy the fruit of their efforts. But this is rendered impossible by the modern system of production, Since the discovery and application of steam and electric powers and the general introduction of machinery in all branches of industry, the industrial operations are carried on by such gigantic means that but few are now able to possess them, and thus the producer is separated from his products.

While in former times the individual worker labored on his own, account, with his own tools, and was the master of his products, now dozens, hundreds and thousands of men work together in shops, mines factories, etc., co-operating according to the most efficient division of labor, but they are not the masters of their products. The fruits of this co-operative and by the way are not the masters of their products. This system, by gradually extinguishing the middle class, necessarily leaves but two classes in our coun

ed by the owners of means of prometion, to-wit by the owners of machines, mines, land and the means of transportation.

This system, by gradually extinguishing the middle class, necessarily leaves but two classes in our country; the large class of workers and the small class of great employers and capitalists.

Human power and natural forces are wasted by this system which makes profit the only object in business.

Human power and natural forces are wasted by this system which makes not be bought in the open market, and places no real value on human life.

Science and invention are diverted from their humane purposes and made instruments for the enslavement of men and the starvation of women and children.

We, therefore, hold that in the natural course of social evolution, this system, through the destructive action of its failures and crises on the one hand, and the constructive tendencles of its trusts and other capitalistic combinations on the other, will annihilate the middle class, the basis upon which this system rests, and theeby work out its own downfail. The star of the Social Democracy of America, so that we may be ready to conquer capitalism by making use of our political liberty and by taking possession of the public power, so that we may put an end to the present barbarous struggle by the abolition of capitalism, the restoration of the land, and of all the means of production, transportation and distribution, to the people as a collective body, and the substitution of the co-operative commonwealth for the present state of planless production, industrial war and social disorder—a commonwealth, which, although it will not make every man equal physically or mentally. Will give to every worker the free

dustrial war and social disorder—a commonwealth, which, although it will not make every man equal physically or mentally, will give to every worker the free exercise and the full benefit of his faculties multiplied by all the modern factors of civilization and ultimately inaugurate the universal brotherhood of man. The Social Democracy of America will make democracy "the rule of the people," a truth, by ending the economic sublugation of the overwhelming great majority of the people. With a view to the immediate relief of the people, all our efforts shall be put forth to secure to the unemployed self-supporting employment, using all proper forth to secure to the unemployed self-supporting employment, using all proper murpose of the tendent end. For such our post of the tendent of the tendent of course porters and the introduction of course properties and the introduction of course in the state of the selected for the concentration of course of the concentration of course of the support of the concentration of course of the selected for the concentration of course of the concentration of course of the concentration of course of the selected for the concentration of course of the cours

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gas and electric plants, and all other public utilities.

3. The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, coal, iron and all other
mines; also all oil and gas wells.

4. Reduction of the hours of labor in
proportion to the progress of production.

5. The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed, the public
credit to be utilized for that purpose.

6. All useful inventions to be free to all,
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Socialism does not wish to abolish private property, or accumulation of wealth; but aims to replace the present system of private capital by a system of collective capital, which would introduce a unified organization of na-tional labor.—Prof. Schaeffle.

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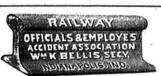
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