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CURRENT COMMENT

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In 1856 the money power won the election; ten years later the chattel munity enjoying "prosperity" you can slaves were free. In 1896 the money immediately begin to figure out what

The embezzlers and bank wreckers stole \$1,248,048 during the year 1897, or nearly \$1,000,000 for each month in the year. Under socialism this sort of idends in 1897 of \$776,300, or 3.38 per crime would be impossible.

value of over \$1,000,000, were sold at auction for the pitiful sum of \$454. This sockholders is not excessive, and if it is the sort of "capital" that many of our great financiers are doing business tives would have amounted to less than austic and a useless burden on indus-

those inclined towards socialism in skill employed in managing them, 1900. Look out for fake public owner-would have gone entirely unrewarded. platforms of the old parties. No fu-sion, no compromise, no trimming or trading with the parties of capitalism. The tribune's argument is badly trading with the parties of capitalism

ly been prohibited from holding public it can neither abandon nor enter into meetings in the public streets, parks any condition of activity unless set in and squares of Boston, and their permotion by some human agency. The sistence in fighting the thing out in question, then, is as to the agency court until the violation of their con-which shall set this inert capital in mostitutional right to hold such meeting tion, and for whose benefit. Whether stitutional right to hold such meeting thon, and for whose benefit. Whether importance with the best in the Unithas been judicially declared is much to it shall be the private capitalist, for his ed Kingdom, is \$2,000 per year. Manhas been june. be commended.

boys employed in the fruit jar factory tion of ownership, and it is just as well of Ball Brothers, at Muncie, Ind. The to remember that when these capital-boys have been getting \$5 per week, istic sheets talk so loudly about capibut they demand \$6, and threaten to tal doing this, that and the other thing the firm states that the demand will ists; and when the people constitute not be granted, and there is no fear of themselves the capitalists, as they will as strike, as men have been employed at shortly, they will be able to do with strike, as men have been employed at shortly, they will be able to do with strike as a body is stupid. How can they expect to obtain any lasting reforms if they possible to hire full grown men for the pitful sum of \$5 per week, for the pur possible to first any grown fight to grow find the purpose of breaking down a strike of 14-year-old boys, the competitive system has about reached the culmination of atrocity and the day of its destruction the men who manage them now, but the aid of the business ability of the men who manage them now, but the warry class from whom they expected the possible to the men who manage them now, but the warry class from whom they expected the control of political machinery as a means of between the political machinery and the pol

displaced over a million horses in the terrible state of affairs, truly! No sur-United States alone, and this has plus! Well, the heavens wouldn't fall, thrown out of work 400,000 stablemen and we'd keep right on doing business United States alone, and this has plus: well, the heavens wouldn't fall, thrown out of work 400,000 stablemen and we'd keep right on doing business proced will perchance lead to the in- and blacksmiths, 40,000 harnessmakers, at the same old stand, satisfied with 20,000 carriage makers and many others, besides destroying the farmer's the full product of our labor, without market for hundreds of millions of dol- a "surplus," used to furnish dividends political force its importance deserves. lars worth of hay, straw, oats, corn, to idle capitalists. Perhaps it has never. annually. There has been a vast er occurred to the Tribune that this saving to the capitalist street railway "surplus" it is so insistent about is exnal business system is well illustrated owners who have gained possession of these improvements, but there has been no gain to the people to compening that is what alls the rickety old by the action of John D. Rockefeller in sueing a poor widow for the sum of been no gain to the people to compening that is what alls the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the people to compening that is what alls the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the people to compening the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the people to compening the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the people to compening the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the people to compening the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the people to compening the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the people to compening the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the people to compening the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the people to compening the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the sum of the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing a poor widow for the rickety old in sueing sate for all this loss of employment and capitalist contemporaries are laboring the slightest need of this money, while of market for farm products, nor will the people gain anything until they become the owners of the railway sys-

and anxiety caused by the tendencies of the system. The yearly list of suicides has increased steadily since 1890,
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reasons that they cannot be bettered managerial skill being left in the lurch any by keeping them in jail, but as long as the legal theory of the trust and assume control of industrial afany by keeping them in jail, but as when the people abolish the capitalist long as the legal theory of the trust character of their functions prevails fairs themselves. I think the people, the president ought also to have some in their corporate capacity, will be able consideration for the widow and orphan investors and depositors whom good advantage as the capitalists now more plan investors and depositors whom good advantage as the capitalists now and enter the pork packing business. wreckers have robbed.

We hear plenty of talk of about these Mr. Tribune, poor widows and orphans whenever it is proposed to cut down the profits of moneyed institutions for the purpos of enabling wage earners to live at other times?

The object of socialism is, not to distribute the sums now going as dividends to the capitalists among the employes, as the Tribune assumes, but to abolish dividends entirely and distribute that waterializing. This cut is the result of prosperity—the prosperity of the "New South." The amounts paid as dividends by no means represent the difference between the material, has forced the New England mill owners to reduce expenses in order to retain their hold on the market value of profits to a horder of the collection. The amounts paid as dividends by no means represent the difference between the market value of product and the wages and salaries paid workers and mill owners to reduce expenses in order to retain their hold on the market. There are insurance, taxes, commissions and profits to a bandon his literary as pirations and devote himself to abandon his literary as pirations and devote himself to abandon his literary as pirations and devote himself to abandon his literary as pirations and devote himself to abandon his literary as pirations and devote himself to abandon his literary as pirations and devote himself to business.

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Mayor Jones, of Toledo, says that and this reduction had naturally to "socialism would not only put the idle come out of the wages of the opera-That is the main reason why the idle perity means under the present system. It can never be universal, but only sectional, or local in character. Whenevpower won the election; ten years later other country or community is suffering as a consequence.

cent on the capital invested. Com-Menting on these figures in connection with the recent dissatisfaction among the cotton operatives over the New defunct Mayerick bank, having a face Year's reduction in wages, the Chicago The politicians are beginning to paid to the employes, the capital in-

must be the slogan of the Social Demo- mixed, and its conclusions are rather crats.

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The acquittal of Martha Moore Avery in a Boston court recently was a notable triumph for free speech, a.d one that socialists, especially have reason to rejoice at. Socialists have repeated t exclusive benefit, as at present, or whether it shall be the people collectively, for the benefit of all, as socialpeculiar to itself in the strike of the ism proposes. Primarily it is a ques-

s near at hand.

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Cable and electric street cars have

no surplus at all." That would be a

these capitalistic arguments of the have the slightest place in "business."

Tribune stripe is that the managerial Rockefeller had a legal claim for the the record for the year 1897, as reported by the Chicago Tribune. Of the classified as due to despondency and business failures, while the "unknown" list foots up 1,922. Of these unknowns it is probably safe to say that a large majority were wrecks of our industrial system, and at least two-thirds of the whole number of suicides more than the ethousand are the classified as due to despondency and business failures, while the "unknown" list foots up 1,922. Of these unknowns agondary with its capitalist employer, vanish completely from off the workmen of Paris were completely changed over by the introduction of the system of profit-sharing. Sixty-hold with the system of profit-sharing. Sixty-hold with the system of profit-sharing. Sixty-hold with open arms? For accept the the "unknown" by the introduction of the system of profit-sharing. Sixty-hold with open arms? Why not disband advisability of having the city establishment of the tenants on his Irish estates, as policyer, vanish completely from off the system of the tenants on his Irish estates, as policyer, vanish completely from off the system of profit-sharing. Sixty-hold with open arms? For accept the marking of confidence. Each fears that the other workmen of Paris were completely done of profit-sharing. Sixty-hold with open arms? Why prohibit chought of the system of profit-sharing. Sixty-hold with open arms? Why not disband the police fores? Why not disband advisability of having the city establishment of the workmen of Paris were completely workmen of Paris were completely workmen of Paris were completely by changed over by the introduction of the workmen of Paris were completely workmen of Paris were completely by changed over by the introduction of the system of profit-sharing. Sixty-hold workmen of Paris were completely by the prohibit chought of the system of profit-sharing. Sixty-hold workmen of Paris were completely by the introduction of the workmen of Paris were completely by the introduction of the workmen of Paris were completely by the introd system, and at least two-thirds of the I imagine that it will remain on earth, as a human being, give the poor widow stroying the civilization of the world. I imagine that it will remain on earth, as a human being, give the poor widow stroying the civilization of the world. number of suicides may be safe-sified as directly due to worry ficiently for the people as it now does of the judgment and costs (although swer, yes. Will it be? I frankly say, ficiently for the people as it now does of the judgment and costs (although for the private capitalists. The func- I never heard of him giving a dollar ex- I don't know. and murders will balance the increase wholly on the corporate or joint-stock target from the population.

wholly on the corporate or joint-stock teristic of "business" about it.

What I wish to point out is the gulf look on the bright side of life. But I ture!—why, for thousands and thousands and thousands are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employes. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employed. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employed. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employed. They manage the affairs of their embeddings are salaried employed. President McKinley appears to have ployers—the stockholders—as reprea peculiar affection for bank wreckers, sented by boards of directors—so as to
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ples." A strict observance of business was inducted into office. These bank is promptly removed and replaced by principles would paralyze all social acrobbers are thoroughly "respectable" another. Now, I do not imagine that robbers are thoroughly "respectable" another. Now, I do not imagine that tion, and force a dissolution of the triminals, and the president probably there will be any difficulty about this present social body in less than a week; Mr. Tribune. They must work for to be a very creditable production, insomebody, and after they have abolished the capitalists with their divithor has considerable literary talent.

material. The Tribune admits this, the waste basket es that they are items of expenditure which workingmen do not take into account. It says:

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If the figures were printed showing what the mills have paid out this year for wages and for raw material, and showing also the value of the goods produced during the year, it would be apparent that the value of the product was much that the value of the product was much greater than the amount paid out for wages and raw material. The seeming profits of the business would exceed greatly what was paid as dividends. Then the labor demagogues, using these figures as a text, would tell the cotton spinners and weavers that they were not

figures as a text, would tell the cotton spinners and weavers that they were not receiving their fair share of the product, while their employers were getting too much. They would assume that the latter got the whole difference between the value of the finished product and what they paid out for labor and raw materials.

The walking delegates would make no allowance for the cost of marketing the product, for taxes, repairs, insurance, bad debts, and those other items of expenditure which eat up so large a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the finished goods.

The Tribune is unnecessarily worried about the "walking delegates" and "la-

\$30 apiece. Continuing, the Tribune try. One of the standing complaints says: "But if the dividends had been paid to the employes, the capital inent system is the vast amount of untrim their sails to catch the votes of vested in the mills, and the labor and necessary expense entailed on industry those inclined towards socialism in skill employed in managing them.

1900. Look out for fake public owner-would have gone entirely unrewarded. Ship or direct legislation planks in the Then capital would have abandoned by competition would disappear under dustry.
"Management by operatives" is also

off color. When it talks about capital the subject of considerable deprecation

Harford and Wilson, the British trades union delegates to the Nashville convention of the American Federation tion. In an interview in New York be fore sailing for home, Harford said: "The policy of the American trades unto obtain any lasting reforms if they hold aloof? By pursuing their present mummy plan of ignoring the control of

—the very class from whom they expect to get better laws for the masses."

Who does not know that this criticism is to the point? A little more of the "independent political action" pop leaven into the American trades union movement to enable it to bocome the

The sordid heartlessness of our infer-One of the silliest assumptions in side of human character, and cannot

Don't worry about the managers. Ira has written a book, and it is said.

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items besides wages and cost of raw guess I will consign that "push" idea to

Morris says he thinks "a man of bus-

That depends. There are books— and books. Some of them ain't worth much, and would better never have been written. But there are othersand the man who, with millions already at his command, can seriously advise a talented son to give up the chance of enriching the literature of his country to take up the pursuit of filthy dollars is simply gold mad. He is mentally unbalanced and ought to be looked af- I'm thankful that the God of all, Whose laws we must obey.

abandon literature for busin the world have been the gainer or the

I feel sorry for young Morris—al-though I don't suppose he much needs any sympathy of mine. It is sad to see a promising litrary career sacrificed

Our charity and humane organizations are strong in their treatment of effects while mighty weak on causes; however, their dilettanteish efforts to deal with glaring social evils from their peculiar standpoints might be permitted to pass unnoticed were they not so prone to make infernal nuisances of themselves.

Probably the greatest nuisance of the

whole lot is the Gerry society, which has arrogated to itself the peculiar function of protecting the welfare of the children of the nation.

If this society was really anxious to abolish cruelty to children it might easily find a broad field for the exercise of its energies in looking after the enforcement of our factory laws and in laboring to abolish the infernal industrial conditions which force children of tender years into the vortex of our commercial maelstrom. In this field it might do some little good, and would at least escape making a nuisance of itself.

But a nuisance it was born, and a uisance it will remain, until the people finally become surfeited with its officious meddling with strictly private affairs and abolish it, together with the whole brood of dilettante reformers it represents.

The latest exploit of this remarkable society was the compelling of Inventor Thomas A. Edison to desist from the unparalleled atrocity of permitting his nine-year-old daughter to appear on the stage and dance at a charity entertainment! And while the Gerry society interferes to protect the child of Mr. Edison from the assumed cruelty of her own father the is doubless more deeply interested in her welfare than a thousand Gerry societies could pos-bily be), there are thousands and thou-sands of poor children who are per-ishing of cold and slow starvation in the miserable garrets of our cheerless lives away in the fetid atmosphere of Let us pray for the quick coming of the day when Gerry and his so-ciety will find their occupation gone.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

Just now there is a spirit of unrest broughout the world. Every country

ty to humanity. Murders, robbery and thority, brutally murdered, and this awful outrage is endorsed by the mo

nopolistic press of the country.

We hold public meetings, make conthe dark and surpluses, they must perfere work for the people.

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I'm thankful that the sun and m Morris says he thinks "a man of business does more for the community in
which he lives and for the world in
general than a writer of books."

That depends. There are books—
and books. Some of them ain't worth

Mould legislate to take them down
And light the world with gas.

I'm thankful that the shining stars
Are far beyond our reach,
And that the rolling planets, too,
Are deaf to human speech;
If they were near, I'm very sure,
Rich men would own the skies,
And manage this whole universe
By private enterprise.

ter. Suppose that had happened to Shakespeare, Victor Hugo, Dickensuppose any one of them had been induced by a wealthy dolt of a father to

And stop the hu the human race!
—Rev. Herbert N. Casson.

> RANDOM HOUGHTS By George Allen White,

Socialism is not intended particular ly for the old, who are naturally prejudiced beyond hope of recall; but for the rising generation, whose minds are Among the young men of our time must Socialism secure its converts. The newspaper organs of the business to the highest offices men who are "safe" and "sound"; old and middleaged gentlemen with countenances fashioned into the conventional look of set and flinty indifference to the welfare of others; and who have lived long enough to have lost, long since, their youthful ideals of justice and right, and who hold that everything animate and inanimate, must be made to bow to the almighty dollar. Our "business" men invariably avoid young enthusiasts who believe that right's

The average opponent of Socialism proves the correctness of Dr. Schaffle's contention, that: " * * the ker-nel and aim of the Socialistic propaof exaggerated fears, and of no less immoderate hopes, grows rankly in this field of inquiry." The majority of people, in my opinion, would do well to study the rudiments of the Socialistic economy, and to especially avoid plac-ing reliance on the second-hand trash found in the daily press.

Some say that Socialism is but "a dream"; yet, as Thomas Carlyle says, "Every noble work is at first 'impos-sible' "—to those who don't know any out it.

One of the funniest, if it were not one of the most lamentable, things about our opponents is that they apparently uphold the Christian religion and the dicta of Jesus Christ; while, at the miserable garrets of our cheerless tenement houses, while thousands of other children are wearing their young lives away in the fetid atmosphere of fishness and self-interest, and inhuman lives away in the fetid atmosphere of our sweating dens, and in the dwarfing and health-destroying occupations of factory life, their existence made a and neath-destroying occupations of actory life, their existence made a burden to them and their young lives cruelly destroyed, in order that the claims of the demon greed may be sat
"Love your neighbor as yourself" and the brutal advice, "All 'Books of Law' and 'Golden Rules' are fashioned to betray; "The Survival of the Gospel of To-day."

Socialism seeks to alter nature's laws, even as Jesus Christ proposed to either has trouble now, or is anticipating it in the near future. Wars or runors of war, inflict every quarter of the globe. Governments are suspinately acter ever since we have known any the globe. Governments are suspi-clously watching each other's move-ments. There seems to be a lack of confidence. Each fears that the other is trying to gain some unjust advant-We have troubles here in our own banished beggary, but had wrought ar sound the alarm, falls short of his du- nature of five thousand years ago difuicide are of hourly occurrence. Mob nature of ten thousand years hence ers, peaceably marching along a pub- thropoid apes, contemplating the idea lic highway, as they have a lawful of forming so simple a thing as a government; in the words of Charlotte and without warrant or rightful au-

You would have to change your na-

ture;
We would like to see you try!"
They chuckled them triumphantly, These lean and hairy shapes, For these things passed as ar With the Anthropodal Apes

For the self-interest that impels mer etc., let us substitute the desire to reach planes of mental and physical superiority, and shine before men as possessing more than the ordinary intellect and strength. I would rathe have a big brain than a big, braze heart. It was not gold, nor what gol could buy, which gave us Homer, Mil-ton, Burns, and Byron. Something more than the greed of gain made

touched the chords that made possible a Webster, an Everett, a Phillips or a Henry Ward Beecher. The instinct that demands the sweat and blood of the poor and needy, nominated in the bonds of industrial slavery, did not awake the genius of Whitworth, Har-

lyle. Competition would never have

e had not, it's very clear ould be a doleful case— men would form a big clay trust I stop the human race!

of the numerous in paupers' graves. men believe that it would be "mon toncus," and would crush out individ-uality, to eradicate poverty and want through the instrumentality of Socialism. Monotonous, to enable everyone to earn an honest living, and sleep in The grand jury, has returned a score ism. Monotonous, to enable everyone to earn an honest living, and sleep in a decent bed! Monotonous, to see pass by never again the glittering gilt of wealth wrung from emaciated bodies!

Monotonous, to have no beggars to relives and a hymerotometric transfer of the progressive bodies.

The grand jury, has returned a score of indictments against parties conducting ambling houses in the city of Chicago, eight being against aldermen, leading democratic politicians.

lieve and no bummers to run in to the lockup! Monotonous, to put under, once for all, the sweet thrill of knowing that there is some one in the Wide lumbus Jan. 11, 1898. world waiting to be legally swindled! Monotonous, like the wonderful, sun-ny climate of California! Monotonous, like paradise! Ben Franklin and Mullike paradise! Ben Franklin and Mul-hall are on record to the effect that not more than four hours of labor per day would be necessary, under an in-dustrial regime such as socialism would the formation of the national council. of Vienna, at one hour and twentythree minutes. To me, it does not appear that the monotony and routine of
working ten hours per day for a mere
pittance can be any less than it would
be when each did his proper share of
the work of the world, and hours were
reduced to four at the highest. Then,
in the six or more hours remaining on
hand what an opposituality for develwas overwhelmingly against a strike.

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The extremes upon which much of the existing individuality is based, will be done away with, it is true. The grumpy millionaire will have to go. The tramps and mendicants who comfornia, until Feb. 11. The extremes upon which much of and aim of the Socialistic propa-ganda is still almost unknown. We have almost daily evidence that an ab-surd amount of false representations, The tramps and mendicants who com-rises so much of the individuality of prise so much of the individuality of Judge and Puck will have to go. The suicides, the insane, the murderers, the formed from the fact that 41,000 pe petitive individuality, must go. Those characters who make it their business In a recent bye-election

that struggle. The monotony of slaving ten hours every day, with little time for the higher life—that is hard, the thorn that enters the mind, upon the realization that things are unequal—and not justly unequal eleber. equal—and not justly unequal either—that is what enforces a life of hardship upon mankind.

Say a few persons, more superficial say a tew persons, more supernicial than observant, cannot alter human nature "by law." Socialism can do nothing for us, because men are no better, and have no more potency, in the mass than in the individual capacity; commonwealth, men would still be self-ish and beastly. That is the theory of anarchists, and there is not a well-infromed man in the country who does not know that an avowal like this proves the one making it to be either an anarchist or an empiric. If law is so powerless, why not abrogate the laws directed against crime? Why have laws for the inspection of factories? Why compet the marking of the premises of the United Co-operative Baking Society in South York street, Glasgow, took place Oct. 23, and was made the occasion of a demonstration in favor of the "cause." Over 1,500 delegates were present from all parts of Scotland. The city council of New York declared that the true anarchists were the upper classes and their attaches

THE BATTLE HYMN OF LAROR.

have seen the reaper toiling in We have seen the children needy when the harvesting was done; We have seen a mighty army dying help-less, one by one. While their flag went marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah,

Glory, glory, etc.

But no longer shall the children bend above the whizzing wheel We will free the weary women from their bondage under steel. In the mine and in the forest, worn and hopeless, men shall feel Their cause is marching on.

Then lift your eyes, ye tollers, in the desert hot and drear, Catch the cool wind from the mountain Hark! the river's voice is near, Soon we'll rest beside the fountains, so the dreamland will be here.

As we go marching on.

Glory, glory, etc.
—Brauer-Zietung

THE GRIND.

Interesting News Items From All Over

The telephone in Paris is \$10 a year;

in New York, \$240.

Glasgow's municipal railways carry workmen mornings and evenings at half fare. Australian cities carry chilgreave, Crompton, Cariwright, Wood-worth, Gallahue, Thimmunier or that of the hundreds of inventors who rot dren free to and from school.

Berlin steam roads charge \$4.50 a year for a ticket to and from the city— The papers in the employ of capital-ism have actually succeeded in making American cities this would cost fro \$30 to \$50

Terre Haute C. L. U. sets aside one evening in the month to discuss

A call has been issued for the ninth

The first meeting of the National Building Trade Council was held in St. Louis December 21, and was marked by a scathing denunciation of the

dustrial regime such as socialism would the tolerate and the interior of the intional council, usher in; Edward Atkinson puts the limit at two hours, and Prof. Hertzka, of Vienna, at one hour and twenty-tract under which no labor excepting

hand, what an opportunity for devel-oping a superb individuality as yet The union officers are almost alone in hardly dreamed of by the most optimis-tic! August and now to get the men to August and now to get the m walk out may disrupt the union

An idea of the importance of the Chicago beef and pork industry can be robbers, who make big the roll of com- sons are employed in the slaughter

In a recent bye-election in a parlia-

characters who make it their business to fawn at the feet of the master must go. The man who walks about with a last-year's hair-cut, and a badge of old-partyism on the seat of his pants, cheering "Old Glory" and shouting for Mac and Grover—well, he will have to go, too.

/ What bears hardest on humanity to day is not the struggle of competition, but the terrible, inevitable results of that struggle. The monotony of slaying ten hours every day, with little

The department of agriculture estimates the wheat crop of this country at 530,000,000 bushels. In 1896 it was 427,684,346; in '95, 467,102,947; in '94, 460,267,416; in '93, 396,131,726; in '92, 515,949,000; in '91, 611,800,000.

Socialist sections of Kansas have formed a state organization.

'The Survival of the Fittest' is consequently, under the socialistic effectively combine their work in the

among the peasants, reserving but even acres for his own cultivation

In Victoria (Australia) there is but little demand for labor. Board, in accordance with the factory laws, has fixed the minimum wage to be paid adult males in the boot and shoe industry at 7s 6d (\$1.74) per day of eight hours, and to females, 18 years of age and over, the minis placed at 20s (\$4.80) per week of 48

hours.
The Italian government is having trouble with Socialism in the army. A recent investigation revealed a secret organization among the soldiers, and a large amount of Socialist literature was found in the garrison of Padua,

The miners of the Durham, Eng-land, district are evidently beginning to see the light. It was resolved "that it be a standing order of this council that none of our agents or officials shall support any capitalist candidate in parliamentary elections against a

In New Zealand an eight-hom day, compulsory for all women working in mills and workshops, and all children under 18. They are not allowed to work overtime for more than twenty days a year, and then they are limited to three hours extra a day, and the written permission of an inspector must be obtained. In the case of adult must be obtained. In the case of adult men the government does not interfere with their hours of labor, save in exceptional cases, but the eight-hour day is general though not universal, throughout the colony. In Wellington the average wage of adults in engineering works is £2 10s 3d a week; molders average £2 12c 3d; patternmakers, £3 2s, and adults in electrical engineering works, £3 2s 4d.

SOCIAL FORUM

and many accustomed to comforts and the refinements of life, suddenly find themselves in real need, with no hope in sight. The suffering and humiliation is doubly bitter, because when the respective of the many accustomed to comforts and the refinements of life, suddenly find themselves in real need, with no hope in sight. The suffering and humiliation is doubly bitter, because when the respective of the things I have learned is that so-called representative government is a list I notice an article, "Suggestions for a Symbol," by W. E. Green. I wish another: "Progress is the result of attraction, not of repulsion." says he and the issue instead of many accustomed to comforts and by sample of the perspicuity of Mr. Editor:—In your issue of Nov.

Isth I notice an article, "Suggestions for a Symbol," by W. E. Green. I wish amount of the many accustomed to comforts and the refinements of life, suddenly find the many accustomed to comforts and the refinements of life, suddenly find the many accustomed to comforts and the refinements of life, suddenly find the many accustomed to comforts and the refinements of life, suddenly find the many accustomed to comforts and the refinements of life, suddenly find the many accustomed to comforts and the refinements of life, suddenly find the many accustomed to comforts and the refinements of life and a fraud.

If Mr. Webster and the Patriots of America will make direct legislation world, could and would read that article.

peal to their humanity. Some will remain cold and hard as before more, as time goes on.

Yes, the time has indeed arrived when much effective work can be done just where it most needs to be done. that is, among the great middle

PROUDHONIAN POETRY.

By M. Zametkin.

As the thumbscrew of capitalism is, in the course of bourgeois events, turned tighter and still tighter on the clowly In the course of bourgeois everts, turned tighter and still tighter on the slowly but surely vanishing middle class, the moment at length arrives when the troubles and worries of the smaller exploiters of labor make themselves felt as a social evil, but no longer as the accidental ill-luck of the individual; then they take the shape of and are in they take the shape of and are in a sigh—the sigh for the byte set up another alter, and holds strong anti-Socialist views; but was forced to do so. No doubt he would have preferred the bitter cup of Socialism. These are times when I am sitting on a sigh—the sigh for the byte spende have set up another alter, at usel—heard in a sigh—the sigh for the byte spende have set up another alter, at usel—heard in commentation of the single Tax movement, and holds strong anti-Socialist views; but they recognize the man of Galilee as an elder brother.

Jess did not carry the cross of his own free will, but was forced to do so. No doubt he would have preferred the bitter cup of Socialism. These are times when I am sitting on the scale of the single Tax movement, and holds strong anti-Socialist views; wet that many of its readers dissent from this exclusiveness is seen by the own free will, but was forced to do so. No doubt he would have preferred the bitter cup of Socialism. These are times when I am sitting on the scale of the single Tax may be improvised. The order of the single Tax may be improvised the truth, that profit is unpaid labor—a robber of the single Tax may be improved their capations and holds strong anti-Socialist views; but the organ of the Single Tax may held the view in the organ of the Single Tax and holds strong anti-Socialist views; but the organ of the Single Tax may held the would have preferred the bitter cup of Socialism. Socialism. There are intervals during the day own free will, but was forced to do so. No doubt he would have preferred the bitter cup of Socialism. Some letter in the line of co-operating which make it many of its readers dissent from th

grows ever more piteous as the trustification of all industry becomes more
and more pitlless, and the good old
times recede still further into antiqui-

Now, it seems to be a law of nature that "that cannot be had is intensely craved; the more intensely, indeed, the lesser the chance is of ever gratifying, lake, there never once was a being the composition of the department of the chance is of ever gratifying, and the silent of the chance is of ever gratifying, and the silent craving. Also, the further removed is antiquity, the easier it grows a classed the chance is of ever gratifying the silent of the chance is of ever gratifying the silent of the chance is of ever gratifying the silent of the chance is of ever gratifying. Also, the further removed is antiquity, the caster it grows a classed the chance is of ever gratifying the silent of the chance is of ever gratifying. Also, the further removed is antiquity, the caster it grows a classed the composition of the caster it grows are so much awayed as been plenty and to spare. Then go on with your singing and in time to take a farewell glance at the proposition that sighing and dreaming a way on his one disclosed that, under it grows and the sweet and lackadistical control of the composition of the sweet and lackadistical control of the composition of the gratification of independent Point of the sweet and lackadistical control of the composition of the sweet and lackadistical control of the sweet and lackadistical control

and sickening, too! But thus it is; nor lest too large a dose cause him to over-can it be otherwise. Hence Proudhon and Stirner and Andrews. Poor men they were ever looking backward! Hence the poetic romanticism of their writings: even their very phraseology suggests none of your matter-of-course realism or scientific precision, which ever on the alert and eager for the given idea, so that no room be left for doubt or unwarranted interpretation, being, on the contrary, ever replete with ambiguous metaphor and flowery bosl. As to the few still surviving followers of these propounders of "La wiser de La Philosophie"—may heaven help them! for, save the poesy of phraseology, they have learned nothing from their teachers. The save the plan vou have so of "Anneal to Barrante and the save learned nothing from their teachers."

Suppose that the plan vou have so of "Anneal to Barrante and hearts for the purpose of making GREENBAGKS—A NATIONAL PABORACKS—A NATIONAL P ven help them: for, save the poesy of phraseology, they have learned nothing from their teachers—not even the true ring which is heard, with such distinct and trying painfulness, in Proud hon's sighing for the bygone reign of competition now almost wholly de-

competition now almost wholly de chroned.

To illustrate:
Here is a Mr. Jas. T. R. Green. Since those fools, the Social Democrats, do pay their dues to support a paper advocating their views, why should not he of Proudhonian Romanticism abuse the generosity of the editor and take up a portion of the free (communistic eh?) columns under the caption "From Our Contributors," with a tearful supplication and flowery eulogy, addressed to his goddess Competition, whom he idolizes and idealizes, and looks up to for his salvation, although the poor old creature lies prostrated in the mud, knocked over by her own progeny, the Trust?

Says Mr. Jas. T. R. Green: "If, for instance, we enter into our projects for the purpose of rendering equivalents, we will get the business, or compel

To start Chrichill.

The An arreads Standlart, who is also one admirer of that tender and true friend of oppressed that tender and true friend of oppressed that tender and true friend of oppressed that it is not shipler. The start which is not subject to the great and the products of our sweath and baded your friend? The your love to bear of new the products of your sweat and blood your sweat and blo

lions as never before in the world's history."

Pullman and a Pinkerton, a trust and the militia, a capitalist's heart and a switch off on any single issue, and say to the workers in the cause, go among the "church people." the "Christian Endeavorers," the conservative people everywhere, many of whom are bolstering up the cause of plutocracy, but are not conscious of so doing; and in a kind but foreible way.

sociology. But why push the poor man to the wall with logic when he meant no harm? To assail metaphor as if it were argument is altogether too cruel. A singing bird's carol is never analyzed; it is for admiration only. Then altographic work will amount to something. Otherwise the situation may become so had that even saltpeter will not save let us admire.
"Profit is the legitimate result of

partial conceptions," sings the bard of the middle class. How beautiful! What admirable originality of poesy! Your strict logician and conscientious Your strict logician and conscientious scientist, after years of laborious and careful research, has at last -reached

heard in a sigh—the sigh for the bygone days when Competition, with a
capital C, was in the ascendancy—
which, alas! it no longer is, and the
smaller cut-throat more frequently
than now had the chance to grab at
his dear neighbor's purse.

The maiden charms of the virgin,
Competition, having thus gone, and the
lashes of the Trust being meanwhile
laid on with an ever-increasing zest,
this old maid's sigh for the lost chance
grows ever more piteous as the trust-

AN OPEN LETTER.

Patriots of America. ' My Dear Sir-Since you have advertised for "100 men to join hands, heads ing of a bell announces supper,

is and in a kind but forcible way here in the sense in which they are reforms. Direct legislation vastly more the truth to their minds and aport their humanity. Some will recold, and hard as before. but good claim for a distinguished place in voice in the laws by which we are government. ociology.

But why push the poor man to the will materially help the present situa-

Respectfully

H. E. ALLEN

MY DAILY EXPERIENCE.

My heart at times grows fevered to

music (for I am very fond of it) or gaze at some beautiful pictures (for I love art), or read in the soulful feelings of some true poet—the being who feels
To E. B. Webster, National Treasurer, the most—the illimitable growth of life' And just while I am musing on

Suppose that the plan you have so ingeniously devised of securing "fifty able writers to co-operate in founding a publication" to urge this issue would operate exactly as you have set forth, and accomplish all you claim, what real the papers with glazed eyes, and it was adventure would be granted? Do you pitful to look at their yisages while

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ble to this issue. For twenty years I have been voting on this line—i. e., have been voting for men who professed fealty to certain reforms, and with what result? Disappointment atter disappointment until I have grown heart-sick with the whole business. What assurance have we that such legislation would be carried out even if made an issue and a congress elected fully committed to its enactment? Judging the future by the past, we have

every person in this county, yes, in the wills world, could and would read that artithemselves in real need, with no hope in sight. The suffering and humiliatraction, not of repulsion," says them from open complaint, but they are ready to listen to radical suggestions as never before in the world's Pullman and a Pinkerton, a trust and history."

If are, webset and the latest the legislation world, could and would read that article or suggestion; and then for one minute, in the silence, call their reason into play, and ask themselves what attraction and what repulsion.

The attraction, for instance, that there undoubtedly exists between a plishing a splendid work, and for this if the cross is not a true symbol of our present condition, in the name of heaven and humanity what does it. present condition, in the name of heaven and humanity what does it ural, true and beautiful. symbolize?

Reformers had as well float a ban-

and ignorance.

No true Socialist can offer any excuse for believing in capital punish-ment; then why and how, in the name of reform, can Brother Green ask reformers to accept, or adopt, as their archists, whom our brother criticises, will never accept, acknowledge or follow a symbol of anything but purity. They will not follow a symbol of war, but of peace; of ignorance, but of knoweldge; of superstition, but of rea-

me?"

He died on the cross, because it was the mode of capital punishment of that age, established by a government of force and not a co-operative brother-in the control of the control o dust-not cream. My shirt is cold and

TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD .

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APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

FOR A LOCAL BRANCH OF THE

Social Democracy of America

NOTE.—Five or more persons may apply for a charter. The admission fee is 25 cents per member and the dues 15 cents per month, for which each member receives a copy of the official paper.

Cut out this Application, and after filling out, send to SYLVESTER KELIHER, SECRETARY SOCIAL DEMOCRACY, 504 TRUDE BUILDING, CHICAGO.

Dear Sirs -The undersigned respectfully netition for a Charter for a Local

of the people in the early crusades, 'God wills it,' a part of the design."

According to the history of the early crusades it is a recorded fact that they failed. The fact that they carried the cross and the inscription, "God wills it," did not work to their advantage.

ure or death

ous instrument.

Great God of nature! will the people in the dead past.

W. J. McCONNELL.

Dallas, Texas.

SINGLE TAX AND SOCIALISM.

Mr. Editor: I would like to shake later on.
hands with Mr. J. C. Frost, who wrote Mutual emblem a symbol of Death? The An- so clear and logical an exposition of

It is remarkable that the idea of coknoweldge; of superstition, but of reason; of faith, but of fact; of hell, but of beaven; of Death, but of Life; and they recognize the man of Galilee as an elder brother. operation between Socialists and Sin- The "fittest" will naturally gravitate gle Taxers should be receiving atten- to the front, and to all responsible po-

obtain freedom, will not follow a relic (as is the cross) of the dark and awful age of undeveloped, uncivilized animal man. will difference does it make that there is

"They saw a free and noble race, with long black hair and copper skin, Without law or creed in freedom's grace,

Therefore, brother haters of monop-

oly, let us unite in the work which lies right before us, using the best tools and the best fellow workmen we can Closing Article. get, without waiting to argue out what ought to be done afterwa

SINGLE TAXER.

have been imposed upon us from out Comrades, those who demand free- the dead past, in the shape of constitudom, who demand a true and scientific tions, by-laws, parliamentary rules, civilization, cannot afford to adopt anything that has been an emblem of failre or death.

Let our emblem and symbols be natthat induced by the attraction and appreciation of our principles, and such If we mean reform let us show it by gentle and kind persuasion as would our works. Let us leave the world encourage and inspire the timid and better than we found it. Man is not diffident to take an active part in our the corners had as we had a well as the Guilo-ner bearing the picture of the Guilo-tine, or the Gallows, the Rack, or the yet finished, and can never be under educational exercises, rather than upon Stretcher, the Thumb Screw, or Brand-ing Iron. All of these relies of the past were symbols of tyranny, superstition good work, but the cross was a barbarous instrument of torture and belongs rules and long-established precedents, or by any other political device what-ever. No importation from past or present political party's machinery, invented to establish and uphold "boss rule," should be tolerated or permitted as an "entering wedge" for disaster

Mutual criticism, kindly adminisso clear and logical an exposition of the relations between single tax and criticized, will better supply all the overning and official steering that may

be found necessary.

The "fittest" will naturally gravitate sitions, whenever needed, on the princi-ple that he or she who is greatest among us, that is, most useful, will

make it manifest and prove their capabillty by voluntarily performing the most important services. Any regulations necessary to facili-

selves is the ideal state.

will be accepted to defray expenses. All who can freely accept, and cor-The question of a suitable flag or symbol for Social Democracy is no doubt in order, but the American people, or people of other countries, who know what freedom means, and who will make the necessary sacrifice to obtain the sensible there are an an analysis of the sensible thing for Socialists to do is to examine this Single Tax plan in the number of the social kindergarten the really is the best weapon against land monopoly, let Socialists not only let Socialists not only fully and thoroughly understand the really and the really and thoroughly understand the and participate in the endeavor to more fully and thoroughly understand the principles of a "socialism" that in-cludes the moral and ethical, as well as the material and economical side of human wants, by simply permitting the record of their names. 4 Not in opposition to any; but entire-

y independent of all official organiza ions whatever, we, the undersigned, assume the entire responsibility of establishing, conducting and maintaining an adult kindergarten school as here outlined. (Names of Members.)
M. E.-MORSE.

By. A. A. Tanner, Oakley, Idaho

Surely it was not intended
By a God of love and mercy,
By a good and wise creator
That one portion of His children
Should defraud and rob the others;
Take from them by legislation,
By a legal mode of stealing,
That which God and nature gave to
the the happingses intended. For their happiness intended

Lincoln foresaw and predicted That a near approaching crisis. Outgrowth of the great rebellion Was to come upon the people: Saw enthroned corporations. Saw corruption in high places, Saw the money power attempting By its common mode, "deception," To prolong its reign destructive. Until wealth is aggregated And a very few possess it.

Saw he this by inspiration, Heaven's spirit was upon him, And the prophet's body trembled For the safety of his people, As God's warning voice he uttered

TOO MUCH FUSS.

In speaking of the simple Single Vote without transfer, an omission was made which I desire to remedy now; that is, there was no mention of what

determined either by voluntary retirement or by an extra balloting. Before taking the extra ballot, exclude any candidate or candidates below those who tie.

THE SIMPLEX TRANSFER.

A plan has been suggested called "The Simplex Transfer Vote, or Modified Hare Plan," which may be found to fill the bill better than the Single Vote. It is as follows:

In the Hare system there are two classes of transferred votes, namely: (1) Ballots transferred from candidates who have more votes than are necessary for their election; (2) Ballots transferred from candidates who have so few votes that they cannot be elected. It is the former class of transfers that causes most of the elaboration of the Hare system, and makes it somewhat difficult of use in small elections unless the scrutineers have very care-

fully studied it. The suggestion is therefore made that the transfer of surplus votes should be omitted, and that the only transfer should be of votes given to de

eated candidates.

Every vote would then be given to ome candidate who was elected. The process would be quite simple, there being no need to ascertain the quota or distribute any votes by chance or by elaborate calculation. It would also be a good training for the operation of the full Hare system, which could be built on it at any time. The only weakness in it is that a

tate progress, promote order and dispatch business, may be improvised whenever needed and dispensed with as exceptional; and if difficulty be found readily. But the less the better. Not in this respect, it can be met by afterlaw is better than too much law.

comes the full Hare system.

The method of the Simplex Transfer There will be no fees or dues for membership. Voluntary contributions Single Officers, with these two excepis the same as that of the Election of tions:

1. Instead of writing or marking all the candidates, the voter writes marks on his ballot, in the order of his choice, as many of the candidates as there are members to be elected.

2. In counting the votes, instead of excluding till only one candidate is left, you exclude until five candidates remain, and these are thereby elected

THE SWISS FREE LIST.

Under the heading "Merits and Demerits," I am sorry to notice that I omitted the merits of the Swiss Free List, and gave only the demerits. I now desire to remedy this omission, by repeating the objections to, and stating the advantages of, the system, as fol-

The strongest objections to the Swiss Free List are, (1) the waste of votes by not utilizing all votes given for re-jected candidates: and (2) the somewhat hap-hazard way in which seats are got by means of the "remainders" On the other hand, it has the substan tial merits of great simplicity and of being actually used as part of the government machinery in Europe: whilst it shares with the Gove System the great advantage of having a method of transferring votes which any citizen can work out for himself at every election. I speak of "transferring votes."
This transfer is of course indirect in the Swiss Free List; but the effect of dividing a party's votes by the quota is really to give a weaker candidate the benefit of the surplus votes cast for a stronger candidate of the same party.

CLOSING WORDS We are sometimes told that the

American people have political freedom but not industrial freedom. That is a mistake. They have neither political nor industrial freedom. They are delud-ed with the shadow of political power, whilst the party machine has the substance. Let them smash the machine with the two big hammers called Di-rect Legislation and Proportional Representation. Then they will have both political power and political freedom.

The essence of slavery is in getting something for nothing—in getting service without rendering service in exchange. This is true, whether the slavery be by means of the ownership of the bodies of men, the ownership of land on which and from which they must live, or of a dollar which represents wealth instead of service.—The Equities.



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RUDOLPH LEONHART, A. M.

Author of "The Wild Rose of the Beaver," "Tononqua," Through Blood and Iron." The Children of the Outlaw," "The Treasure of Montezuma," Dolores," "Either, Or," "Atonement," "Bridging the Chasm," Etc.

ence bred by sang froid that this is a were it not necessary to procelaim a universally induce men to improve free country, and that we shall certains by not resort to coaxing to secure his ly not resort to coaxing to secure his say. We shall remain, and, taking a seat at the reporters' table, sharpen both our wits and our pencil to take calumny of our enemies and adversaries. Permit me, therefore, to repeat on this occasion, that we believe the astonishing discoveries and inventions, we shall select as the arena of our penceful struggle."

There were no storms of applause for the benefit of parties having a different, not to say better, taste.

persons, and is filled to its utmost capacity. Those present belong to both deplorable

as our glance wanders over the assem-blage, we mark a more than ordinary as our glance wanders over the assemblage, we mark a more than ordinary intelligence on every brow. The eyes shine with a fire which is catching, causing our pulse to beat more rapidly, and an ever increasing feeling of expectancy to fill our soul. Now our of the masses may nay undoubtedly of the masses may nay undoubtedly

"What is the difference? When you gaze at a fine picture it is not the frame that claims your attention."

all fixedly fastened on his countenuse the word "fascinating" why we cannot tell. We experience the sation of a person approaching for the first time the Falls of Niagara. He knows that something grand, something stupendous is in store for him, but as yet he only hears the roar of the earth tremble beneath his feet. We are, indeed, so lost in expectancy of pangs of want and hunger now, and

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on the one hand, and the corrupt There were no storms of applause What we see is this:

The hall holds about five hundred ing influence of the money power, on ersons, and is filled to its usmost cather the other and causes of the coquetting with boulders or jumping

ly, and an ever increasing feeling of expectancy to fill our soul. Now our glance wanders to the platform or rostrum devoted to the reception of the party or parties destined to play the role of orators in the convention. It holds but one person just now, but our glance no sooner reaches him than it stops there as if riveted.

It is a man we see, a man of about thirty, tall and slender, possessed of no uncommon comeliness of features, and yet more than ordinarily attractive, or rather fascinating. "How does he look?" you ask. We might reply: "What is the difference? When you learning that the constantly increasing misery to that the constantly increasing misery of the masses smay, nay, undoubtedly will, cause them to turn eventually upon their despoilers, logic and reason, as well as experience, teach us that a diseased body cannot possibly contain a healthy head, but that the disease will eventually reach the head, subjecting it to suffering in proportion to its sensitiveness and refinement. "It is a well established law of nature that progress cannot be obtained without labor, and that jdleness, no matter whether voluntary or compulsory, lowers man and places him at the constantly increasing misery to the masses may, nay, undoubtedly will, cause them to turn eventually reads the masses may, nay, undoubtedly will, cause them to turn eventually reads to the masses may, nay, undoubtedly will, cause them to turn eventually will, cause them to turn

frame that claims your attention."

But we know the peculiarities of the general reader too well to object, and will therefore, our intention to inauguthus a system where all must work thus paying their just tribute to solength on a level with the brute. It ciety, but at the same time reducing the hours of labor to the minimum, leaving ample time for both improvegeneral reader too well to object, and will therefore state that the man on the platform is fully six feet tall and more than ordinarily slender. His hair is brown, and his beardless face is of fair complexion. His nose is slightly aquiline and descends to a pair of compact lips, free from sensual-pair of compact lips and lips of the four of labor to the minimum, deaving ample time for both improvement and recreation. Protracted study and long reflection have convinced us that our purpose can only be attained by giving an object pair of compact lips. to judge from the breathless silence prevailing everywhere and the exuit- ant light in five hundred pairs of eyes, race, perlis in store for our adjourned without settling this morace, perils intensifying every day; but time presses, and as words are merely the seeds from which action must spring to prove its usefulness, I pass over to an outline sketch of the measures which, in my humble opinion, are necessary to execute our plans.
"You know that there are many

thousands of workers in this country in the depths below and feels tremble beneath his feet. We cannot find it; workers who feel the something unusual to occur that we start when the reader nudges us and whispers in our ear: "Say, who is that tellow?" wretched sufferers, doubly wretched because those dear to them share in their privations.

Physical compulsion is out of the question; for not only do we form a small minority of the people, but compulsion is a two-edged sword which wounds both parties and must eventu-ally fail in its purpose. It is, in fact, the method of warfare employed by our foes, a method to which they triumph-antly and threateningly point, but which will before long recoil upon them and destroy them, if we do not succeed in saving them by saving the

CHAPTER I.

The Convention.

We are in the United States of Vesperia, and more particularly in the large and magnifecen city of Lakopolis, which boasts of buildings reaching in to the sky and of many hundred thou sands of inhabitants, many of whom are studying the difficult problems of ilving on air and the glory of being citizens of the most glorious republic of the universe; and of a very small band of millionaires, studying the even more difficult art of finding digestion for the thousands of itidhits daily tempting their overvought stomach. Lakopolis is very large; so we make it a point to be more particularly eithed in distance and paraphernalia generally disting of public gatherings. We visit the hall to witness the proceedings general, the one in question being a convention of the class commonly called the lower; in other words there are no great positions of the class commonly called the lower; in the class commonly called the lower; in other words there are no great positions of the class commonly called the lower; in the race.
"Yet we need power, political over chiect lesson; and

pacity. Those present belong to both sexes, the males, however, predominating in numbers, so as to form about two-thirds of the assembly. All are

"The system of competition, which does the prattling; the deep river silently pursues its course, unless violent storms lash it into fury or internal volcanos cause it sexes, the males, however, predominating in numbers so as to form about two-thirds of the assembly. All are plainly dressed, even the gentle sex, and eircumstance causing the reader, and even upersonally, to open our eyes slightly wider in surprise.

Our surprise, however, does not last, or rather it gives way to another; for, as our glance wanders over the assembles of the majority of the good course. The system of competition, which favors the strong and cunning at the expense of the feeble and simple-minded has also much to do with the increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful increasing misery of the masses, poverty being beyond all dispute a powerful free which we had before noticed to manifest the eye spoke plainly and unmistakably; for the spiral and unmistakabl

The convention now went into com mittee of the whole, plunging with commendable zeal into the discussion of the measures necessary to set the momentous ball a-rolling. Such work is unquestionably hard, and as the average reader thinks he has done his us full share in reading our story we will spare him the labor and merely report

The deliberations were long and pro tracted, and at times quite spirited. Even these delegates had not climbed the mountain of Socialism to the top and their more advanced mates had to do considerable lifting and shoving paradise stood revealed in the distance,

After six hours of hard work the or ganization was at last perfected. The title chosen for the fraternity was "The Social Democracy of Vesperia." Branch lodges were to be organized in every corner of the Union, and to these branches was entrusted the important business of raising the needful funds and spreading the new gospel in their respective sections. The branch lodges were to elect officers to conduct the

now leave them, to journey to Plutopo scheme just now reported.

(To be continued.).

PRIVATE PROPERTY. Some years ago a company made an overland trip through the west. The guide was one Rattlesnake Pete. As the party journeyed they became very whispers in our ear: "Say, who is that fellow?"

As a general thing the author knows everything, or at least is expected to, so we are heartily ashamed to confess that, in this instance, we do not know, and would like to fib out of the dilemma. In this respect, however, we resemble the Father of our Country. We have a little dull hatchet with which we chop our kindling wood, and—we cannot tell a lie. So we do the next best thing, and, turning to the reportier near us, propound the same question. He casts a withering glance at us, saying plainly and unmistakably: "Well, I never! Where do you come from, greenhorn, to display such shocking ignorance? That man is Hugh Jean Teps."

Before we have time to impart this information to the reader the man on the platform begins to speak, incapacitating us for everything else but listening and recording his words. Here they are:

"Brethren and Sisters: in claiming that this convention is one of the most momentous of the century I dety ridicule and challenge contradiction. Nor does such a claim imply either arrogance or concett; for it is the purpose, not the composition of an assemblage of the composition of an assemblage of the composition of an assemblage.

WHY AND WHEREFORE.

I know no. whence I came, I know not whither I go. But the fact stands clear That I am here In this world of pleasure and woe, and out of the mist and murk Another truth shines plain—It is in my power Each day and hour To add to its joy or its pain.

I know that the earth exists, It is none of my business why. I can not find out What it's all about—
I would but waste time to try. My life is a brief, brief thing. I am here for a little space, And while I stay
I would like, if I may,
To brighten and better the place.

The trouble, I think, with us all Is the lack of high concelt; If each man thought He was sent to the spot To make it a bit more sweet, How soon we could gladden the world. How easily right an wrong, If nobody shirked And each one worked To help his fellows along.

Cease wondering why you came;
Stop looking for faults and flaws;
Rise up to-day
In your pride and say;
"I am part of the first great cause.
However full the world,
There is room for an earnest man;
It I would not be—
I am here to strengthen the plan."
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Form.

SOME CONCLUSIONS OF STATISTI-CIANS AS TO THE MISFOR-TUNES OF THE POOR.

Various attempts have been made recently to get at the causes of poverty by means of statistics. In Europe paupers are defined to be those who receive aid from government or charita ble funds. The proportion of pauper to the whole population is highest in England, 28 per 1,000. In Scotland it is 24, in Ireland 23, in Holland 20, in Italy 10, in Austria 9, in France 8, and in Germany 7. There is no similar division made officially in the United States and taking the country through than 2 per 1,000, says the New York Sun. When it comes, however, to the causes of poverty the American statisticians are, so to speak, right in line with what some persons would call their conjectures, but what they describe as their conclusions. Thus, of 10 cases of poverty, 11 per cent are chargeable to drink in excess, 21.3 per cent to what the statisticians call "misconduct," a rather vague designation for unwise or reprehensible acts; 28.5 per cent to lack of work or inadequate pay for work done, or insufficient, halftime employment, and most of the remainder to "misfortune." What particular distinction the sta-

tisticians are able to establish between "misconduct" and "misfortune" and the one that is not easily stated, for some acts of misconduct are clearly due to misfor-tune, and many instances of misfortune are directly traceable to misconduct, but the statisticians do not conin the poorer districts of the British capital exactly 13 per cent of those male or female adults who are a charge either upon the government or upon others for reasons not arising from physical causes owe their indigence to drink, though it has been observed by some travelers in East London (and travelers who are not statisticians) that the absence of drink is at times a more poignant cause of visible distress than is unbridled indulgence in ale, porter

or bitter beer.

London spends \$6,000,000 a year for the relief of the needy, Paris \$4,500,000, Vienna \$3,000,000, and Berlin \$2,000,-000. Greater New York will spend ap proximately \$2,500,000.

THE COURTS CONTROL THE WEALTH.

pair of compact lips, free from sensuality but betraying firmness and determination. His blue eyes form the most attractive feature of an otherwise ordinary face. They might well be conspared to the bottomless fountially whose limpid waters create average and while the constant of the The Circuit Court of Cincinnati has directors with power to conduct the fu-ture operations, and this board was empowered to choose a committee of violation of the constitution of that gathered to discuss the best mode of practicalizing the best thoughts of the practicalizing the best thoughts of the half a dozen men charged with the sutations and suggest possibilities.

The man is plainly dressed in gray, and his thoughtful eyes at this moment wander dreamily over the assembly, fascinating every individual, to judge from the breathless silence prevailing everywhere and the exulta hearing, on the grounds that one who had violated the constitution of the adjourned without settling this momentous question.

As we shall meet our new friends
As we shall meet our new friends
frequently in the near future, we may
now leave them, to journey to Plutopolated. Which of these nositions is lated. Which of these positions is right does not matter so far as the point we wish to make is concerned, and that is that there is one law for claims in under tones. lls, where clouds are rising on the so-cial horizon, threatening to cripple if not prevent the execution of the and that is that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor.

Very few men will deny that this is bers of the labor organizations who have had many bitter experiences of this kind, do not realize to what extent labor, and yet they convoce it this kind. our courts are dominated by the power of wealth and partisanship. It is get-ting so that a jury of men free from control can hardly be selected in our courts in this country, and if matters continue to grow worse at the same rate they have been going for the past rate they have been going for the past twenty years we might as well abandon the whole judiciary system. And it will grow worse unless the common people step in and do a little political housecleaning. Flith and cob-webs are accumulating in the judicial and legislative chambers quite rapidly. If we go about it right away it won't take long to brush up, but if we keep putting the job off something more than moral 'suasion will be necessary, and it is barely possible that the whole it is barely possible that the whole shanty might have to come down and a new one 'rected. Such things have occurred before, and the same laws of nature are in force to-day that made the French revolution. If we are wise, we will give them heed before it is too late to avert the sure result of their workings.—Exchange.

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THE NEW YEAR.

What has the New Year in store for locial Democracy?

who believe in the idea of colonizing us, and it is our duty to see that the or concentrating Socialists. They are thinking with intentness and looking one important thing just now, and that permitted to use would at least proforward with hope to the time when is to provide the funds necessary for duce something from the bosom of our this work of concentration shall begin.

In this work of concentration we are met with the arguments of an other school of action and these argu ments have a certain degree of plaus bility until they are examined, when their fallacy becomes plain.

These arguments can be classified under two heads. The first is that colonies have never succeeded and hence they never can. The second point and the one that has some force with those inclined to think superficially, is contained in the statement that it is better to have all the Socialists diffused brough the country or rather calls. they more vaguely put it, it is better to have the ideas of Socialism permeduct, but the statisticians do not concern themselves with such trifles as call "broad propositions," and one of these. They only deal with what they them, Charles Booth of East London, has ascertained by investigation that concern the concern that the concern ing when "capital" and "labor" were used for "capitalist" and "laborer."

It is good to have the ideas of Socialism permeating the whole social structure. They are doing that anyway. But there is an old saying that it is better to be a live dog than a structure. dead lion.

It is better also to be a live Socialist in a colony than a dead blacklisted So-clalist starved to death in a large city. Ask the people in Ruskin whether they are doing better work there or as in-dividuals diffused in a large city, and the answer will come quick enough. The \$500 it costs to become a mem-Lo. of that colony would be exhausted in two years in Chicago paying board at \$5 a week and there would be noththey have their living and an insur-ance of future livelihood.

There is another point from which to they have advanced the cause of Socialism to a tremendous extent. Their town as a colony is the source of comcialism in under tones to their fellabor, and yet they oppose it practi

They will tell you that we will no go back from the subdivision of labor and that ten men working co-opera tively can produce more times the product of one's

Yet when it comes to propagand they do not seem to believe in this, but advocate the old individualistic theory of each one preaching his ideas through the social organism in his own egotistic way with the chance of being starved to death or silenced by struments of employment. When we propose to take the labor needed and place it on idle land possessing the necessary natural resources and there build up a co-operative system entire-ly divorced from the outside competi-tive system where the laborers can be independent in the security of their livelihood and can preach Socialism at any and all seasons, and what is mor live it, what is the result?

We find a number of Socialists a We find a number of socialists and schollars posing as scientists and schollars, telling us that it is wrong to go on that theory as you ought not to concentrate your energies, but should allow them to remain diffused. It is true our enemies are concentrating their energies, but we must not.

The arrant nonsense of this line of reasoning would, if carried to its logical conclusion, destroy the organiza-tions formed to spread Socialism and now supported by the meager cash contributions of the poor. If the latter were employed constantly in pro-ducing wealth the expenditure of cash would be reduced to a minimum. This leads into a province which is too extended to consider at present. There are many who are opposed to our plan of concentrating Socialists who oppose 1.00 it because they were not consulted be5.00 forehand or had not thought of it. Others say colonies never have succeeded
..\$1,228.66 and never will. To those who say this the only answer necessary is, "You are not acquainted with the facts. Go and study up before you make any more statements like that." The history of American colony efforts shows a tre-mendous accumulation of wealth and if we Socialists had it now we would

ONE WAY TO HELP.

make a tremendous propaganda for Socialism. This we will do, too, in the coming new year.

In our work we are in these days of dollars and cents obliged to depend on our members to send in their contri-butions. We are like men who are employed to do certain work because our members are not able or are pre vented from various reasons from do ing this work themselves. "Pay what you can" is the only engagement as to

is to provide the funds necessary for the preliminary work.

Remember this when you look at

your Co-operative Box and, remembering, act.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COLONY WORK

The letter of Comrade Shore in the Social Democrat of Dec. 2 has opened a field for other suggestions along the

quired to convey the comrades and their families to their destination. In this way we could doubtless get the this way we could quotiess get the average fare much cheaper than it avoid be to purchase singe trip tickets, then let those who are able to pay for animal instincts and then you can religion. The first thing is satisfy his animal instincts and then you can talk others who cannot pay that amount pay as much as they can. In this way probably enough money could be raised to take those who are not able negotiations now being conducted are to pay anything along free.

admirable one, but circumstances may necessitate the quickest way as the most expedient.

The severity of the weather in the northern part of the United States will render starting, by wagon route, before the first of May inadvisable. It will probably require three months for those in the extreme east to make the right starting that they would reach their starting and the starting a ing to show for it, while in Ruskin ter, then by all means let us take the they have their living and an insur-wagon route.

car fare could then be invested in of the little contribution box. There is another point from which to look at it. Take the 60 members of Ruskin and scatter them all over the so much real wealth added to the col-United States and their influence ony on our arrival. But if those in the would hardly be felt. Concentrate them in Ruskin as has been done and around, then the presence of the newcomers in the colony would be required in the early spring, and a railroad trip would be the most advisable.

I nave just received your Daily Fund Co-operative Box and I am much pleased with it. I will drop what I can in it every day.

B. W. C.

Lynn, Mass

that some would start earlier than others

sion, is how to lay out the colonies to the best advantage. We claim to be economic people, not in the absurd sense of living on flapjacks and sawdust pudding, but in the sense of gaining the greatest possible advantage with the least amount of manual la-

I have had a plan formulated for several years, and if the Social De crat can allow space, I will briefly outline its main features: Divide the land into farms, say two miles square, then divide these farms each into four or five large fields. This would avoid the use of the manifold fences com-mon on smaller farms. The labor and materials commonly expended building fences could then be utilized in building better dwellings, sol houses and other useful buildings.

Large fields would justify the expense of using the most improved machinery. Locate the building as near the center as possible, and run roads parallel or in hilly countries as nearly parallel to each other as possi-ble, and others also parallel to each other in crossing the former at right

angles.

These roads could be graded as labor could be secured, then macadamized and finally tracks laid and the use of horses in carrying on traffic be-tween the colonies entirely discarded.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

To all our members weighed down with poverty and sorrow we wish a

Happy New Year.
We mean to make the effort, and This question must be one that is asked by every member of our organization that now stretches from New England's rock-bound coast to farthest tributions. In another and higher tributions. In another and higher sense it is not. This is a great and holy work that has been imposed on holy work that has been imposed on trades and calling, anxious to work that has been imposed on the country able to do anything of all trades and calling, anxious to work that has been imposed on the country able to find it. They are starygreat mother which would keep them

from starving.

Some say, "We will change all this when we get the majority of votes."

It may be so, but in the meantime our brothers will have starved or committed suicide. It is only nine days to

starvation and they cannot wait.

While not undervaluing the necessity of political action, yet "it is a condition and not a theory that confronts us." What are you going to do with the "out of works" in the meantime? Let them starve? They are our brothers and must be assisted now. Hence the colonization plans of the Social Democracy.

philosophy and the beauties of the Co-

operative Commonwealth.

This is the practical work we are setting out to do, and if the to pay anything along free.

Comrade Shore's way of advertising the Social Democracy is certainly an admirable one, but circumstances may admirable one, but circumstances may admirable one.

trip, so that they would reach their destination before August. If those already on the ground can seed enough to sustain all during the following windows the reasons is that every holdwagon route.

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How do you like the Social Democratin its new form?

The New Year opens auspiciously for the Social Democracy. The organiza-tion exhibits a healthy growth and prospects for the future are exceeding-

Section Chicago, S. L. P., reports the expulsion of Comrade Fred Wittemeyer for having joined the Social Democracy.

Bellamy's "Looking Backward" is being sold for 10 cents by Henry B.
Ashplant, 766 Dundas street, London, Ont. He accepts American stamps.

Comrade M. E. Kleiminger of Branch 12 has been appointed agent for the Social Democrat. Comrade Kleiminger is a hard worker, and will no doubt be successful in largely increasing the circulation of the paper in Chi-

Comrade Debs has been at his home in Terre Haute during the Christma holidays. He left on Monday, Jan. 3 on his organizing trip through the south, as outlined in last week's So-cial Democrat. Much good is expected to result from this trip.

A new branch has been organized at Manchester, N. H., with Comrade F. G. Gordon as organizer. Comrade Gordon is an able worker, and has a national reputation as a writer on Socialism. Our Manchester comrades are to be congratulated on securing him as or ganizer of their branch.

The Chicago branches are holding od meetings and are reporting steady increase in interest and membership. The newly founded Central Committee has a very interesting program map ped out for propaganda work, and the officers desire a full attendance at the next meeting of the committee, Jan. Important business will come up for discussion.

Interest in the meetings of Branch is steadily maintained, and large crowds assemble every Sunday in the spacious hall at 198 East Madison street to listen to the able addresses of the speakers. Branch 1 is doing good work, and many persons are join-ing the Social Democracy as a result of its meetings.

On Jan. 3 Organizer Lloyd addressed a large meeting at Scandia hall, Ohio and Halsted streets. The meeting was under the auspices of Carpenters' union No. 181, and was very enthusiastic. The members of Carpenter's union, No. 181 are nearly all members of Branch 24 of the Social Democracy, situated in

Branch No. 6 has secured a large hall at the corner of Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue, where meetings will be held every Thursday even-ing. Jan. 6 is the date of the first meeting in the new hall. Members should note change, and turn out in force, as there will be an interesting

Comrade J. Friedland of Massachusetts Branch No. 1, has removed from Boston to New York to become business manager of Forward, the organ of the Jewish-speaking Socialists. Comrade Friedland is an earnest worker, and we congratluate our Jewishspeaking comrades of New York on se-curing the services of so efficient a curing the services of so efficient a manager for their paper.

Beginning with the New Year our Canadian comrades at Toronto, Ont., will publish a fortnightly paper called Citizen and Country. The paper will seek to awaken interest in the great industrial questions which are now agitating the world, and will no doubt be a valuable addition to the reform literature of Canada and do much to advance the cause of Socialism on the back to make in the seventies, and if my confession be "humiliating" he is not enfection. Beginning with the New Year our vance the cause of Socialism on the other side of the border. We wish our Canadian contemporary abundant suc-

Before the sun rises in the year 1900 and argue for a condition that will America will witness the grandest and most magnificent spectacle of a powerful Socialist movement that will cause cussion I want to ask friend Bob what

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they feel the pride and joy that every one of you will feel.

We are convinced the time will come when all true Socialists will rally round the one grand red banner and fight unitedly the great and noble bat-tles for the emancipation of the hu-

man race from wage slavery.

The time has come when the American people begin to recognize the fact that Scientific Socialism as taught by our great pioneer, Carl Marx, and as represented by the International Social Democracy, will be their only salva-

The time has come when the toiling solemnly and enthusiastically singing:

We appeal to you, Comrades of Greater New York, do your duty.

The time has come when every So-cial Democrat must be a student, an humanity. agitator, an organizer, an educator, a

pursuit of happiness.' Soon the time will come when hun- give way for a better one. brave comrade and leader, Eugene V.

Debs, will take an active part in arousing the people of this country and paring the way for the Co-operative Commonwealth.

So onward Comrades onward What though the road be long, Have faith and hope, and courage; In principles be strong. Though harriers block our progress Unite and break them down, Sure victory will follow And yours will be the crown,

In the name of the Social Democ racy of St. Louis, Mo. The Local Joint Executive:

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# MARTIN VS. SCHILLING.

We clip the following interesting cor-espondence from the "Advance respondence from the Guard" of Dec. 24: C. R. Martin of Tiffin. O., is reported

to have written to an Ohio paper:
"I think I have studied the money question for all there is in it, but when one gets a clear conception of the fun-damentals of Socialism he wonders why he did not see it sooner, and re-

grets having wasted so much time on what are really only patchups." Friend Martin was a greenbacker away back in the seventies, before he was of age, and it is strange that he should at this late day make such a humiliating confession. For it is humiliating to have a man who says he has studied the money question to say that it is "really only a patch-up." Like many other superficial students friend Martin studied only the materi-

But government money means much more than that. It means the eradication of that vicious and monstrous evil, that is slowly and surely vouring not only the agricultural and industrial, but the business classes as well, for the fattening of the money

If friend Martin will start to study the money question from this stand-point, he will find that there is more in it than he thought there was.

Without interest on money there could be no millionaires, not even inordinate wealth, and we need no violent or peaceable revolution to secure to each individual, no matter what his trade or profession, the result of his toil, without paying tribute to the money lenders and money masters of the world.—"Bob" Schilling's Milwaukee Advance, Dec. 11.

MARTIN'S REPLY

canade and do much to advance the cause of Socialism on the other side of the border. We wish our Canadian contemporary abundant success in the good work.

ST. LOUIS GREETS NEW YORK.

One of the pleasant features of the Grand Demonstration given by our New York comrades on Dec. 12 was the reading of the following inspiring letter from the United Branches of the Social Democracy of St. Louis, Mo.:

Comrades of New York:

We feel proud of the splendid progress our movement is making all over the country. We are full of hope and confidence that our glorious Social Democratic movement will soon sweep the rotten political machines of capitalism from the face of this continent.

ful Socialist movement that will cause consternation in the ranks of plutocracy and joy and happiness among the masses of the people.

From shore to shore, from the Atamong the lantic to the Pacific, from north of Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, the grand army of Labor and Socialism is fearlessly marching on to victory and chapter entitled "Economic Suciede of Mexico, the grand army of Labor and Socialism is fearlessly marching on to victory and chapter entitled "Economic Suciede of Mexico, the grand army of Labor and Socialism is fearlessly marching on to victory and chapter entitled "Economic Suciede of Pacific Section" ("species Section") and the support of the conomic difference between profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would abolish by a scheme of "government about the profits and interest, which he would success.

Comrades of Greater New York:

When these lines are being read to you from the platform of your festive ling "superficial." If he can make the hall, please keep in your mind and difference between interest and profit feel assured that the St. Louis Com- clear, we may have something more to feel assured that the St. Louis Com-clear, we may have something more to rades are with you heart and soul, that derfully void of the old-time snap these days, we may be able to stir up an in-terest and learn something while so doing.

Yours for economic equality CHAS. R. MARTIN.

HARD TIMES.

They Are Here to Stay Until We Abolish the Capitalistic System.

That hard times exist no one will dispute. That they are world-wide is admitted by all who have brains enough to think and read. Poverty, crime, insanity, misery, dependen and degradation are the lot of an ever "For right and truth we strive,
For freedom, life and love;
March on, march on, our banner

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These hard times exist in all tries, whether high or low tariff, free trade or no trade, gold standard or silver standard, and in bimetallic countering as well as gold standard countering as well as gold standard countering. tries. Why do we have hard times? That is the question, and upon the right answer depends the welfare of

No one who has made a deep study soldier, of the great social movement of the 19th century. of the 19th century.

Let us teach the American people the harder. That the rich are growing Let us teach the American people the undefiable fact that only by Socialism richer and the poor are growing poorer and through Social Democracy can we realize the principles of the American Declaration of Independence:

"All men are endowed with the inalienable right to life, liberty and the inalienable right to life, liberty and the inalienable right to life, liberty and the this wrong system will some time." that this wrong system will some time

own everything in sight. Does any-body outside of a capitalist desire to continue this horrible system? They will not just as soon as they know of a more just system. Every investiga-tor will agree that the present system is a wrong. Why then should we fool away our valuable time in trying to reform a vile system? Would it not be better to wipe it out of existence? We reformed the slavery issue several times, but did it help the black man at all? Not much, it needed the revolu-tion, a complete change, to free him from slavery. (He is an industrial slave to-day, like all the rest of us.) When the wealth producers get ready they will change the present system, not by coining a little more silver, or having a little less tariff, nor by green-backs. Remember, that as long as the capitalist system remains the capitalist class will control the money no matter what kind it is. Under the wage system the wealth producer gets only one-fourth or one-fifth of the wealth he produces and changing the tariff, the tax or the financial systems will not give him more. Do not believe a thing because I or any one else said so but think it out for yourself. We must change from the competitive capitalistic system to the Co-operative Commonwealth and until we do that hard times will continue. -F. G. R. Gordon, in the Real Repub-

lic.

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