<u>,</u>\$ CURRENT COMMENT BY THE EDITOR

Why should not every man be able end to the war so that they may be work for himself? to work for himself?

The helping of oneself by helping others is the quintessence of co-opera-

Join the Social Democracy and conquer capitalism, by making conquest of the political power of the nation.

Hanna's return to the Senate, by methods of the most bare-faced bribery and corruption, is another evidence of the return of "prosperity."

We must come either to an oligarchy of wealth, with all the money in the hands of a few and the rest all slaves, or to the co-operative system, with freedom for all.

The Social Democracy will not fuse with any political party that stands for

General Manager Allen, of the M. K. & T., has been arrested and placed on trial for blacklisting an employe. The facts in the case are admitted, but there is very small chance of Allen's

Production is now carried on almost wholly by co-operative methods. The next step must be co-operation in dis-This will solve the industrial problem and give every individ-ual a chance to live the life of a human being. This is what Social Democracy is working for.

A man in Nebraska who had a lot of horses to sell, wrote a friend in Washington, D. C., asking if it would be advisable to try to sell them in that eity. The friend replied: "The people of Washington ride bicycles, the street cars are run by electricity, and the run by jackasses. No need of horses here.

Millions of people are begging for the right to live; they are traveling from door to door in this "free country," begging for work in order to obtain bread to put in the mouths of nocracy gives promise of hope for the

makes a concession to popular reseat-ment in giving out the information holders in all the trusts.

that "the number of farmers who do not allow tramps to shelter themselves in the hay in their barns is increasing. as farmers do not fancy feeding their fine milch cows on hay that has been used by tramps for bedding."

ings who have no money value and no profit-producing attributes, and it naturally follows that the welfare of the cows must not be secretized to the cows must not be secretized to the cows must not be secretized to the must not be sacrificed to the comfort of the tramps, even though that comfort be no more than a night's lodging in the hay-mow of a barn! That's right. By all means drive the tramps from the barns. Let our high American standard of cow welfare be preserved at all hazards! Perish the thought that we should permit our thought that cows to suffer!

Says the Macon, Ga., News: "It is idle to cry down men like Debs. No just cause can be defeated by abuse and The application of reason and liberality of spirit to a cause like Debs' will, in the end, extract the good that is in it, and convert it into a lasting

"But, in the very nature of things, the cause of labor is never offensive— it is always defensive. If, at times, it seems to go to an extreme, it is only because conditions which oppress la-bor have gone to an extreme, and it is sometimes necessary to meet one ex-treme with another. So that when la-bor attempts to assert itself, it should call forth not the opposition of the public, but its encouragement. For whatever benefits the toiler, the producer, must carry a corresponding benefit to all classes, except, perhaps, the few whose insatiable greed has made existing conditions no longer

Washington dispatch to the Chicago Tribune states that the money power of Europe is now taking steps to have this country intervene and put an end to the Cuban war. This is the an end to the Cuban war. This is the same power that has prevented intervention heretofore. But the situation has changed, and having lost hope of Spain conquering Cuba, thus making secure the interest on their bonds, the holders of the Cuban loan now look

Spain has issued about \$400,000,000 of bonds based on the resources and revenues of Cuba. These bonds are held almost wholly by English and French money loaners, who, seeing the futility of Spain's attempt to conquer Cuba, have become convinced that the bonds will be rendered valuless unless this country intervenes and guarantees

their payment.
It is altogether likely that these for eign bondholders will succeed in their purpose, as our present government has given ample evidence of the fact capitalists have a new cry to justify decrease in wages. Instead of "the pauper labor of Europe" it is now "the cheap labor of the south."

In the it is in complete sympathy with their view of the case. This so-called by the foreign bondholders, and will enact the role of constable to called that it is in complete sympathy with their claims against Cuba. A protectorate by the United States, something public.

any political party that stands for anything less than the whole program of Socialism. We are not seeking pallatives; we demand an entire about 11 is a sad commentary on the influences at work in our government at the present time, when it is thus made plain that the voice of the formula in the same plain that the voice of the formula in the same plain that the voice of the formula in the same plain that the voice of the formula in the same plain that the voice of the formula in the same plain that the voice of the formula in the same plain that the voice of the same plain that the voice money lender in search of his pound of flesh is more potent to move the United States to put an end to the terrible state of affairs prevailing in Cuba than are the wails of tortured and starving people! Modern diplo-macy has given us a new reading of an old saw, namely: "The purse is might ier than the sword."

DEGENERATION.

A study of social conditions as they have recently developed themselves in New York reveals an astonishing condition of affairs and furnishes ground of doubt as to the correctness of the Darwinian theory, and especially casts discredit on Spencer's monumental elaboration of that theory, as evidenced in his synthetic philosophy. Instead of evolution we see unmistakable evidences of devolution. Instead of an increase in the number of best types of humanity, as a result of the operation of forces inherent in the social or-

ganism, we see an actual decrease in the number of best types.

Beginning with the few parvenues who landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620, American civilization had developed in the time of Ward McAllister, of good fame, 400 persons who were supposed to be endowed with all of those physical and mental attributes necessary their loved ones. This is a spectacle to make angels weep. It is a condition that cannot long endure. Social Dedents of sociology. It furnished a confirmation of the general theory of evolution, and gave promise of hope The newly formed cracker trust that in another century or two Amer ican civilization might contribute sevployes, who are to be permitted to deposit their savings with the trust and draw out stock in exchange. This is simply another step in evolution. All the people will soon be joint stock holders in all the eral thousand of these superior to adorn and bless the world. A dispatch from Reading, Pa., states

While this situation may be very alarming to some folks, it will not unduly agitate the Socialists. From one point of view it is a confirmation of their general position. It is a fair inference that this force which has be Cows cost money, and are a source of profit, so it necessarily follows that their welfare must be looked after, but to 75 in such a short time will continue to contract and means the contract of the profit. same end!

THE COTTON STRIKE.

The insincerity of the New Englan mill owners is shown by the fact that they are now boasting that they have enough surplus money on hand to page a 4 per cent dividend for three year without turning a wheel. And yet under such circumstances, they notify their employes that a cut must be made in their scanty pay in order to enable the mills to run in competition with their southern rivals. Verily, the greed of capitalists passeth all under

standing.

The fact of the matter is, that South ern mill owners are making enormous profits out of child labor, whole fami-lies—father, mother and three or four children-commonly being employed a an aggregate wage but little in excess of that paid to a single head of a family in the Northern mills. This condi tion makes the general wage average from 25 to 30 per cent lower in the south than it is in the north, and increases enormously the profits of the southern mill owners above those of their rivals in the north, besides giving them an advantage which they may use to capture markets now held by the northerners if they choose to do so. The situation demands an equalization of profits, so that north and south may be on an equality in competing for business, and this can only be had by an equalization of wages. Wages of New England mill hands must be cut down so as to enable the employers to realize the same rate of profit as the mill owners of the south. This cut

Every lover of humanity will hope the world are the English. They are in the world. Although owned and optate the strikers will win, but it must all owned and operated by private com-

be admitted that the situation gives lit- panies. years whether the mills run or not, the English roads are not the best manyears whether the mills run or not, the lengths roads are not the best manifil-owners are in a position where aged in the world, as any person who they can easily starve their employes into submission. Although the latter have created all the wealth which their employers will now use as a weapon ance it is only a matter of time when they are they must give in; and when they are finally compelled to give in they will find themselves in an infinitely worse position than they are now. There is only one hope for these strikers. That

the admitted that the situation gives itpanies.

As a matter of fact, the statement
with a surplus on hand sufficient to
pay a 4 per cent dividend for three
world are the English, is untrue. The
employed, while employes are better when it comes to a question of endurance it is only a matter of time when they must give in; and when they are finally compelled to give in they will hope is Socialism. Let them own the a law empowering the government to mills and operate them for their own benefit.

SALTER T. WORDEN

A PLEA AND A PROTEST.

The press dispatches announce that Salter T. Worden, convicted of rain-wrecking near Sacramento, Cal., in 1894, is to be hanged on Feb. 11th. All efforts to save him have failed and Gov. Budd is said to have refused to interfere.

The train wrecking, for which the unfortunate Worden was convicted, occurred in the heat of the A. R. U. strike and Worden was a member of the organization. The conspiracy to wreck the train was concocted by detectives in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railway company and the crime was instigated, if not actually committed, by these hell-hounds. Worden, at the very worst, was a tool in the hands of these cold-blooded and conscienceless creatures. He was intensely earnest in his support of the strike, but there was no murder in his heart. He had been a delegate to the A. R. U. convention and was one of the local leaders of the strike, which had triumphed in California without bloodshed, and had a tremendous hold on the public sympathy in that state. Worden was the very man to entrap in the meshes of corporate onspiracy, and the diabolical plot was carried out. A train was wrecked and a chain of criminating evidence was forged about the hapless victim. As if by magic the public sentiment turned against the strikers and over-balanced the strike with defeat. The corporation was triumphant and labor was once more in fetters. This was the object of the conspiracy and as a necessary part of the crime poor Worden is to be strangled to death upon the gallows.

It is a spectacle to make angels weep.

Will this heinous crime be permitted to blotch the fair escutcheon of California? The very thought is enough to make women shudder and men stand aghast. It is in the power of one man to prevent this horror. That man is the governor of the state.

Will he have the moral courage to step between a conscienceless, re-morseless and bloodthirsty corporation and its hapless, helpless victim? While in California in 1895 I called on Governor Budd in behalf of Worden and was assured that the case would have the governor's most

The governor can not be in ignorance as to the real facts in the case. Nor is he ignorant of the fact that the Southern Pacific company con-

trols the politics and politicians of the state as absolutely as the Czar of Russia controls his serfish subjects. It is not "good politics" to antagonize the Southern Pacific company and this brutal corporation insists upon Worden being hanged.

I know that this colossal plunderer known as the Southern Pacific company has power enough in California to control legislatures, courts press, pulpit, and even to silence protest among merchants, lawyers, doctors and the people generally.

Has it power enough to paralyze the arm of the Governor when human life is in the balance?

I make no such insinuation, but in the light of what has already happened, the inquiry is not out of order.

As human life is sacred, I appeal to all men and women throughout the land to use their influence to save Salter T. Worden from the He is the victim of a foul conspiracy. The real perpetrators of the

crime "have not been found."

The execution of Worden would be a damnable blot upon the state which would turn into a living accusation and confront at I disgrace the commonwealth forever.

With all my soul I plead for the victim, and protest against the con summation of this diabolical crime.

Every labor organization, every labor paper, every humanitarian every man and woman with heart and soul and conscience should enlist in the movement to save the life of Worden and spare the state and the nation the deep and damning shame of his official murder at the instigation of corporate power.

The labor unions of California and their leaders, especially those of San Francisco, have done all in their power and are entitled to all credit for their noble efforts in behalf of the unfortunate victim.

Let every conceivable influence be brought to bear upon the governor to prevent the approaching tragedy. He alone can prevent it; it is his duty to do it, and we shall believe he will do it. He knows how conviction was secured and what influences are behind it. He knows whence comes the demand for Worden's execution. He can not be ignorant of these facts and if he fails to assert his executive authority and exercise his executive power to save the life of a citizen, the victin of a conspiracy concocted by corporate brigands,- a citizen hounded to the gallows by this law-defying and man-enslaving power-the blood of the murdered will be upon his own head, and though he live a thousand years the workingmen of this country will neither forget nor forgive.

For the sake of the fair name of California, for the sake of humanity for the sake of his own conscience and his own good name, we shall trust that Governor Budd will at the proper time step forth and save an innocent victim from cruel and outrageous death.

Eugene 1. Delz Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 19, 1898.

as a railway man, but as a citizen."
This is no more than might have been expected. Kirkman was afflicted with the same disease. The "Railway Age" crowd likewise exhibits constant symptoms of yearning to throw themselves into the breach and commit hari-kari with the railway interests solely for the public good.

"As a matter of fact," says President Ripley, "the best managed railways of Germany, which are wholly owned and operated by the government.

Mr. Ripley very studiously avoids any mention of the German railways yet it is a matter of record that a higher interest is paid on railway capital in Germany than in any other country

at any time it sees fit, on payment o President Ripley of the Atchison, To-peka & Santa Fe railroad has written annual divisible profits for the last five an alleged argument against government ownership of railways for publian alleged argument against govern-years before purchase. With this gov-ment ownership of railways for publi-cation in a Kansas Populist paper. The English board of trade is enabled to of Kirkman's "Science of Railways," ance with the law. If we had some and if it were not for President Rip- such a statute here the interstate con and if it well known reputation as an original thinker I should be inclined to accuse him of plagiarism.

Mr. Ripley says he is opposed to government ownership of railways, "not as a railway man, but as a citizen."

merce law would not be such a farce as it is, and American railway managers would not be so arrogant in their treatment ownership of railways, "not gardful of law. It is a matter of common knowledge that the best managed that the best managed that the best managed that the sould form the Rich and the sould form the sould form the Rich and the sould form the s

erated by the government, the roads are run for profit, and are immense employed, while employes are better treated than in any country of private owned railways. And in the matter of killing and maining passengers and employes the German railways are so far the superior of American railways in safety that no comparison is possible. In the light of this fact, Mr. Ripley's assertion that, "as a matter of act, government management of anything never was, never can be, as eco nomical as private management," is simply—untrue. He cites the general disrepair and bad service of the government owned lines of Italy, but he forgets to state that, while the railroads of Italy are owned by the government they are operated by private companies who have the roads leased and are ruining them as fast as possible so as to create a motive to get them completely into their control.

The political phase of the question,

however, is the one that most worries Mr. Ripley. He declares that under government ownership every railway employe would be a political appointee How does he know so much about this? Has he never heard of a civil service stamp. Railway managers who were so bold in coercion of their employes in favor of a particular party as were In rayor of a particular party as were France will find occupation at nome, President Ripley and his friends last both in the hot fight at the polls, fall are in no position to raise the cry which a growing and militant social-

Government ownership is something that will come as a natural development in its own good time, and all the colish arguments which the Ripleys dvance cannot delay its coming.

FOLLY OF REDUCING WAGES.

Attempts to Compete with the Machine Makes Hand Labor Lose Its

well known case of this was the case of the power loom. The hand loom weavers tried to meet the power loom an ruler will soon be crowned queen, try and the lower classes of the cab-inet making industry. The rate of wages was continually decreasing and the condition of the workers in all

ing to get nearer and nearer to the hand-made article. The result has been that the hand-made bootmaker is getting better wages than he ever did, whilst the community at large has had the advantage of well manufac-

The real effect of allowing employers to use up cheap and sweated labor on machines was that the community was paying these/employers a bounty, for it had to take charge of this usedwanted the competition between industries to be carried on without detriment to the community they must have a national minimum wage. They have already a national minimum of sanitation, education and leisure—and to these, at no distant date, must be added wages.

OVERPRODUCTION.

In the western states farmers burn corn because there is too much coal. Miners in Pennsylvania go hungry be-cause there is an over-supply of pork and beans. Men, women and children are clothed in rags because too many clothes are made. Children go bare man's hovel because of an overproduction of hogs. Too many streets are unpayed because of an over-supply of brick. Millions go hungry every day because there is too much bread. Funny, isn't it?—Johnstown, Pa., Democrat

AT THE OPEN DOOR GREYBEARD'S CHAT

Within a few days there has come on me from over the gray sea-waves. That sort of oblier dicta marks the message of omen and significance. haps. Unity in Prussia of Social Demo- Emerson as to a superb transcendentalcrats and political Radicals, points, it ism which founds itself alike on the may well be conceived, to the coming social security an ideal democracy aims

mands even his policy.

France will find occupation at home, ist who poses as king of the Belgians.

Word comes that Leopold, in pursu-ance of the policy whose secret he spit out under the influence of wine last fall when the usual German army maneuvers ended in a banquet at Mannhelm, is now preparing to enforce

the Kaiser-made conscription policy. employed as to the use of machinery in manufactures. There were the cases of introduction of new processes, the impudence in toasting the German which completely revolutionized the conditions of the handcraft—just as photography replaces miniature painting or the railway the stage coach. One

where the unions had kept up wages to be hoped for there is the postpone-after the introduction of machinery, ment of the Social-Republican effort Mr. Webb instances the hand-made until Pope Leo dies. He has so skillboot operatives. The people refused to fully wrought out a friendly aspect of wages on the introduction of the Church towards the spirit of la sequence had been that hand-made mand it voices in order to re-establish boots have kept up their old standard a temporal basis for the Papacy as a of quality, and there is a good demand for them. At the same time, manugrave possibilities involved in any facturers have been continually striv- present movement of the Italian Dem ocracy. With Leo's death, reactionary forces will lift up their heads again and the Papal card house of alliance for liberty will fall to fragments. Remove Turkey from Thessaly at the Greeks will remove the Dan

stockbroker who sits as king in Athens. and has made Russian helots of Europe the giant moves and murmurs The crater vomits and the fires below are seen in the smoke above. It hardly seems possible for the current year to remain under an armed peace. the great issue will force itself by the throwing into competition with the whole of western economic life of half a billion of Asiatics to eat us all up as laborers and wage earners. At last, then, there will be forced the recon-struction of property rights, bringing about thereby the reorganization of life in Asia, as well as our own alike in America and Europe.

to mend the bad world is to create the right world." The sage of Concord is regarded in our literary hierarchy as a supreme apostle of individualism, just as Thomas Carlyle in British-Teutonic force. Both characterizations are truand both, especially as to Emerson, remain essentially untrue. Just as much so in every sense as the current sciolism that the social commonwealth if once organized would be a complete leveler of character and personality—

It is not mine to tell as it reads, but I and the philosopher; between Herbert I can say, and from the interior of observation and movement, that Europe servation and movement, that Europe is on the verge of Armageddon, pervidual," and the clear apprehension of together on the lines of needs of two at and an academic freedom of brain vast forces which the zealotry of the non-constructive leaders of one of them have so long kept asunder.

at and an academic freedom of brain and liberty of thought and the utternance thereof. The latter can alone exist when actual security of human life The Kaiser is no fool, but a very able and determined man and leader social and economic administration whose limits are found in the fact that his philosophy of political action became the can the better world swing into orbit can the better world swing into orbit can the second of the can be th longs to the sixteenth century, except and place when the lives of most men where militant commercialism comcannot find words vigorous or search-The central crater is pinned down by by long enough to emphasize my conviction that a true civilization can only guns. But fire creeps through the edges of the machine. Has he never heard of a civil service law, I wonder? How does it come that the postoffice employes are not political appointees? They used to be, but the matter has been corrected, and I imagine such would be the case with the railroads. But, really, this talk about political influence comes with poor grace from men of Mr. Ripley's Patiway managers who were Spain made bankrupt is freed from the matter has been corrected, and I whether there is a general or not. Its imagine such would be the case with the railroads. But, really, this talk must join Russia to suppress, or Gerlife can present to the formative imagthe bond syndicate—in a degree. But forces of greedy power are allowed to France will find occupation at home, control conditions and dictate the economic status of men and women. The better world will be the free world, the of political coercion as against government ownership of railways. The
thing smacks too much of Pecksniffism.

Ism forces at that objective point, and
in the German effort, sure to be seen
achieved will be founded on the serepublic, and get control of the North
all. Not till economic equity builds Sea by possession direct or open al-liance through the treachery of the elderly blackguard and political larcen-ment of individuality.

What's the use of wrangling over terms? It is a condition, I repeat, that confronts us. Let us be sure of the confronts us. Let us be sure of the righteous theory, but stand not to the narrowing concept that one man or one school of men alone possess all of the truth. Let's not sacrifice growth by limiting speech. It cannot, must not, and distoriographer of the trades union movement, says the Brauer Zeitung, recently gave very interesting lectures on the new process of labor and machinery in relation to trades unions. Among many other interesting features he dealt with the stage of collective agreement between employers and imployed as to the use of machinery in manufactures. There were the cases in the interesting features in the stage of collective agreement between employers and imployed as to the use of machinery in manufactures. There were the cases in the stage of collective agreement between employers and imployed as to the use of machinery in manufactures. There were the cases is introductive. to popular understanding, especially when its correlative is the combination of labor. Indeed, it has so proven. "Natural selection," used as a means to curb and bind down by sociological theory, the resistance to methods that theory are resistance to methods that make poverty a crime and charity (?) a constable to subdue its inevitable weavers tried to meet the power loom by reducing their pay, which ended in making the hand-made article lose all list distinctive features. Meanwhile the machine was continually improving lead, and she is ready, it is reported, and increasing its output. That promachine was continually improving lead, and safe is ready, it is reported, are all right in their place as teachers and increasing its output. That processes is going on today in the chain and nail industry, the tailoring industry and the lower classes of the cabinet making industry. The rate of making industry. The rate of now peaceful and fruitful fields.

Particular lead, and safe is ready, it is reported, are all right in their place as teachers and expounders, but they may become obstacles when agitation is moulding into action. They have as often may yet sail over the Dutchman's proved invaluable when, as action shapes towards institutions, as is the inet making industry. The rate of wages was continually decreasing and the condition of the workers in all three industries was as bad as it could be. But this also had the effect of deterring the manufacturers from industries on the manufacturers from including new machinery, seeing they could get so much cheap labor.

It was a ruinous policy all round, Mr. Webb remarked, for any trade union to consent to any reduction of wages unible. Seeden Denmark and Freith 1818. But superb the crown jewels, etc., on a vessel kept waiting in the Tagus, with banked fires and steam ready.

To the north, in Norway, the peasantry are ready to proclaim the requirement to any reduction of wages. Sweden Denmark and Fire in the first in the stand firm, illuminating the way and pointing out the pitfalls. But superb knowledge even gives no title to consent to any reduction of wages with banked fires and steam ready. method and differing from them, perto consent to any reduction of wages to consent to any reduction of wages for hand work in order to compete land may yet be wrought into that oretical logic, but equally as strong in passionate aspiration for equity and freedom will be found at the forefront to consent to any reduction of wages public. Sweden, Denmark and Fin- haps in the lessened severity of theof service, and therefore of direction. Academic methods are not always the ways of the true builders of liberty.

DARKNESS AND DAWN.

A Starvation Day has come, and in ten thousand darkened homes. Toilers are seen famishing while walling out their moans; They ask for bread and fish, but get scorpions and stones-For Death is marching on.

An Injunction Day has come when the corporation rules,
When tollers, tagged and numbered, like poor dumb-driven mules,
Are the sport of corporate capital, of church and courts and schools—
For Death is marching on.

A Bloody Day has come, don't you hear the guns explode? Don't you see the dead and dying stretch-ed prone upon the road? Don't you see the gaping wounds, whence flow the streams of blood? For Death is marching on.

A Mark Hanna Day has come when plu tocrats' decrees
Fierce as the storm of death when the battle demon breathes
And thousands are perishing—dying by

degrees— For Death is marching on. A Burial Day has come, don't you hear the tolling bells
Of factory and forge as their dirge-like music swells
On all the winds that blow, ringing forth their solemn knells?
For Death is marching on.

Battle Day has come, God has pledged Fall into line, C tollers, throw to the winds your same and winds with the winds your fears, and victory is yours.

Resurrection Day is coming when toil-

num'rous as the starry hosts that fiame along the skies, ling panoplied for battle, and Liberty's the prize—

All hall the glorious dawn.

—J. B. MAYNARD.

zahahahahahahahahahahak SOCIAL FORUM *****************

rule, I care more for the contents of the paper than for its form, and I must say that the contents of the paper in its new form was excellent.

Our editor's comments, Comrade Cas son's nice little poem. Comrade White's Random Thoughts, Comrade W. J. Mc-"A Socialist Connell's article, blem:" also the articles of Zametkin. Allen, Lemon, Churchill and other comrades were excellent reading matter. Tanner's "Lincoln's Prophecy" that nice little letter of St. Louis to New York may also be mentioned as encouraging features.

The "Social Democrat" is our official organ. Every comrade who writes for the paper should, above all, endeavor to make our organ a gem of good Socialist literature. Every thought expressed in these columns ought to be clear-cut and plain, for the plainer we put our Socialist principles before the masses of the people the more rapidly our grand movement will develop. The masses of the wage-workers are opposed to our cause, because they have not the slightest conception of the meaning of the words Socialist and So-

Have you read Comrade McConnell's article, Brother John? Comrade Mc. as a united Social Democracy. The Connell is right. "If we mean reform best means to bring about this glorious let us show it by our works: there are some comrades who imagine that all a Social Democrat has to do is to pay his 25 cents dues a month, have a long talk in a small business meeting, and don't care for the rest.

This is a misconception of the duties of a Socialist pioneer. "The time has come when every Social Democrat must be a student, an agitator, an organizer, an educator, a soldier, of the great Social movement of the nineteenth century." These are the words of the St. Louis comrades to the comin last week's "Social Democrat." advice which we must ever keep in our

The "Merrie England," published by our national committee, is a credit to the Social Democracy of America. Each and every comrade and reader of the "Social Democrat" should make it his or her duty to dispose of at least 25 copies within the next four weeks. John, suppose you spend a dollar and get 25 copies of "Merrie England;" suppose you sell 20 copies for 5 cents each—this gives you your dollar back and you have five "Merrie England's" left for free distribution, five copies which you may give free of charge to some of your unemployed fellow-work ers. I request you, John, to invest the first dollar you get in this enterprise; it is necessary work just now.

There is one "virtue." Brother John. anxious to uphold the tender relations existing between you and your beloved sister. Once for all, I insist that you shall no longer trouble me with your childish complaints about certain Soevery poor creature who believes that mud-slinging and literary rowdyism are absolutely necessary to make up the Socialist agitator or the editor of an official organ of the S. L. P. Fortunately, International Social Democracy never has and never will endorse such mischlevous work as you com-

International Social Democracy. I happen to be personally acquainted with the leading Socialists of Europe, I have read to be a social state of Europe, I have read to be a social state of Europe and the social state of Europe and read their writings on Socialism and am reading the Socialist papers of the various countries today. Comrades chronic depression. The sighed-for period of the socialist papers of the various countries today. various countries today. Comrades Hyndman, Hardie, Mann, Quelch and other leaders of our movement in Eng-land; Bebel, Liebknecht, Singer, etc., other leaders of our movement in Edg. land; Bebel, Liebknecht, Singer, etc., in Germany; Guesde, Lafargue, Deville, vanish into air. Meanwhile, each succeeding winter brings up afresh the Vallant and Allemane of France; Dr. Darnersdarfer and others of great question, "what to do with the Vaillant and Allemane of France; Dr. Adler, Pernersdarfer and others of Austria, and all the rest of the Socialist ery respect, men who stand on the same high moral grounds as our true servant Comrade Eugene V. Debs. Woo to them if they dared use the official ployed, losing patience, will take their organs of our comrades in the various countries as text-books for teaching foul language! Honor to Comrade Debs for his noble behavior towards his "scientific" assailants. John, follow his example! The best answer you can give is to go on in your good work for So-cialism and Social Democracy.

Good news comes from old England, Brother John. I have just received the official organ of the Social Democratic Federation of England, the London "Justice," of January 1, 1898. Our old ploneer. Comrade H. Quelch, is the editor of "Justice," and on New Year's day he surprised us with a very encouraging editorial. Referring to the Sc cial Democratic movement in Great Britain Comrade Quelch writes:

Perhaps the matter of most import ance in the past year to the Social-Democratic movement in this country is the effort that has been made to con solidate all the Socialist forces here in-to one party. We have shown our willingness to accept the changed conditions which circumstraces have brought about. Having demonstrated that we were in no way desirous of offering any obstacle to any reasonable arrangement that might be come to, we have considered it our duty to leave the matter entirely to those who had to decide it, and to say nothing to prejudice

munion friend. We haven't begun to grow yet. Better save your tears for will abolish itself eventually, without will abolish itself conjugates a single Socialist; for it contents within itself the germs of its own destruction.

Comrade Whitehorn says: "The people of Turkey are still producing on a some time. We are as yet only in the process of integration. By next willingness to accept the changed con-

How I liked the "Social Democrat" in its new form? you ask me, Brother John. I am well pleased with it. As a rule, I care more for the contents of the content and difficulties may present themselve which have not yet been considered. But with a determination on both sides in favor of a common agreement there should be no insurmountable obstacle. there should be no backing down in principle, no attempt to gain present success by concessions to the enemy.
If this be always insisted upon, and we feel sure it will be, the consolidation of our forces is full of promise for the future. In the year that lies before us, as in the past, there will be work to be done, trials to be borne, difficulties to encounter, obstacles to overcome; bu strengthened and encouraged by past experiences, trials and victories, we can press hopefully forward with in-creased strength, confident that, as the forces of social economic evolution are

> This is cheering news, John, .We congratulate our British comrades for this noble work of uniting their forces. As to the Socialist forces in America, I assure you, Brother John, that we need not waste any time in talking of union and harmony. The time will come when all true Socialists in this country will march in one column, follow one banner, fight the same battle paganda with ever growing vigor, energy and enthusiasm. Propagate the principles of Socialism, strengthen the organization of the Social Democracy. Never villify and slander those comrades who may agitate for and fight under the banner of the Socialist La-bor Party. On the contrary, go on and encourage them in their work of prop aganda. Tell them that the Social De mocracy of America never has claimed, and never will claim, a monopoly or Socialism and the Socialist movement but that we are determined to push the work of Socialist propaganda more vigorously than ever before. As soon as the masses of the people have grasped the Socialist ideas and conceived the necessity and importance of the Socialist movement they will not ask any leader or would-be leader for permission to unite. Vox populi, vox del!

There is not the least doubt in my mind that the great International So cialist Labor Congress, held in Lon-don in August, 1896, at which every civilized country of the globe was rep resented, helped considerably to bring about a union of the Socialist forces in England.

To you, Brother John, and to all So cial Democrats of America, I recall the words of Wendell Phillips: "The rea-son why the Abolitionists brought the nation down to fighting their own battle is that they were really in earnest, knew what they wanted, and were determined to have it. Therefore they got it. * * Give me fifty thousand men in earnest, who can agree on all vital questions, who will plant their shoulders together, and swear by all that is true and just that for three long years they will put their great claimst leaders who make it their special mission to misrepresent Social Democracy and its leading agitators. Life is 50,000 men will govern the nation." These are excellent words for Social Democrats to remember!

> For the Social Democracy of America the time for action has come. In your hands, comrades, rests the welfare of our great nation. The words of our great teacher, Frederick Engels, in his pre-face to the English edition of Karl Marx, "Capital," says:

one moment that the language of the editor you refer to is the language of International Social Democracy I have own fate into their own hands."

> Of course, Engels referred to the conditions in England. But who will deny that the conditions in America are even worse? The only hope of the American people rests in Socialism. The sooner they become aware of this fact the better for them, the better for our nation, for our country.

No rest, John, ever onward with the work of Socialist propaganda.
Your Beloved Sister,
ROSA PROLETAIRE.

PROGRESS OF SOCIALISM.

By Margaret Halle.

The rapid progress of the Social Democracy is naturally viewed with envy by some of those Socialists who, after twenty years of the close-communion style of agitation, have been able to get but thirty-six thousand votes, and is spoken of as "a mush-

room growth.' But wait a minute, my close-com-munion friend. We haven't begun to grow yet. Better save your tears for June we shall have taken shape and bor, and therefore there is no founda-then will begin to grow. bor, and therefore there is no founda-tion for socialism in that country."

Socialism has escaped from its cage in New York. It has been freed from its thus adding man in his pursuit of life, fetters of technical phraseology and liberty and happiness.

Put into good, plain English, which the hustling American people can read as they run. Besides, conditions are such as to make their minds receptive to truth that is presented in tangible, interesting the such as the telligible form. They are only now, and under our methods of education, beginning to learn that Socialism doesn't mean "dividin" up."

The rapid spread of Socialism among the people today is the natural result of a clear, simple, straightforward presentation of its positive principles as applied to actual conditions in America in our time. It proves that an ounce of calm assertion of the true principles is worth a ton of attacks on individuals who hold false ones.

WANTS MERRIE ENGLAND.

Mr. Editor: While engaged in friendly controversy with a manufacturer of this city yesterday, he said: "I be-lieve that there should be a reduction in the hours of labor in this country; that more leisure might be afford ed the laboring class, in order to make merry and be glad."

Just imagine, if you can! A laboring man or woman afforded an opportunity to go to the park, to spend the afternoon, being merry and glad, when they have not had a day's work in a year nor earned wages enough in the past six months to buy a square meal with, and there is a cavity in their anatomy the size of a water pail

appealing loudly to their inmost na-ture to be filled up—be merry! Send me, quick, one dozen Merrie Englands, that I may make a few of my acquaintances who are out of a job a present of one, that they may not only read but learn why they are out of a job and how to get one

SOCIALISM AND SINGLE TAX.

Mr. Editor: I have read with inter-est the various contributions to the Social Democrat on Single Tax vs. Socialism. I am a single-taxer and I am a Socialist, and I can see no inconsis-tency in any one professing to be both. We Socialists claim to be more Land Nationalists; from our point of view we have advanced a few steps beyond the Single Taxer. Is that any reason why all should not travel in the same

path so long as it leads the same way?

For one, I should be glad to have the Social Democracy adopt the following land plank of the preamble to the people how business should be done, constitution of the Knights of Labor: and the people will not be slow to take

"The land, including all the natural sources of wealth, is the heritage of all the people, and should not be subject to speculative traffic. Occupancy and use should be the only title to the possession of land. The taxes upon land should be levied upon its full value for use, exclusive of improve-ments, and should be sufficient to take for the community all the unearned in crement."

I am one of the large number of single tax advocates who entirely dis-sent from the views and teachings of the earnest editor of the "National Single Taxer." We hope to converthe gentleman to our way of thinking Meantime can we not emphasize ou willingness as Social Democrats to join issue by adopting a special land plank FRANK P. BLAKE, M. D.

THE SOCIALISM OF CHRIST.

Mr. Editor:-In the issue of the So cial Democrat for Dec. 16th Joseph Whitehorn asks what ground certain

Socialists have for believing that Christ preached Socialism. Let us consider briefly what the ethics of Christ are opposed to, and what they demand.

whole human race was and always has been in bondage, and society which was in those days—and will al-ways continue to be—the creator of wealth, was divided into classes.

The whole trend of the gospel is most emphatically opposed to the in-terest and profit systems which pre-

vailed even in His day. Merchants who had gathered in the His ethics are opposed to the owner-

ship of wealth by the individual, for the acquisition of wealth in His day was by the same process as that of today, that is, we must absorb the wealth created by others without giving an equivalent.

It is impossible to put into practice the ethics of Christ except under a system of collective ownership of all means of production and distribution. The gospel cannot be made to har-monize with the private ownership of

wealth. Of course this is not the way the nated by wealth from its early days up, and its leaders have sought to explain and its leaders have sought to explain away the great Teacher's sayings, and make them accord with the prevailing

The ethics of Christ and of Socialism declare that all men are my brothres, and the purpose of both is to set mankind at liberty. "Know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," says Christ, whose purpose was to es-tablish a kingdom of God on earth, where the social organization should be such that the largest liberty possible would be assured to seek and every inwould be assured to each and every individual, giving to all industrial and political liberty; thus giving to intelli-

gence full play and dispelling ignor-ance, the bane of civilization.

As we come to grasp the ideas of Christianity and Socialism we are forced to see that they are identical and demand exactly the same environ-

The capitalist competitive system

then will begin to grow.

The reason we are finding so many
Socialists is that the principles of
Socialism have at last been let loose
among the people of the United States.

Claim of the people of the United States. ciples are consolidation and centraliza-tion of the forces of nature and man New York. It has been freed from its thus aiding man in his pursuit of life

there was every incentive to the cheat, corrupt and debauch, for there was gain or profit to be acquired by so doing, whereas if Socialism had prevailed the incentive to commit crime for gain would have been eliminated. E. E. SMITH.

Hartford, Conn.

AN EMBLEM.

Mr. Editor:-I suggest the figure of Justice (woman and scales) as the best emblem for the Social Democracy New York City.

THE COAL TRUST.

A Gigantic Combination for the Purpose of Controlling the Retall Trade.

The most gigantic and furthest recent Morgan and Vanderbilt coal trust. Those who have kent themselves posted upon the tendencies of times, says "The Socialist" of liamsport, Pa., are not surprised that the trusts are going into the retail business. This is the most profitable business. This is the most profitable field that the exploiters could possibly find, and they have been looking to it with longing eyes for some time. It was necessary, however, to first obtain possession of production and then the conquest of the retail trade was an easy matter.
This is but the first step of the

trusts in the direction of monopolizing the retail business. The retail men in every line will find themselves in the same position as those who thought that they could run small manufactur-ing plants in opposition to the trusts. They will be crushed out of business. Those who possess any wisdom will get out of business while they can save something, for the time is surely coming when they will be crowded out of business by the big concerns. Socialists see in the moves of the combinations the beginning of the end of the competitive system of business. The struggle of the small business man might just as well be given up now as a little later. The fight henceforth must be between the whole people and the trusts. The trusts have shown the been given them. The trusts have had no mercy upon those whom they have crushed, and it is not due to them that any consideration should be shown them when the day of final settlement

The people should crush them as ruthlessly as they have crushed others. The people will so crush them.

CHRISTIANITY.

An Indictment of Organized Religion By a Former Prominent Prosbyterian.

The New York Sun prints the follow ing extract from the last will of Henry Morehouse Taber, formerly president and treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of 54 Fifth avenue, of which the Rev. Dr.

"Believing that all religions, including Christianity, are superstitions; that the basic doctrine of the Christian religion-the fall of man-is utterly and absurdly false, and that its opposite the rise of man (from lower orders)—
is a scientific fact; that belief in (so called) miracles are hallucinations of the brain, and never had the slightest existence in fact; that the chief characteristics of what is known as 'the Word of God' are injustice, cruelty, untruthfulness, and obscenity; that the effect of orthodox Christian teachance, wrong and mental slavery; that gion of Christ; that it supplants ethical culture and true morality with meaningless theology and unhalicable does gion of Christ; that it supplants ethical ingless theology and unbelievable dos-mas that it puts an unknown and The book is well print

ity of its adherents as to invite in them fear of (that most horrible trines) eternal punishment: I say, believing all this, I, in all kindness, request that over my remains there be no religious services of any kind, na-ture or description whatever. "I also request that my body be cre

tory, and that my ashes be left there. "If as has been said, 'the highes tribute to the memory of our dead consists in obedience to their wishes,' may I not trustingly hope that my childre will pay the tribute to my memory of seeing that the above clearly expres wishes are carried out, and that they will resolutely and persistently resis any effort that may be made on the part of any of my pious relatives or friends to thwart my wishes."

POPULISM ON THE WANE.

The American correspondent of the rogressive Review says that the People's party is at present the less and distracted body of political less and distracted body of madicals in the world. "There has been," the writer goes on, "no more striking development in the evolution of public opinion anywhere of late years than the growth of socialism in the United States. But this socialism is unrepresented. It hoped to effectu-ate itself through the People's party, but the betrayal of that movement has put an end to those hopes. The So-cialist Labor party of German Marxians has never taken hold of the Americans, and never will, for the Americans, whatever their political mistakes, are not so stupid as to make a class movement of an agitation to abolish class. The most uncertain element in American political arithmetic to-day is—in what form this unrepre-sented socialism in the United States will precipitate itself, and what channels it will make for itself when it begins to move."-The Advocate.

MISS CHUNK.

The above is the title of a book which mas just been received by us. It is published by Walter Vrooman Wainwright building, St. Louis, Mo. The story is of the realistic type, containing a very graphic description of the coal miner's life and the degrading conditions under which he lives. It also pictures strongly the considerations which move an executive officer to act, and which overcome his sense of honor and duty. It illustrates the power of the capitalist in politics and he little influence of the laborers. It also illustrates the chasm which exists between the rich-especially the toadying rich-and the abject poor. The brutality of the sweat shop sys-tem is very vividly pictured, and the advantage of wealth over poverty is developed with considerable interest throughout the story.
One of the characters, Miss Ber-

trand, works in numerous factories, and goes to the coal regions, where she is scandalized.

At the governor's reception she eners richly dressed, and is snubbed because of her being a working girl. But it develops that she is a wealthy and prominent lady, and, upon finding that she is wealthy, the governor, his wife and their friends, hasten to make endeavors to rectify their blunder. By this and many other incidents throughout the story the author pictures the two classes, one of which is struggling for supremacy, and continually holds the interest of the reader from the beginning to the end of the story.

The story is weak, in that it sugportrays. It throws out hints that the railroads should be taxed higher, franchises should be sold, and miners

hould be paid weekly wages.

Its hero, Wilson, is one who has donned the garments of a laborer and worked among them, who has written a book in behalf of the tollers, and after that experience is ignorant of freely of their grievances before the employers. There are several such jarring instances in the book.

merely palliatives.

ope that those who are writing realize that what people need most now is that literature which will suggest business to the south. A cotton mill to cover though the state of the s

The book is well printed and bound probably unknowable) imaginary being in the place of nature; that it gives a name and a personality to evil, an at the low price of 25 cents. Orders equally unknown and imaginary being; that it so works upon the credulto the publisher.

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THE GRIND.

Interesting News Items from All Over the

Colorado coal miners are out

ernment has decided to ask parliamen to sanction an increase of the army by Physicians of Paterson, N. J., have

Exports to America from north Germany showed a falling off during the last quarter of \$3,231,813. The decrease

united and started a drug store, the

main object of which is to fight the

The Alice rubber mill at Woonsocket, R. I., has closed down. This mill is owned by the United States Rubbe Company and employs 1,200 hands.

was principally in sugar.

Berlin has 1,677,135 inhabitants: Hamburg, 625,000; Munich, 407,000. Four cities have over 300,000—Leipsic, 399,969; Breslau, 373,000; Dresden, 336,-000; and Cologne, 321,000.

An organized movement has ma-An organized movement has matured in the Theosophical Siciety, the purpose of which is to depose Mrs. Katharine A. Tingley, the president of the socity, and to restore E. T. Hargrove to the office.

Emperor William, in a speech at Hamburg, stated that if the Social Democrats win a majority in the Reich-stag elections which are to be held this year, they will not be permitted to take advantage of it.

John D. Harvey, a San Francisco

printer, has applied for a patent on an invention which will enable a ma-chine-hand to set italic and roman, or any other two kinds of type that will fit into the same body, at the same The Missouri Electric Light and ower Company and the Edison Electrical Company, two of the largest con-cerns of their kind in St. Louis, have

stated, will issue \$4,000,000 gold bearing bonds. A number of conservative leaders of the German Reichstag, notably Baron von Manteuffel, Baron von Stumm and Count von Mirbach have declared their intentions of withdrawing from active politics owing to the growing strength of agrarianism and the hostile attitude

Serious bread riots have occurred in and about Ancona, Italy. The rioters were dispersed by troops. A band of rioters wrecked and tried to burn the dealer. The troops quenched the flames and dispersed the mob. Fifty persons have been arrested. The milit ers are distributing bread to persons

An imperial ukase in Russia pro hibits labor on Sundays and on the 14 the fact that employes would not speak great feast days upon pain of severe punishment. Hours of labor have also been restricted to eight per day for children and eleven for adults, and to The book could not be classified as ten hours on Saturday. The conces a first-class novel, and the pictures sions have been forced from the Czar drawn are not thoroughly developed, while the remedies it suggests are He fears trouble in his realm.

The British Hosiery Company hville. Tenn is to be established at Masaville, and a number of the operatives from Thornton will soon leave for that state, where they will be used as instructors'to the new and inexperienced southern colored employes.

Rich as are the gold mines of the Rand district, in South Africa, it is Heterodox Economics vs. Orthocosting about as much to get out the metal as it is worth, and 100 mir must close down very soon, as they can not be operated at a profit. There were 183 mines in operation last year in the district, and several of these have since closed. The big paying properties number little more than a

The total law expenses connected with the street car system of Glasgow last year were but \$320, while the Chistreet railways spend, it is said, bout \$200,000 a year for lawyers and Maguire-Harriman Debate: the settlement of suits. Cause former is conducted by the municipality, the men work short hours, and are well paid; the latter is conducted by a corporation, whose primary object is the payment of dividends.

The Canadian government has decided to subsidize a new railway. It is the James' Bay railway, which is to Crimes of Capitalism: receive a grant of \$270,000. The road The avowed object is to open large tracts of valuable timber and mineral lands north of Toronto and to develop the fish resources of Hudson Bay. This road, it is claimed, will bring a summer steamship line several hundred miles nearer Liverpool, and wheat from the northwest can be exported cheaper in consequence.

The world has yet to try what effect freedom and plenty will have on a restless, discontented race of human beings.—Labor Exchange Guide.

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY
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EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

A. C. M., So. Chicago.—Geo. M. Pullman dled on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1897, at about 5 o'clock a. m. He dled very suddenly in his own apartments at his Prairie avenue home, no member of his family being present at the time.

present at the time.

J. M. S., Terre Haute.—Your question will be developed in an article in the Social Democrat as soon as I find time to take it up. Socialisms contemplates no interference with individual liberty in the use of wealth, except as to its use as a means of profit. The use of wealth for purposes of production to satisfy common needs is a social function, and is proper to the community as a whole; the use of wealth for purposes of consumption, after it has been produced by the community is an individual matter pure and simple. Society would have no more right under Socialism, for instance, to say what a person shall eat, drink or wear than interference of that sort would not be tolerated. Read Merrie England, and Schaffle's "Quintessence of Socialism."

Wm. L. T., Niagara Falls Center.—Yes.

owned by the United States Rubber Company and employs 1,200 hands.

French parliament, owing to the continued agitation of the Socialist members, passed a ten-hour bill for rall-way employes despite the protest of cabinet officials.

Chicago telephone companies report net earnings amounting to \$905,086.47 for the year 1897. Dividends amounting to \$905,086.47 for the year 1897. Dividends amounting to \$705,086.47 for the yea

net earnings amounting to \$495,085.47 for the year 1897. Dividends amounting to \$449,224 were paid, and \$381,373 was carried to surplus.

A strike of 10,000 hands has occurred in the Province of Vladimir, Russia, in consequence of the dissatisfaction growing out of the new government regulations for factories.

street, W., Toronto, Ont.

S. D., Topeka, Kans.—No, we are not in favor of the reorganization of the Populist party on the lines of the Omaha platform, nor could we fuse with them the Province of Vladimir, Russia, in consequence of the dissatisfaction growing out of the new government regulations for factories.

S. Slotkin, New York.—Your communication on waste of labor has been received. I cannot publish it for the reason that it is written on both sides of the paper, and I cannot take time to rewrite it. The matter is good, and if you will send in a communication properly written I will publish it.



YOU SHOULD READ.

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"It is a dead certainty, gentlemen, that the bogus reformists will give us almost daily opportunities to invoke the restraint of the law. I need not tell you that it has a delightful vagueness, not to say ambiguity, which skillful hands can construe to suit the purpose, especially if the wheels of its machinery are well greased with dilutgold. That one or several of our wyers must be hired for this laudable ed gold. purpose is a matter of course. With their assistance, injunction after injunction can be obtained to check the progress of the cranks or cripple their means, until they finally give up the game in disgust or despair, the choice being totally indifferent to me and, I reckon, to you also.
"But this is not all. I understand

that it is the design of the leaders to erect factories of every kind, suitable to the climate or resources of the section where they shall locate. And here, my friends, the offensive part of the campaign comes in. I need not tell you that it will take money, much money, to frustrate the schemes of our foes; but money is, fortunately, at our command, and must be used unstintmust build a bigger one, devoted to the manufacture of the same article. If they excel in quality, we must outstrip them. If they excel in characteristics of the new commonwealth." If they excel in cheapness, we must undersell them. You know that the railways of Vesperia are on our side, if not in our hands, and I need not tell you that they will readily and ally come to our assistance in the of salvation in store for us.

There is no necessity to worry you with details, but I cannot close before pressing upon your mind that the langer threatening us and our sacred privileges is both great and imminent. and therefore suggest two things abso-lutely necessary to meet the emer-gency. The first is the election of a small committee to carry out the measures proposed, and the second, the cre-I have a paper here containing a short preamble, and take pleasure in open-ing the subscription list with a clean hundred thousand. While it passes from hand to hand, the selection of a proper committee might be discussed and acted upon."

There is no necessity to record further details of the proceeedings. The speech of Crassus Ego shows the spirit of the assemblage. We state in con-clusion that the sum of two millions was subscribed in less than twenty minutes. The selection of the commit-tee was taken up, and ended in the choice of Crassus Ego and Caesar Croesus, with unlimited authority to act according to their best judgment.

And now the question heading this

chapter is germane: IS THIS A CON-SPIRACY?

volunteers a hasty answer, carrying a ponderous Webster's dictionary under his arm, to defend his position. Innohis arm, to defend his position. Inno-cent reader! Where wast thou raised?

If such combinations are formed by the powerful, because wealthy, they are termed trusts, syndicates and associations; but when originating with

quite a different thing!"

CHAPTER IV.

A COUNTERPLOT

We are once more in the Croesus where once more in the Crossus mansion. It is 4 p. m. Aurelia sits in an arm-chair and looks tired, and, as it is not her style to sham, we are think her looks are not deinclined to think her looks are not deceptive. No wonder, either, for although Regina's thousand fashlonable calls had dwindled to a dozen, even that number is sufficient to fatigue, not physically, but mentally. After these calls Regina had insisted upon a ride in the park, a recreation whose exhiltance of the construction of the content of the con physically, but mentally. After these calls Regina had insisted upon a ride in the park, a recreation whose exhilupon me the obligation of secrecy if it concerned Cousin Caesar's private affairs; but as this is not the case, as of the contrary, it involves the welfare of our race, yes, threatens it in an alarming manner. I feel not only jusand throwing kisses in proportion to the prominence, i. e., wealth of the party.

the reader.

Ego was more than a brunette; we might call him a blackette, if Webster tolerated such liberty, which is not the case, whatever may be said about his obsolete definition of conspiracy. His nese was Roman, yes, even oriental, and his lips very thick and sensual.

When Caesar was through and Mr. Ego bera cost—no profit being desired. The began his harangue, I considered my presence almost in the light of a providential interference, and resolved to stay at all risk and learn the details of a dire conspiracy against the best interest of mankind, no matter what the consequences of a discovery might the consequences of a discovery might rate of five cents for ten words beonsolve definition of conspiracy, His ness was Roman, yes, even oriental, and his lips very thick and sensual. His face might be called handsome were it not for the traces which the service of Bacchus or Venus, or perhaps both, had left upon it. Bluish rings under the eyes spoke of sleepless port of what we already know. Au-

nights spent at places considered dubious in strictly moral circles. In-deed, he had the reputation of being somewhat of a roue; but this, instead of hurting him with the majority of his acquaintances, had only the tendency to make him interesting

We know already that Aurelia Croe sus was not one of his admirers, although his homage of her was of a very pronounced character. Indeed, it was an open secret that he aspired to her hand and fortune, and many a young lady amongst the elite of Plu topolis marveled at the uniform coldness with which she met his advances, and envied her for his attention

During the ride Aurelia had main-tained an indifferent silence, until the coachman had received instruction to drive homeward, when she asked Ego "Well Mr. Ego did you perfect a plan of campaign this morn-

He gave a slight start and inquired: "What do you allude to, Miss Aurelia?

"Oh, to the meeting at Caesar's of-

to be such a meeting?" "My brother volunteered the infor-

ticulars to the same source, as I consider myself pledged to secrecy."
"Oh!" with a sarcastic laugh, "there is no particular need for such inquiries,

for I know pretty well what occurred and will give you a short sketch to convince you. There was quite a Silvermann, Profit, Usurer, Combine Discount, Trust and many others like Caesar made the opening remarks, and then Mr. Crassus Ego de livered an eloquent speech on the ur-gent necessity of vigorous action to kill this damnable heresy in the bud. Lawyers were engaged detectives hired and a very large sum subscribed to de fray the expenses of the warfare is to be one without mercy and quarter. Is my account in accordance with

the facts?"
"Who—told you?" stammered Ego, turning a little paler.

"Oh, my spiritus familiaris, Mr. Ego. wish you luck in the undertaking, but also warn you that you may share the fate of Jonah.'

"Jonah?—how so Jonah?"
"Oh, well, he went out to capture the whale, you know, but if the ancient record is true, the whale captured him, and swallowed him, too.

But Jonah got out in the end, Miss Aurelia. "So he did, to be sure; but I should consider that a rather poor termina tion of the fishery. Allow me to whis-per a word of advice into your ear, Mr. Ego. The whale of Jonah was one of the gentle whalebone kind. You whale might prove to be of the sperm aceti kind, which have teeth, you know. If you got into the jaws of such a one

there would be a very poor chance for returning. Good afternoon, Mr. Ego. the poor, the mechanic or the laborer, in the house, run upstairs and taken they are called conspiracies. See? The the arm-chair in which we found he following story illustrates the differ-ence: a little while ago, with that touch of weariness upon her face, but also with A peasant comes to his noble squire a ray of mischief in her eyes, probably and stammers: "My lord, ny—my dog in recollection of the leason she had caught Mr. Crassus Ego. She sits there bear the damage?" "Why, you, of course," cries the irate squire. "That cow cost me one hundred dollars, which you shall pay me instanter?" "No, no," what seems to be a knotty problem, now cries the pessant: "I turned the She is still engaged that way when the now cries the peasant; "I turned the She is still engaged that way when the case around in my anxiety. No, squire, door opens, and her two uncles and it was your dog that bit my cow." And my less that it was now the verdict of the nobleriast of the most of the m tire to my private boudoir; our disci sions must be entre nous. later the company is seated in a much

smaller room, showing the same traces of wealth, but also of taste. "Well, my friends," Aurelia begins,

During this ride Crassus Ego had encountered the ladies. He was on horseback, accompanied by a servant in livery, to whom he had delivered his steed after asking the permission of the ladies to occupy one of the vacant back seats. Aurelia had paid no attention whatever to this request, but Regina had eagerly assented, and so the millienaire entered the carriage and entertained the ladies with small talk. We forgot to take his photo in the morning, and as he appears frequently on our stage as the refined villain we'll take a snap shot of him and exhibit the sample of our skill to the reader.

Ego was more than a brunette; we Ego was more than a brunette; we received the information myself. You remember, my desk is in a kind of recess or alcoye, separated from the reception room by a thin wall, so thin, in fact, as to enable the occupant of the seat in front of the electric mail, the telegraph or a telephone would be established at each of the 75.000 postoffices, and, indeed, their number would be greatly increased, whereas now telegraphy goes to only 21,000 selected points, for the private companies, being operated purely for profit, naturally seek only withdrawing when I heard him state the nature and object of the meeting. This made me hesitate, and when Caesar was through and Mr. Ego began his harangue, I considered my presence almost in the light of a provention myself. You remember, my desk is in a kind of recess or alcoye, separated from the reception room by a thin wall, so thin, in fact, as to enable the occupant of the seat in front of the electric mail, the telegraph or a telephone would be established at each of the 75.000 postoffices, and, indeed, their number would be greatly increased, whereas now telegraphy goes to only 21,000 selected points, for the private companies, being operated purely for profit, naturally seek only such points as pay well, while the object of the meeting. This made me hesitate, and when Caesar was through and Mr. Ego began his harangue, I considered my office of the great

if he had been able to see it.

When Emile was through Aurena drew a long, deep breath. Her fair, soft hand clenched and she said, with an effort at calmness: "I knew it beforehand, friends. Indeed, only an hour ago I outlined the proceedings on the other hand not follow their example to Crassus Ego. I am sorry, the wast body of employes who do the yes, deeply pained, to see my own brother entangled in this diabolical scheme; but the circumstance of his the realization of the Co-operative Commonwealth. I stake fifty millions to further its development. I am only you and other noble coadjutors in the execution of this counterplot. Friends, let us now make a solemn you to a everything in our power to assist in a movement, the only movement calculated to free the human family from the threatening perils and lead to the haven of prosperity and happiness. Swear, friends, swear!"

The girl had risen in her excitement and the three men present thought panies, as it could use for the tele
they had never before seen an apparition so noble, so beautiful. They caught the infection; they were car-ried away by Aurelia's enthusiasm. Rising they joined hands, and, with the fervor of conviction and the earnestness of determination, the quartette cried as in one voice: 'We swear!'

When they had reseated themselves Emile said on the spur of a sudden remembrance: "By the bye, as I passed fice. of course."

"And how did you know there was a man whose face appeared familiar to a man whose face appeared familiar to me ringing the bell. It was so coarse and vulgar and bore such an expression of utter depravity that I turned to look at it once more, when suddenly a thought flashed through my mind. You remember, no doubt, the burgiar who was caught in the attempt to rob Caesar's safe in the office, but was released at Mr. Ego's intercession? Well, he and the man at Ego's door are one and the same person. As I looked the second time the door opened, and the rascal was admitted. What do you except Canada, have the telegraph and crowd, amongst whom were Goldbug, think of this strange alliance of Pluto

and Mercury?"
I think that the interview has conspiracy. The engagement of one or two able detectives must be one of our guilty of the absurdity of turning over first steps; for I feel certain that Craster between the best part of the postoffice—the sus Ego will shrink from no measure, however fiendish or desperate, to ac complish his purpose. But now let us outline our own campaign. I myself company with Marianne, to put my uncles there on their guard, and interview Hugh Jean Teps. Emile, you must remain at present in Caesar's office, to watch the enemy's headquarters. You need not wince, my boy, for you know well that Aurelia Croesus would be the last person to ask you to stoop to low espionage. Do nothing which your high principles of honor would reject, and if the enemy makes it too hot for you, why, come to Cousin Aurelia, who will find plenty for you to do. No, you must not go yet. I shall send the carriage for Aunt Lilla and Elisa, to join us at dinner. Who knows how soon we shall be able to meet again, so we shall spend at least

evening in convivial intercourse. Has the reader discovered that this girl almost always had her will? If he has, I trust he has also discovered that this will was always on the side of virtue, justice and humaneness.

TWELVE REASONS. Why the Postoffice Should Operate the

Telegraph and Telephones. (By Justice Walter Clarke LL D Supreme Bench of North Carolina.)

Among the many reasons why the owned and operated exclusively by the postoffice there are no less than twelve

of such weight that any one of them should be sufficient to cause the adoption of that measure by congress: 1. The constitution requires it. That instrument (Art. 1., Sec. 8) places the establishment of postal facilities exclusively in the government. Under that provision, originally, the mail was carried on horseback, then by "Wave you studied the subject matter during the day?"

"We have, child; and on our way here we have received communications from Emile, which give matters a very grave aspect."

stage coach, then with the avent the steam it was carried by railroad and steamboat. When messages began to be sent by electricity the government from Emile, which give matters a very grave aspect." private corporations, Henry Clay, the great Whig leader, and Cave Johnson.

the Democratic Postmaster General, earnestly opposed this unconstitutional action. Leading men in all parties since, including five postmasters general, have endeavored to restore the electric mail to the postoffice, but the powerful telegraph lobby has been too powerful in congress to permit a vote upon the question, although sixteen out of eighteen committees to whom bills for that purpose have been referred have reported in favor of gov-ernmental ownership. One report was noncommittal and only one was ad-

relia listened with growing animation, nor would great sums be paid out as and her eyes evinced a fire which Mr. now to maintain a lobby at Washing. Ego might have considered ominous ton and at each state capital, and to retain editors and lawyers to influence

brother entangled in this diabolical real work. The object of the govern-scheme; but the circumstance of his ment not being to earn big salaries participation cannot prevent me from and dividends on an eight-fold watered a counterplot as determined, as un-scrupulous, as merciless as theirs. They wage to the operators. Besides the in-have pledged two millions to destroy creased business would largely increase the pay of postmasters at country postoffices.

6. The operators would have some

ure was brought to bear upon th ployes of the great corporations, but public sentiment would not have per-mitted the postoffice officials to apply the same pressure to postal ployes. Then the government could save the rent now paid by the coming it now owns or rents for postoffice purposes at each point.

7. Messages would be, like the mails,

more secret. Now the business of ev-ery man is at the mercy of the heads of a private corporation, which is in no wise subject to the control of public opinion

8. It would emancipate the press, 8. It would emancipate the press, which is now in the power of the private companies, and must take such news as they send, and dare not be free in discussing certain questions.

9. The cheap rates would enable evaluations to the cheap rates would enable evaluations.

ery weekly paper to take telegraphic dispatches. This would benefit print-ers and the public by starting new papers and extending the circulation of old ones. In England, when the government took over the telegraphs and adopted cheap rates, the number of press dispatches instantly increased thirty-fold, not thirty per cent. merely, but thirty times the former number.

10. All other countries practically.

telephone operated by the government and at low rates, and in all it has been a success for the government and a bearing upon and connection with their vast benefit to the public. We claim quick, rapid electric mail-to private companies and operate the slow, non-paying part by the public at a loss of course.

11. The government placing a tele phone at every county postoffice, and increasing the number of offices, would to a large extent amount to rural delivery, without the expense that an ex-tension of the present city delivery to country districts would would also destroy the isolation which is now the drawback to country life by putting the country districts in speaking distances of the towns. would enable those in the country to summon a doctor, inquire for freight ascertain the daily state of the markets, and to communicate with the

court house on law business.

12. No millionaires would be created as now out of the surplus earnings, but the money, beyond the bare cost of operation, would remain in the pockets these facilities would be extended to every nook and corner of the republic and become a convenience to a mere advantage to the few which is used very often to the detriment of the

"OH, SPEED THE MOMENT ON." By John G. Whittier.

Just God! and these are they Who eminister at thine altar, God o right
Men who their hands with prayer and On Israel's ark of light!

Pilate and Herod friends!
Chief priests and rulers, as of old, combine! combine!
Just God and holy! is that church which
lends

Strength to the spoller thine?

Paid hypocrites, who turn
Judgment aside, and rob the holy book
Of those high words of truth which
search and burn
In warning and rebuke—

Ye pile your own full board. How long, O Lord, how long Shall such a priesthood barter truth

away,
And in thy name for robbery and wrong
At thy own alters pray?

Woe, then, to all who grind
Their brethren of a common father
down!
To all who plunder from the immortal
mind Its bright and glorious crown.

To those whose hire is with the price of blood, Perverting, dark'ning, changing as they go, The sacred truths of God!

Their glory and their might shall perish, And their very name shall be Vile before all people, in the light Of a world's liberty.

Oh, speed the moment on When wrong shall cease, and liberty and love And truth and right throughout the earth be known As in their home above.

Revolution, confiscation or repudis tion is inevitable in the light of history, and unless there is a radical change for the betterment of mankind, the whole people, if possible, and at bare cost—no profit being desired. The high rates and restricted number of offices now make this great discovery of no benefit to the great mass of the people.

3. The government, desiring only to earn expenses, can give a uniform low rate of five cents for ten words between any two points in the Union. This is the opinion of experts.

4. The government could run it more cheaply. There would be no enormous salaries to the higher officials the content of the c

REPORT OF RECEIPTS. Am't previously acknowl'g'd.\$1,262.48 R. L. Ryfkogel D. Spencer G. Bostel W. Becker D. Needles Martin H. Conner Mrs. E. A. Tift D. E. Moran, Branch 2, Mass. W. H. Attlesea.... Oscar Netzner W. H. McCluskey Wilhelm Grund 1.80

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OUR WAY OF FARMING.

Many people write in to know how of my means and ability to many acres each person is to be allowed, and some want to know the size and advocated almost day of the individual farm.

and worked co-operatively. The far-mer instead of leading an isolated life with his women folk subject to insan-

without the back-breaking labor that clation of true co-operators and wellnow makes the farmer roundshouldered and bent when he should stand erect, hale and hearty, happy and con-

The increasing number of tenant farmers and farm laborers are finding that the only way out from their present round of long hours and insuff-cient rewards is in Socialism, the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution.

OUR PART IN THE FUTURE.

The closing years of this century are

big with promise.

The unceasing education has made it impossible to retain the present slavery which rested on the ignorance of the many and resulted in the enrichment

of one while the many toiled.
"Would you take away from the one the reward of his superior acuis the question often asked. Why not?-is the Yankee way of an swering it.
When Republican government was

formed it took away from the one the reward of his superior strength. If it is right to do it in the matter of superior physical strength, it is just as right to do it in the case of superior

mental strength.

Does republican government prevent the strong man from exercising his thews and sinews? Certainly, but it not prevent him from oppressing his fellow man with that strength and making himself a noble or a king. Neither would the extension of the republican idea of government so as to take all industry under its systematizing regulation prevent the intellectually strong from exercising their mental strength, but they would do it for the benefit of the whole and not to make themselves financial kings

Our whole social system today is vulgar because based on the possession of dollars-extrinsic things, instead of intrinsic worth

awakened intelligence world sees these things, and every where the idea of Brotherhood is work ing through the world as opposed to Selfishness. These are the two warring forces, and the world today is stage coach, then with the advent of steam it was carried by railroad and steamboat. When messages began to be sent by electricity the government.

That from the tolling bendsman's utter many banners. We see the magic der many banners. We see the magic of that word uniting the atheist, So-cialist and the believing Christian, sinking their differences of opinion and belief in the one central point of agreement—Brotherhood.

We who have the idea of the Cooperative Commonwealth colony heart are the architects of the grand edifices which the grand armies of Brotherhood desire to occupy. While they are longing to see the realization of the noble dreams of poets, sages and philosophers, we are massing our ma-terials, enrolling our workers, divid-ing them into corps and laying our plans, so when the word comes from our leader we shall be ready to swing like a military force, corps after corps, on to the field of action at the magic sound of the word "Forward!"

The coming cycle of time promises Let us do all we can to make our lo and part in them heroic.

"Be not like dumb, driven cattle Be a hero in the strife."

THE RIGHT MEN.

In looking over a copy of the Demo-crat, I notice the determination to ad-mit none but picked men to the colony at the start. I wish to say that that

COLONIZATION DEPARTMENT CYRUS FIELD WILLARD, EDITOR COLONIZATION COMMISSION — COL. RICHARD J. HINTON, Chai W. P. BORLAND, Treasurer. Cyrus Field Willard, Secretary.

Then, let each member when called to the colony go there with the deter-mination to firmly establish the begin-ning of the new life, and by so doing contribute to its success. Given a colony of such people failure is well nigh impossible, and for such a one I would .25 impossible, and for such a one I would 2.75 be willing to surrender the most profitable position under the present sys tem.

W. TAYLOR.

ONE VIEW OF THE QUESTION.

Mr. Editor: Strictly speaking, I am ot a member enrolled as such of the Social Democracy, but am a reader of the Democrat and an advocate of its principles; also am a reader of many other socialist publications, have contributed monthly dues to B. C. C., and for many years worked to the extent of my means and ability to scatter so-cialistic literature among the people, of the individual farm.

This shows how they misunderstand the Socialist program.

Its principles as a rule of life and practice for people to adopt.

If the concern of my life, especially

The land is to be owned collectively during the last dozen years or more, and worked co-operatively. The farmer instead of leading an isolated life shall the manufacture and sale of inlive in the city and go out to his work by trolley car or by his own automobile carriage.

The land will be worked according to the most scientific methods, utilizing labor in abundance. There is abundance. There is a comparative according to the most scientific methods, utilizing labor in abundance. There is a comparative according to the most scientific methods, utilizing labor in abundance. There is a comparative according to the most scientific methods, utilizing labor in abundance. There is a comparative commonwealth?"

I would be pleased to make the following modest suggestions: I trust and little along the line of march and army of a hot time. If it be possible to help the people a little along the line of march and provide for them after they reach their destination, and it be desirable to the most scientific methods, utilizing labor in abundance. There is a serious obstacle to a higher civilization and a grander manhood.

It is not to be expected that all those

who join the co-operative associations will look upon this matter as I do, and that at least some may have a natural or acquired taste for liquor, but they should be willing to foreg this privilege or deny themselves this right for the sake and welfare of pos-terity and setting an example to the world as never before, and never can or will, be done under the present ex-

isting order of things. E. P. HASSINGAR. Brodhead, Wis.

KIND WORDS.

Mr. Editor: I am truly glad to find you opposed to proscription of any kind, for so, indeed, am I, though I may not have made this clear to you in my letter. My only desire is that there be harmony in the colony, since without this there can be no success. and I know too well what a part "the-ology," not religion, plays in producing inharmony in every direction. I guess you have solved the problem. Minis-ters and priests who are willing to join the colony and do their share of productive labor will be men who will have something to say that is worth hearing. They will be "preachers" like Herbert N. Casson, of Lynn Labor Church. I see there is no need of suggestions from friends to the coloniza tion commission, as you are showing yourselves to be fully equal to the "occasion." I have been watching you words in the Social Democrat right along, and am convinced you know what you are about, and that in spite of the predictions of our friends, the S. L. P.'s, you will make a success of the colony. With enough land, unen-cumbered, and sufficiently diversified industries, and harmony within the operation.

'household," success is sure in a state like Washington. The Labor Exchange es are scattered all over the Inited States, dependent upon corpo ation and trust for transportation of their goods, not close enough together to make the exchanges within themselves, therefore, are failing and ideas which are, perhaps, new to him. Hence, it requires a person who is so imbued with the desire for a more perfect state of society as to be not only willing, but anxious, to make it a success by all means in his power.

Then let each member when called where, and will continue to fail until they can establish colonies large pose you are up to your ears—so to speak—in work, and know not what to do first, there are so many important things to be done. I would like to see a branch or union started here, but on account of the failure of the Labor Exchange, of which I was secretaary, I do not feel it would be best rettary, I do not feel it would be best for me, or for any one of the Labor Exchangers (officers) to lead in the matter. I would like to learn of the others here who are interested, and then go and see them quietly, and do what I can towards spurring some one on to take the initiatory steps neces-sary to organization. We could see sary to organization. We could, as an organization, help a little, while indi-vidually we can do so little that it is not worth sending.
LOUISE M. WASHEIM.

San Jose, Cal.

HOW TEXAS FEELS.

The encouragement held out in the last two issues of the Social Democrat convinces us that we are soon to begin active motion in colony matters, and

fills us chock full of enthusiasm. Last Sunday our branch had for dis-cussion, "Shall Dallas send an army of

to the most scientific methods, utilized in all directions.

The result will be abundance of food produced in the easiest manner and without the heak-invarious, in the heak-invarious in the case of the solutions.

The result will be abundance of food produced in the easiest manner and without the heak-invarious, in the control of the about two months of starting. at a long distance would require four to six months, Such a movement should be organized, systematized and directed from headquarters by our brain. Our branch will soon

for the \$20 assessment for colony, as we'll pay it. M. T. BRUEL. Dallas, Tex.

NEWS FROM "EQUALITY."

Com. Pelton is at Seattle to pay up

adjoining. Printing outfit will be shipped to us about Jan. 1. Colony got 8-ton sloop for Christmas present. Population, 30

men, 11 Women, 33 kids. Best of feeling for Social Democrat

Mr. Editor: My view briefly stated as to intoxicants is, that all restric-tions be eliminated from the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. and let it be handled the same a vinegar, or other common merchandis is now handled.

C. H. HELMS.

INSURANCE.

Mr. Editor:-I hope the endowmen insurance suggestion can be worked out. I have some facts and figures at command that may be of interest. is to be hoped that this feature can be adapted to Socialistic lin

FRANK P. BLAKE, M. D.

Branch 3, of Richmond, Ind., has ten members who have decided that their branch shall be included in the honor list of "One of a Thousand."
This is an idea that might be taken up by other branches to good advan-tage. This is a lively branch, thor-oughly awake to the benefits of co-

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Comrade R. W. Harrison of the Selma, Ala., branch is an earnest Socialist and is doing some magnificent work for the cause in his city.

As a result of the Knoxville meeting a strong branch with 30 charter mem-bers was organized and much interest was awakened among friends of the

Hartford, Conn., comes to the front with another strong branch of 34 charter members. The Hartford comrades are doing good work; their city will soon be solidly organized.

Illinois Branch, No. 24, meets on the third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. Comrades should note change, Notice was received too late for insertion in meeting notices this week.

The meeting of Branch 9 on the night rade Stedman's speech was much appreciated and received with great fa-

Comrade Hogan is again at work in his usual vigorous fashion. He recent-ly organized a new branch with 17 held a fine meeting in Weber's Hall, charter members at Ogden, Utah, and has other branches in process of for-

The work of Comrade Debs in the south has produced magnificent re- ent. sults. At Selma and Montgomery, Ala.,

Comrade J. I. Davidson of Georgia Branch, No. 2, Macon, captured recent-ly, a twelve-foot alligator, weight 800 pounds. Our comrade informs us that this is only a lizard compared to the huge capitalistic alligator which the Social Democracy of Georgia has in sight and proposes to round up.

The Selma, Aia., Times devoted large part of its space in its issue of the 18th inst, to advertisements of the Social Democracy meeting, and also

the Social Democracy meetings. The southern press is fast waking up to the fact that the Social Democracy is a growing force, and will shortly exert considerable influence on the politics of the country.

Comrade Frederick G. Strickland has completed arrangements for the organization of another Chicago branch. A meeting for that purpose will be held at 1702 West Ohio street on Friday evening, the 28th inst. A large number have signified their intention of joining the new branch, and an inter-esting meeting is expected.

Illinois Branch, No. 21, will hold a public meeting and entertainment at Social Turner Hall, corner Belmont avenue and Paulina street, on Sunday Jan. 30, at 6:30 p. m. Comrades Gold-zier and Winnen will speak, and the audience will be well entertained. Turn out in force and make the meet-

The musical entertainment held by The musical entertainment held by Branch No. 10 on Wednesday evening, the 26th inst., was well attended, a large number of ladies being a feature of the audience. The meeting was a success in every way, and everybody went home feeling happy and voting thanks to the comrades of Branch 10 for the splendid manner in which they had been entertained. had been entertained.

The meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 19th was held under the auspices of the Central Labor Union, and was a success in all particulars. The large court house, where the meeting was held, was crowded to the doors. Comrade Debs was introduced by W. S. Griscom, the well-known printer of Chattanooga, who made a very happy

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT Speech. Comrade Debs held the vast audience for two hours and was frequently applauded. As a result of this meeting a strong branch was organ ized, and the work in Chattanooga will

> Comrade Pierce of St. Paul, Minn has adopted a good plan in circulating copies of Merrie England. In each book he pastes a notice which reads: "Please return to E. M. Pierce, Box 456 St. Paul. If after reading you desire to keep the book or pass it to a friend, please return 5 cents instead. plan works well and might be followed

ing meetings nightly in various parts of the city. Comrade Ingalis has been speaking in Milwaukee during the past week, and he will be followed by other comrades from Chicago, who will each devote a week to the work until the his capture was not desired. He was

Comrade F G R Gordon is doing good work for the Social Democracy in the east. He spoke to a large audience If Worden's execution takes place, it in Damon Hall, Amesbury, Mass., on the 18th inst. His speech was very favorably noticed and quoted from in the Amesbury News and Newburyport News of the 19th, and created a very November, 1887, and in behalf of Social than formerly for people who go to favorable impression. A branch with Democracy we protest against it with church not to notice any strangers who favorable impression. A branch with 17 charter members was organized in Amesbury as a result of this meeting. and there are more to follow.

Tonight, Thursday, Jan. 27, Director Burns and Secretary Stedman of the Cook County Central Club, take part in a debate at the regular monthly gallows. His element alone can save meeting of the Irish-American Lyceum, America Hall, 77 Thirty-first street. The subject of the debate is, Resolved, "That the adoption of Socialism would be advantageous to the people of our country." Comrades Burns and Sted-man take the affirmative side of the

A correspondent of the National Sin-Taxer calls attention to the remarkably low price at which we are furnishing Merrie England, and urges his party to get up similar cheap edi-tions of standard single tax works to circulate in competition with it. He wants a single tax work "replying in detail to some of the grotesquely childish arguments contained in such So cialist works as 'Merrie England,'
'Equality,' etc."

He ought to have it, by all means.

Another Single Taxer, writing to the

national organ from the state of Wash-ington, says: "We would like very much to be able to reach the radicals out here who are all warm sym-pathizers of the single tax, but do no comprehend it. I refer especially to the semi-Socialists, Knights of Labor, Middle-of-the-road Populists, unionists and other thinkers. of the 24th was a grand success. A don't capture them soon the Debs Solarge audience was present and Comcial Democracy will bag them." cial Democracy will bag them."

The Evansville comrades are working hard to increase their membership and hope soon to have all the Socialists in their city enrolled under the west, and is stirring things up in banner of Social Democracy. On Wedcorner of Franklin street and Fourth avenue. The meeting was arranged by Comrade Hallenberger, the efficient or-ganizer of Evansville branch, and all members and their friends were pres-

sults. At Selma and Montgomery, Ala., the comrades are especially earnest and active in the work, and a gratifying increase of membership is due to their painstaking efforts in following by those in attendance and much good by those in attendance and much good by those in attendance and much good will result to Branch 4 as a conse

> which might be profitably followed by other branches to attract attention to its meetings. A large rubber stamp has been procured, reading:

> THINK OR STARVE!
> Workingmen and Small Business Men
> Attend Meetings of the SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

sch No. 10—Every Wednesday 8 p. m., 221 N. Clark, Street. This notice is stamped prominently Social Democracy meeting, and also not all literature distributed, notably on all literature distributed, notably in its editorial columns. The Times is a live paper, and we thank it for its good words.

The Macon, Ga., News and Atlanta Constitution gave splendid reports of the Social Democracy meetings. The sponding good results.

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NOTICE.

The undersigned is endeavoring to on the right of all mankind to the surface of the earth and its natural you will find a fine-looking man. But resources, The familiar passages which have gone the rounds of the press he.

"The day of socialism is coming. It

to copy this notice.

ACT PROMPTLY!

The following dispatch which wen the rounds of the press one day las week tells the story of one of the most damnable conspiracies ever con

Saiter D. Worden, convicted of wrecking a train near Sacramento in the great and the second of 18%, by the sec

Worden is the hapless victim of hellish plot, concocted and engineered by detectives in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railway, and his execution will be a crime against human-

ity. "His accomplice has never been working under orders from corporate robbers whom it is not desired to will be a crime equalling in fiendish atrocity the judicial murder which took place in Chicago on the 11th of call upon labor and reform journals all over the land to take the matter up over the land to take the matter up and bring all possible pressure to bear fathers have a job. It is one of the on Governor Budd of California to ingallows. His clemency alone can save the victim of corporate greed from a horrible death. The time is shortlet all friends of justice act promptly.

Editor Social Democrat: I wish to nake the correction that it is not myself that is a lecturer, but Col. P. H. McKernan and Rev. Brown, who have consented to answer all 'calls for lec-tures on socialistic lines in this and adjoining states, and requested that all communications be addressed to me

J. B. FOWLER. Seattle, Wash.

ADDRESS WANTED.

We want to know the present address of Comrade M. N. Ernst, former-ly of Two Harbors, Minn. Any reader of this paper who knows the same will confer a favor by sending the informa-

DEBS DESCRIBES CONDITIONS.

Interesting Extract From One of His Speeches at Atlanta, Ga.

"I wish I had the power to express all I feel on this question. I wish that I could transport this audience to the Bowery of New York, to Mott street and to other thoroughfares leading up to the great cesspool of humanity, where thousands and thousands of little children are huddled together on the streets.

"The capitalists do not care for the condition of these people. The capi-talists are the beneficiaries of these poor victims of the social system. But even the capitalists are afraid to some extent. They fear lest their children fall into this hell of hells. They are striving and piling up millions and millions to guard against such an emergency. They are insuring their lives for fabulous sums in order that

men of the present day, for none of us, no matter how rich we may be, know at what day or hour our riches will be swept away and we and our families will be left in poverty

"The present social system is hurt-ing man physically as well as other-wise. Do you know that nearly 500,-000 infants die annually in this coun try, and almost all of these die for want of proper food and fresh air? How many well-formed men and for 2 m women do you see on the streets of a great city? Not many. Go out on the

for specimens of manhood. First you see the capitalist stooped with worry and too much brain work; then the laborer, overworked in every fiber. Here is the fellow that is not worked The undersigned is endeavoring to enough. One is overworked, the other collect quotations from standard authors of all ages and nations bearing rying to his work. He is nervous and

have gone the rounds of the press he already has, but he would be much obliged to any one of the readers of this notice if they could direct him to any new-found citations of the kind.

E. H. CROSBY.

Rhinebeck, N. Y., U. S. A.

Other reform journals are requested.

The many of socialism is coming. It is coming as surely as the sun of God will rise tomorrow morning. It is oming despite the fact that ministers who favor it are being socially ostracised and despite the war that is being waged on it by a capitalistic press. E. H. CROSBY.
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have but to stand aside and prepare ourselves to take hold when the proper

time arrives.

"One way to do this is to read books bearing on the subject. Books that will make you think. To begin with, I know of no better volume than 'Merry England,' which sells for 6 cents. It is a book that will do you a world of good, and you will never miss

"Books are better than beer.

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I have tried both. cialism, when it comes, will be the greatest revolution in the history of the world. It will emancipate the capitalist as well as the poor man.

SOME FASHION NOTES. (From the "Rochester Socialist.") Labor strikes in this country are go-

ing out of fashion. They had some trouble with the militia! It is now very stylish for the money

sharks to foreclose the mortgages on Free lunches are very fashionable.

Workingmen can live so much cheape that way and don't kick for pay enough to get a square meal. The most fashionable kind of a meal

for a great many people now-a-days in this land of plenty is-oatmeal-and they are mighty glad to get that. It is now much more fashionable

look as if they did something hones for a living.

It is now very fashionable for school

know! It is getting more and more fashion-able for people who want better social

conditions to vote the Socialist Labor Party ticket. People who are back numbers still vote for the old back number parties. It is getting quite fashionable to dis-franchise citizens who can't read and

write, and who do not own property Pretty soon we will have to own a rail-road and be able to talk the dead languages before we can vote. Look out It is quite fashionable for rich peo-ple's horses and dogs to be much better

fed and cared for than their employes But then, horses and dogs cost money employes can be replaced for nothing. Glorious system, isn't it!

It is now quite stylish for the old po-litical party newspapers to cut down their price and increase their size. We knew it would become necessary to flood the country with a lot more nonsense as soon as the people began to see the common sense of scientific so

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