Appeal to Reason

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Editor Appeal to Reason

Please explain the word "Equal" as used Socialists. Some here claim that it ans if one man has \$180 he must divide it with those who have not. ention my name as I would likely lose my dtion and they are not plenty these days.

None but a fool could assume that en are equal mentally, physcally or verdupoisally. Socialists mean that ch citizen must have the same right o employment and receive for the e the full equivalent of what his bor and brain produce. The dividg process is in operation now-and few get the greater share of all that produced while not helping to pro-When men have the same ights in industry, before the law, and in the purchase or exchange of wealth, they will have all the equality that is possible to conceive.

Pneumatic saws have been intro fuced into the forests of Oregon, and the saving in time is wonderful, says an Oregon paper. The machine does the work in five minutes that formerly required one hour. The loggers are being let out. The machine has their jobs because they wouldn't think. Under Socialism that machine would decrease the hours of labor without decrease of pay. Under capitalism it throws men out of employment with no pay. But the chumps vote for the old party tickets and get just what they deserve. Ignorance is always punished.

The mill men of Indiana Harbo said they wouln't-but they did. They bowed in meek submission to a cut in wages of 12%. It was probably the best and only thing they could do, and it will be best to submit to any further reduction that their masters may impose, for they have voted the political powers into the hands of the masters' old parties and will get shot if they kick against injustice. Men who are so ignorant that they will continue to vote as their masters vote, are fit only for slaves.

The Chicago Street Car Company has ordered its employees to leave union buttons when on duty! They have the same right to do this that they have to demand of the men to attend a certain church or vote a certain ticket. They vote the ticket all right. FREE labor! Gosh! how proud labor should be of such freedom! And there is enough Union nen in Chicago to elect every officer on their ballot-and their votes do elect every official-for the masters.

Perry Heath, who is in the toils of he postoffice boodling, is a member of the National Republican Commit-Why not? Isn't the committee reated and operated for the purpose deceiving the people and getting hem to elect the fellows who are oddling all the time, in every deartment? Government as we have it an organization or machine for kinning the working class. It is fitting that the National Committees could be composed of such men as

It is claimed that the government eports on the shortage of the cotton rop, that resulted in a rise in prices, vas given out by the government officials to favored stock gamblers—and they made a fortune. Why not? Isn't government by gamblers? Don't the whole machine rest on the gambling principle? Laws are made to catch the little gamblers and to let the big one free and give them honor.

Mitchell has gone to Colorado where the coal miners are facing bullets, bull pens, injunctions and starvation because they have asked for a little more of their products and the militia, bulls pens and injunctions are the direct result of the working class voting the old party tickets largely ecause Mitchell, Gompers, Parry Co., have kept them from voting for Socialism and voting FOR capitalism.

The extra session of congress cost lot of money. What did it do: Not a blamed thing. Yes, it did too. It greased the political machine by the proper use of drawing milage when the corrupt members had railroad passes in their pockets. That's rob the public on the mail contracts.

The Socialists of New York have d \$13,000 toward establishing a ally Globe, and have \$6,000 more contributions. The paper is utions to Daily Globe, Layosum, 64 E. 4th st., New York

hell for the cut in w et the country?

The following from the Crowley, La. Signal shows how the respect-Please don't ables down there propose to have servants out of the wives of the black workers, even if the bread winners provide them with support so they do not need to go into domestic service. This is a great, free country. It is a crime for a poor woman to keep house

> There is a general clamor being made by the housewives of Crowley over the difficulty they are experiencing in obtaining any kind of domestic help, such as cooks of indolent and lazy negro women who refuse to be bired at any WORKING AS HARVEST HANDS. The question is beginning to assume a serious phase, as the complaint grows more gendy. The officers from now on are going to found roaming the streets who is not emeavy fines on the charge of vagrancy will some effect in remedying this state

bor asked Speaker Cannon to appoint one of the labor members from San Francisco on the Labor Committee of the House. He was promptly kicked out of the presence of the Great Czar who is in position to serve only the corporations. Great Scott! Will labor never learn that the government is run for the rich? That the rich do not put millions in corruption campaign funds for fun? Labor! Why Gompers and Mitchell don't want labor to have any power-they want labor to vote for the Cannon's party who kicks out a labor representative if he suggests that labor should be represented in the law making body. Gompers and Mitchell represent the

At Pueblo, Colo., the Steel Trust's plant has closed down and six thousand men are thrown out of employment. The masters of the slaves in the iron industry took this action against their serfs to help the other masters in the mines beat their slaves back to their tasks. Under Socialism the workers in an industry would have the voice to say when such works would close or run-but then the workers prefer to have a master dictate to them and be forced to go idle and starve. The vote in Colorado shows that the working class like to be locked out and kicked. Hurran for the masters who have such stupid slaves that they vote for their degredation. They have a cinch.

The Labor Organizations are getting peppered in every section of the land Attachments against their funds, attachments on their personal property, attachments on their bodies. troops arresting and jailing them without warrant-all these things the working class are receiving as the reward for electing republicans and democrats. They are getting just what they voted for-and it will sometime dawn on their political blindness that it were better to have Socialists in office and use the offices against the masters than the slaves It would seem that the workers have the knife put into them often enough to learn the lesson-but the last election showed them as stupid as ever.

A dispatch from Kansas City says that the bankers in the west are much concerned because the packers Lave reduced the price of cattle to a point hat threatens to wipe out the loans the hanks have made with cattlemen. Good. With meat high and stock low if the fools who produce stock can't see anything, they ought to go bankrupt. Most of them would rather vote the old party tickets, as a mohammedan hugs his creed, and go to the poor house with his whole family, than to vote for Socialism and have plenty for himself, his family and his neighbors. Hurrah for the Packing Com-The men who run it know enough to think and vote for their

Between you and I the employing class are up against the real social problem, though many of them do not know it. If they disrupt the Labor Organizations, which they can by united action, they will compel the working class to go into the Socialist political movement; if they do not destroy the Unions the unions will go into the Socialist movement anyhow but not so rapidly. Either way they act will help Socialism carry country and take over all the industries and have the workers operate them under their own rules. This is inevitable, no matter what is done.

Carnegie says that poverty is a dustry in keeping the miners and steel workers poor he wanted to confer them a blessing! How wonderful are

importance and manifold blessings of education, but because, in our opinion, if the public school system were confined to its FOR THEIR EDUCATION-the present THE CROWDED TO THEIR OCCUPANCY AND USE BY HILDREN OF PARENTS WHO ARE EN-UCATION as well as by hundreds of chilwhich pour into the city by the trainload every morning.

Hambleton & Co., weekly financial letter, issued by their banking house in Baltimore. You see that the bankers know their business. In order to cut down the school tax they want to make the schools only for PAUPERS. knowing well that citizens who had any respect for themselves would not use such schools. Being rich, the bankers could send their children to school, while the poor would not send make life easy for the drones. their children to pauper schools, hence would remain ignorant and be much better for servants for the bankers' Besides, the banker is children. more likely a Catholic, and thus opposed to public schools on principle. See how cunningly the thing is putthat those able to pay for their children's education should not use the tholic city and has no use for public up in bigotry and superstition so that the well-fed, well-groomed idlers may continue their useless existence PUBLIC schools are the only schools that should be permitted.

Under a Socialist system, in the pres imperfect condition of society, what n fact any other public employe have that some real or fancled pretext by his over-

of the country is run by the public, will there be any overseers to superintend the How will the soft jobs and hard fobs

3. How will the farms of the country Who will be the judge of the physica physically disabled laborer be supported h Smith, Jacksonport, Wis

1. The only overseer will be the foreman or manager who will be selected by the men in the department. He will have no interest in degrading an individual, who will also have the right of appeal to his fellows. It is hardly reasonable to think that the workers in a department would by majority vote injure a fellow worker. It is done today because the overseer is appointed by the boss and desires to curry favor with him, or can make something by giving the place to another workman.

2. Yes, there will be such neces foremen and managers as will ar-The workmen in each department will make the rules governing the assignment of places. They alone have the knowledge and interest in the matter to do justice.

3. The department of agriculture will operate the farm work. workers in each department or subdivision of departments will elect the superintendents, and will have the ower to remove any at any time

4. The workers will be the judge of ability, governed by rules of their own making. They can be depended on to support their unfortunate fellows. Capitalism does not support the disabled.

officals are shown to be, are not in it one could not produce more than the with private taxes. The public taxes in this country do not amount to more than \$150 per family, while the private taxes, on sugar, oil, coal and other necessities, amounts to more than a \$1,000 per family. But the heads of families are too ignorant to ter? know this. And the skinners have a

Debs had one of the greatest audiences in Chicago the other day that ever assembled in that storm center to hear any speaker. The great sea of faces swayed like the ocean billows to his well pointed hits and the roof echoed with applause from the thousands as he told of the near time when Socialism would sweep the

Alderdice, a New York lawyer, has been arrested for forging deeds, and it turns out that he is likely a murderer. All this is done under the stimulus for private gain-getting something for othing. Yes, this is a very, very practical system! To want to charge it is high treason.

Wonder if the Roman boodlers in Milwankee will be denounced by the cleri-cals—or have they only time for the SoRREEDING SERVANTS.

Kansas is a great state. No doubt of that. She is, however, one of the appurtenances of the plutocracy of the nation. She is now to be made one of the slave educators. The State Board of Education has just decided to introduce in the comon schools a course to fit the children for SER-VANTS! Listen to this from a dispatch from Topeka:

It is a sixty-four weeks' course of five hours a week, and it is expected that do mestics who are graduated from this department will be as thoroughly efficient as the most competent servants in the country.

Wouldn't that jar you? Bring your brats to Kansas and have them trained for servants to please the rich. Train them for free and independent citi-Not on your life. What th. country needs is flunkies in the house to care for my lady and servants to groom the master. And Kansas is to be made the breeding ground for such Hurrah for republican Kansas! We will raise our brats to

GOLD MINING UNDER SOCIALISM.

If I find a gold mine I think I am entitled to the output after paying \$3.50 a day object would then be to prospect year after year to develop untry? If not, would not the mining the past? D. W. M., Silver City, Idaho.

Lets see. Why do you put the \$3.50 as the exact sum that would entitle you to the products of the mine? Why not \$2 or even \$1 a day? And why not \$5 or \$10 a day? By what exact calculus do you arrive at that particular figure? When you have solved that problem of your own raising wouldn't it be well to consider whether you have prospected year after year to "develop the country" or to get reh yourself? Had you been rich would you have spent the hard years of life as you have? What would you care about the "development of the country?" Under Socialism if so clety needs gold (it would not need any for money) it will direct the department of mining to find and mine it. just as it will direct the agricultural department to raise wheat and mill it because the people want bread.

Under such conditions there would be mining, just as there would be agriculty or fruit growing or mechanics -be auso the people would need something and would take the easiest method of getting that something. Besides, you would not need to pros pect year after year, suffering hardships. Society can afford to follow its workers with every advantage of civilization. Society would provide each worker with all the good things of life, hence there would be no desire on the part of any to enslave one's fellows for the purpose of get these good things. They can be had without any enslavement. There ntold millions of days' labor ted in the mining industry, that properly organized society could save. se days put into productive labor in more useful fields would enrich the earth a good deal that is now lost

What can justify you in calling the rank and file of Americans "White Slaves."-E. Cannon, Halstead, Minn.

Because slavery was a system that gave the master a profit off his chattels, otherwise he would not have then was the incentive to slavery, no matter its form. The master wanted to own slaves, white or black, that he might enjoy their surplus labor-that part of their products not necessary to keep them in working order. And isn't that just the case today? Would Public taxes, corrupt as the public any employer hire any one if such a wage paid him? Isn't the object of hiring a man by the day, week or month just the same as the object of the master in owning slaves? There is a difference in the FORM but not in the effect on the slave or the mas-

> ndency is the chief cause of suicid and business losses are more potent fac-tors in driving individuals to the commis-sion of the rash deed than III health, insany, disappointment in love or strong drink. Prof Baily of Yale College in Medical

Under Socialism there will be no business losses. Industry will be carried on by the public, for the public, and there will be no cutting of each other's throats in a business way, no adulteration, short weighing, credits, deception or strife. But a system that produces more failures is the only thing that will keep the race up to its high level-of murder.

government reports more noney in circulation now than at any time during the nation's history. Wonder where it all is? Why the financial distress for money? Why was times good a few years ago with ey? What has money got to do with the matter, anyhow?

"Socialism attacks the family and human basis of society. Socialists are the apostles of free love."—Bishop Matz.

Socialism would protect the family.

The masses have little more of the fam-

ily than the chattel slaves. The chil dren of the poor are forced to go into the factories and wear their lives away when they should be in public schools, being taught to become good and useful and intelligent citizens. The parents are driven by poverty to drudge through life that a few may revel in luxury. Mothers have to leave the family and go out into servitude. What is such a home? Great, isn't it? Who are the apostles of free lust? Look at the cities with their tens of thousands of faller Vhy don't the Roman priests marry and support a family, if they are so in love with the family relations? The history of these fellows is a long list of free lust incidents. The howl is made simply to cover up their own lives and keep their dupes in blissful ignorance. I can see no difference between such who live in luxury made by others and the capitalists who live in luxury made by the working class. Where their rule is the strongest there ignorance and poverty is the greatest. Go where you will and this is true. The cry of free love to frighten the ignorant so they will be afraid to demand their right to their products has won for a long time, but its day is coming to a close, hence the fright of those who have been enjoying the fat of the land-"lust and all," for lo, these many centuries.

The subservient tools of the rich are giving Prof. Small, of the Rockefeller college, Chicago, merry hades for telling his class in Sociology something about the false claims of capital being morally entitled to any returns for itself. If there is anything the rich do not went it is an honest college professor. But the rich will find it just as impossible o deceive the students about the robbery system that prevails here as they do in Russia. The rich would like to Russianize this country, but they will not fully succeed, though they have nade considerable progress in that direcion. The other college professors think that by condemning Small they will get ome of the blood money from the sich to support their institutions, or will get places in the blood college in Chicago which has been given so many human lives and misery by the Standard Oil company, to miseducate the people. Every student in the Chicago University knows just what Small said was true before he said it. Great is the American dollar-but it don't deceive every one or blind all.

"Socialism denies the right of private roperty."-Bishop Matz

Socialism does not deny the right of private property, but does deny the right of private capital, by which the ew exploit the many. The Roman church denies the right of private property, for its property is held communally and some of its members (nuns) are denied even the right to hold anyhing-not even a trinket. If commun ism is good for the church why not for he world? Is, it because the church property is for the use and benefit of the elergy, much as the government today is for the benefit of the office holders? erty. They have been skinned out of it the system of industry and the lack of fidelity of the teachers of the people chief of whom are the clericals. Corpo rations are fast destroying the possibility of the masses ever having any private property. To have all capital in common would be to give all the people plenty of capital to use and produce the things needed for their own benefit. It would be maintaining the rights of property for the many, who are now disinherited.

What is meant by initiative and refer-H. B. Chapman, Battle Creek,

By Initiative is meant the right of the people, as petitioners, to initiate or start a law, independent of the legislative bodies. For instance if ten per cent of the voters were to frame a law and petition that it be submitted to the approval of the voters, such submission would be mandatory with the officers having in charge such work. The referring of the matter to the voters is the Referendum.

One or two murders daily because of industrial trouble is the record of the very practical working of the system in ago. Socialism, under which the workers would operate the industries. would be impractical, don't you know?

Gov. Hunt, of Porto Rico, has pardo ed Priest Villahoz for violating the civil marriage law. A poor devil who violates the law does not get pardoned. He goes up. But the rich and their clerical backPOINT WITH PRIDE.

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FOR THE OWNERSHIP OF EARTH AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF BY ALL THE PEO-

> The republicrats should point with pride to the record of their chosen representatives in St. Louis, Milwaukee, Grand Rapids, Jefferson City and of the hundreds of other places where their patriotism has resulted in boodling and robbery such as the nation has never known before. Yes, point with pride to the achievements of the old parties and vote to have these glorious conditions

The della cion returns from Massachuthe municipal elections show sett y ne Socialists made gains except ie cities where the Roman priests

K an active hand in politics to supwomen, who are kept up by the men was ort the rich men's tickets. In the oppose Socialism. Look at the clericals. | cities the Socialist vote fell off to the extent that they could control their church members. In the more rural districts the Socialist vote increased. Bishop Quigley said that "No Catholic could be a Socialist," and he knows what he is talking about. Socialists do their own thinking, hence cannot be dictated to by Roman priests. There is no us trying to rely on those whose votes can be used by the Roman politicians, who object is the Romanizing of this and all other countries. As the pope said the other day to an You cannot separate politics and religion." The corruption of the cities, where the Roman priests their great influen have evidence enough that we must educate the people to the real meaning of the position of the priests.

> The "eastern supporters" of Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, have notified the faculty of that institution that unless it suppresses the Socialist club organized by some of the leading students of that institution, the said supporters will not contribute anythin more to the support of the college. S says a dispatch. Ther you are. students investigate, the college must be starved. That is just exactly the condition in Russia. To hades with these "supporters." Schools should never be kept up by the alms of the rich-as so much sop thrown to beggars. What student with any self respect would be the recipient of alms or attend a school that is kept up by a lot of grafters and public enemies, which every one of these supporters of alleged places of learning Say, you students, sin't you asham ed to be beggars? Great is Kansas, but she is too poor to sustain schools without being helped by the alms of the skinners. I would rather live on corn bread than be a charity object of such.

A meeting of the cotton mill owners of the nation has called for the purpose of arrangto curtail the production goods. The capitalist system is nearly its end, for when it cannot sell the goo it can make it must shut down production; this throws people out of en ployment; these people can buy no goo now they have no wages, and will cause a less demand for goods which will cause more machinery to stop and leave mere people out of work. And thus it ontinue until the end. The capitalists are up against the unemployed proble and it means their destruction-for millions of people will not starve in sil that a few may rule the industries. It hurts republicans and democrats and Catholics as much to starve as it

John Turner is a British workingman who has spent his manhood years in organizing British workmen against the tyranny of English masters. He came o this country to organize store clerks unions. The capitalists scented the danger and have ordered him deported be cause he holds the views of Tolstoy. That is what the anti-anarchist act was passed for, and has the support of Gompers and Mitchell, who vote for the men who passed it. Tolstoy could not visit this country. Under this infamous act 1 would be deported-not allow to land. Great is freedom in Rockefel

A Buffalo preacher got-up an endless chain scheme to get money to start a moral" daily paper. The scheme was illegal and was stopped by the postal de partment, but not until many thousands of dollars had been swiped from the con fiding dupes. The plan was the same adopted by the "get-rich-quick" swindles that involved the post office in such a scandal. Anything to get wealth without PRODUCING it. To what base uses the name of Christ is used to decrive.

The capitalists will put up million noney to boost labor le papers that will use their influe prevent organized labor from going into he Socialist movement. I won

The control of men is always and or through their ignorance. Hence the ers always incculate the child with fideas by which they may be control to the power and glory of the relat.

BY CHARLES L. BRECKON.

tors for the advancement of ever. In fact it has good cause to be, for wages known to civilization is it now receives less percentage in wages of due to that body of men called its products than ever before in its history. trade unionists. One continuous and constant effort has been exerted by them to get a larger share of the products of their toil to find concrete expression in their pay envelopes. The annual pay envelopes. pay envelopes. The employers have fought them at every turn and fought them hard and long, but they have resisted with such power that wages have been pushed up at the most unexpected moments and the next unexpected moments. All that it gets in the future will be due to that same power. Nothing is now left for it but to take over the tool of production and operate it in its interests. When this power that wages have been pushed up at the most unexpected moments and the funcied nice bundle of profits that the em-

ing the employing class to find some way to overcome the constant drain and fear to with any hope was to the improved tool of production, by which an ever decreasing unmber of employees would be necessary to turn out a given amount of work, or products. The machine would never go on strike and the boss would be the sole owner of it. Then, too, the tool could be so perfected that less and less skilled inwould be needed to handle it and thus

working out until today throughout the length and breadth of the land the most improved tool (under capitalism) of pro-duction is at hand. That this improved tool does not shorten the hours of labor lessen the burden laid upon labor goe without saying. That it does lessen the amount of human energy necessary to per form a given task also goes without say-

What does all this argue? That the trades union movement has been the direct cause of the development of the improved tool of production. That this tool is now practically perfect—as far as it can be under the wastes of capitalism—that the room for large savings is now narrow. The greed of capital and labor is leading Capitaliam has not much more latitude in into the promised land the hours of the huwhich to recoup and to save itself. Its best

T will hardly be denied by any economy is a most terrific waste. Labor one that one of the greatest factoris just as insistent on its demands now as

new name. saving tool. It will then be called a labor.
It will be rightfully so named. ployer had expected to count is not at hand.

This has always had the effect of forcing the employing class to find some way can be eliminated. When labor owns this overcome the constant drain and fear 4' tool and legislates and controls the dis-loss of profits. The only place to turn tribution of its products, then for the first time in its history will labor begin to have REAL LEISURE. Its hours of labor will be reduced and its supply of the necessities of life will be increased. THEN WILL LA-BOR HAVE TIME TO THINK. When labor has leisure from unremitting toil, thus time to think, then will manhood have opportunity to reach normal development.

Labor is unconsciously building for the employer to draw from for his supply of the world's work. The fight for bread the union man lays the way for the id time—the time of leisure. the union man lays the way for the ideal

me—the time of leisure.
Unionism little realizes its sublime mission. Through selfish greed the way to plenty shall be found.

The selfishness of capital and the selfish ness of labor for the maintenance of life is building for the day when all shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and have

time to THINK.

Let the greed of both crowd to the limit. It only brings that much pearer the hour when the workers of the world shall begin to live real lives, for no nation has any real existence whose people have not time to think.

The day of leisure-time for meditation and mental gymnastics—is drawing near.
The greed of capital and labor is leadi

THE WASTE UNDER CAPITALISM.

The literature of Socialism teems with indictments against capitalism. There is one indictment on which all Socialist seem to fully agree—that is, the waste—needless So unanimous is the opinion on this score that many fall to appreciate the merit of the charge and the enormity of the crime thus perpetrated by capitalism. If this fact be true of the Socialists how much more is it true of the great army of the workers who so lightly view these matters and whose knowledge of economices is superficial at best. A rough calculation shows that the waste of capitalism is costing each family in the United States at least \$500 a year. Coupled with this is the cost of the protection of our industries so-called and our oil bill to Rockefeller and there is easily a total of from \$600 to \$550 per year to each family in the United States as the price that is paid to the "best system on earth."

very small and a very unimportant part of the cost that is heaped upon society that capitalism may live and move and have its being.

Who can estimate the terrible cost who can estimate the terrible cost human lives sacrificed and the suffering estimated because of lack of proper food, cloth-

Who shall count up the cost of broken hearts and suicides' graves and the wards of the insane asylums filled with raving maniacs as one of the wastes os capi-

ARE YOU READY FOR THE CAM-

PAIGN OF 1904? The year 1904 will be a memorable

one in the history of the Social Revolution, when that great event is finally consummated and chronicled.

The Socialist party has no hopes of electing its candidates to office in the coming presidential campaign. In fact, many broad minded Socialists are not anxious to see the party capture the offices until industrial developments, under capitalism, have brought matters more to a decisive focus. The great work, be Socialism vs. Capitalism.

The only way this issue can be forced on the political hattlefield is by the vote of the Socialist party assuming such gigantic proportions that the 'tical



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Who shall tell of the sorrows that have come to mothers' hearts as they have heard for the first time the voice of a new-born habe and realized the awful horror that it must starve to death? If it shall not literally die of starvation it must be ever under fed and under educated.

Who will tell the sorrows to the world of the old man and the old woman finally fall into a pauper's grave and re member the monumental failure of their lives and the non-fulfilled ambitions of their three score and ten years?

Who shall tell us of the sorrows of the earth in the prattle of childhood that has been drowned by the hum of machinery that was grinding little bones and precious blood into profit?

Who cares how much the capitalist may throw away his money and how may be his expenditures, but who is going to pay the bill when his recklessness and reedless expenditures means the destruc tion of the body and soul of the universe?

The waste of capitalism is apalling but thrice m .. terrible is the waste of the energy of the voting kings of the world who have the power to stop this slaughter of the innocents NOW, and lack in manii ness and courage and intelligence to do action when they are the only ones can act and the only ones fitted to do the

Vote for Socialism and stop forever the wastes of capitalism.

only way: this is the scientific way; this is the just way.

tricksters will be compelled to face it. or be defeated without a fight. No one conversant with the history of the class struggle will look forward to the capture of the political powers of government by the Socialist party, without a most vigorous and bitter opposition on the part of the present ruling class. Just what form this opposition will take it is useless now to predict; sufficient to know that they-the plutocrats-will leave no stone unturned to accomplish the defeat of the social revolution.

The day may yet come in this boasted however, for the party in 1904, is to elect land of liberty when the prisons and he Issue for 1908, and that issue must bull pens will be crowded with Socialist agitators. It may yet be a crime to publish a Socialist paper or even to be found in possession of a Socialist pamphlet. It is to be hoped that our propagarda will have assumed such proportions that such measures will not be employed, not because the rulers would not like to employ them, but because the public will not stand for it.

Take any view point you wish of the coming revolution, this fact cannot be refuted; the more Socialst party members we make now the more hopes we can logically entertain for a peaceful victory.

It is for this reason that the Appeal, anxious to assist in the organization of the Socialists party, started the Drum Corps contest. We candidly believe that a set of these instruments will be a

great help to the Socialist local so fortunate as to possess the same. We know that most of the locals are not able to buy these instruments so we fixed upon a plan that would not only enable them to get a good set but also do some good work for Socialism, and prepare the soil for new members of their own organization. We are at a loss to know why so few of the many locals have taken advantage of this chance

The only reason that we can surmise is

that each member is waiting for the

"other fellow" to make the start. We want it distincly understood that any member of a Socialist Local can start this proposition and carry it through to its completion, the only requirement is that the list will be sent to us by a secretary of a local, signing himself as such. That is, you can go out, all by your lonesome, and dig up a good list of subscribers and give it to your local secretary to send to us, and if it is the right list it will get the set of instruments, which, of course, will go to the party local. We don't think this is the best way to handle the matter,

for there is no reason why each member of the local should not help, and we are sure you will find them willing to help if you will go after this matter right. Come, comrades, fall in line and get ready for the campaign of 1904. Sound the bugle and beat the long roll and quicken the heart beats for the glorious Social Revolution-and get a hustle on you so you will have the instruments to do it.

The drum corps set goes, this week to Allegheny, Pa., J. C. Sunday, secretary, for a club of 60 subscribers, 'tho' the Allegheny comrades would have secured the set if they had only sent us 5 subscribers, as they were the only ones in with a list. So you see how easy it is to get a set. Before long the campaign will begin to warm up and all the locals will want a set at the same time, and then, of course, a lot of them will get left. Why not get busy now when there is such a fine chance to win? We wait your reply.

SOCIALIST BOY'S CHRISTMAS RECITATION.

pa was reading just the other day. Along with other things, about the way They make so cheap and casy all the toys, jolly Christmas things for girls and boys.

He said they made so many at a time, We ought to get a dozen for s And for a dollar, more than you could

A crooked stick at; they're so cheap to make.

Well, when I heard that tops were cheap as chips,

While pop guns, engines, elephants and whips, And dolls for girls cost just a little more, couldn't hardly wait to reach the store, had a dollar, and I went straight in,

And chose close on a hundred things; some Some made of wood, two tops, a doll, batt. and-oh, my two arms couldn't hold them

all. I was so proud, I fished my money out, storeman counted it, then turned The

about said: "What's this? A dollar for all those?

My, I felt small! My heart sank to my toes. At first I thought he'd take out one or two,

ltut all he left was such a measly few, That I told him what my pa had read. What do you think? He only laughed

Your pa must read some very silly be Well I just gave him one long angry look sake.

If all those things is so dirt cheap to make Why do they cost so awful much to buy He didn't answer that. He didn't try. says that's how most all our money

That swells may have the finest things and

He says it isn't right, and happens 'cause Men haven't voted for good kind of laws. I guess he's right, and when I am a man I'm going to help vote in a better plan won't have to spend most all

their dollars In buying swells long coats and high white collars. —LAWSON.

A B C OF SOCIALISM.

By H. P. Moyer.

We have a large supply of these books on hand which we are going to offer at half price, 50 cents a hundred. Here are the subjects discussed : Socialism is Natural; Present System

matural. Wrong ideas of Socialism.

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BY G. H. LOCKWOOD.

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"Say, pa, is a workingman's vote as good as a capitalist's vote?"

THE REAL RULERS. Pa, swelling again. "Yes, my son, the destiny of this

reat and glorious country is in the hands

of its sovereign citizens, the men who till

the soil and mine she coal and do the work.

The horny hand of toll is the one that steers

Sp'osen it is?

to give you another reminder. Just com-with me out in the woodshed for a few

to think about for the rest of your natural

(Continued.)

THE KIND OF GOD THAT GAVE

ROCKEFELLER HIS WEALTH.

(Special to The Record-Herald.)
PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 8.—A plot by which

the standard Oil Company secured the busi-ness secrets of a competing company was revealed in court today. Harry McKinley, and his wife, employes of the Royal Oil Company, filed affidavits stating they had furnished Windfield S. Merritt, an employe

of the Standard Oil Company, a daily statement of the shipments of the Royal, for

which they were paid liberally. Manager Ells of the Royal declared the Standard company also buys information from the

PROSPEROUS AMERICA

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 8.—Forced to move his wife and several small children from his home because he could not pay his rent, Ben Fursting sought shelter in a

There is something about a Socialist

that never gives up, and when two Social-ists, like the Lockwood's, get their minds

ists, like the Lockwood's, get their minds set on some objective point it's apt to be reached, if something don't break. The old readers of the Appeal will re-member the fund raised for the purpose

of building an automobile lecture van for

these ploneer agitators, and the final abandoning of the project because Com-rade Lockwood could not find a machine

that he felt safe in ordering.

By far the larger part of this fund was

wood for the purchase of Wilshire cards; and the remainder of the fund has, also, by written request of donors, been placed

to the credit of the organization fund thus effectually disposing of every penny of the amount contributed.

Many of the Appeal readers who are

acquainted with the Lockwoods will be pleased to know that Mrs. Lockwood has

recently won the prise automobile offered by Wilshire's magazine. Mrs. Lockwood wishes, through the Ap-

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railroad employes.

minutes, I'm going to give you so

the ship of state."

Skinnum's 'sn't?"



"Well, my son "Well-er-well, candidly my son the way matters look now you'll be able to stick everything your old daddy can give you in your eye." Boy thinks a while. "Say, pa, it looks to me like the chances enough: it takes

to be a capital for the workingmen to get rich are mighty slim in this country. Why don't you move away some place where prospects are bet But, pa, bow do they get their money?" "Why, my they work hard best chance in this country of any place

and earn it." work very hard, do you pa? "Work hard work hard!! Why, kid, how you talk; I've worked as hard my life; here I am growing old

A CAPITALIST. at forty-five, worn out with hard work "But, pa, if you have worked so hard

why a'int you rich?" "Why-er, why-er, what a question, boy! do you expect me to answer such a question as that?"

"But, pa, I want to know, and you told me the other day if I wanted to know anything, to come to you and not listen to those fool Socialists who talk down on the street. corner."

"So I did, sen, and I am glad that you have obeyed me. Let's see, what was the question, why a'int I rich? Oh that's easy! It is because I did not save my money." "Well, pa, why don't you start saving

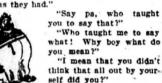
"Save money now! Why you young rascal I can scarcely buy enuogh for the family to eat, say nothing about other things we need. There's no chance of saving any-

right now?

Well, pa, why didn't you save when you had lots of money? "Why-er-well, drat it all, kid, I never did

have lots of money. We've always been as poor as Job's turkey." Boy thinks a "Were the capitalists once poor like we

Pa proudly. "Yes, my son, and the giorious privileges our Great Redomemocan Party has given to all, for while they were once poor they are now rich and every man has the same opportu-nity as they had." "Say pa, who taught



self did you?"
"Well-er-er-I believe I MAY BE GICH did hear banker Takem-SOME DAY in say something like that at one of our meetings last campaign, and it

so nice that I remembered it." But, pa, is it so? "Why, kid! OF COURSE it's so." then why don't you start in now nd get rich?"

"Well-er-why, drat it all, boy, its no use, your old daddy is too old to play that

"I a'int very old am I pa?" "Why what a question, boy, of course our not old." "Will I be rich some day, pa?"



Pa thinks a while then sighs. "I'm afraid not, my son, your pa can't give you the right kind of a chance. "Then it's a ques-tion of chance is it, "Well-er. I guess

that is about the size "Will I stand as good

a chance as banker Takemin's boy Theolore, pa?"
"Well-er- I rather doubt it, my son. You see banker Takemin put \$100,000 in the

bank at compound interest for his son the THEODORE. interest for his son the lumber yard last night and was found to day he was born and when he is twenty. day frozen to death.

No matter how hard times have been, there never has been any lack of food for hogs.

For several years this country saw bad times. Millions of men were out of employment. Poverty was general among workingmen, want sat at many an unreplenished fireside and the wolf of famine often waited at the door.

But through it all hogs never suffered returned, in cash, to the original donors some of it has been, by request of the nor needed even to apprehend want. some of it has been, by request of the contributors, used to purchase literature and Appeal cards; nearly three hundred dollars, by written request of the contributors, has been turned over to Mrs. Lock-This was true of not only four-legged hogs, but biped swine.

Often as I have contemplated some portly old sow waddling complacently to church, I have had suggested to me the thought of her humbler, less swinish sisters who have done her sewing, washing and housework. It has occurred to me that there was

some relation between swinish idleness and luxury and human drudgery and want. Is it necessary that the man who gets

Is it necessary that the man who gets the difference between what goods cost in labor and what the public has to pay for them, should dwell in a palace, his of 1904, you will hear from her again wife and daughters loaf and live in luxury, while those who make the goods and the girls who sell them exist on

ation. Why are hogs so dear and hu-

we hogs, with an affinity for our kin, because money is scarce are simply speak what is in us to say for fear of the hog in society !-F. R. Haya.

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That prescription I called a restorative. Inowe the world over now as Dr. Shoop's storative. After that I did not fail to cure in each hundred. In the attremely difficult on failures for five years were only one in forty treated. I found cancer incurable. Ca is for surgery, not medicine.
Then how to get this prescription to the ones everywhere was my thought.
I must announce it in the public press. I thought I, will they realize the real truth of discovery—the real power of Dr. Shoop's Rest live! Then a way came to me—like an inspirat "I write are reliable druggist in each city village in America.
I got their agreement to co-operate with me.

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Now by any sick one

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Pa, again swelling up with pride. "Why, CERTAINLY it is! The workingmen are For a full month I will let you use it enti my risk. Send no money. Just write me book you need. When I send it I will tell at my risk. Send no money. Just write mathe book you need. When I send it I will 'sel' ye' a druggist near you who will permit
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Recently the police of the city Stockton, California, made a raid up a gambling den of that city and captur among others a banker's son, a mem of the city council and a few others their class. The people were quite shocked at

Pa suspic-iously, "yes audacity of the chief of police and a r it does port was current that he had driv but-"
"That's home the last nail in his political cof and sealed his official doom.

"BOUNDS NICE DON'T IT." of banke It appears that the aristocratic pr of the capture were not put to the i "Well: Sposen it is?

"Well, pa, it sounds to me like a lot of 'tommyrot' for if this is such a rich country and the workingmen really do rule it then the workingmen must be a convenience of attending the police cou and all escaped punishment because th law was construed to be against "Stu lot of nincompoops, or they would get together an form a po-.." Horse Poker" and the game played upo the occasion of the arrests was Pa furiously, See here you blasted brat of an anarkist! I know you've been down to hear those Socialists again. I see I'll have "Stud Poker" without the horse.

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CIRCULATION.

The circulation man is off duty this week, called home on account of sick ness, consequently the task of encouraging the boys on the firing line falls to a cc-worker in another department.

Previous to the formulation of the theory of the materialist conception of history of economic determinism, by Karl Marx, the written records of the past were made up chiefly of the doings of great men. It was the kings and emperors and military leaders, the Pharohs, the Alexanders and the Napoleons who were the motive power behind the scenes and who caused the great changes to governments and empires.

Through the materialistic conception of history we get another, and much more logical, view point. Instead of these so-called great men being the creators of the events in which they figure so conspicuously we see that they are themselves created by the events and that the real key to an intellectual understanding of the basis of all great changes, whether they be of a political or religious nature, lies in the economic situation of the times in which they

have transpired. In the histories of the past the com mon people, so-called, got very little, if credit for what was done (and it not be out of place, in passing, to ention the fact that it would not have added much to their honor if they had.) The slaves and the seris and the villeins were all right when it came to the enstruction of canals and forts and palares and roads and hanging gardens and of clay were good enough to be riddled spears and plugged full of lead; in fact the burdens of the world's work, in times of peace, and the brunt of the battle in times of war, was the lot of the toilers; whi'e all the honor and glory, such as it was, was the lot of the

conspicuous position, but to the humble rank and file whose united effort is the agency of accomplishing great results. When we want things done we do not call for a "Moses," we try to reach the individual members of the army.

The success of the Appeal to Reason is dependent on the individual work of the members of the Army who hustle the subscription blanks. No wonder, then, that the circulation manager has constantly appealed to this army of workers, urging them on to yet greater achievements. What else could he do except to quit his post and, armed with a subscription blank, go out and join the workers on the firing line?

The Appeal to Reason is also an appeal for subscribers. We are frank to admit this because it is true, and it is true because without subscribers we can make no appeal at all.

With a very little more labor on our part we could just as well send the Appeal to a million subscribers instead of, as now, to 250,000. No one will deny that every subscriber placed on our books is a prospective Socialist vote, and, better still, a possible army worker. The army workers can always be counted on to help get a lot of other fellows to vote right; and this means growth; and growth means victory.

There is no work that the individual can do to hasten the coming of Socialism that will accomplish so great returns for so little labor and expense as the taking of subscriptions to Socialist papers. You may be a poor worker and only get one subscriber a month; if all the subscribers would do that, just figure out where you would land us at the end of a year. You might only get one subscriber in a lifetime, and that subscriber might become such an effective worker that his efforts would mean thousands of votes for the party.

Some seed may fall on stony ground and some will undoubtedly be devoured by the birds of the air, but the soil of the United States is certainly mellow and ready for the sower, and if the seeds are planted a most wonderful harvest will be the result in a not distant future.

Comrades, we want your help. We are frank to admit that we need your help, yes, even more, without your help we can do nothing. The fine equipment of this plant is but lumber and scrap iron without your co-operation. In a matter of this kind lots of people think that they could only do so very little that it isn't worth while to try. Here is where they make a great mistake, for it is the little that each worker does that makes up the grand total of results.

We are sure that if each reader of the Appeal would do the little that he or she can do, and that, too, without financial loss or serious inconvenience, we would place on our books easily 10,000 names every week.

Why not start in right now and help put this balance on the right side of the account? This is the third time it has gone wrong in as many weeks. By the way, why not spend a little Christman money in supplying your relatives and neighbors with good Socialist reading matter for a year? Nothing better than the Appeal. Let us hear from

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Comrade Mrs. Halley, of Garfield, Wash.

"We would not part with the Appening four times the cost." Comrade Mrs. N. Cammere, Greawood, Wis.

"The Comme People," a county All Socialists of Waterbury, Conn., who ish to affiliate themselves with the loca

"The Woodbey book is fine. The darkies like it, and I shall keep on interesting them in their second emancipation." C. T. Mayer, Chattanooga, Tenn.

"I love you all. You are all right.
Please send me two 'Union Girls' combinations.' Success to you ALL." Comrade
Etizabeth Breese, Talent, Orc..

see but little, and think that all they see is all there is to know. The wise man climbs to the top, and as he ascends his view broadens, and one by one the myths and fables believed by his forefathers in the "I am with you, not only through 1904, but until victory is written on the proud banner of Socialism. Yes, I am ready to carry 'the message to Garcia.' Jno. W. Couner, Hornbeck, Ls. and fables believed by his forefathers in the valley are exploded.

"The work of the Socialist Party," says Dr. Pyle, "as I understand it is to solidify for political action the great producing class and as a political organization the party stands on principles broad enough and just enough to draw to its standard every man and woman worthy the protections.

of circumstances, have been elevated to me load my buggy with Socialist literature Comrade Dan'l M. Johnson, Laton, Cal.

We take pleasure this week in introducing comrade A. A. Hibbard, of Reno, Neb., readers of the army column. rade Hibbard evidently is modest, as he had very little to say of himself when he sent in his photo. He signs himself as, "A Socialist who believes in pushing the Francis Willard Lecture especially, so as to convert church and temperance people by the millions" It takes all kinds of



ocialist Party and a few million church and temperance people will be a very acceptable addition to our ranks. When they come they will find plenty of good company. There is not a more truly re-ligious and temperate lot of people on the face of the earth today than can already e found in the Socialist Party.

"Please send me the 'Union Girls' Comtry to spread the Socialist doctrine among mutes of Cleveland, and among my fel workmen and friends." Comrad-Chas. R. Neillie, Cleveland, Q.

"I don't see how a man can ever step working for Socialism when once he has got started. I know I can't. There does not seem to be any place to let loose. ays Comrade Dan Bohlender, of Guelph,

"I love the Appeal because it is clean. and I am not affaid to hand a copy of it to any one. Thanking you for the beautiful watch, and wishing you God-speed, I remain, A. H. Woodruff, Valls-burg, N. J."

"I borrowed a book that was wrapped in an Appeal. That was my first introduction to your paper—the first Socialist paper I had ever seen. I liked it so well I got a number of subs for it." Comrade lesse Millsap, Lama, Ark. "I have had as good success among the adies as I have among the gent'emen in

soliciting for the Appeal. Men have the and CAN subscribe if they women do not always have that priv-Burlington la. The Comrades of Massachusetts are raising money enough to erect a memorial

to the memory of the late Frederick Mc-Cartney. \$700 have been sent in to date. All communications regarding the matter. should be addressed to John Mann, Rock-"I don't want to send the cards back. We need them here. Strike of the miners

and prosperity makes money a scarce arti-cle with us, but we are making Socialists. and hope to line up all right when the frogs begin to 'holler.'" Your Comrade, he would get cut (and that his gun C. K. Secor, Rockwood, Tenn. never be pointed at a laboring man. "Send us 100 copies of No. 419. Went to use them at our next meeting. Must make more votes. More votes make more

the Appeal girls—and who wouldn't hustle to make a girl smile," gracefully writes omrade Geo. F. McConnell, of Allehegny,

CHRISTMAS DAY.

From hovel, from cottage and palace

Are ascending the prayers of the people of rich man and wise man and fool.

Today there are singing and laughter, There are riotous living and prayer.

And this, because back in the ages,

Tencher to mankind was sent :-Yet how many practice his precepts, And how many know what he meant?

There are garlands of flowers in the houses,

of mirth on the air.

PROMISES OF SOCIALISM.

Socitism comes to us a sweet song and whispers words of hope and cheer, but be

Socialism there is room for sentimenta declamation and airy rhetoric, yet there is the solid foundation upon which to build

a practical life. Socialists insist upon

abide together. You cannot Illuminate the

omic slavery. The human parasite which causes the slave end of society to groun with the weight of its burden, is of historic

development. The fact that parasiteism is of ancieut origin, "that it has always been so," should not increase our respect for it. We search history to find that

for it. We search instory to find that the considered immoral now, have been a part of the sacred beliefs of the people of past ages. Cannibalism, murder and civil slavery have each been regarded as divine institutions. To those

Ruman knowledge is like a mountain

Some grub at the base in the valley of ig-

Their horizon is limited, they little, and think that all they see

cating the masses for they unde

mind, without increasing its demands.

must destroy education, or destroy

with the fairy dreams of childhoc

- JOSEPHINE CONGER

From cathredal, chapel and school,

Woman's Department

BY JOSEPHINE CONGER

and go preaching the gospel of humanity, sing it until the walls of the city of Capieren when my farm needs my attention," tallst Greed have fallen." Comrade F. D. Comrade F. D. Hahnenkratt, Manzanola Cal.

"The Appeal is the best paper I ever aw," declares Comrade F. Metcalfe, of Buffalo, N. Y. Stealing in a small way is a dangerous

Stealing largely is a noble art. It is mean to rob a hen roost of a hen.

But stealing thousands makes us gentlemen -B. F. Merrill, Seneca Falls, N. Y. Comrade W. S. Richards, of Albany,

Ore., sends for 100 copies of Richardson's "Introduction to Socialism," and mys: "I wish you success, and assure you that prospects were never better for the cause in Oregon, and I feel from present indica tions that Oregon will be the banner state for increase at June elections." "I have not yet found one man who knew anything about the Militia Bill, until

I told him of it. We ought to spread this inct broadcast. I send \$1.25 for cards, and I want to help the Socialist College at Wichita, as soon as I can. These edu-cational institutions ought to be kept go-ing by all means." Martin Ernst, Vineland, N. J.

"A wave of 'Prosperity' passed through here on Thanksgiving day, on its way from Tacoma to 'Portland and on its crest could be read the following 'Section men will, beginning first of the mouth, receive \$1.25 per day instead of \$1.50. foreman be governed by the same rules. The campaign fund is being collected early. Socialism is growing all right." Comrade F. M. Hettrick, Yelm, Wash.

"I was working for the Standard Ol! Company. Got fired. Asked the foreman if my work wasn't satisfactory. He said that it was, but that I talked unionism after working hours. First time I was ever fired out of a job. But I was not the only one. We all declare that we will talk all the more. The Appeal is the best paper I ever read. Keep the good thing go-ing." Comrade L. J. Evans, Senore, Cal.

"I came home half an hour ago, and found the Appeal on the table by my supper. My wife knows that I will enjoy it more than the supper. When I am downhearted and have spells of despair at the foolishness and hard headedness of my fellow workingmen, and come home and find the Appeal, it always fills me full of new hope, new faith. It is 100u nov to me." Your Comrade, P. Vetter, Youngs

"After waiting patiently to see the Richmond Socialist election returns, I am assuming the responsibility of sending them myself, as compiled from a local (dem) pa per, and the most reliable source I could obtain. For senate, John Catsell, (brick layer) 101. For House of Delegates, John Taylor Chappell, (carriage painter) 156.
Thos. E. Gorman, (miller and mixer) 114.
W. J. Dodd, (ex. street car employe) 110. Henry L. Rhodes, (brick layer) 106. G M. Norris (marble cutter and designer) For House of Delegates from Henrica county, Va., E. S. Schroeder, (cabinet maker) 309. Last election the Socialist party in Richmond had only 22 votes. Comrade Eugene J. Brady.

"Send in Militia Bill as per order When we fail in getting a sub for the So cialist papers we concentrate on the Mill-tia Bill, and get them every time. I struck a militia man lately, and he concluded that he had gotten into the wrong crowd. Said never be pointed at a laboring man. I intend to interview every member of the militia in this section." H. Sims.

"Hurrah for the Socialist vote as she "Hurrah for the Socialist. 50 per cent in the late election returns. 50 per cent gain. I think that's good, though some gain. I think that's good, though some think it slow. If in 1865 one man had advocated the Socialist principles and had gained followers at the rate of 50 members who have washed their hands of the sins and cussedness of the old parties. 258, or about the present Socialist vote. A new song has been put into our mouths. And at that rate in eight years we would

> our demands that we claim that we are advancing the highest interests of civili-

Kate Sherwood says: "Under our pres-

ent competitive system we have on the one side, a self-constituted dormant force, ap-

propriating, pre-empting the God-given sup

plies of earth and air, light and water, mines and mills; all the agencies that warm, and clothe and comfort man. On

nasses, herded in cities, driven to the wood and marshes, tolling in sweat-shops a

garrets. On the one side is property pro-tected by government, on the other sid

numanity protected by alms giving. Property grabs the earth and gives the crumb to justice, in response to the cry of suffer-ing millions."

and with the aid of the Appeal we will have 5,388,608, a good big majority. Hurrah again. It's coming sure. H. E. Mascott, Dalles, Ore.

"Nine out, of ten people don't know there is such a law as the Dick Military law. and your pamphlet on the same should go into the hands of every workingman. Comrade Geo. T. McConnell, Millville Sta. Allegheny, Pa.

To the Appeal girls: "I have been a

Socialist a good many years, and I well tell you how it came about. I was on my way to work out my road tax and stopped at a neighbor's, with pick and shovel in hand, to gossip a bit. The neighbor's wife came out and asked me what I was going to do with the tools in my hand. O told her, and she said: 'Oh dear me, if they would only let me voie, I would gladly work out my road tax.' This was said in a joking way, but it set me to thinking. I thought of the injustice that taxed a woman without letting her vote. Now girls, I think the hest the Great Socialist thoroughfare that is stir up the voters. Remember, it was a woman who set me to thinking." Your Comrade, J. H. Van Emon, Encinitas, Cal.

SOCKING THE HAYSEEDS.

I told you last week about the discharge of 8,500 workers in the plants of the Harvester Combine, with the result of a saving of \$500,000 a month in wages while producing just as many machines as formerly. The second chapter of the interesting serial is now published. The price of machines has been advanced. Thus the farmers, who are a majority, are being deliberately skinned, because they vote for the industrial system. When a farmer has voted one of the old party tickets for many years, and reads only the papers printed in the interest of the industrial gamblers, it takes something like this and the packing house combine to wake him up. I am glad to see them skinned to the quick. If they are too stupid to realize how they are being done up, they deserve such pain as will wake them up. Hurrah for the harvester combine.

Four subs for a \$. Send the names.

DOWN WITH OLD GLORY.

William D. O'Brien, toastmaster at the banquet of contractors and builders at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago Ill., has re-fused to toast the American flag as emblem of liberty.

"Why, the emblem of liberty is a farce," he cried, "when men are shot down in the streets because they are trying to earn an honest living; when we are afraid to assert our rights for fear some labor or ganization will oppose us.

"It is ridiculous," he declared, "to think you should be obliged to waste your time discussing your rights with walking delegates, business agents, and labor leaders have your rights, and no man should be able to step in and dictate to you and tell you where your rights begin and end. We want to make this national organization so strong that it will never again be necessary for us to confer day after day with labor leaders to obtain our rights.

"If a man is not a union member and is loyal to you, you must be loyal to him.
We must be able to obtain liberty in every
sense of the word and not merely privi-The conditions are disgraceful sult with our employes at every step."

If they can't do all things they like. regardless of how it affects other people, they have no use for the fiag-except at election times, when it serves their purpose to hoodwink the working asses who vote their tickets. If at some labor convention such sentiments had been expressed there would have been a great howl go up-but the rich can do no wrong. If no one should dictate to them, then no one should dictate to the working class of how much they should receive, how long they should work or what they should pay for goods. If it is right in one case it should be right in the other. When the working class goes into politics and captures the political power and uses it to expropriate the masters, and then operate the industries for the benefit of the workers the dietation will cease-and not before.

WHENCE COMES THIS MIGHTY HEALING POWER

All the Land Wonders at the Remarkable Cures Effected by Professor Adkin. Heals Diseases Called Incurable.

Ministers, Doctors and Professional Men Tell How He Has Cured the Blind, the Lame, the Paralytic and Many on the Very Brink of Death.

HELP FOR THE FREE

Professor Adkin Offers to Help All Sufferers From Any Disease Absolutely Free of Charge-Professional Men Investigate His Power.



President of the Institute of Physicians and

and let me make them well. I feel that this is my life work."
So great is the sensation wrought in the medicity world by the wonderful cures performed by Prof. Adkin. that several professional gentlemen were asked to investigate the cures. Among these gentlemen were Dr. L. B. Hawley and Mr. L. G. Doans, both famous physicians and surgeons. After a thorough and painstaking investigation, these eminent physicians were no recommended at the farranching powers. Prof. Adkin. and the wonderstand the professional professional

IT IS YOURS TO KEEP FOREVER.

"Humanity is calling with livid white lips Socialist army to march in its might To scatter the darkness and bring in the light. Oh comrades, my comrades, the world is awake. . The seas in commotion heave higher and Men, men, is the cry, and women of worth, To march in the vanguard of the Truth of the earth.

Till the conflict is ended, the battle is won. ugh we may seem but a handful, we hear the firm tread

Of the army of progress, aye marching Not drafted we go, but as bold vejunteers Around and about as the drum beat is

who rely upon the antiquity of a practice to justify their arguments ar economic slavery, history furnishes a sitive reheard.
To n-w resolutions the nation is stirred, The tents have been struck, the banner

MISS CARRIE HALLOWELL.

sm has no mercy upon little children. True science teaches that the elevation

Our ranks are out marching wide over the children stand daily and nightly offerin various wares for sale. In our own great cities the same thing is enacted. Capital-

and just enough to draw to its standard evolution of man.—Carrol D. Wright.

In Chicago there are 21 crafts of organization of society. While we advocate the adtranscement of the material interests of the
solding class, it is through the justice of will destroy the home?

have

The SOCIALIST

SANTA CLAUS

Discouraged: What Does the Word Mean?

The story is told of Confucius that he | must stay home and take care of the one time became discouraged. In a pessimistic mode, he walked forth in sorrowful contemplation of the fickleness of human kind. He came to an old woman, bending with assiduity to her task She was working on a great bar of iron. Around her were gathered a vast colher purpose. She was trying to whet down the iron bar to take the place of a lost knitting needle. Confucius never

afterward became discouraged. Some of the supporters of the capitalist system are wondering if Socialism is on the wane because our candidates for mayor of Haverhill and Brockton were defeated in the elections a few days ago Cambronne supplied the only word adequate to express our feelings at such a time as this. Socialism on the wane! Socialism can never wane until Socialists become recreant to their trust, and that will never be. We have not had one discouraging letter from any comrade because our candidates missed getting a majority of votes by a hundred or so. To be a Socialist means something. It makes one weary to hear a man talking about Socialists becoming discouraged. Socialists discouraged! What monumental ignorance of the principles that animate the Socialist! Socialists discouraged! What consummate insensibility to the mighty force that pushes a man or woman into the Socialist ranks, to stay there and fight there until the co-operative commonwealth has been established or until his eyes have closed forever to the horrors of capitalism. Socialists discouraged! Away with the thought; Socialists are made of sterner stuff than to become discouraged because a few dunghills have shambled off at sight of the capitalists' gaffs. A few persons may have shown the white feather when confronted by a coalition of the "too" old parties, but the classconscious Socialist found nothing but victory in the contest. That the repub lican and democratic parties had to combine to defeat the Socialists; that this fact was telegraphed throughout the land; that the workingmen should no longer be deceived by the hope of getting anything from the democratic party or the republican party; that no one can seriously contend that there is any difference between these two branches of the capitalist party; all these things and the further fact that our vote stood up capitalism's heaviest batteries and the onslaught of a few contemptible renegades; all these things fill the heart of the class-conscious Socialist with joy and send him forth ready and anxious iagain do battle against the working. cialism, Our German comrades have man's oppressor.

Our vote was a magnificent testimonial to the courage of the American Socialist under fire. In weeding out those on whom we can not depend in times of stress, we found that our numbers were prectically undiminished. It was a great and trembled before the capitalist assault and at last broke for cover. There was about enough new recruits to fill is on, many more will come into our ranks. Heretofore we have carried these places with the aid of sympathizers. Next time, we shall carry them with the ballots of class-conscious Socialists.

Too much attention should not be fellows are more to be pitied than centhem. The capitalist stood over the in the coming conflict? trembling forms of these slaves and threatened to starve their wives and five subscriptions. You will receive the children if Socialism was not defeated. beautiful certificate of membership in You would have told them to go to the Appeal Army, and the time will hades, but you must remember that all never come when you will regret having people are not like you. Where would joined hands with those who have linked the colonial armies have come from if their destinies to a cause that must not, every mother's son had whimpered, "I aye! that can not fail.

baby?" Such persons there were; they were called torjes. Individually they have all been forgotten. If a man could trace his ancestry back to a tory, he would guard the secret as closely as if he had committed a murder. So with the few poor fellows who could not stand lection of rocks and stones. He inquired opposition the other day in Haverhill and Brockton. The capitalists will punish them enough before they are through with them. They will use them as door mats and lackeys, for the capitalist does despise a truckling.

> With it all, the capitalists are not boasting much of their great and glorious victory. True, Senator Hanna is said to be very happy over having defeated our candidates for office, but the majority of them seem to take no especial delight in a victory won by threats against women and children from the combined forces of the republican and democratic parties.

> The fight has been the first real hard one we have had, and it has served to cement the members of the party in their devotion to the cause. It has given them fresh inspiration for the coming battle, and already the word comes, "We are lining up for the great battle next year." The election has shown that we must rely on the class-conscious Socialists, for the man who is swayed to vote the ticket by the passionate appeals of the fervid orator may run across a more fervid republican or democrat next year. The man who has grasped the Socialist philosophy and once stood in the ranks of the workingman's party, can never be taken from there except with victory or death.

Little did the capitalists know of Socialist determination, and perseverance if they thought to put us to flight by the combined assault of both their parties. They seemed to have overlooked that German Socialists stood bravely out against the Man of Iron, endured persecution, laid in jails, year after year, until Socialism became the hope of over three million voters. Our American capitalists seem blind to the fact that people who call themselves Socialists in Germany have withstood the fiercest assaults of church and state and of every political party in Germany, and that Socialism has continued to grow until it nearly doubles any other party. It means something to call yourself a Sowell under the tremendous fire of cialist. Possibly our capitalists think American Socialists are not as persistent fighters as in other lands. Then they will have an awakening. We shall show the capitalists that we are fit to carry the banner of International Soshown us the duty of Socialists. We shall better the instruction.

We are laying our plans for a mighty struggle next year. The campaign of 1904 will mark an epoch in the history of the American movement. We want a man tried and true in every voting triumph to find only a few who quailed precinct in the land. There may come a time when the Appeal will have to send a message to every member of the Army to offset some capitalistic outrage. On their places, and now that the real fight the eve of election the capitalist parties resort to any tricks or any methods to accomplish their purposes. But if we have a man or woman in every precinct whom all the riches of Rockefeller can not buy and all the lies of capitalism can not discourage, we shall feel safe. given these people who showed the white Will you be the one in your locality? feather at the recent attempt of the Comrade, rise to the occasion. Buckle on the armor of class party in the country. These poor for the working people of the world. Sublimer battle cry never summoned sured, besides, there are not many of human being to action. Are you with us

Sign the following pledge. Enclose

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SIDE LIGHTS ON SYSTEM.

Editor Appeal to Reason: Here are couple of good side lights on our beautiful system. H. J. Hoover, assistant eashier, robs one bank, gets a position as cashier in another and robs the sec ond bank to pay back the first; gets caught at it, has a bad case of remorse drags the bookkeeper into it, gets five ears in a finely furnished cell; the bookkeeper stands a good show of tak-

ing the same trip and the man who was cashier when Hoover was assistant goes insane and is sent to the asylum. Good thing, I don't think.

The B. & C. R. R. at this point has cut off 200 men in the last week. But they asked to have it done with their ballots last November, so there is no kick coming.

Newark, O. Dec. 12, 1903.

Appeal in clubs of four, 25c per year.

CARROLL D. WRIGHT.

Mr. Wright, U. S. Labor Commission er, made the following statement before the Philadelphia Ethical Society last

"The wage system will pass away. In its stead, I believe, there will come a system which will be composed of the profit-sharing and the co-operation ideas. The great labor question means the struggle of humanity for a higher standard of life. The employer must consider his employee,

He then proceeds to suggest old age pensions, and a few other methods of dealing with labor as a pauper. No one can defend the present robbery system, so they try to shift it to some other method, hoping to deceive labor into another generation of servitude. Under Socialism we shall co-operate and the laborers will be the only capitalists. They will get all their labor produces. There will be no sharing of profits at all. Why should the working class share what their labor has produced with those who do not help to produce? Wright knows this as well as any onebut he could not hold his government job if he were to tell the people the whole truth. The laboring class are better versed in economics today than their masters, and will soon organize on that knowledge. But it is an index to the trend of things when Wright has to admit that the wage system will pass away. Don't it?

A HERO GONE.

Dr. J. A. Hamilton, of Reno, Nevada, died at the Gault House, San Francisco December 11. The body was shipped to Reno and buried by the Socialists and the G. A. R. Dr. Hamilton was one of the pioneer Socialists of Nevada. He has for many years been devoting all his time and means to the work of educating the people to the truths of Socialism. The cause has lost one of its most effective champions. He lived for others -not self.

John Mitchell in a recent speech said that "strikes will never cease." That is true as long as men like him and Gompers are selected to keep the masses from using the ballots to gain their demands in a legal way. Let the capitalists make the law, and they will see to it that labor has no legal way of getting justice. Under such conditions labor will be an outlaw, no matter how just its demands. The capitalists seem to be fortunate in the selection of men to lead organized labor. See what nice things they are saying of Mitchell.

In parts of Colorado a workingman is not allowed to walk the streets without arrest. If he is a skinner he can walk the streets with a big strut. The slaves who will not accept the terms dictated by the masters are to be made to feel the iron heel of the officers they have elected. This is a very free and prosperous country!

A PEEP INTO NATURE'S SECRET.

Warmth and peace and plenty

Distress and rage and hunger,

and love, for some:

to others come.

CAPITALISTS

Dr. Luppo put a great deal of money ino the publication of this book. He could not get it into the regular advertising channels like "Mrs. Briggs of the Cucumber patch," because it was not about a lot of back stair gossip. The book represents the reflections and conclusions of Dr Luppo upon nature for a number of years. He found he could not sell them through the regular channels, so he gave the Appeal 200 copies, nicely bound in cloth with glit top, regular \$1.50 books in mechanical make up. He wants them to get out before he dies, and wanted to add his mite to the prepaganda fund. The books were given to us about the time a mortgage on would help out. We sold a number for 25 cents, but we have decided to dispose of the remainder at 10 cents a copy enough to pay express, postage and hand-

Tompkins county, N. Y., (Ithica) increased its Socialist vote from 65 last year to 179 this year. 300 per cent in-C. L. HURLBUT.

WHY IMMIGRATION GROWS.

The following advertisement is taken rom the London (Eng.) Weekly, where it has been printed for months:

"WANTED .- Three thousand miners in America, for the states of Pennsylvania and Montana. Timbermen, Fillers, Machinists and Halvaners. Wages from 14 to 16 shillings a day. Apply, Jones Bros. Craig Post Office, Pontywidd, South Wales.

When it is considered that this means \$3.50 to \$4.00 a day, and that no such wages are paid here at all for such work, you can see how honest the capitalists are. The poor of all Europe are induced to come here by similar advertisements in papers there. The rich know the benefit of having a large unemployed class to beat down the wages. And the fool aboring asses here under the leadership of men working in the interest of the capitalists, are trained to vote the same tickets as the masters, and the whole governmental machinery is operated for the rich against the workers. You never hear of these men being deported on ar-rival-but when a real labor leader comes, like John Turner, he is deported. The capitalists could not hire or bully Turner, hence their flunkies in charge of government refuse him admission. Vote as Gompers and Mitchell tell you, boys. You are getting what you vote for.

A YOUNG SOCIALIST PASSES OUT.

Those among the Appeal readers who knew him personally, and there were a goodly number, will be pained to hear of the passing away of Roy Vrooman, son of Judge H. P. Vrooman, of Council Grove, Kans. Roy belonged to that coterie of ar-dent young Socialists upon whose shoulders must devolve later the stress of pushing years old, was a young man of brilliant parts, and while he had been under the care of the doctor for some time, his health had so improved that his death was as unexpected as it was sad. He died at the home of his brother Carl, in Boston, Mass.,

American Socialism, by O. D. Jones. Pub-lished by the author, Edina, Mo., 25 cents.

on the 5th of December.

HAPPY NEW YEARS.

Why the Working Class Should be Happy.

PRKINGMANS

Five thousand steel workers in North Indiana district have been locked out by the masters. That is the effect of Gompers-Schaefferism.

The steel trust has issued notice that n January 1 it will reduce the wages of 90 per cent of its employes, which its statement says will add \$25,000,000 a year to its profit account. It is so much better to have an industrial system that takes \$25,000,000 out of the workers' vages and puts it in the dividend acount for watered stock, isn't it? But that is just the system supported by Gompers, Mitchell, Schaefer & Co., who work for the interest of the capitalists, and advise their followers to vote as de their masters. Happy New Year! Will organized labor forever be the dupe of such leaders? Are they satisfied with the progress backward they have made in fifty 'years of struggle against the capitalists? The wages of labor can be cut any time the bosses demand it, and the workers are helpless. The bosses have plenty laid up and can starve the workers into submission or rebellionin which latter case the bosses own the militia, army and the political machinery and will shoot the stuffin out of the workers. And that is what Gompers upholds by his ballot. Hurrah for the ses. They know what politics means.

Parry, president of the Manufacturers' Association, organized to destroy labor unions and drive labor as a slave, says something—anything must be done to prevent the laboring classes from going into the Socialist movement. GOMPERS AND MITCH-ELL FAVOR THE SAME THING. I

Appeal in clubs of four, 25c per year

Labor Cost of Automobiles

I have for some time been looking for | ization, system, co-operation, such as

omething definite on this subject and at last hit upon it in "Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal" for June, 1903.

On page 58 we are given an account of automobiles per day and employs 282

To one who does not know how to read hese figures, they have but little meaning; but when closely examined, they signify far more than their author in-

By a simple process of calculation they tell us that the human labor expended on a finished and tested machine at their factory is the equivalent of 14 days for one man.

But the automobile is not all made in this factory. The engine and running gear are made elsewhere. The smaller parts, however, are all made here and constructed on machinery, "the best and most thoroughly up-todate that human skill has produced." And here also all assembling and testing

Now, let us be liberal and assume that this factory is one and one-half times the work done in the factory-that is, the work done in getting and preparing all "raw material" for this factory-and even then we have 35 days as the sum total of all human labor that in any way enters into the construction of one of these machines that sells for from \$750 to \$1500. Count wages at \$4.00 per day (and they will not average that by considerable) and labor gets \$140 for do-ing every particle work that is in any way necessary to produce the automobile. This is, of course, the maximum labor cost, for we have overestimated the days of labor and the wages. But let it be so, for even then the lesson taught is of sufficient significance for the purpose in hand.

The question is: When you buy one of these machines, for what do you pay? You pay, say, \$140 for labor and from \$600 to \$1200 for what? To feed parasites. That is, to support a train of men, wholesalers, jobbers, retailers and chines. Do you want such organization? advertisers, 95 per cent of whom organ- If so, you must vote for it.

must characterize a co-operative commonwealth, would dispense with. Yes, you pay it to sustain these useless. wasteful factors that constitute by far one large factory that completes twenty the major part of all expenses under capitalism. You pay it and call it busiess because you don't know any better. You never think of this as a political matter-as a condition to be abolished at the ballot box.

> Yes, you pay for this vast system of uselessness and spend your surplus enand in denunciation of tax rates. You never think of this extra payment for this machine in its true light, as an indirect tax; and yet that is just what it is. And as a tax it is so far in excess of the one you so strenuously denounce. that if you should pause and think long enough to discern its real significance, you would blush for shame that you had so long been buncoed.

And when you have paid this tax, what do you get? The best that 35 days' labor can construct? No, not by Now, let us be liberal and assume that far. You may get the best that under the work done on these machines outside existing patent rights this factory is permitted to build; but not the best that could be built. The builders could doubtless suggest changes that would quickly take them into court to defend an action for damages for infringement on the special privileges of others. The best would combine the best in all the scores of models.

What the Socialist demands is an industrial system that is worthy to be called a system; not the anarchial conglomeration that now constitutes everything called an industry. He demands a system that eliminates these vast waste elements now supported by an incalculably great indirect tax; a system that converts this army of parasites into an army of producers and renders to such the equivalent of his labor product. Under such a system one would get the automobile for as many days' labor as are socially necessary to produce itnow required for a man of the masses rent collectors, profit grabbers, sales- to carn the price of one of these ma-

The Parable of the Master and the Mules

wonder why?

had such an exasperatingly slow gait that it required constant goading and cussing to get them to move even at a snail's pace. At last a new idea struck the farmer; he would conquer by strategy where he lost by force. Securing a light stick, about



five feet long, he fastened it to the harnes in such a manner that he could tie an ear of corn to it, just temptingly out of the reach of the mules' nose.

The problem was solved. The mules in pursuit of the ever retreating ear of corn, with rapid competitive strides, vied with each other the live long day, each striving to get what neither of them could reach. And as long as this shrewd faraer kept oursult of the ever

And as long as this shrewd fanner kept the mules hungry, which was all the time, they never let up. Mow like unto this is the game played on the workingmen of today. They are con-stuntly told that "any man who is willing to work will get rich, or at least gain a competency." This "bait" is ever before them to urge them on to greater, and yet greater, efforts; they fairly gall their

There was once a farmer whose mules ueck and break their wind and spavin their less in the stempt to outstrip peting fellow workers. And the mule drivers laugh and rake in the sheckies that these working jackasses create.

Much of the treasure in the storehous men who imagined they were . "laying up treasures" for themselves. Some of up treasures" for themselves. Some of the worst opponents of Socialism are work ing men and women who expect to be rich some day, just like the mules expected eat the balt car of corn. If your own ex-perience don't prove this to be true, look around you at your hard working neighbors. You will find thousands of them bors. You will find thousands of them a lifetime and never got anything yet but thistles and 'baled straw."

"Won't you have your artist draw a pic-ture of these mules? I believe it will set many to thinking and make Socialists."

We happen to have a mule picture al-ready on hand. This picture does not show the ears of corn on the sticks. No, there's no need of that. There are so many workingmen in this country that are pulling away at the capitalist system like good faithful mules, that they are, without even the need of a balt, so you see the picture is all right.

The one hopeful thing about altuation is that, under certain the nule will kick. Let us hepefully forward to the day workingmen will rise up on legs and, by a proper placing of lots, knock the everlanting "whether candidates."