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Finding the Roble steeping
He-in an evil hour
d steal their birthright - Freedom

Did steel their birthright - Irrecount.
And usurped their rightful dower.

Capitalist Monster

The number on the label opposite your name is the num-

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#### "Public Ownership f Monopolies" Socialism?

Geo. A. Eastman, Editor "The Wage Worker."

Detroit, Mich., April 29, 1902. Detroit, Mich., April 29, 1902. Editor The Socialist, Scattle, Wash.: Is you ask socialists everywhere to asser whether public ownership of monopolies is socialism, I hope I may perdomed for sticking my nose injude to controversy between yourself and A. Wayland. No, not only yourself ad the are involved in this discussion, at every socialist, and every reformer the land is or should be interested, is one of the vital questions with ich socialists have or will have ere

ich socialists have or will have ere gto deal, om the time man was first subject-to his fellow man there has been subjector and the subjected. The y schemes inaugurated by the masto bring harmony between himself the chattel slave are immunerable; fendalism was a compromise. The thought that as a serf he would free. Ask the "Appeal army" if a was the case. was the case.

se free. Ask the "Appeal army" if set was the case. After the dawn of feudalism, which ke all other compromises, failed to reserve the producer from his exploiter, after was a constant desire on the part if the serf for freedom from the imediate sod upon which he was bornapitalism promised him this, and he alisted in capitalism's defense. Ask or "Appeal army" if if freed him from a exploitation of a master? From the time the first peddler made profit upon the first article he sold that purpose three has been a strugbetter with the profit lords and the profit lords are the profit lords and have supplanted the feudal lander.

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mush in "The Socialist," for

which every working person in the United States should be thankful. Keep up the fight. Fraternally, GEO. A. EASTMAN.

#### MR. MADDEN TAKE NOTICE.

Butte, May 3, 1902.

Editor Socialist

Dear Sir:
Enclosed find nine subscriptions, all that Enclosed find nine subscriptions, all that I could rustle for you at present. These subscriptions are from Republicans and Democrats, who, as one of them said, "have no use for Socialism, but they are willing to put up to" help you out in your fight for a tree press, and free speech," Madden will find that his course will be a boomerang as far as your circulation is concerned. are getting along nicely here.

Yours, P. J. COONEY.

### CONFLICT THE LAW OF PRO-GRESS.

We do not know who wrote the following admirable article. It appeared anonymously in "The Whidby Islander," Freeland, Wash., addressed to its editor, De Forest Sanford. Whoever he is we invite him to write for The Socialist at his earliest convenience.

Comrade: I hasten to reply to your most welcome and discerning letter of 14th inst. You hint at possible evils. They exist without doubt. We have a fierce fight before us. We may as well accept the inevitable and prepare for it. It is not a question of motives, but of intelligence. A man may do a very reprehensible thing with good motives; he may do a good act with evil moties. To me it is very manifest that we must first discern the facts and then their relation to economic évolution; and perceiving these facts and the logic of events we must persistently teach the truth though the heavens fall.

Our party can not hope to escape

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Our party can not hope to escape
the fate of all other revolutionary parties—to be torn and rent by internal
dissensions. Conflict is the law of progress. We may, and I believe we will, dissensions. Conflict is the law of progress. We may, and I believe we will, use discretion and that as a result our. Internal conflicts will be of inestimable value to us. To illustrate: You believe a certain cause best. It is your duty to urge a consideration of this. I may hold opposite views, but I, too, must urge a consideration of my theories. As a result there may be a modification of both views which will be infinitely better than either without such modification. modification

terests involved are almost infinite. Progress is in the direction of democracy. Democracy demands that the interests and aspirations of every-one shall have due consideration. Con-

one shall have due consideration. Consequently there is sure to be commotion, strife, turmoil. I think this inevitable. It is even desirable, but we must teach self-control.

Let us take truth for our compass and moderation for our helm, and then await results with tranquility. We can again nothing by compromise. No man is to be our master; we must study, compare and judge, each for himself. When I say himself I mean to include both sexes and all conditions. Neither Itus, Wayland nor any other is to enter into our domain—the right control to the control of the control o

as ours is limited, by the rights and duties of all others.

There is stire to be a mighty din, but noise and bluster will not have so much weight as logical, patient moderate persistence. I believe, as you, that a sensible person ought to be able to see that modern society is dividing into two distinct classes along aconomic lives but then I am save that many to see that indext sases along aconomic lines, but then I am sure that many persons do not yet see this fact. We must, I believe, teach the truth as we see it. Our purpose is to discover the cause for existing injustice, poverty and misery on the one hand, unearned wealth and luxurious idleness on the other, and the class struggle does reveal the causes. We must teach this, insist on it.

I believe Wayland to be acting in good faith. I feel sure that most of those who oppose him are acting in good faith, but as I have remarked

elsewhere, it is not a question of mo-tive, but a question of intelligence. Who is right? Tell me and I shall support the cause he represents. This is not a question of personal ambitions. I care nothing at all for individual interests of anyone. I do not consider my own personal interests and shall think just as little of the interests of any other individual. If we cared for out, own interests, meither of would have espoused this amost unpopular cause. Now let us keep the end steadily in view and not Isewhere, it is not a question of moamost unpopular cause. Now let us keep the end steadily in view and not allow ourselves to be veered by petty personal quarrels, nor by any other display of passion.

Subscriptions come in by the hun-ls. Make it thousands.

#### TO DO AWAY WITH PROFIT.

We are constantly requested to give our approval to cooperative schemes having as their basis the elimination of profit. They would establish a trust minus the capitalist. There is one word to be said to be all. Can your conduct business attra-

There is one word to be said to them all. Can you conduct business successfully in competition with the fellows who run the capitalist trusts? If you can not, then you are doomed. If you can, then it is a wonder they have were found you out and songht your services. You are a genius if you can beat them at their own game. You can command a better salary than Schwab, and, if successful, it is to be feared the cooperators would soon find you employed by a capitalist trust.

Two hours every Sunday in May to back the Kid!

#### Students Are Candid.

The Socialists of Seattle, who hold pub-lic meetings every Sunday evening, are calling extensively on members of the facul-ty for lectures and addresses.

The Socialists, though composed almost altogether of laborers are students, every one, and appreciate an intellectual discourse. The meetings are held for the purpose of discussing in an intelligent, open way the problems of society and government. To attend the lectures or to address the hold was need not be. Socialists, though composed al ment. To attend the lectures or to address the body one need not be an advocate of the principles of Socialism. At the con-clusion of a discourse free discussion is allowed to all. The example of the Social-ists should be followed by a larger number American citizens in general. as political discussion is confined to the heated period of a campaign, little good will be derived.—"The Pacific Wave," Stu-dents' Paper, University of Washington.

#### Told by George D. Herron in a Public

Speech.

"A heavy dray broke down in the street, nd a man was crushed and held captive beath it. On top of the dray was a load of neath it. On top of the dray was a load of merchandise, and on top of the merchandise was sitting a lot of monopolists. A crowd of men gathered about and began to discuss how to relieve the man crushed by the dray. They stayed so long and discussed so long that the people finally created them into a legislature. Then they called in a lot more men called pollitical economists, who deedd-ed that the man had always been so crush-ed; it was his natural condition, and it was Akkinson said it would overturn civilization to let the man get out from under the dray; let the man get out from under the dray;

and so it would. "Next, chairs were endowed in unversities to teach that the man was not fit to survive, or that he had too much overproduction on top of him; that even if he got out he could to the could not walk, because of lack of experience in walking. Then came the theologians, who said the man's heart was bad, and he must be saved before the stuff could be taken off: Finally, that if his heart could be got right, he would not need to have the weight taken off. And the theologians secured a life job for contraction. on. And the theologians secured a life job for centuries, just for preaching that the man could not possibly be anywhere than where he was. Finally a man came along and said: 'Why, take the stuff off and let the man go free.' What do you suppose they did to that man?'

A voice from the gallery cried: "The crucified him!" And neither the speaker nor audience dissented.

Month of May, Madden Memorial,

## ones after the long nig wild hurror come ringing a hundred million through onward proud red banner floats. A Window Into Hell.

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His food is human folly.

nd human wails and groams

To his ears are sweetest music. In his foul lair the bones
Of a million slaughtered infants

Attest his holy love for those of whom his written;
Of such is heaven

such is heaven

some of our cartoons too "brutal." But we are dealing with brutal things. Take the cartoon on this

tase the carroon on this page. Does it seem too horrible and make your blood creep and shiver? You think the respectable congressmen and executives at Washington, Republican and Democratic, are treated brutally in this picture!

Can you see "The Elephant," "The Donkey" and "The Tiger?" Whose face is that at the end of the creature's proboscis?

But these respectable parties uphold the capitalists' system which smoth-ers children by the thousands and re-

Read what Mailly writes in another column from the halls of the state house in Boston. They will not let the children go.

But read what occurred in Philadel-

phia last week

phia last week.
A deaf and dumb boy, Isador Bac-cus, was running the elevator in a branch factory of the American Tobac-co company, a five-story brick build-ing, occupying an entire block. The poor boy's head was caught by the descending elevator. In the excite-ment somebody raised the cry of fire. A panic ensued. Down the narrow, them someonoy raised the cry of thre.

A panic ensued. Down the narrow, crooked stairs rushed—who? "Twelve hundred persons at work at the time of the accident," says the Associated Press dispatch, "ninety per cent of whom were girls whose ages range from twelve wears numerides.

whom were girs whose ages range from twelve years upwards.

What happened? Fifty-one serious-ly injured in the panic crush at a turn of the stairs. Eight killed. These are their names and ages: Mary Ge-neva, aged 15 years; Helen Lolinia, aged 12; Elizabeth Tartine, aged 12; Annie Rosschneider, aged 18; Louise Desepi, aged 16; Ida Green, aged 18; Annie Ford, aged 13; unidentified wo-man about 25 years old, whose body is

Seven girls and a young woman "un-

Just a window opened into the hell

of modern profit production. The American Tobacco company and all its magnates make their money from these children's ruin.

is RED

the long night.

The east with light,

Workers, these are your "scabs,"
these girls, these immolated children!
You can never settle this question
by your unions. There are too many by your unions. There are too many girls born who must live somehow. They are your own daughters, helping earn a living for your own family. No capitalist party will enact a law forbidding this hell. What will you do? Vote for that party which stands for the children and for you, the only organization which will emancipate your class, your own Socialist party. Refuse to "seab" at the ballot box. There is no other way.

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#### SOME HINTS TO PARENTS.

One of the ever-returning questions to parents is: What trade shall we choose for our boys? Parents cannot be too careful, lest they lead their boys astray, and put them to a useful occupation, for people who live off their own product never amount to

The best trade is that of a bondholder; it requires but little knowledge. To be a member of the Ocean Transportation Clique member of the Ocean Transportation Clique is not bad either, for he can always count on government subsidies. Another com-mendable trade is tenement house owner, for he gathers high rents with little ex-penditure of energy, and has the right to carry his nose five inches higher than the common citizen. Less commendable are the common citizen. Less commendable are the trades of doctors, inventors of manageable airships and the like. Very remunerative but uncertain is the trade of ,the diplomat. Besides, the boy can become an artist, even if he has no talent, provided he has a few rich uncles in the art dealers' line.

"From the German of Wahre Jacob,"—Uncarthed by.

earthed by WM. DE LILLY Arlington, Wash.

I hope Madden will shut the Socialist out of the mails and out of the U. S., along with all people who have so little brains as to affiliate with such trash.—From letter received this week. No name signed.

It is easier to inherit a million than earn a dollar.—Pionier Kalender.

How much do you bet on the Kid?

## THOUGHTS, By Your Uncle.

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"Socialists" who do not believe in "classes" ought to read capitalist papers. The Seattle P.1. couldn't find room to mention the celebration of the International Labor Day, the first of May, in which millions of workingmen participated, including a gathering of thousands of Seattle workers within a block of the P.-L office, but it ers within a olock of the rest office, or office, and padded out its editorial columns with a long mention of the growth of a national bank. If that isn't class-consciousness, what is it? Will Bostrum, Lux, et al. please answer?

Will Bostrum, Lux, et al. please answer:

When there is a splft in any organization because of radical difference in belief as to the principles of the organization, going so far, in some cases, as to actually deny the fundamental principles upon which the organization is based, how can "harmony" be effected except by those who uphold the principles of the organization compromising a part of those principles? Respectfully referred to those who desire to wait until the Uptah comrades and excomrades "harmonize" their differences.

The Seattle P.L. is perturbed over the coundrum: "Where does all the money come from that the bums blow lat". That's easy. It's what they have left after that

easy. It's what they have left after the class the P.-I. belongs to has sandbagged their moral senses and picked their pocket.

Henry O. Havemeyer, the sugar magnate isn't going to take any chances with either an ungrateful posterity or stern Socialist justice. He and his wife have erected a \$200,000 public schoolhouse at Greenwich, Conn., as a memorial to themselves.

There's one thing in which capitalism is different than Socialism, and it also illus-trates the difference between capitalist pub lic ownership and working class public own-ership. Seattle merchants and others who ership. Scattle merchants and others who object to the little thieves are agitating for a new big city hall and jail. What horrible things these Socialists must be who want the community to build new and nice dwellings for workingmen and women before they become dishonest. Oh, no. The capitalist class do not object to public ownership as long as it either aids them to continue plundering or will protect them from both victims and small-fry imitators.

It will cost you \$100 in Seattle to muti-late a shade tree, but If you only own a mill or a mine you can mutilate a human being beyond recognition every week or so and it won't cost you 100 cents. Queer how capitalism makes a shade tree worth more than a man. But then, you know, you can get mines for nothing, and shade trees cost money, and you have to wait for them to grow. for them to grow.

Wonder how long it will take our prohibi-tion friends to realize that to cut out the liquor brigand, leaving him to join forces with the meat, sugar, iron, oil, coal, wool, cotton, and the thousand and one other cotton, and the thousand and one other highwaymen, does not in any way lessen the burden of existence.

Though strikes continue to be struck with increasing continuance and strenuousness, it appears not to affect the prosperity editorials of the capitalist press, though suggestion gets its work in among the mass of the people just the same as it does with the subject who eats candles because the hypnotizer makes him think they are candy.

National Committeeman Boomer has sent the following communication to the National

Secretary:

Seattle, Wash., May 2, 1902.

Leon Greenbaum, Nat. Sec. Socialist Party:
Comrade—As various comrades who cannot be thoroughly conversant with conditions in Utah, have seen fit to enter protests and objections on the Utah matter, it is but fair heroe letting the affair, drop.

and objections on the Utah matter, it is but fair, before letting the affair drop, to allow me to add one final word. First, in regard to the protest of the "caucus" of 19 "delegates," there were not 19 delegates. There are no organizations at Nephi, Eureka, Plateau or Park City. at Nephl, Eureka, Plateau or Park City. Neither did Brighouse, of 58th precinct, Mur-ray, represent anything. He was not even a member of the party one week before the caucus, refusing to join the 59th precinct branch when I organized it, having as an objection the signing away of his right to vote for some "good" man on a capitalist

Largest in the World

H. W. Lawrence, who agitates for a money plank, and doesn't believe in classes, J. L. Whittemore and Ben Johnson, are not members of the party, having refused to abide by a majority vote of Salt Lake local. The only true claim that could be made by them as to representation would be Ogden, Murray, Logan, Coyote, Cedar City, Salina, Sandy, Elispos, and Kinston, while balf ray, Logan, Coyote, Cedar City, Salina, Sandy, Elsinper and Kingston, while half of the delegation from Coyote and Sandy refused to have anything to do with the bolters. There are but 14 locals in Utah and 9 of them (I have since heard form Mt. Pleasant) stand by the national organ-isation and biternational Socialism. ization and international Socialism

Hope of "harmony" in Utah by mingling the two elements is ridiculous. Mr. King of the "caucus" bolters visited the regular convention and made a statement, that they the two cases of the "caucus" bolters visited the regum-convention and made a statement, that they had no fight with persons; the differen-oi opinion was one of tactics, etc. He did not believe in dues, nor in this everlasting talk about the class struggle. &Lawrence

tak about the class struggie. Flawrence takes the same position, so does Elsinore. How can a party, standing for a dues system and a class-conscious membership, ever become or remain harmonious by taking in as members persons who, before they

get in, object to these principles?

In spite of Mr. King's assertion that they had no personal feelings against anyone attacks on myself, my character, and on my alleged beliefs, have increased rather than

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than to refer all those who may be mor-billy curious to any of the various places in which I have lived and worked for So-cialism for nearly 20 years. The question is not one resting upon my personal character, assuming, for a moment, for the sake of argument, that I have one. The question, and the real question, and the question which the Utah bolters seem the question which the Utan botters seem endeavoring to avoid by throwing the mud of abuse upon the trail, is: Do or do not the protestors from Utah believe in the principles and platform of the Socialist Party? Are they willing to accept them and work for them until they are changed by a major-ity vote of the whole party? That is the ity vote of the whole party? That is the real issue, and I submit, from my experience in Utah, that those who are now objecting, are not willing to accept the principles and platform of the party, or even to agree, save with mental reservation, to live up to the pledge of membership.

Remember, comrades, those who were act-

Remember, comrades, those who were active in manipulating and increasing the dissension in Utah, and who now would pose as the only Socialists, were those persons who refused to circulate our own party platform and literature, and instead, distributed by the thousands, a platform of another erganization, demanding a money plank and organization, demanding a money plank and altruism. By no sign have they yet sig-nified their intention to repudiate such treachery. It is stultifying the party and ourselves to even recognize a protest from such a source until first they have purged themselves of treason by repudiating their action of distributing said reform and reacaction of distributing said reform and reac-tionary literature and become members in good standing of Sait Lake Local, which lat-ter organization is now nearly a hundred strong, and which has unanimously con-demned distribution of other literature than

To force Salt Lake Local to accept Laur To force Sait Lake Local to accept Laur-ence, Johnson, Whittemore, Crane and oth-ers as members until the stain of their treachery and the remembrance of their taunts and threats remain, would be an in-sult too great to be borne by the many hon-est men and women of that local, who have

est men and women of that local, who have stood bravely by a solid, class-conscious pro-gramme while those who now "protest" did all in their power to make the movement one of maudiin, middle class seatiment. The charter should be issued to Lehi headquarters. It is their right as Social-ists to have it. It will be dishonor upon the name of the whole Socialist Party If it is denied.

The granting or denial of this charter will really mean, Shall the Socialist Party be a revolutionary, working-class party, or shall it, while disguised in the proletarian cloak, be the wolf of middle-class desires preying upon the poverty and necessities of the workers?

Let no comrade fool himself with the be-lief that the Utah controversy means any-thing else.

Oldest in the U.S.

The Socialist Party has reached the parting of the ways. Is it to remain true to the workers or will it sell its birthright for a mess of pottage:

The national referendum on the Utah charter should be taken. Give the whole membership a chance to vote. Let us see of what sentiment the Socialist Party is composed.

GEO, E. BOOMER,

May 31 the S. E. U. has its fourth grand entertainment, to close the month. This is the month of our Mad-den Memorial. Have you sent in your little subs?

AN OPEN LETTER TO AN OLD POPU-LIST.

Editor "The Patriarch":

The account of your experience "Amongst the Workingmen at Carpenters' Hall" was very interesting to me, especially your comments on "Pat Kennedy," and would like to say a word in defense of that which "chal-lenges your condemnation;" that is, his "ex-treme teaching." You shy: "They (the So-cialists) propose to reach the topmost round of the hadder at one bound, which means violent revolution," etc. No intelligent So-cialist expects to reach the "top of the lad-der" at once; the most we expect to do is clear away the rubbish which has accumu-lated around the ladder, so that those who come after us may have access to it and climb at their leisure.

Please allow me to refresh your memory from a page of ancient history. Turn back to 1868. I call it ancient because greater changes have occurred in industry and comsay a word in defense of that which "chal

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changes have occurred in industry and commerce since then than in the preceding 2,000 years, and the burning question with which we have to grapple today is Production and Distribution.

In 1868 the question of currency came onto the stage, which culminated in the Greenback party in 1872. The central idea of that party was money, in sufficient quantity to meet the demands of trade on a cash basis, to be issued and controlled by the government. With us—Greenbackers—burnan progress hinged upon that issue, and we fought like Turks, but to no avail.

About the same time the farmers, being pinched by the railroads, organized the Grangers, with the view of bringing transportation under government control, only

portation under government control, only to meet with dismal failure all along the

to meet with dismal failure all along the line. A little later came Henry George onto the stage with his remedy for all our lils in government control of the land.

And so we fought the enemy in three separate camps—when we were not fighting each other—each contending that, his pill would prove more effective than either of the others, and hence should be administered first; or, in other words, his measure was more important than the others, and all agreeing that it were better to get "one thing at a time," or "take one step at a time." Each wanted to be first.

But still the great ectopus pursueth the even tenor of its way; the money changers have secured the "gold standard," the rail-road kings have sontinued to "consolidate"

road kings have continued to "c and demand "all the traffic will bear," and the landlord spreadeth himself like a "green bay tree." Realizing how little we were accomplishing by the 'one step at a time' process, we decided to pool our issues and make a grand jump of three steps at once. Government control of land, transportation and money was the basis of the Omaha platform adopted in 1890, and what has happened? Greater strides towards absolutism by the capitalist class than in any previous 1,000 years!
And still you ask us to keep in the same old rut. And why?

Because to get out of it and make a manly and demand "all the traffic will bear," and

Because to get out of it and make a manly demand for justice means "violent revolu-

tion:"
Having such a keen appreciation of "mas-culine virtue," I will call your attention to the attitude of Patrick Henry in the legis-lative hall of Virginia in 1775. After scor-ing the effeminate weakness of those who were so fearful of the effusion of blood as to content themselves with petitions for the "rights of Englishmen," he exclaimed: "As

"rights of Englishmen," he exclaimed: "As for me, give me liberty or give me death." He knew full well that a demand for lib-erty at that time would be rejected and vio-lent revolution would follow that demand, yet he did not shrink from it. That declaration of Patrick Henry is the continuous of a covert irus, Scolalist and see

sentiment of every true Socialist, and yet everyone can truly say with Danton: "I, to am in favor of peace, but not the peace

am in interest.

In conclusion, let me say that no man, esteeming his blood to sacred to be shed in the cause of humanity, ever was or ever will be a leader in human progress.

R. F. ROWELL.

"When everybody is an office holder, there will be no more office holders."—Jaures.

"The fundamental viciousness of the capitalist system \* \* \* is the con-fiscation by the possessing classes of the surplus-value produced by the wageworking classes."—Vandervelde.

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Brethren of the Presbyterian Church; What I am going to say and to propose will apply to every Christian sect everywhere throughout Christendom. And when I say that we are approaching a crisis I hope I may not be considered an alarmist. It re-quires but little observation to become con-vinced that if we do not that we are approaching a crisis I hope in may not be considered an alarmist. It requires but little observation to become convinced that if we do not better ourselves we will soon have to face consequences of a nature most grave, threatening our very existence as ministers of the gospel. For years we have labored diligently, denying ourselves of needed rest from our arduous and manifold duties, and have resorted to every means to induce the masses to attend Divine worship. We have given them Bible everying the state of the property of the control of the property of the property of the control of the property of th one of those blatant disturbers of the pub-lic peace, a Socialist, calling attention of a large crowd of godless men to the 18th chapter of Exickel, and actually holding up our profession to ridicule. Being godly men, we must be patient. But it is very difficult to patiently hear such ingratitude, when we have labored so hard in the vineyard of the Lord. Now, since all attractive inducements have been abortive, as the empty seats amply testify, I humbly propose a drastic measure. I propose a general strike of all the clergymen of every sect in the United States. Let us issue an ultimatum that un-less the masses agree to regularly attend States. Let us issue an ultimatum that un-less the masses agree to regularly attend church we will close the door of every church indefinitely; and I am confident that by a little solicitation we could enlist the co-operation of a large per cent. of the law-yers, doctors and business men, and inaugu-ate a sympathetic strike that would paralyze the industrian and commerce of the whole are a sympametre strike that would paralyze the industry and commerce of the whole na-tion. Suppose we shut off all preaching, and get some of the lawyers, doctors and busi-ness men to throw down their tools and walk out with us, what would become of the farmers, artizans, mechanics and labor-ness. A strike case, which catches in the conthe farmers, artizans, mechanics and labor-ers? A strike—a sympathetic strike—is the only thing that will bring them to an ap-preciation of the great importance of our labors. They will soon come to us on their knees and beg us to resume operations. This, brothers, is what I propose and which I, hope some one present will put in due form as a motion to be acted upon at this session. VORTEX.

People pronounce the silly sallies of the capitalist bright; they assure him his gentus needs not the science of the learned; poets invoke his inspiration; artists await his criticism upon their knees; women swear to him he is their ideal; philosophers reason his stear the second of the the second his vices into virtue; and political economists discover that his idleness is the source of all activity. Because I have made him My chosen one, every body sees in the capitalist the incarnation of virtue, of beau-ty and genius.—Lafargue.

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Now comes the lumbering old P.-I.

Now comes the lumbering old P.-I. and the rattling little "Star," and publish pictures and editorials about that dreadful city jail, and the city council have actually visited it and are going to enlarge it and give the poor prisoners better quarters.

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But hurry up, gentlemen of the dailies, there are some other things that The Socialist will "Scoop" you on, if you don't get a move on you p. d. q. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the reporters on these old capitalist facing backwards sheets. There's many a good story they would be glad to write if they didn't know it would

#### Entertainment and Dance

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be turned down.

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In about six weeks from now we

In about six weeks from now we shall expect to see an expose of the Municipal Court printed in some of these news papers. Then look back and see The Socialist of May 4.

Tacoma, Wash, April 11, 1902. Editor "The Socialist": A friend writes as follows: "I see that you are still favoring collective ownership of the means of production and distribution

but opposing public ownership. You must be a d——n fool."

My friend's cheerful fraukness demands a frank reply.

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in a public lecture at Cooper Union, in New York. Mr. Knapp is not an inexperienced theorist. He is chairman of the interstate commerce commission. He was made a member of that commission by President Harrison in 1931; he was reappointed by President Cleveland in 1837, and since 1838 has been chairman of the commission. For eleven years, therefore, he has been devot-ing his time exclusively to the study of railroad problems, and the conclusion he has reached that the government should own all the railroads has not been arrived at hur-riedly.

iedly.
Mr. Knapp bases his arguments for gov Mr. Knapp bases his arguments for government ownership on the broad ground that the highways from the earliest period were considered public property. Additional and stronger reasons are found, however, in the startling abuses in railway management that have come to his knowledge while investigating railroad problems as an officer of the government. He declares that the railroads are taking into themselves. the railroads are taking unto themselves civil rights that belong only to the governrights that belong only to the govern-ment; that they have allowed the function of public carriage to be subject to special bargains or secret dickers to be made un-equal by favoritism or oppressive extortion. This remarkable declaration will be read

with widespread interest. It may be the means of bringing this great issue into the next presidential campaign. Indeed it is not improbable that this question of govern-ment ownership will become the absorbing issue in 1904.—Spokesman-Review, Spokane,

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There is significance in the fact that "Pub-lic Opinion," a weekly paper of wide influ-ence and conservative principles, publishes in a recent number the following paragraph from the "Social Democratic Herald." This paragraph appears without comment or accompaniment; it stands entirely apart from other quoted paragraphs. Now what does it mean? Is Socialism permeating public opinion to such an extent that "Public Opinion" is obliged to reflect it occasionally? I am at a loss to explain on any other theory why so a loss to explain on any other theory why so clear a Socialist principle should be given circulation in a capitalist journal. I sup-pose that some of these subsidized editors see the cat so clearly now and then that they simply have to speak out for once or with suppressed emotion. This is the

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