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Socialism will come just as soon as Morgan finishes the preliminary work.

The employees of the cotton mills of this country have been 'promoting' the interests of their employers.

Contrary to the popular belief, a good class of Hungarians are also coming to our shores.

Statistics show that although the Republican and Democratic parties have each a good-sized representation in the State penitentiary of Missouri.

It is worthy of note that the dispatch above quoted intimates that Socialists are 'undesirable'.

The following editorial appears in Thursday evening's Post-Dispatch.

The Woman's Social Economics Club of Chicago has fixed by resolution the minimum wage at \$30 a day.

Mrs. Corinne Brown shows conclusively that the wealth produced in this country is ample to afford this.

Very good. We are all quite willing to drop it if the \$30 a day is forthcoming.

What wonderful things women do find when they go on a voyage of discovery.

Now, if the Woman's Social Economics Club will by resolution tell when this irreducible minimum rule shall take effect.

Most of us receive less than \$9,000 a year, but we want what is coming to us and want it quick.

Now, the P-D honestly believes it has said something humorous.

Nine thousand dollars (or rather the equivalent of nine thousand), a year for every man who works may seem visionary to the editor of the Post.

It is not unreasonable to say that with all the waste of the present system eliminated, all the useless work

abolished such as traveling salesmen, middlemen, competing tradesmen, advertising men, etc., and with all the industries of the country, properly organized under the collective ownership and control of the workers, the returns which each individual would receive as the whole product of his labor would be equivalent in value to twenty times that which he now receives as a portion of his product.

If the editor of the Post will cease his ridicule of women who study economics long enough to read Vail's 'Principles of Scientific Socialism,' or some similar work, we will guarantee that he will learn something that he cannot publish in his editorial columns without losing his job.

The Value of Age.

One day through the primeval wood A calf walked home as good calves should; But mildly a trail all bent askew, A crooked trail as all calves do.

And many men wound in and out, And dodged and turned, and bent about; And uttered words of righteous wrath Because 't was such a crooked path.

This forest path became a lane That bent and turned and turned again; This crooked lane became a road Where many a poor horse with his load

The years passed on in swiftness fleet, The road became a village street, And this, before men were aware, A city's crowded thoroughfare.

Each day a hundred thousand route Followed this zigzag path about; And o'er this crooked journey went The traffic of a continent.

Weekly Guarantee List.

- The following comrades have determined to secure several thousand subscribers to Missouri Socialist before next January; and they have therefore agreed to purchase subscription cards to the amount set opposite their respective names every week until further notice.

MUST BE MET.

Socialists Must Prepare for the Middle Class Movement in 1904.

'Public Ownership of Public Utilities' Will Succeed Free Silver Cry.

By Wm. H. Baird.

From editorials, press dispatches and interviews which are daily appearing in the newspapers in all parts of the country, it is apparent that the question of the 'Public Ownership of Public Utilities' is to become an important issue in future political campaigns.

This would make Johnson a strong candidate for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket in 1904 and 'Public Ownership and Public Utilities' the logical issue in that campaign.

The large capitalists will be a unit as a class in opposing, either directly or indirectly, this attack on their economic interests.

On the other hand, should the Cleveland wing of the Democratic Party succeed in their scheme of 'reorganization' of the party and prevent the adoption of the 'Public Ownership' programme.

They rely upon the People's Party for its solid support and what aid they can get from the Republicans on account of their hostility to the Police and Nesbit laws.

With the strength that would undoubtedly show in the next State campaign conducted along these lines and taking advantage of the prominence and popularity now given to the question of the 'Public Ownership of Public Utilities,' resulting largely from socialist agitation and the constant agitation of this question which will be kept up in all parts of the country from now until 1904.

But it is a foregone conclusion that the question of the 'Public Ownership of Public Utilities' will be a prominent, perhaps the paramount issue in the next national and intervening State and local campaigns.

class against the large-capitalist interests. It is simply a new phase of the movement which found expression in the Omaha Platform of 1892; adopted of the People's Party. This new phase of the movement simply shifts the emphasis from the money plank of that platform to the demand for Government Ownership of Public Utilities.

This presents to the Socialists an opportunity of showing to the working class through a united, vigorous and harmonious, class-conscious political party, what their true interests really are.

They are seeking to further only their own economic interests directly, as small capitalists, and that they still believe in the capitalist system of production, and seek to wrest from the large capitalists certain public utilities and cripple those of the large capitalists interested in trusts and combines.

This point must be kept constantly before the working class. All the forces at our command should be concentrated on this point; the 'class struggle' and the necessity of a thorough, systematic and harmonious organization of the Socialist forces should be emphasized by the Socialist press and speakers at all times.

In Eleven Years

The Universal Trust Will be Completed in America, Says the Chicago American.

Last Sunday's Chicago American contains an article bristling with figures, on the present and prospective holdings of J. Pierpont Morgan, which estimates that about eleven more years are needed for the financier to gobble up all the industries of this country and establish an industrial empire that a Caesar might well envy.

It is such conclusive evidence of the truth of the Socialist's teachings in regard to industrial evolution, that argument hardly seems necessary. Let the reader examine these figures compiled by a capitalist paper, and then, having realized the inevitability of the universal trust ask himself whether he will be in favor of converting the universal trust into an industrial democracy or of continuing it as an industrial monarchy.

J. Pierpont Morgan is Now in Control of One-Third of Our Working Capital. His Latest Venture, Which Promises to Control the Great Dry Goods Stores, adds to His Holdings.

The startling situation dawned on the minds of citizens that this remarkable man, who has centralized railroad, steamboat, mining, publishing and other great interests which he now dominates, will only need about eleven years to control the entire capital of the United States if he proceeds as he has been doing for the last three years.

Table showing business interests controlled by J. Pierpont Morgan, including Steel Trust, Coal Trust, St. Louis Oil Trust, Railroad Stocks, etc.

Total estimated wealth of the United States, \$85,077,811,980. Estimated proportion controlled by Morgan over three-fifths.

Table showing proportion of business interests now controlled by Morgan, including Boston & Albany, New York Central, West Shore, etc.

Table showing total mileage of railroads in the United States, 187,781.08 miles, with proportion controlled by Morgan over three-fifths.

Did You Vote for Socialism?

If you did, then fill out the blank below and send it to this office. We do not expect to obtain the addresses of all who voted our ticket, but we will get enough to make interesting reading.

Form for voting record: Missouri Socialist Room 9, 22 N. 4th Street. I voted the Social Democratic ticket at the election on April 2d. Name, Address, Ward, Precinct.

OUR BOOK LIST.

- List of books for sale: Socialism and Slavery, Hyndman; Oration on Voltaire, Huggins; Evolution of Industry, Watkins; Social Democratic Red Book; Health; Missouri Socialist; Principles of Scientific Socialism; Modern Socialism; Communist Manifesto; The People's Marx; History of the Commune of 1871; History of Paris Commune; Socialism, reply to the Pope; Merrick England, Blatford; Woman and the Social Problem; The Evolution of the Class Struggle; Imprudent Marriages; Resolutions in Literature and Art; Single Tax vs. Socialism; The Man Under the Machine; The Mission of the Working Class; No Compromise; Socialism, Utopian and Scientific; The Trust Question; Liberty, Debt; Prison Labor, Debs.

The city central committee has the following books for sale: 1. Merrick England, by Robert Blatford; 2. Socialism and the Labor Problem, by Father T. McGrady; 3. A Paradox Explained, by George A. Eastman; 4. To What Are Trusts Leading, by James Smiley; 5. The Mission of the Working Class, by Rev. Charles H. Vail; 6. The Trust Question, by Rev. Charles H. Vail; 7. Wage-Labor and Capital, by Karl Marx; 8. Special rates will be made on lots of five or more. Comrades, get in your orders for literature now.

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