

NATURE AND SOCIALISM

It is the Co-operation of the Forces of Nature that Enables All Things to Exist

When you argue Socialism with a man who knows nothing of social economics, his last resort for a reply is, "Your theories look all right, but they won't work."

The masses have been so long taught by their ignorant leaders that the law of individualism is right, that it is hard for them to conceive the unity of the law of life.

If the sun were to continue to be fed without throwing off any of the force absorbed, the other planets would become dead and be consumed by the terrible force concentrated by the sun.

The magnitude of this great question is incomprehensible to many, and when they oppose Socialism they never think that the movement is based upon scientific principles and is in accord with the law of life—existence.

Now let me lay the question before the readers of this paper that "he who runs may read." First: I will assume that under our present system of machinery in this country which represents the labor power of 800,000,000 men, enough can be produced to feed and clothe and house every human being, not only in comfort, but in opulence.

If the sun being fed by other planets gives back to the planets light, warmth and vitality, why should the organism called society, not adopt the plan of nature and erect the co-operative commonwealth based upon the same principle.

tem would obtain in which there would be perfect order.

Each planet in the cosmogony is purely selfish, and renders such assistance as is necessary to produce and hold in place the universe, and when each individual shall be forced in the co-operative commonwealth to fulfill the function necessary to the existence of others then social order will obtain and not before.

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COMMON WEAL AND PRIVATE INITIATIVE

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production, I consider myself bound to state that the fundamental proposition which forms its nucleus belongs to Marx. That proposition is that, in every historical epoch, the prevailing mode of economic production and exchange, and the social organization necessarily following from it, form the basis upon which is built up, and from which alone can be explained, the political and intellectual history of that epoch.

What warranty does history give for Mr. Spencer's dictum that the people cannot administer their own affairs, save under the autocratic imperialism of a bureaucratic ring?

That the evolution is directly along these lines is palpable to all who have even the most superficial acquaintance with the platforms of the various reform parties of the day; and, although it is true that there is such a thing as retrogressive evolution, it has never yet occurred that retrogression has occurred during an era of invention.

The inter-state commerce act was a confession of the thought of the times upon this subject, and its notorious failure has merely added fuel to the fire.

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