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VALUE OF A LABOR PAPER TO THE ADVERTISER.
"A labor paper is a far better advertising medium than a secular daily relative to the number of subscribers."
"A labor paper, for instance, with 5,000 subscribers, will bring better returns to the merchants advertising therein than would a daily of 10,000 subscribers."
THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC HERALD IS THE ONLY LABOR PAPER IN MILWAUKEE

To Members of Branches
Social Democratic Party.

We desire to repeat the notice already given to members of branches of the old organization of the Social Democratic party, that this is the last number of The Herald they will receive in consideration of the payment of dues.

REFERENDUM.
Important Notice to Members of S. D. P. Branches Throughout the Country.

Owing to a misunderstanding of its duties by the committee of arrangements for the recent convention selected by the Social Democratic party (Chicago wing), the results of that convention have not been formally referred to you for ratification, according to the provisions of the call, which said:

Dogs or Babies.

One of the four hundred in Newport recently gave a costly dinner to the dogs of her aristocratic friends. As her canine guests arrived, the hostess received them graciously. Each dog had a napkin fastened around his neck by a silver clasp, and was served with an elaborate dinner of courses. The guests, however, failed to appreciate the importance of this charming social function, and the dinner broke up in a general dog-fight, in which all the canines participated, utterly regardless of their exalted social position.

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"The fittest!" Who are they? Simply the winners in an immoral and unjust game of chance.

Facts About the Steel Trust.

This steel monster feeds markets for its products in all parts of the world; though, because the markets of the rest of the world are not reserved to it by protective tariff duties, it cannot charge monopoly prices in them. John W. Gates, then manager of the Steel and Wire trust, testified in 1899, that his company exported 700 tons of wire a day; that it furnished England with 60 per cent of her supply, and that goods were sold lower to foreigners. President Schwab testified last May that "export prices are made at a very much lower rate than those for domestic consumption, where a large export business is done, nearly all the people from whom supplies are bought for that purpose give you a good price for the materials that go into the export; the railroads will carry them a little cheaper, and so on down the line."

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VI. The Steady Increase of the Proletariat—Mercantile and Educated Proletariat.

By PAUL R. T. RAY.

It is a self-evident proposition that if we would avert strikes we must deal with the causes of strikes; consequently, any fruitful discussion of preventive measures must be based upon a study of these causes. What, then, are the causes of strikes of wage earners? Many different causes are enumerated in reports on strikes, but most of these are subsidiary causes.

It is not only through the extension of large production that the capitalist system causes the condition of the proletariat to become more and more that of the whole population. It brings this about also through the circumstances that engaged in large production, strikes the keynote for the condition of wage-workers in all other branches.

There is another, and very extensive domain on which the capitalist system of large production exercises its influence of turning the population into proletarians—the domain of commerce.

That takes place which must, in the nature of things, happen, namely, an attempt to secure the satisfaction of desires by force economic.

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WORKING CLASS PROTESTS AGAINST DISFRANCHISEMENT IN VIRGINIA

From a memorial of the Virginia State Federation of Labor addressed to the members of the constitutional convention of that state, we extract the following:

"We, the organized wage-workers of Virginia, refrained from electing delegates from our own class to represent us in the drafting of your honorable body. Having grievances of a political and economic nature which can only be remedied by constitutional and statutory enactments, and thinking this the proper method of making known our wants, we respectfully request that you give us this opportunity to voice our complaints."

"We note with regret a growing desire among the wealthier class to overthrow manhood suffrage and erect in its stead a property qualification, which they attempt to justify on the plea that propertyless people pay no taxes, and therefore should have no voice in government affairs."

"We confess that the great majority of wage-workers have no property to pay tax on; but it should be evident to men intelligent enough to make laws for the government of the great state of Virginia, that the entire maintenance of government and society, traced to its conclusion, falls upon the shoulders of productive labor. Furthermore, we are not propertyless by choice, but by force of circumstances over which we now have no legal control. Our condition is due to the existence of two classes—the takers of wealth are in the saddle, and the makers of wealth are under it."

"Primarily, we are to blame for our condition, for we have voted to perpetuate the wage-slave system. We have unguessed ourselves as children of the capitalist and professional classes with all the powers of government. We have been unmindful of the inspired injunction, 'Put not your confidence in man,' and likewise of the warning of America's greatest statesman, 'Beware! vigilance is the price of liberty; and those who neglect it shall soon lose it.' We have allowed ourselves to be lulled into a false sense of security by reflecting to us abject subjects, with no voice in the government, no privilege save that of servile obedience to the ruling class, and no alternative to right any wrong our masters might inflict upon us, through the machinery of a despotic government."

Ten Labor Reasons.

Here follow ten reasons why you should vote for the Socialist party:

1. Because it is easier to vote than to strike. The injustice that leads to strikes originates mainly in bad legislation. Lodge your complaint in the ballot box.

2. Because workmen constitute 75 per cent of the population, create all the wealth, and are entitled to representation by men of their own class. We suffer as a class, we should vote as a class.

3. Because a workman understands better the wants of the wage-earners than they can possibly be understood by a representative from other ranks of society. The butterfly cannot understand the feelings of the toad under the harrow.

4. Direct labor representation where ever adopted has been a success. New Zealand is a country without paupers. 5. Because the old parties are the political bosses, who manipulate elections and rule the country for the benefit of themselves and their friends, the capitalists. We want self-government.

6. Because the old parties have given more study to economic questions than men in the upper classes, and have more definite and correct notions of what legislation is needed for the betterment of society.

The Economic Revolution.

Prof. Edward Sorens, the eminent publicist and paleontologist of Vienna, has given an interview respecting the industrial and political preponderance of the United States that attracts much attention, especially as it confirms the anti-American views of continental manufacturers and economists.

The professor, surveying international relations from the standpoint of a political philosopher, observes that while the French revolution was occasioned by the abuse of the privileged classes, the present situation has been caused by a revolution of material conditions.

"The declining of national sentiment," he said, "should be replaced by a movement for the common defense of the central European states against the American trusts, which are moving to conquer foreign markets more surely than they could be conquered by battleships."

"The American balance of trade has reached an unprecedented figure. It is a serious menace to the common political and economic interests of the central European states, which are strong enough to make an effective defense, taking into account the physical conditions."

"The present situation of the center of gravity of the world's power will soon change. There is a danger that the United States will become the dominant power in the world, and that the European states will be forced to accept its terms."

The Movement Abroad.

"Thunder" on Vienna Election. London Times. The party of clerical reaction in Vienna suffered a reverse at the recent election for the provincial diet of lower Austria.

The Social Democrats have won much sympathy by their record in the Reichsrath. Their representatives, about a dozen in number, have done good work and have constantly been found on the side of moral elevation and compromise between the nationalities.

A new Socialist paper, La Lotta di Classe, has been started at Milan, Italy. The annual conference of the Austrian Social Democratic party is to be held at Vienna on September 25.

The annual conference of the Social Democratic party of Germany will be held this year at Leipzig, September 25.

The state of Wisconsin is a model of democracy. The people have a voice in the government, and the government is for the people.

NOTICE TO COMRADES!

Many of the states being without newspaper medium for the publication of state news and official communications, we desire to have the comrades of the proletariat in every state to be used for that purpose.

We therefore urge the comrades to port all news of the movement, local and central, to the editor of the newspaper, who is anxious to have an account of us in every state.

The anniversary of Liebknecht's death was August 7. All over the world the socialists have had a day of mourning. Proper terms to the proletariat all over the world were not only published, but also contributed by A. Beyer, but also by other important unpublished writings of Liebknecht's.

At every previous social revolution, it is evolution, class superseded class. Thus the theocratic class superseded the patriarchal, the feudal superseded the theocratic, and in our own days, the capitalist superseded the feudal. In each instance a class below upset the class above, emancipated itself by subjugating others, and introduced a new form of human exploitation.

To rear, on the contrary, the Co-operative Commonwealth, to abolish all class antagonisms by abolishing the last of the systems of human exploitation, is to emancipate itself, and also of all classes in the social evolution of the human species, to accomplish its own redemption together with that of the whole, not at the expense of any portion, or mankind—that is the historic mission of the Proletariat; that is the noble aim that evails with grandeur and breathes the spirit of the bitterest of the struggle of the proletarian, who is conscious of his class position, and the obligation it imposes upon him.

Concluded Next Week.

Today whichever way the proletariat may turn, he finds awaiting him the same proletarian conditions of life and of soul. Those conditions pervade society more and more; in all countries the bulk of the population is proletarian, the individual proletarian all prospect has vanished of ever being able, by his own efforts, to pull himself out of the quagmire into which the present system of production has pushed him.

The forecast of James Madison, made sixty-five years ago, that the bulk of our competitive social system, the bulk of our people would be lost, have lost, not only all property, but even the hope or the prospect of acquiring any, has been verified to the letter.

The individual proletarian can accomplish his own redemption only with the redemption of his whole class. The emancipation cannot, however, be reached without the conquest of the whole people of their instruments of production, i. e., by the Co-operative Commonwealth.

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